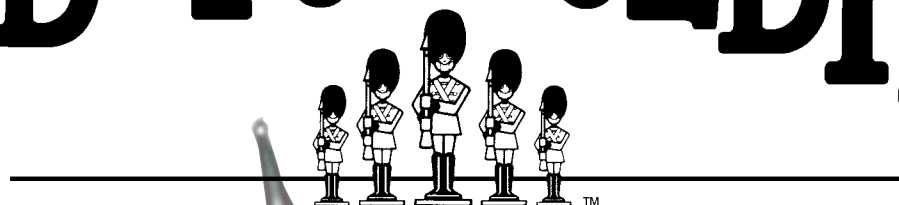


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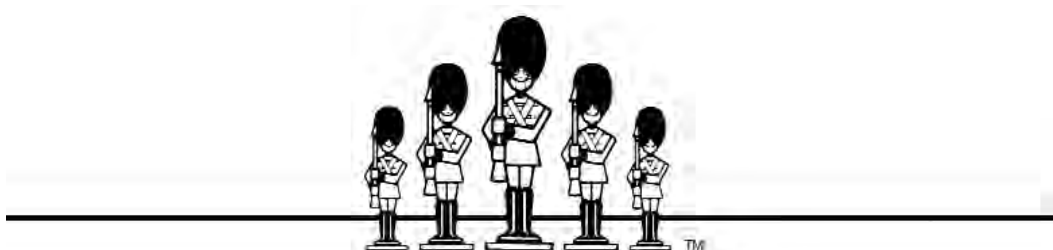


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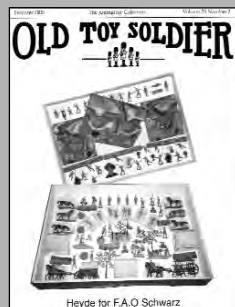
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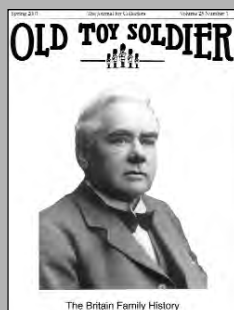


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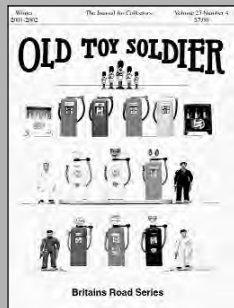
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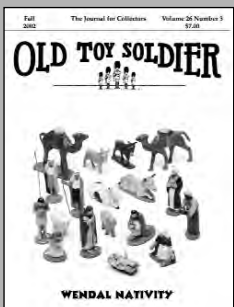
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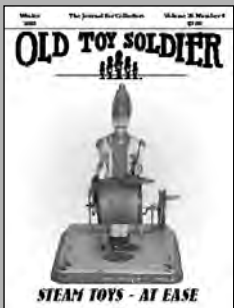
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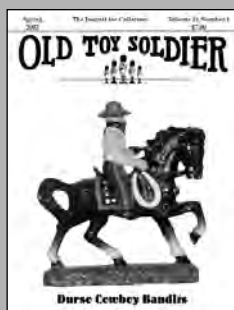


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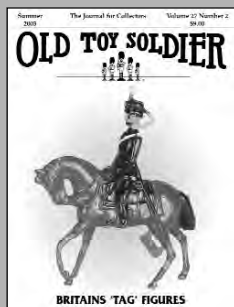


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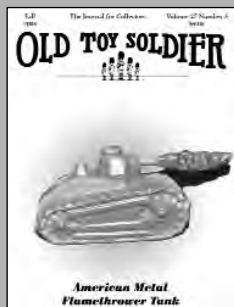
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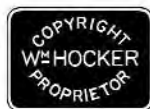
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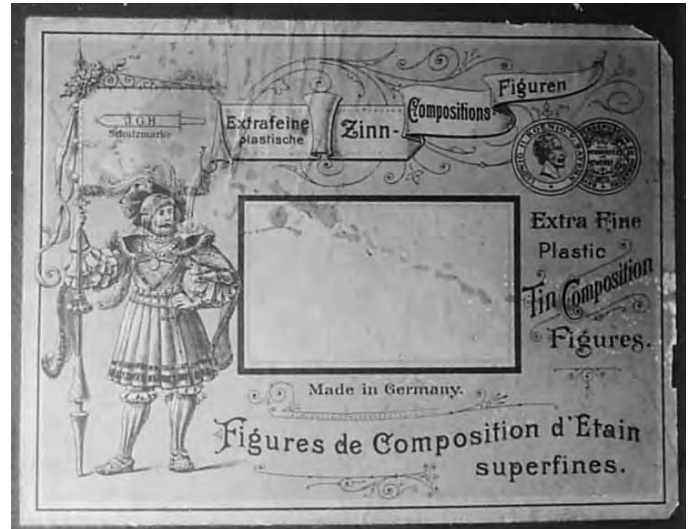
# A Look at the Labels and Trademarks of the Old German Makers

## Part 1: "The Biggest Box of Heydes I've Ever Seen"

*By Earl Jorgensen*

Many years ago I received a phone call from a fellow collector telling me that a local flea market dealer was selling what he enthusiastically described as "the biggest box of Heydes I've ever seen!" Why me? Apparently I had somehow managed to earn a bit of a reputation as the guy who was interested in the old stuff. It must have been well deserved because a few days later, I arranged to meet with the dealer with the intention of adding the set to my slowly growing collection of "Heyde" figures.

The set was both a pleasant surprise and a bit of a puzzle. The soldiers themselves were obviously very old German-made figures, yet, although they all appeared to have been produced by the same maker, they represented two completely unrelated sets. The first was a magnificent 20 piece Prussian Field Artillery unit complete with the traditional cannonball helmets while the second was an equally impressive 18 piece British Infantry unit marching on oval bases. Adding to the confusion was the fact that the standard bearer, perfectly represented in red coat and bearskin hat, was carrying an American flag! Both sets were packed together in a huge dove-tailed box with a totally unfamiliar label.



The label of the unidentified J.G.H. box



The J.G.H. Schutzmarke in detail

The label itself was dominated by a large figure of a standing Renaissance-era knight holding a banner which unfurled across the length of the label. The section directly above the knight's head contained the outline of a sword and the letters J.G.H. with the word Schutzmarke printed directly underneath. Opposite the knight was a representation of a medal depicting the face of Ludwig II, apparently awarded for excellence at an 1875 exposition held in the city of Nuremberg. Completing the label were the words "Made in Germany" along with "Extra Fine Plastic Tin Composition Figures" presented in English as well as French and German. The center area where one would expect to see a description of the contents was completely blank.

Given my passion for the old and unusual, there was no way I could possibly resist making the purchase. Yet I couldn't help wondering how they all ended up together. Was it possible that they all might actually belong with the box? Why would a British standard bearer have an American Flag and most importantly, who was J.G.H.?

My first clue arrived courtesy of Joe Shimek who carried along photos of the box on a trip to Germany. According to the "old timers" my box was made by a firm named Heinrich. Although I wasn't familiar with the firm, I soon found a brief reference to it in John Garratt's *The World Encyclopedia of Model Soldiers*. "Within the last decade it has been established by Richards that many of the soldiers



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previously attributed to Heyde were made by Gebr. Heinrich. Their trademark was a knight with a banner and shield on an armoured horse, with GH above the horse's head," and registered in England in 1895. Although I now had documentation for the firm of Heinrich, I also had two very different trademarks. While both featured images of knights with banners, there was nothing to indicate that they represented the same maker.



The Gebruder Heinrich trademark as described by Garratt

A second breakthrough took place a few years later at the OTSN Chicago show when I purchased a beautiful boxed set of 70mm British Infantry produced by the firm of Gebruder Heinrich, complete with the previously described trademark and an illustration of an 1875 award medal. In addition, I now had the opportunity to compare the known Gebruder Heinrich figures to those from the J.G.H. box. There were enough similarities to indicate strongly that all of the figures were produced by the same maker. I was certain that the J.G.H Schutzmarke was simply an earlier version of the Gebruder Heinrich trademark, a fact that could be easily proved by simply comparing the 1875 award medals illustrated on the two boxes.

I was sure that the two awards would be identical. After all, what was the likelihood that there could possibly have been two firms named Heinrich producing lead toy soldiers in Germany during the 1870's? Even if there were, the odds that both firms would be awarded medals in 1875 would have to be astronomical. But against all odds, I was clearly looking at two different award medals. J.G.H. was definitely not Gebruder Heinrich.



The 1875 award medal as pictured on the J.G.H. box label



The 1875 award medal as pictured on the Gebruder Heinrich box

Although I was sure I had a Heinrich box and was confident that the figures were also of Heinrich production, I still could not identify J.G.H. My only remaining recourse was to simply fumble my way through every available German toy soldier book I could get my hands on in hopes of finding a name which matched the initials J.G.H. Surprisingly, it worked! I found two individuals who not only shared the correct initials but also shared the same name, Johann Georg Heinrich.

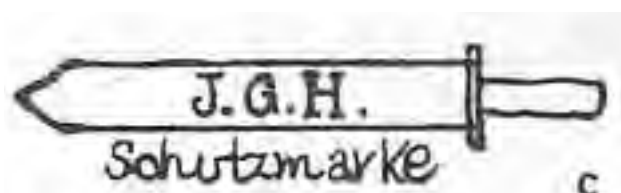
Who was Johann Georg Heinrich? From what I've been able to learn, the elder J.G.H. was a baker by trade but started producing toy soldiers in 1860 in partnership with Johann Casper Engert. Upon

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his death in 1862, the firm continued production under the direction of his widow, with Engert leaving the firm in 1863. In 1864, the oldest Heinrich son, Johann Konrad, received his license to produce zinnfiguren and assumed management of the firm. He was joined by his younger brother Johann Georg in 1867 from which point the firm was referred to as Gebruder (brothers) Heinrich.

Which J.G.H. produced my box? The fact that the elder Johann Georg died some 13 years prior to the firm receiving the award illustrated on my box would certainly eliminate him as the maker. Therefore, my box must have been produced by his youngest son, the other Johann Georg Heinrich. Although there is no known evidence indicating that the two Heinrich brothers ever dissolved their partnership, there is strong evidence that J.G.H. continued to produce toy soldiers for several more decades. I



The J.G.H. Schutzmarke as illustrated in the Gwen White book

recently received some photocopied pages from an old book of toy maker trademarks written by Gwen White. On the top of page 59, I found a drawing of a J.G.H. schutzmarke identical to the one pictured on my box. The accompanying text identifies it as the trademark for the firm of Johann Georg Heinrich which was registered in England in 1896.

Unfortunately, this evidence does not extend to the figures. While both sets share characteristics with known Heinrich figures and are likely of the correct vintage, there is simply no way to prove that they actually belong with the box. Yet, with a little speculation based on established facts, I believe a strong case can be made to support the possibility that they may actually be a set.

We know that German makers were producing solid cast figures by the 1840's and were actively exporting them by the 1860's. Unfortunately, the Civil War would certainly have interrupted any plans for export to the United States. It's also reasonable to assume that for a period of time immediately following the conflict, American consumers would likely have avoided buying toys associated with war. The German toy soldier makers would certainly have been aware of the huge potential of the American market. It's likely that they would have waited patiently, occasionally testing the market for a shift in consumer attitude with small trial exports. Since they were only measuring potential demand, it's unlikely that they would have invested the time and resources to first develop new lines of American military units. They more likely would have used figures already on hand and "Americanized" them, perhaps by simply replacing the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes.



British infantry found in the J.G.H. box.  
Note the Stars and Stripes

I personally believe that the J.G.H. box and figures may well represent this type of export to America. It certainly would explain both the presence of the American flag and the blank contents area on the box label. More importantly, however, I believe that it also explains the use of the J.G.H. box. If the firm of Gebruder Heinrich were involved in a trial export to America and using older figures which

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didn't necessarily represent their best work, they certainly would have been reluctant to package them in a box displaying their company trademark, a problem easily resolved by the fact that the old J.G.H. trademark was available to them.

Shortly after completing the above text, I found a new style of Heinrich label with an illustration of the 1875 medal which clearly matches the one pictured on the J.G.H. box. For some unknown reason, the illustrations on the Heinrich box used in my original comparison did not picture the entire award. The fact that the same award appears on both boxes supports my original conclusion that the J.G.H. trademark was also used by the firm of Gebruder Heinrich. Since the two brothers assumed management of their father's firm, it stands to reason that they would have continued to use his trademark in their early days of production. The fact that the J.G.H. trademark was registered in England one year after the brothers registered their own trademark would seem to indicate that they continued to use it, most likely for figures of lesser quality.



Part of the Prussian Field Artillery set found in the J.G.H. box.  
Note the 4 man seated gun crew

I hope you enjoyed my little toy soldier mystery. While trying to identify J.G.H, I came to realize how important a box label or trademark can be. I also realized that my collecting interests had expanded to include photos of old German-made box labels. I hope to share some of what I've learned about these labels and trademarks with you in future articles, but I need to emphasize that my expertise is limited to that of an interested collector. This is an ongoing project and I would like to invite you to get involved. I'm reasonably sure that I'm not the only collector in the history of our hobby to have chanced upon an unidentified boxed set of German solids. If you have an old unidentified German-made set in your collection, please take a photo and pass it on. I'll be happy to identify it for you if I can and if not, with your permission, will add it to my photo collection and hopefully feature it in a future article or update.

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Bart Bryerton, a long time dealer and collector of toy soldiers and antique militaria, has opened a toy soldier showroom in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to toy soldiers, the showroom also features militaria, prints and books. Showroom hours are 10:30AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday, Saturday by appointment.

Bart focuses on toy soldiers manufactured by Tradition of London, W. Britain and Co, Tommy Atkins, Mignot of France, Rose Miniatures, Chris Viner, HM of Great Britain, and Hiriart (made in Uruguay) to name a few. He also provides custom molding of many different items including custom military chess sets.

Bart has been in the toy soldier mail order business for over 15 years. He has been an avid reader and student of military history for over 50 years, and is delighted to have opened his showroom which is located in his factory building at 2121 S. Racine Avenue, a few minutes drive south of downtown Chicago. He plans on expanding the showroom as time goes on.

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## OBITUARY

OTS Subscriber Bob Morris informs of the death of Robert (Bob) Holler, Collector, Manufacturer and painter. Bob was a long time Toy Soldier hobbyist, his work for Owens Corning Fiberglas Co. often provided him with the opportunity to travel to Europe and visit many well known French and British Toy Soldier Manufacturers.

Bob was always generous in sharing his knowledge and advice.

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## CORRECTION

German Toy Soldier Collectors meeting.

OTS reported the date for this meeting as October 9th and 10th in Volume 27 # 4. The contact for Gisbert Freber should have read - [gisbert.freber@sparkassen-informatik.de](mailto:gisbert.freber@sparkassen-informatik.de)

# SHOW REPORT

## The South Florida Toy Soldier & Action Figure Show February 8, 2004

*by Ray Haradin*

Florida is a welcome break from winter for all of the snow birds. In it's 10th year, this well organized and run show stretched out in their new location. Previously held in West Palm Beach this year and for the foreseeable future, the show was held in Plantation which is a quaint Fort Lauderdale suburb. The location was a welcomed change over the industrial setting of the WPB airport. The

participants arrived early, as usual, and the selection of figures was impressive. One of the most stunning surprises was Jason Goldston and his son who were selling their very fine collection of sporting figures. They displayed literally hundreds of rare baseball, football and boxing figures, many of which I have never seen. I purchased an extremely rare set of Christies'



Christies' Metal Toy & Soldier Co. Baseball Figures

Metal Toy & Soldier Company's baseball figures produced in 1920. Christies' was one of the first American "Dimestore" manufacturers. Only the outfielder and batter were previously known. The pitcher, base runner and catcher have never before been published in a known reference book.

The show is hosted by the South Florida Toy Soldier Club and they do a fabulous job. Alan McGhee was the show chairman this year. John Lesinski is the President, he was displaying a very nice selection of Britains which he was liquidating for a collector friend. Hal Seitz, the treasurer of the club is shown here with a beautiful RAF biplane.

Jim Holland from the Soldier of Fortune in Toronto Canada drove 24 hours straight though trying to outrun the snow storm which pursued him up to the Florida border. He arrived safely and was glad to be out of the cold. Jim carries many types of soldiers but specializes



Hal Seitz, Treasurer  
South Florida Toy Soldier Club



Jim Holland, South of Fortune, Toronto, Canada



James Ramsey, Pinehurst, NC with Roman Scene



## SHOW REPORT (Cont.)

in Frontline and Trophy. Local collector Dick Warner was in the show early picking up any Dimestore pieces he did not already own. James Ramsey made the journey from Pinehurst, North Carolina and did a brisk business selling off parts of his collection. He is shown here with a gathering of Romans. Bill Miller was introducing the William James collection of new multipurpose Field Fortification to go with his impressive battle towers. New to the market, Brian Greenwood of Greenwood's Toy Soldiers shows a King and Country Armoured Car. Mr. Greenwood specializes in selling King and Country.

With their new location this show has the potential to grow, I have already blocked my calendar for 2005.



Bill Miller of William James Colleciton with Field Fortifications



Brian Greenwood of Greenwood's Toy Soldiers with King and Country Armoured Car



Dimestore Collector Dick Warner  
with Manoil Flagbearer



Jason Goldstone with his son selling their sporting figure collection

# SHOW REPORT

## Schuetzen Park New Jersey- March 2004

The Eighth Annual New Jersey Toy Soldier Show and Sale was held at the Schuetzen Park Ballroom New Jersey (former home of Bill Lango's Eastcoaster) in March 2004.

Nicknamed the "Cabin Fever Show" it lived up to it's name, the first show after the winter months.

Promoter Ed Gries reported over 400 paid attendees visited during the first two hours of the show. One hundred and thirty tables, fifty dealers spread out over two exhibition rooms provided plenty of variety for collectors.

Toy Soldiers old and new and related merchandise was available from regular traders (or veteran dealers as Ed prefers to call them) Bill Coakley, Mary and John Rollins, Vinnie and Carlene Pugliese, Harvey Rainess, Bob and Joan Shoulberg, Vin Russo and Carl Hoegermeyer were joined by Hobby Stores Rommal Hobbies of Albany N.Y. and The Hobby Bunker from Malden Massachusetts.

Book dealer Fred Orsini and Model Kit specialist Eugene Bagnoli along with GI Joe and Action Figure dealer Pat Edwards added to the diverse array of items on offer.

Bill Harlowe, Alexie Dyakov and Mike Remm offered Russian Imported figures, while Plastic figure dealers George Guerriero, Bob Bentivegna, Gary Green, Robert Jones and Greg Fields also attended.

Henry Kurtz, Don Paulesen, Jim Holland, Wayne Stevens, Gerry Watts, Tom Litras, Tony Grecco and Al Green were among the other notable Toy Soldier and figure dealers in attendance.

The next Mini Spring Show in New Jersey will be held at the Hasbrouk Heights Holiday Inn on June 6, 2004 .see show dates in this issue for further details.



Tony Grecco ( left)



Al Green



Tom Litras



Henry Kurtz



Bill Coakley

# SHOW REPORT

## Michigan Toy Soldier Show

*by Michael Mattimore*

As scattered snowflakes fluttered down outside frosted windows, a much welcome respite from the "winter blues" occurred when Rick Berry and the folks at the Michigan Toy Soldier Co. once again hosted their annual winter show in Livonia, one of Detroit's western suburbs, on Sunday, January 18. As usual, Rick and his staff did an outstanding job of organizing and promoting the event; attendance, as always, was excellent, despite the ever-present threat of inclement weather. And, to make the weekend complete, Joe Saine from nearby Toledo once again put on a toy soldier and militaria auction on Saturday, the day before the show. Also held at the very accommodating Livonia Holiday Inn, the sale was likewise well attended, with spirited bidding on many lots. Perhaps foreshadowing the variety of figures on offer at the show the following day, there was "something for everyone" to be found.

The main event on Sunday did not disappoint the many eager collectors who came early, stayed long and went away happy. No matter how broad or narrow one's taste in collecting might be, something could be found at the show to satisfy, whether to fill-in that one missing figure or that long-desired but heretofore unobtainable set. Approximately 40 dealers were on hand, with a complete range of figures of every variety and description -- new or old, lead or plastic, toy or miniature, Dimestore or Lucotte, Marx or Britains -- all were available to the would-be buyer. Dealers who have long been fixtures at the various Midwest shows were on hand in large numbers, including some who came from much further afield. Paul Herrman from Wisconsin, Bart Bryerton and Walt Keener from Chicago, Tom Litras from Maryland, and, of course, Bill Murphy from far-away Boston all made the trip to snowy Michigan. Nick Albanese showed his Camp Randell Miniatures and the folks from The Last Square had a beautiful display from the St. Petersburg Collection. Joe Saine and Lloyd Bradley both had impressive displays of composition figures, while Buzz Thorp brought a colorful array of the Hiriart line from South America. All concerned look forward to the summer show, set for July 25th, when, once again, the tables at the Livonia Holiday Inn will groan with the weight of the many figures, sets and books displayed upon them. See you there!

## Indiana Toy Soldier Show

*by Michael Mattimore*

On Sunday, March 28th, toy soldier collectors and enthusiasts from around the Midwest enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather of central Indiana as they flocked to the 15th Anniversary Indiana Toy Soldier Show held at the Sheraton Hotel at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis.

This year, show organizer Barry Carter tried experimenting with a radically different table layout in response to dealer requests for more space behind and between tables. The ballroom was ingeniously arrayed with ample space for the fifty-some dealers on hand. As always, the sheer variety of figures on display was quite impressive, particularly the high percentage of vintage figures, both lead and plastic, that filled many dealers' tables.

Bob Luyckx fielded an attractive array of mint-condition Mignots with their original boxes, while Chicago's own Steve Sommers had a beautiful assortment of Heyde and other German figures, including many boxed sets. Joe Saine, Tony Teper and Merrill Morris all had extensive quantities of vintage figures on offer, while Bob Helms came all the way from Connecticut to set up his massive display of old Britains which, as always, draws considerable attention. Overall, a wide range of contemporary and vintage figures were on offer, with the quantitative edge probably going to the new-production items, of which there were a great many of all descriptions. Unfortunately, the unusually balmy weather conspired to keep some less-than-ardent collectors on the links, the courts or behind a lawnmower. But, given such stiff competition from Mother Nature, it was in all, a most successful show. There were many happy, satisfied collectors heading home with their newly-acquired treasures, all vowing to be there again next year. Details on next year's show may be obtained by calling Barry Carter at 765-345-5665 or by emailing him at the following web-address: [indytoysoldier@hotmail.com](mailto:indytoysoldier@hotmail.com).



# SHOW REPORT

## The West Coaster March 7, 2004 *By Ray Haradin*

The "West Coaster" soldier and figure show has now hosted their 15th event which is always a pleasure to attend. The show well deserves its' reputation as the finest show west of the Mississippi. Bob Fisher and Scott Morlan, with their army of helpers, have guided the show to what I consider to be one of the top 5 soldier shows in the world. An aspect of the show which I particularly like is the "room action" . Friday and Saturday prior to the show, dealers set up and exhibit in their rooms. This year there were 48 dealers set up in their hotel rooms Saturday. I love the informal and exciting atmosphere that "room action" creates. The thrill of "walking the halls" hoping that the door you enter will harbor the very soldier you have been looking for. It is also a terrific chance to spent time with collectors one on one. While on the show floor, a dealer may be juggling a sale, a potential sale and a conversation all at the same time. In the hotel rooms, you have time to kick back and talk "soldiers". Next years show will be Sunday, March 6th, 2005. You may want to arrive on Friday the 4th to fully experience all aspects of the show.



Bob Denny with a fine selection of Elastolin and Lineol Cowboys and Indians



Bob Bailey is ready for business.



Bob O'Connell of Northcoast Miniatures, introducing his new circus wagan



Local Dennis Saffro with a bed full of Britains



Actor Hans Tester examines a Britain Fordson Tractor



Craig McClain of the Old Toy Soldier Home examines his King & Country display.

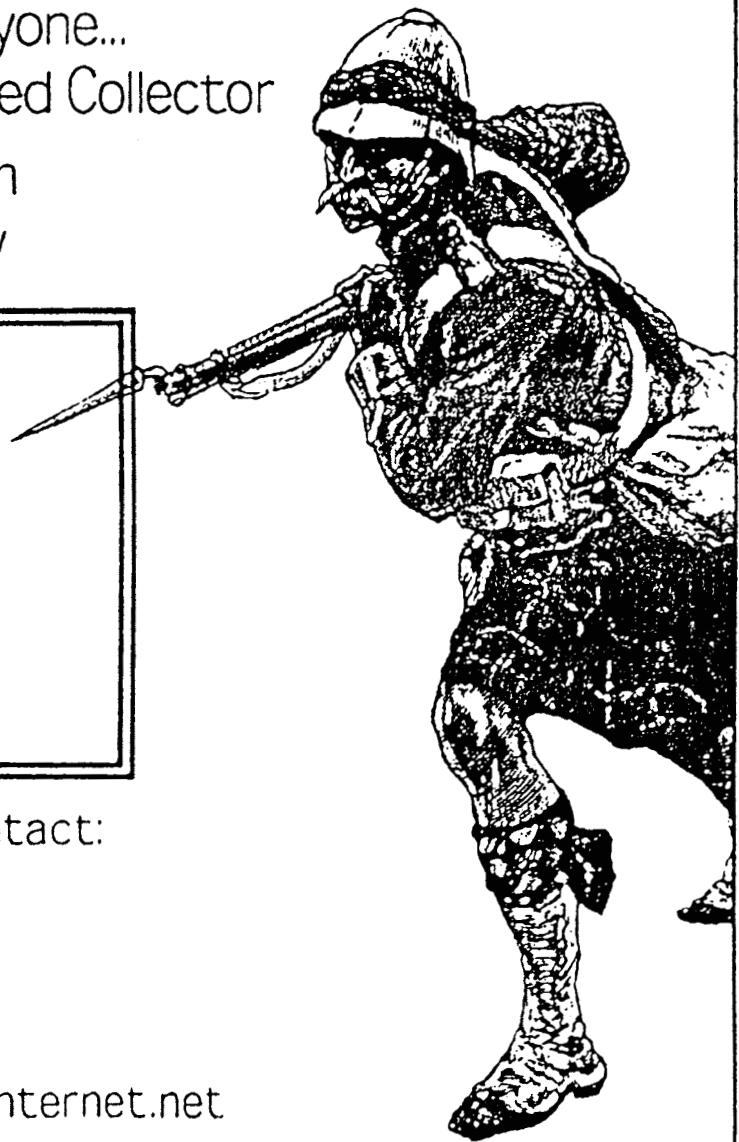
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## GENERAL INSPECTION-NEW PRODUCT REVIEW

### FORWARD MARCH! - AGINCOURT SERIES II



In 2002, Forward March! released Agincourt Series I, 5 sets depicting the French and English combatants of this epic battle. Due to the high quality of sculpting and painting, Agincourt Series I prove immensely popular, selling out quickly.

Collectors anxiously awaited the availability of Agincourt Series II, eager for mounted French knights and additional English longbow men. Forward March! collectors have been rewarded with the announced release of Agincourt Series II. Continuing the high quality of Agincourt Series I, the new

releases are 4 in number; English Archer Set #2, Count of Vendome on horse, a hand to hand combat set depicting Edmund de Thorpe and Duke of Orleans, and finally Count of Marle on horse. A four piece stake set is also available.

Received for review are the English Archer set, and mounted piece, Count of Marle. Both sets are up to the usual high standards of painting and sculpting one has come to expect from the connoisseur quality of Forward March! Alan Ball has done an exceptional job of portraying all figures in very natural fluid poses. Beautifully proportioned, clothing appears very realistic with folds and draping adding greatly to enhance these truly wonderful figures.

As usual, Forward March! has continued with their high degree of shading and highlighting, giving a very realistic look, yet retaining their toy soldier charm. Not one flaw was noted in the meticulous painting, and every figure was finished to the highest standard.

The English Archers measured 60mm from their terrain base to the top of their helmet, while the Count of Marle on horseback measured an impressive 95mm from base to helmet. The Count of Marle figure is truly a work of art, mounted on his warhorse with sword in hand. A very nice feature which adds to the supremacy of this figure is that the rider is pegged, and is inserted into the hole in the horse blanket. This insures that the rider sits properly and realistically - a style I wish more manufacturers would use.

Forward March! has informed me that both Agincourt Series I and II will be available in May 2004. This is great news for those who may have missed out on Series I. A new Civil War series is to be added in 2004, along with further additions to the Agincourt and First Manassas Series.

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# Durso Composition Figures "The Medical Scene"

by Vincent J. Russo and Patrice Servais

## Introduction

In previous articles in this magazine, we have reported how Michel Klimov, founder and owner of The Durso Company (Liege Belgium 1938-1988) went to great lengths in the design of his figures to create, as accurately as possible, the "real life" subjects he was portraying. Attention to even the most minute detail, was the "standard" of this extraordinary man, and his company.

It was a natural evolution from the figures of "soldiers in combat", for the Durso Company to create the images of wounded, and sometimes dead, "casualties of war", and those who tended to their fallen Comrades in Arms, (Doctors, Nurses, Fellow Soldiers, etc.).

All countries represented by Durso production had "medical" figures, in one form or another, depicted in the Series.

This article, along with a brief historical review of the evolution of the Company, will feature "The Medical Scene" of the many countries involved in the European/African Theaters of World War II, (and beyond).

## Background

Michel Klimov actually started to produce composition figures, out of his home, in 1935.

These figures, produced from 1935-1938 were labeled "BELGIUM" or "BELGIQUE" or "FABRICATION BELGE". (All imprints were on the underside of the base).

This period of "home production" served a vital purpose for Mr. Klimov. It afforded him the opportunity to prove his ability to "create" figures, and also the mechanism to develop his potential market.

Having realized success in both of these areas, and after securing the necessary financing, Mr. Klimov opened his factory in 1938 at 87 Rue Saint-Gilles, in Liege. The original name of his company was "ALMA" (Ateliers Liegeois de Moulage Artistique).

The figures initially produced in the new factory were a much improved line of "Fabrication Belge".

These figures were made using completely new molds, and were intended to compete in the lower priced "Dimestore" (Chainstore) Trade.

In 1939 the "Fabrication Belge" designation was replaced by "ALMA".



"FABRICATION BELGE"  
Belgian Doctor and French Nurse  
C. 1938



"ALMA"  
German Stretcher Bearer and Dutch Litter Team  
C. 1939

Note the "attention to detail" even in these very early figures intended for the "Dimestore" market.

In 1938, Klimov introduced the "DURSO" line of composition figures. These figures, which drew their name from the Latin phrase, *Duratum ac Solidum* (durable and solid), were higher quality, higher priced, and were targeted for the "Toy Specialists" trade. Often, both "ALMA" and "DURSO" figures were sold in the same stores, but at different price levels.



## Durso Composition Figures (Cont.)



Belgian "Line" Troops C. 1939



Belgian "Alpine" Troops C. 1939

During the period of 1940-1945, the "ALMA" line was gradually dropped and only high quality "DURSO" figures were produced. (After 1945 there was no reference to "ALMA" in the catalogs).

During the German occupation of Belgium, the factory was allowed to continue operation, even though most men were forced to work in support of the German Army, and women, who found it difficult to travel to and from the factory, most often painted figures at home.

Although sometimes "harassed" by the Germans, Klimov was able to continue production, as he wished, because he always had a "good answer" for their questions.

As the tide of the battle shifted against the Germans, Durso figures often were used to make political statements. For instance, Russian figures (which were originally allowed to be produced because Mr. Klimov indicated that they were representative of the war in Finlandia in 1939), soon became "symbols of freedom" for the Belgians. DURSO flagbearers carrying the Russian flag were openly displayed by Belgian students after the German defeat at Stalingrad.

During this time, Belgian children were often seen playing with German figures whose heads had been broken off.



"Germans" C. 1939/1940

As we reported earlier, most countries represented by Durso in its production of "combat" figures, usually had "medical" figures to round out the military series.



## Durso Composition Figures (Cont.)



Dutch Soldier C. 1939



French Nurses C. 1939



Russians C. 1941



Belgian Mountain Troops C. 1940



Force Publique C. 1940



English Soldier C. 1940

During World War II, a brave contingent of Belgian soldiers were trained in England, and returned home to participate in the liberation of Brussels. These troops wore "English" style helmets, and were known as "Pirons Brigade".

After the end of the hostilities in Europe, Mr. Klimov continued to closely follow the evolution of military uniforms, particularly those of the Belgian army, and of course, incorporated any changes into his production.

As a "United Nations" participant during the Korean Conflict, the Belgians wore distinctive "American" style helmets into combat. Durso portrayed these soldiers in all phases of military activity, and of course, in "The Medical Scene".

### FOOTNOTE

Soon after World War II ended, Mr. Klimov officially changed the name of the company from "ALMA" to "DURSO". By doing this, he was making it clear that he would be focusing only on the "high quality" segment of the business.

### CONCLUSION

The Authors sincerely hope that we have successfully shown, with our photos, that the "Toy Soldier" annuals of recent military history, would be incomplete without the portrayal of the brave men and women who comprised "The Medical Scene". Once again, The Durso Company was an integral part of that endeavor.

### INVITATION

The Authors invite our readers to find out more about The Durso Company by visiting the Durso website at: <http://durso.stools.net>

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Photos by Veronique Servais and Peggy Steisel.

### EDITORS NOTE

See the advertisement for the book "Composition Figures of Belgium - The Durso Company" by Vincent J. Russo, Beitel Bruun and Lucien Maris on page 80 of this issue.



Belgians with "English" Helmets C. 1945



Belgian Doctor  
Belgians with "American" Helmets C. 1956

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in hopes that one of your readers might help me identify the manufacturer or have any information about the three baseball figures in the attached photos. The figures are all hollow-cast. They are wearing red shirts, green trousers, green hat and red socks. They are standing on a green base. They appear to be made out of "lead" which has become very brittle with linear cracks in the figures and the oxidation on the bottom of the bases give the appearance of very old pieces. I have closely examined the three figures and there are no other identifying marks.

I would greatly appreciate any help your readers can provide in identifying these items.

Yours truly,  
John R. Kurinsky

Additional information includes:



Photo #1 -  
CENTER FIELDER  
This figure has the words "center fielder" embossed on the lower back. It stands 3 5/8" high while the base measures 1 3/4" x 1 1/2".



Photo #2 -  
SECOND BASE This figure has the words "second base" embossed on the lower back. It stands 3 1/4" high. The base is mostly gone, however, I believe it would be the same as figure #1.



Photo #3 -  
PITCHER This figure has the words "pitcher" embossed on the lower back. It stands 3 7/8" tall with the base measuring 1 3/8" x 1 5/8".



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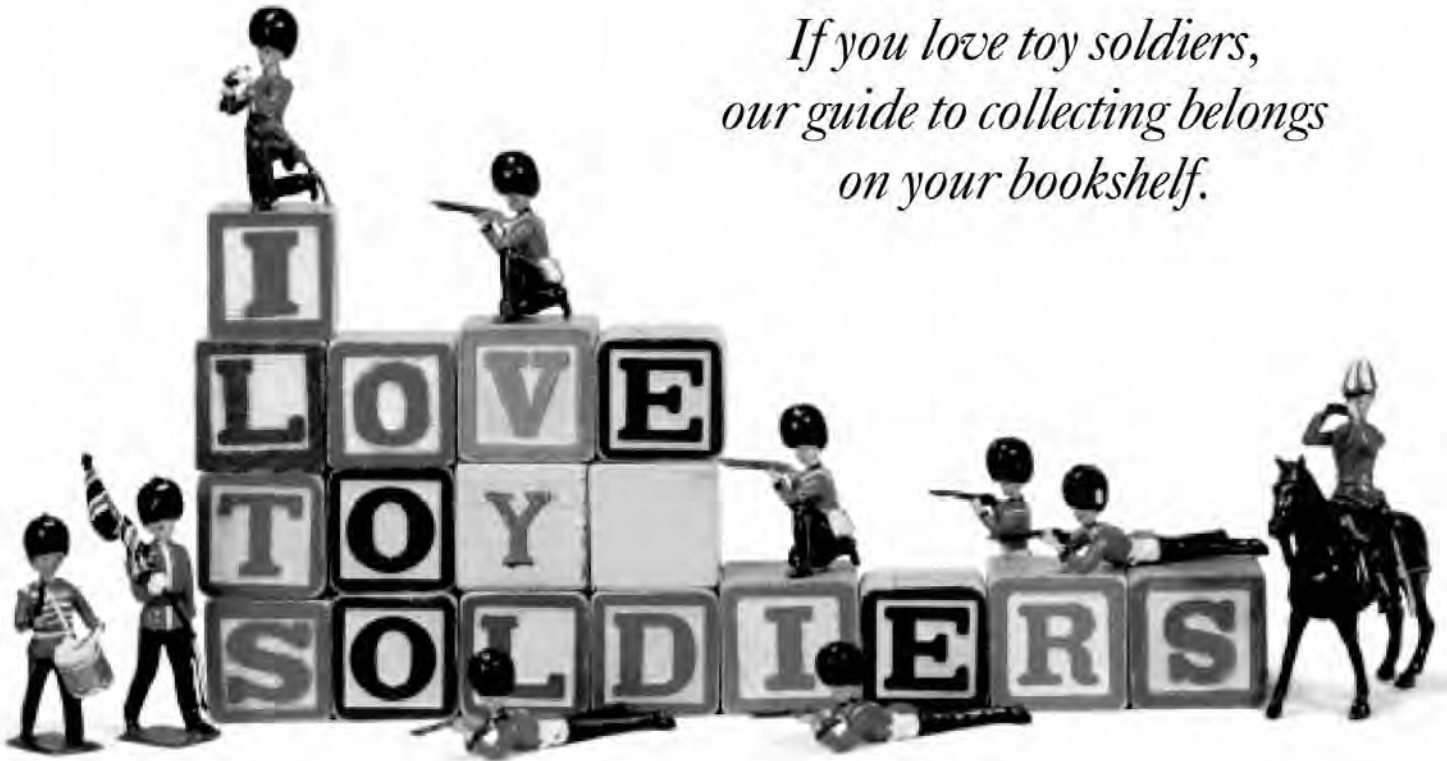
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The sale will also include many other rare Britains items from various vendors, together with a section for Plastic Figures by Britains, Timpo etc.

The auction will take place on Thursday, 10 June 2004 at Vectis Headquarters - Stockton on Tees, England. Enquires to Simon Clark or Peter Rumsey on +44 1642 750616 or email [simon.clarke@vectis.co.uk](mailto:simon.clarke@vectis.co.uk). The full catalogue will be on the Vectis Website from the 24 May 2004 at [www.vectis.co.uk](http://www.vectis.co.uk)



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# AUCTION PREVIEW

## Bonham's Toy Soldier and Figure Sale 2nd June 2004

Bonham's Toy Soldier and Figure Sale 2 June 2004 at 12 Noon, Knightsbridge Salerooms. Over 600 lots of toy soldiers, about 15,000 figures

### The sale is divided into the following sections:

Good original Britains

Civilian figures

Model soldiers and wargaming figures

British made toy soldiers, including further Britains

Heyde and other German solid cast toy soldiers

CBG Mignot and French or Belgian made toy soldiers

Composition toy soldiers

Plastic toy soldiers and figures

New toy soldiers

Britains recent manufacture toy soldiers 1973 on

Britains repainted and conversions



### Highlights - illustrated

Spanish Cavalry and Infantry, 1930s, original boxes

The original box and part contents for set 449 Parade Series Black Watch

By incredible co-incidence, eleven original figures of the Black Watch marching, in 1930s paintwork, which only appear in the Parade Series came up in one collection, and the empty original box was found in another collection. They are now in adjacent lots 19 and 20 in the sale.

The Kew Nippy waitress and the T&B Tea at the Zoo, Waitress with Table and Three Chairs

A Britains by Hugar Rabbit Hutch

A group of seven of the Britains Paris Office khaki cavalry at the halt with the Balkans style kepi - officer on a grey horse



### Other highlights:

#### Good original Britains

A considerable number of boxed Britains sets, including South Australian Lancers, 7th Rajput Regiment, Matelots, Uruguayan Cadets, Mexicans, Prussian Hussars, Chinese, Abyssinian Bodyguard, all from the 1930s

#### Civilian figures

Village Idiot - possibly yet another colour combination. Cherilea Ballet, Roydon Goldilocks and the Three Bears boxed, Heyde large huntspeople and Polo players, fifty-eight Britains traffic signs and street lamps, Timpo railwaymen and passengers, Taylor and Barrett ice cream tri-cycle



# AUCTION PREVIEW

## Bonham's Toy Soldier and Figure Sale (Cont.)

Model soldiers and wargaming figures  
Fairly large section of assorted models including  
Alymer etc.

British made toy soldiers, including further Britains  
Courtenay and Doran knights, Hill Chinese Infantry,  
Reka Bersaglieri, Britains AA equipment and vehicles  
etc.

Heyde and other German solid cast toy soldiers  
Heyde large size mounted Arabs, Triumph of  
Germanicus in original box.

CBG Mignot and French or Belgian made toy soldiers



L to R: Pixyland "Nippy" Waitress, Taylor Barrett Zoo Tea Table  
and Waitress



Britains/Hugar Rabbit Hutch

Composition toy soldiers  
including tinplate horsedrawn vehicles.

Plastic toy soldiers and figures, with a consignment of ex-  
shop stock, unfortunately somewhat the worse for wear, but  
still with some good examples of Swoppet Knights, Cowboys  
and Indians etc in original boxes (28 lots).

New toy soldiers

A very wide variety by All the Queens Men, Trophy, Nostalgia,  
Blenheim, Ducal, Tradition, and others. Britains recently man-  
ufactured toy soldiers 1973 on, a fairly full representation!

Britains repainted and conversions, an excellently finished  
collection including a number of remarkable 52 piece military bands of the Foot Guards and other  
British Forces, very neatly finished in the embellished Britains style.



Britains Paris Office Figures

# AUCTION PREVIEW

## Christie's Auction South Kensington London May 20th 2004

The William Young Carman Collection of Toy Soldiers and Figures.

Hugo Marsh, Director of Christie's Toy Department has announced plan for the above auction.

William Young Carman a founder member of the British Model Soldier Society and Military Historian amassed a large and eclectic collection of Toy Soldiers and Figures over a sixty year period.

The sale consists of a wide and varied selection of Toy Soldiers and Civilian Figures by both British and Continental Manufacturers and runs into many thousands of examples. Lead ,Plastic ,Composition, Solids, Semi Rounds and Flats are represented in profusion.

Military and Civilian Lead Figures from almost every well known Toy Soldier company are included in the sale.

Britains Military and Civilian Boxed and Unboxed Courtenay, Heyde, Haffner, Mignot, Lucotte,Eriksson, Johillco, Crescent , Cherilea, Charbens, Timpo, Taylor and Barrett, Wendal.

Rare and Unusual Plastics By Britains ,Herald, Timpo, Charbens, Cherilea, Mokarex, Caffé Storm, Segom and Starlux are included in the Plastic Figures section of the Sale.

The Composition section includes World War Two Personality figures of the Third Reich by Elastolin and Lineol, many shown in William Carman's Book, Model Soldiers.

A fine range of Courtenay Knights ,Mounted and Foot are divided into individual lots.

A special feature of the sale will be the items produced and manufactured by William Carman along with many original moulds for his figures.

Military Miniatures by Stadden, Lassett etc New Toy Soldiers are represented with a large and comprehensive collection of Nostalgia Figures

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Details from Hugo Marsh or see the Christies advertisement in this issue of OTS.



William Carman Napolionics



Britains Salvation Army  
Flagbearer



Courtenay Mounted Knight



Rare Herald Hawaiian Dancers in original box.



L to R: Raco Little Red Riding Hood, Wolf, Woodman,  
Britains Village Idiot and Kew Village Fool



Heyde British Guardsmen



A selection of Medieval Figures by various manufacturers.



A Courtenay figure of Sir John Montgomery, from the collection of the late Bill Carman.

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## AUCTION REVIEW

### Vectis Military and Civilian Figure Auction Tuesday, April 6, 2004

The recent Vectis Auction comprised 'The Phillip Nutt Collection' together with entries from various other vendors. Essentially comprising Post-War issues, the sale achieved some very successful results including a Britain's Cricketer at £370, a boxed set of Burnley Footballers at £1150 and a boxed Set 1855 Miniature Barrage Balloon and Lorry at a staggering £530!. Other notable results were an unboxed Britain's Elephant Ride including riding and walking keepers and children at £390, Set 1594, The Sherwood Foresters, at £600 and a good example of Set 9405, Musical Ride of the Household Cavalry, at £670.

An interesting section of Astra Toys achieved results that reflected a market poorly supplied. A rare AA Station made £345, a 3.7 Anti Aircraft Gun £440 and 3 unusual Harbours in only Fair condition £220. (all prices include 15% commission)

Vectis Figure Consultant, Peter Rumsey was generally very pleased with the overall result, believing that the market remained strong, not only for the harder to find items but also for the more common Post War Sets.

The next specialised sale of Military and Civilian Figures is scheduled for June 10th. All enquires to Peter Rumsey or Simon Clark on +44 1642 750616 or email [simon.clarke@vectis.co.uk](mailto:simon.clarke@vectis.co.uk)



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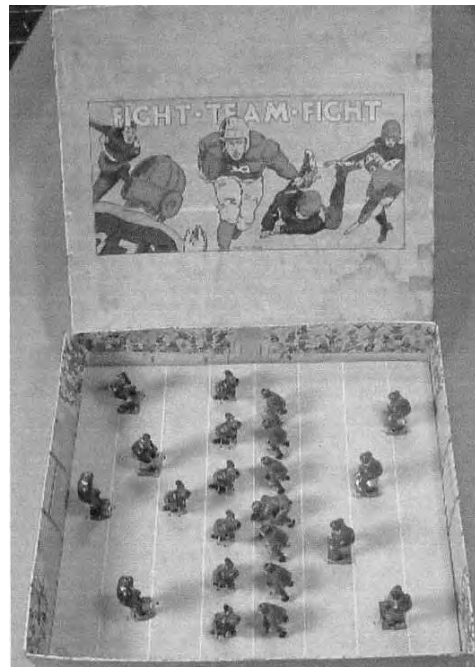
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# BOOK REVIEW

## La Folie des Petits Soldats

by *Dominique Pascal*

Reviewed by *Russ Bednarek*

Recently received for review is another fine French pictorial study of toy soldiers, "La Folie des Petits Soldats", by Dominique Pascal. "Petits Soldats" is one of a series of books written by Monsieur Pascal dealing with collectible items.

Though diminutive in size, (5 1/2" x 5 1/2"), "Petits Soldats" is definitely not a lightweight with its 370 pages of color photographs.

Each production style of toy soldier receives their own chapter; flats, solid and hollowcast, plastic, composition and aluminum. Examples of various makers, both past and present, are depicted, and a very brief historical text introduces the subject to the reader at the beginning of the chapter.



The book's format is simplistic, yet very appealing. Each page is a color photograph of an individual or small group of figures accompanied with a descriptive text. The photography is excellent, allowing the collector to closely examine the figure's painting and sculpting style.

The majority of the figures presented are obviously of French manufacture. CBG Mignot, Quiralu, and Starlux have a large presence, but interesting figures from smaller firms such as G.M., X.R., Mignalu and Lucotte are shown. Other companies represented are Courtney, Renaud, Lineol, MIM, and Britain's plastic.



Collectors will recognize a number of figures shown in this work. "Petits Soldats" however is not without its surprises. I was startled to see a French Spahi produced by Lineol, a figure I was unaware, (and would love to have one for my collection), that this German firm ever made.

Although not as comprehensive as Edouard Pemzec's superlative "Figurines et Soldats de Plomb", (see review in OTS Vol.27, No.4), "Petits Soldats" is deserving of a place in any collector's library.

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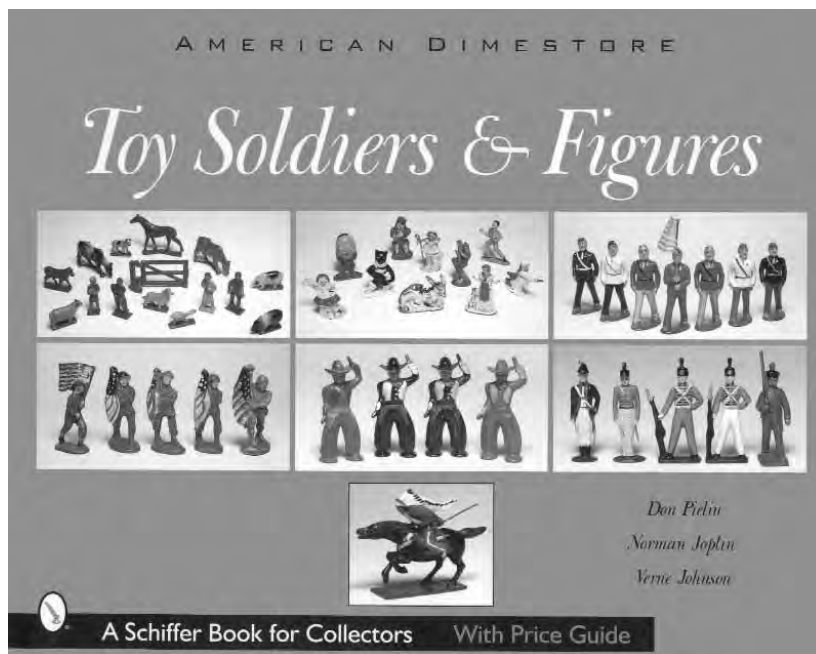
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# A 21-GUN SALUTE to BARCLAY

*by Stan Alekna*

Yes, there are at least 21 different Barclay cannons when you consider the eleven basic models of cannons and their variations. That these toys were purported to be the biggest sellers in the Barclay line seems to be born out by the frequency with which most of these items can be found even today. Richard O'Brien documented many of the cannons in his 3rd edition of Collecting American-Made Toy Soldiers but several variations have escaped detection until now. This article and accompanying photos and table are intended to pull together information from various publications into a complete and organized article and at the same time tie down a few loose ends regarding the BC numbering scheme.

As has been the style of my last few OTS Dimestore articles, I once again found that a table of descriptions and characteristics was the shortest, clearest way to present the information on the differences between models and the variants within a model.



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BC1a



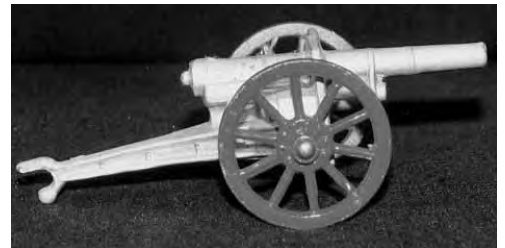
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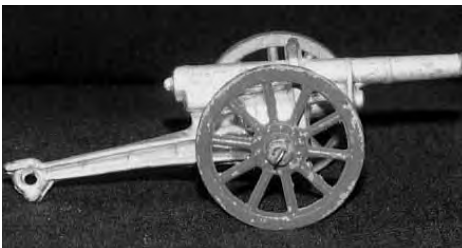
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BC2c



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BC3a



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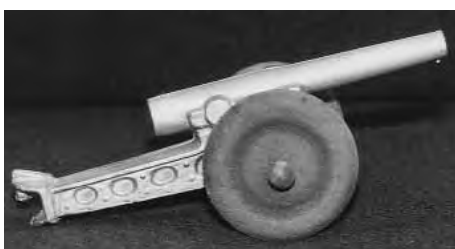
BC6



BC7



BC8



BC9



BC10



BC11

## A 21-GUN SALUTE to BARCLAY (Cont.)

| O'Brien No. | Description   | Paint Color     | Mold Markings     | Hitch            | Spring Action | Barrel Moveable | Wheels /tires               |
|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| BC1         | 1 <sup>st</sup> model field cannon                            | Grey            | none              | tang on top      | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC1a        | 1 <sup>st</sup> model field cannon; shield & carriage variant | Grey            | none              | tang on bottom   | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC2         | Field cannon  | Silver          | none              | open             | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC2a        | Field cannon  | Silver          | none              | closed           | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC2b        | Field cannon (no photo)                                       | Silver          | Barrel            | closed           | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC2c        | Field cannon, wheel hub extends 1/8"                          | Olive drab      | Barrel            | closed           | yes           | yes             | metal, spoked, O.D.         |
| BC3         | Small cannon  | Silver          | none              | open             | no            | no              | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC3a        | Small cannon  | Silver          | none              | closed           | no            | no              | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC3b        | Small cannon (no photo)                                       | Silver          | Barrel            | closed           | no            | no              | metal, spoked, red          |
| BC4         | Long range large cannon                                       | Silver          | none              | tang & pin       | no            | no              | solid black rubber          |
| BC5         | Coast Guard cannon with 5 men                                 | Silver          | none              | n/a              | yes           | yes             | n/a                         |
| BC6         | Mortar on swivel base   | Silver          | none              | n/a              | yes           | yes             | n/a                         |
| BC6a        | Mortar on swivel base (no photo)                              | Silver          | bottom of base    | n/a              | yes           | yes             | n/a                         |
| BC7         | Searchlight on swivel base                                    | Silver          | none              | n/a              | yes           | n/a             | n/a                         |
| BC7a        | Searchlight on swivel base (no photo)                         | Silver          | bottom of base    | n/a              | yes           | n/a             | n/a                         |
| BC8         | Medium long range cannon                                      | Metallic Silver | none              | tang & pin       | yes           | no              | solid black rubber          |
| BC9         | Small long range cannon                                       | Metallic Silver | none              | tang & pin       | no            | no              | wooden wheels painted black |
| BC10        | Howitzer  | Khaki           | Barrel            | closed           | yes           | yes             | "balloon" black rubber      |
| BC10a       | Howitzer (no photo)   | Olive drab      | Barrel            | closed           | yes           | yes             | "balloon" black rubber      |
| BC10b       | Howitzer (no photo)   | Dark Green      | Barrel            | closed           | yes           | yes             | "balloon" black rubber      |
| BC11        | Small cannon, barrel at 45 degrees elevation                  | Silver          | Barrel & Carriage | tang with a hole | no            | no              | metal, spoked, red          |
|             |   |                 |                   |                  |               |                 |                             |

I have not included photos of those cannons that only differed by the presence or absence of mold markings or paint color as these features are self-evident. The swivel based mortar, which is technically not a cannon, and the searchlight, which is surely not a cannon, were included simply because there is no better place to put them. It's also how I was able to fudge the total count up to 21 and make it "A 21-GUN SALUTE to BARCLAY". Who ever heard of 17-gun salute?

A few general comments up front might be helpful. Mold markings, when present, are "BARCLAY USA" as shown below except on BC 11, which has "USA" on both sides of the carriage and "MADE IN USA" on the barrel.

Let me address the new Barclay Cannon number, BC11, that I assigned to the cannon with the elevated barrel which had been previously dubbed MC1. Some time ago, this cannon had been designated as a Manoil, probably because the elevated barrel is similar to the barrel on Manoil's No. 69 cannon. However a close comparison of MC1/BC11 to Manoil's No. 69 cannon reveals that there are no similarities between these cannons except for the angle of the barrel. On the other hand, the barrel markings and other casting features of BC11 match BC3, a known Barclay cannon. After many emails and much discussion, Richard O'Brien agreed to my designation of this cannon as BC11. However, he chooses to reserve his final judgment on whether it is a Barclay or Manoil, pending the discovery of conclusive documentation from sales or factory catalog pages. In the meantime, he will continue to run this item as MC1 and place it in the Barclay section. Richard also agreed with the assignment of BC7 to the searchlight on a swivel base.



Mold Markings

Other general observations are that the marked barrel of BC2, Barclay's second model cannon, is the exact same barrel as was used for BC10, the last cannon model made by Barclay.

## A 21-GUN SALUTE to BARCLAY (Cont.)

The photos below show the difference between open and closed hitches and the tang and pin hitch of the 3 models of long-range cannon, BC4, BC5 and BC9. Many of the pins and even the tips of the tangs are easily broken off these models so be alert. Also note that the shaft and knob on the end of the open hitch variation of BC2 is a true part of the casting, not a piece of flashing, and it is seldom found intact on these models.



Closed Versus Open Hitch

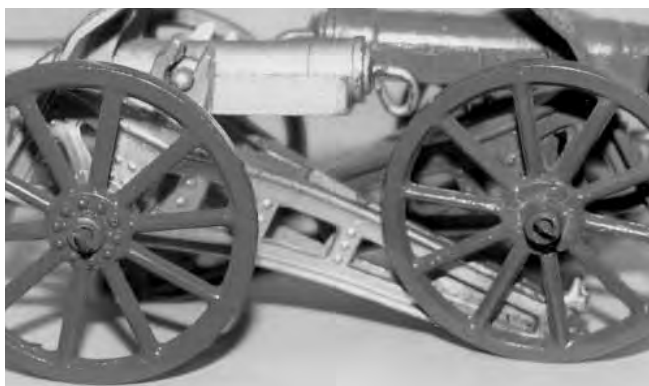


Tang and Pin Hitch

The last item of general information is that the "handle" to the spring action firing mechanism is a loop on all variations of BC1 and BC2 but was changed to a straight piece of wire on BC5, BC6, BC8 and BC10. Today, OSHA or some other overly protective government function would probably make them use a loop on all cannons for child safety reasons!!

A few comments on specific cannons; BC1, believed by many to be Barclay's first toy, comes in 2 distinct variations, the features of which are documented in detail in my article in OTS Volume 6 Number 4.

BC2 comes in a few variations but BC2c, in addition to being a color variant, has a very different wheel hub design from the other BC2's as can be seen below.



BC2 and BC2c Wheel Variation

BC5, the scarcest and highest priced Barclay cannon, is frequently found with 1 or more men or sections of the fragile railing broken. You really need to inspect specimens of this item very carefully before deciding to purchase one. And Barclay's description of BC5 as "Coast Guard Cannon" is militarily incorrect like so many of their descriptions. The photo below was taken from a 1942 publication and shows an "8-inch RAILROAD GUN". These huge cannons could fire a 260-pound projectile as far as 5 miles and were effectively employed in WWI. This photo or one like it had to serve as the inspiration for BC5 since it even shows the crewmen behind the railing just like Barclay's casting of the cannon.



8-inch Railroad Gun



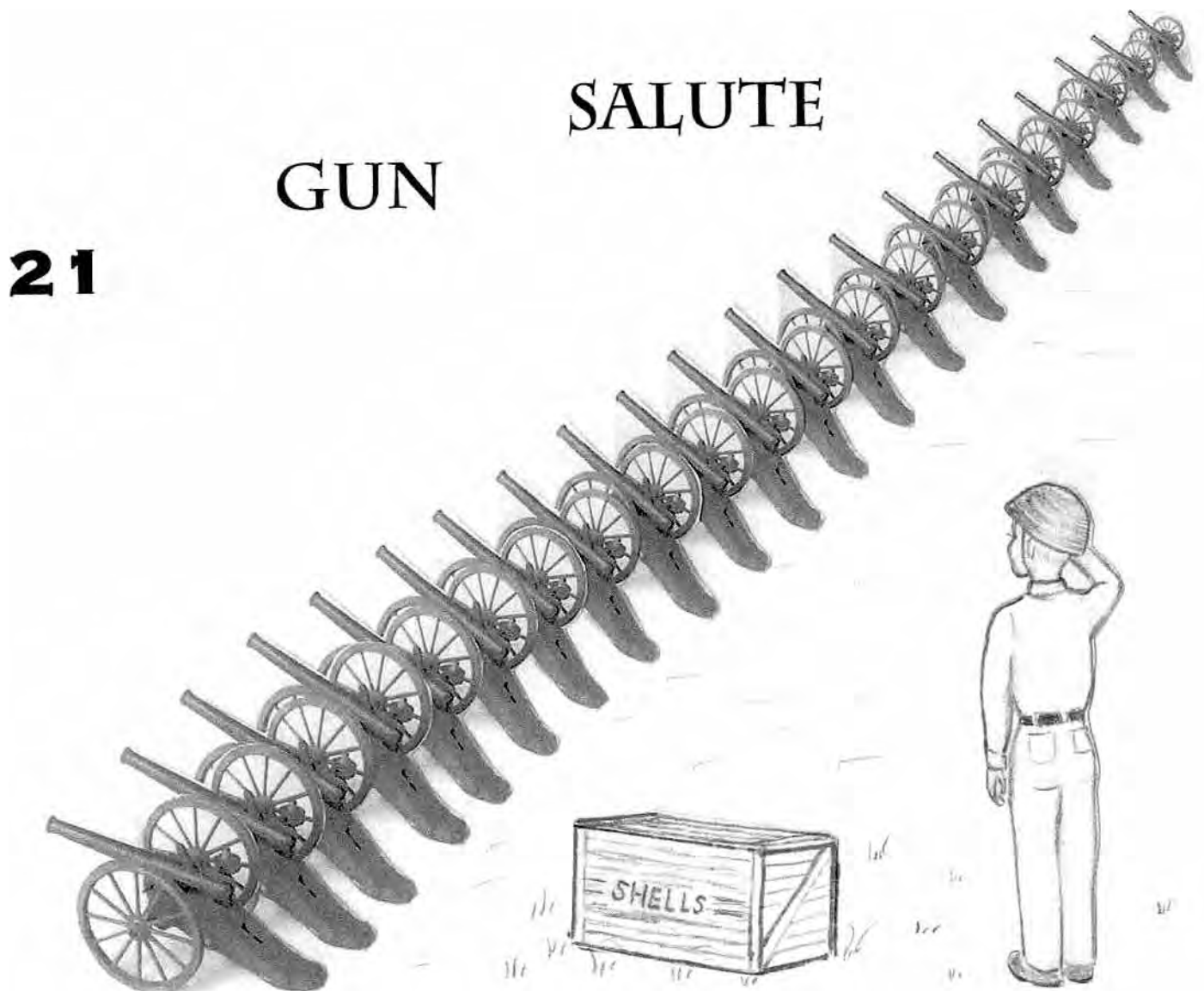
## A 21-GUN SALUTE to BARCLAY (Cont.)

What article would be complete without some comment as to value so here are my opinions as to the prices I feel these cannons would bring today in 98% condition, Variants of the same model would all sell for the same price.

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
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| BC2 \$40  | BC7 \$105  |
| BC3 \$20  | BC8 \$ 60  |
| BC4 \$45  | BC9 \$ 45  |
| BC5 \$160 | BC10 \$ 35 |
|           | BC11 \$ 35 |

If you have any other variations beyond these 21 such as a BC3 with an open hitch and marked barrel, or a BC10 with an unmarked barrel, please contact me and I'll put a follow-up article in OTS. Of course that would ruin the 21-gun count so maybe you should keep these added variants to yourself! Just kidding of course. Incidentally, the derivation of the number 21 as in "21 Gun Salute" is that it is the sum of the digits in 1776. How bout' that for military trivia!!

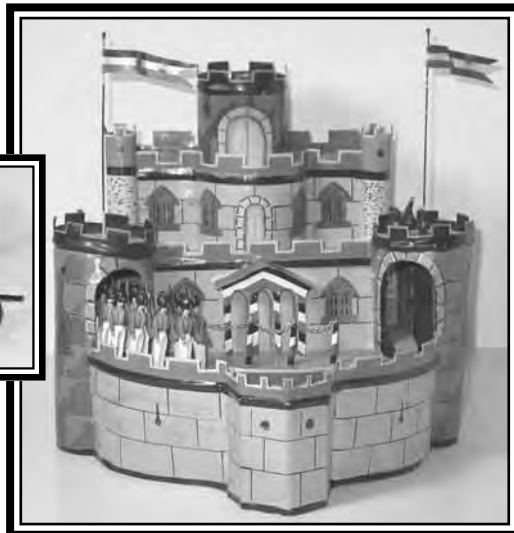
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# BRITAINS LIMITED PROFILES SETS THAT LOST THEIR OFFICER

*By Joe Wallis*

In my last article, I described all of the Britains Ltd. sets enhanced by the addition of an officer or piper to a box that previously lacked one. (See Volume 27, Issue No. 4, pages 58-61.) As shown in my preceding article, Britains Ltd. made a conscious effort to be competitive in the postwar years by ensuring that the vast majority of sets contained officers, pipers, or trumpeters.

That said, some sets started out in the catalog with officers, but later had them removed. These revisions to the contents of certain sets all occurred prior to 1928. Perhaps a brief commentary on this development would be of interest.

Set #38 began in 1896 as "Dr. Jameson and the African Mounted Infantry." It consisted of four fixed-arm troopers galloping with rifles, led by Dr. Jameson armed with a revolver held in his right hand. The bold but foolhardy attempt to invade the Transvaal was aimed at inciting a revolt of the English speaking "Uitlanders," who had flocked to the gold and diamond fields of the Transvaal. Some 500 men were led by Dr. Leander Starr Jameson. "Jameson's Raid," as it became known, was instigated by Cecil Rhodes, but it was an abject failure. Britains Ltd. quickly capitalized on the news to issue Set #38. Within a very few years, Britains had changed the set's title to simply the "South African Mounted Infantry." Later, in 1927, the casting was replaced by a moveable-arm figure introduced in that year for the galloping U.S. Cavalry in khaki as Set #276. (This action pose would also be chosen for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of Set #1349.) The final version of Set #38 lasted from 1927-41, and had five troopers with rifles—the old officer with the drawn pistol was banished. Perhaps the mold had broken, but just as likely an explanation is that the 1896 casting looked out-of-date.



Britains Set # 38 with Dr. Jameson Figure



Britains Set # 38 without Dr. Jameson



Britains Set # 67 First Madras Native Infantry with Officer



Britains Set # 68 Second Bombay Native Infantry no Officer

The various Britains boxes depicting Indian Army Infantry regiments all began with an officer holding a drawn sword down and leading Sepoys walking at the trail. Sets 64, 67, and 68 (the Seventh Rajputs, the First Madras Pioneers, and the Second Bombay Grenadiers, respectively) featured an officer from 1896 until at least 1914 (possibly all the way until the introduction of a new marching at the slope Sepoy occurred about 1924). The last version of marching at the slope instead of at the trail omitted an officer. (Interestingly, when Set #1893 reintroduced the old Sepoy casting of walking at the trail in 1940, the new Indian Army Service Corps set was commanded by a British officer with a steel helmet and baton, rather than a native officer.)

## BRITAINS LIMITED PROFILES (Cont.)



Britains Set # 92 Spanish Infantry with Officer



Britains Set # 92 Infanteria Espanola without Officer

In 1898, Set #92, the Spanish Infantry, was presented to the public. The set, Walking at the Trail, was led by an officer based upon the "bemedalled officer" type used for several British Infantry sets (but given an appropriate kepi for Set #92). In 1924 the original set issued at the time of the Spanish-American War was replaced by a new figure, Marching at the Slope. The new Spanish Infantry box dispensed with an officer and, as with Set #38, had a more modern appearance than its first version.

Next, we arrive at several French Army sets that began production in 1905. The marching French Infanterie de Ligne of Set #141 and the energetically charging Zouaves of Set #142 both featured catalog illustrations and Whisstock box labels showing a marching officer with drawn sword in addition to a marching or charging infantryman. The Zouaves brought out in 1905 definitely used an oval-based fixed-arm officer in a kepi holding a drawn upright sword. In 1909, as part of Britains ongoing effort to convert most of its molds from oval bases to square bases, a new dated casting of an officer with a blanket roll across his shoulder was issued. By 1919, this



Britains Set # 140 Without Officer, note the label still shows a line drawing of the deleted Officer

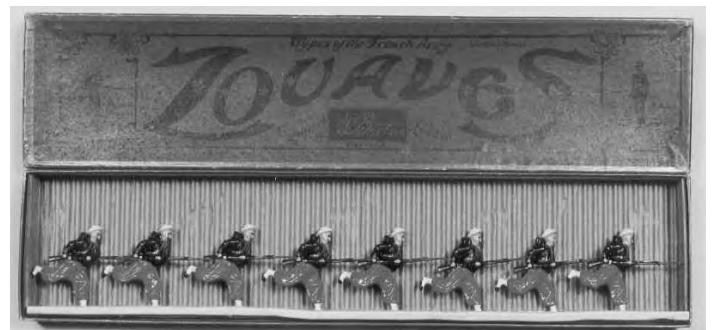


Britains Set # 141 Infanterie de Ligne with Officer

officer was no longer in use. In 1954, a mounted officer on a cantering horse was finally inserted into Set #142 to give it an officer who could lead the running Zouaves after a lapse of almost 40 years when no officer was supplied in the set.



Britains Set # 142 Zouaves with Officer



Britains Set # 142 Zouaves minus Officer

## BRITAINS LIMITED PROFILES (Cont.)

The Prussian Infantry of Set #154, the Austro-Hungarian Infantry of Set #177, and the Austro-Hungarian Foot Guards of Set #178, all employed an unusual casting with the feet set diagonally across the base when inaugurated (in 1908 for #154, and in 1913 for Sets #177 and #178). The Prussian officer casting with a long sword scabbard was used for both the men and the officers of the two Austrian boxes. By 1919, the officer was dropped from the Prussian Infantry; at the same time, the Austrian sets adopted the standard "1910" marching figure without equipment. Sometime in the 1920s, the Austrian sets also discontinued the inclusion of an officer (which from 1919 on was simply the same 1910 figure but given an arm with a drawn sword).



Britains Set # 178 Austo - Hungarian Foot Guards with Officer



Britains Set # 178 Austro - Hungarian Foot Guards without Officer

The final example of a Britains set that initially featured an officer that was subsequently deleted is Set #167, the Turkish Infantry. This set first appeared in 1912 during the Balkan Wars and right after the Italo-Turkish war. The Turkish Infantry were standing on guard with fixed bayonets and wore red fezzes. For the short span of only two years, they were commanded by an officer based upon the French officer with the blanket roll and drawn sword dated 1909 (see above), but wearing a fez. (See page 141 of James Opie's Great Book of Britains for a photograph of this early and rare version of Set #167.) Sets of Turkish Infantry made between 1914 and 1941 lacked an officer.



Britains Set # 167 Turkish Infantry without Officer

Only the French Zouaves amongst the boxes discussed in this article lasted past 1941 (they even persevered until 1966), the others lost their officers and eventually their place in the Britains catalog.



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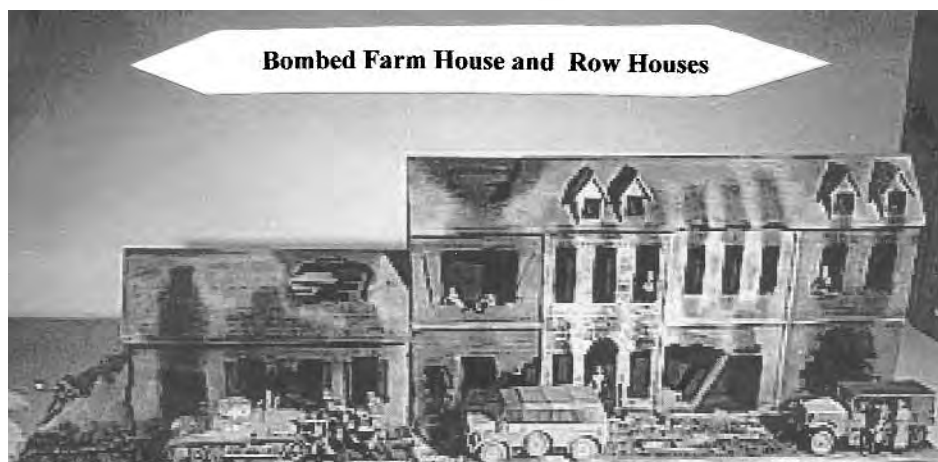
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# Welshness, Toy Soldiers & Rorke's Drift

*By Tom Munson*

I have a deep affection for the Welsh. In 1974 I married Sharon, a second generation American/Welsh girl. Our wedding cake was made in Wales by her cousins who then flew over the pond with its various pieces safely stowed on their laps and assembled it in Cleveland, Ohio.

During the second half of the 1950's my mother (also part Welsh) encouraged me to build forts out of blocks and gifted me the Barclay Podfoots who manned those forts. Those days when she vacuumed around a fort signaled victory. I remember as one of my proudest moments the day I walked in from school and spied my previous night's fort surrounded by of three card tables of women playing bridge.

Christmas in 1960 was bittersweet. My two older brothers gifted me their Podfoots and my mom explained that they were no longer being made and that her December "missions" to all the area dime stores had yielded nothing but empty bins. I felt both saddened and honored that my brothers gave their collections to me. I also felt afraid. With a lump in my throat, I wrapped them in tissue paper and packed them all away for safekeeping. I was 9 years old.

In the mid 1980's Sharon reawakened my long dormant love for toy soldiers by giving me a set of the Welsh Guards for Christmas. Upon re-entering the hobby, I discovered that a fascinating cottage industry scattered throughout the world had largely taken the place of the neighborhood dime store.

I celebrated the unexpected existence of magazines and trade shows that were totally dedicated to my childhood's most passionate hobby. Connecting with Jamie Delson, Bill Lango, Ed & LaVerne Miller, Bill Hocker, Thor Johnson, Nick DiVincenzo, Jim Hillestad, Jack Carleton and Jack Updike, I became acquainted with a whole new world beyond Podfoots. And together with Will Robinson, my stalwart friend, mentor and banker (very handy!), I recommenced collecting in earnest.



Rorke's Drift - from the Welsh side



Tom Munson with his Rorke's Drift display

Sometime during my 39th year, I handed a copy of Bill Lango's magazine to Sharon and showed her an advertisement for Trophy of Wales' Boer War Steam Road Transport (EQH5). I carefully pointed out that the Transport very much resembled the antique 3 wheeled steam rollers rusting away in the yard of our family's construction equipment business. My Welsh wife took the hint and gave me this Welsh made treasure for my 40th birthday.

In the summer of 1994, Sharon and I finally made our dream pilgrimage to Wales with our three children in tow. We took great delight in meeting and becoming acquainted with several score of our Welsh relatives and communing with the land of our family's origin. Now Wales, of course, is a small country



## Welshness, Toy Soldiers & Rorke's Drift (Cont.)



Zulus attacking the Stronghold

and Cardiff was only an hour or so away from our assemblage. So we journeyed to the home of Trophy of Wales, met with Len and Stuart Taylor and toured their factory. What a memorable and spirited time we had!

It's virtually impossible to be engaged in our hobby without some exposure to 1879's Defense at Rorke's Drift. In the 1840's Jim Rorke, an Irish hunter and trader, built a house and store overlooking a drift in the Mzinyathi River. The term "drift" describes a shallow and narrow part of a river where sand and gravel have accumulated. Often they become convenient crossing points attracting travelers and activity. As such, Rorke's Drift eventually became a strategic layover on one of

the important border passages from the British colony of Natal into Zululand.

At commencement of the Anglo-Zulu War on January 11, 1879 Rorke's buildings (a Swedish mission station at the time) were being used as a supply depot and hospital for Lord Chelmsford's British Columns. By January 20th Chelmsford had crossed the river, advanced several miles into Zululand and established a base camp at a place called Isandlwana. At noon on January 22nd roughly 20,000 Zulus attacked the camp. Fewer than 60 British troops survived the massacre.

News of the slaughter at Isandlwana reached Rorke's Drift at about 3:15pm the very same day. Moreover, it was reported that 4,000 Zulus were at that very moment in route to attack the supply depot. Approximately 100 British troops were manning the garrison, mostly the 24th Foot South Wales Borderers. Coincidentally, a handful of Royal Engineers commanded by Lt. John Chard had recently arrived for the purpose of repairing pontoon bridges.

By pure chance, Lt. Chard proved to be the ranking officer on site and his engineering expertise played a crucial role. Under Chard's direction, all mealie bags and biscuit boxes were emptied from the store and used to reinforce the perimeter and establish strategic barricades. The first Zulu attack came at 4:30pm, only an hour and 15 minutes later.

For the next twelve hours the 24th Foot South Wales Borderers, 100 strong, withstood and warded off intensive repeated attacks. It was an epic contest against overwhelming odds. Both sides fought with steadfast courage and valour.

At 4:30am on January 23rd the Zulus chanted a song of salute to the 24th Foot and retreated. After 12 hours of fierce battle there were only 25 casualties suffered by the defenders, 17 of which resulted in



Close up of Trophy Figures by Len Taylor



## Welshness, Toy Soldiers & Rorke's Drift (Cont.)

death. Given the debacle at Isandlwana, the British took solace in the heroics of Rorke's Drift. A total of 11 Victoria Crosses were awarded, the greatest number ever given for any single battle in British history.

During our visit to Wales, therefore, it should be easy to understand why I was overcome with a rush of "Welshness" ... our family bloodlines, our wedding cake, the Taylor's, Trophy of Wales ... and the heroic South Wales Borderers. A vision of a significant Rorke's Drift diorama planted itself in my mind. My first 24th Foot and Zulu figures were purchased several days later from Len himself at the June, 1994 British Toy Soldier and Figure Show in London.

In keeping with my customary approach, I envisioned and ultimately produced a diorama that utilizes wood to feature the figures. In this case I have used wooden topographical elements to suggest hills. While continuing to marvel at the many landscaping miracles I see throughout the hobby, I remain firmly entrenched in my personal and historical comfort zone of "blocks" and simple, rather abstract use of wood for my own productions.



Display of Rorke's Drift Victoria Cross



Regimental Drum and Helmet of the 24th Foot South Wales Borderers

During the last ten years, I have collected nearly three hundred figures and accessories for this Rorke's Drift endeavor. All figures are Trophy. The buildings, stone and mealie bag walls and redoubt came as part of Trophy's limited edition Rorke's Drift sets. Participating suppliers include Jim Hillestad, Trophy of Texas, The Old Toy Soldier Home, Spirit of '76 and MKL Models.

Paul Koepf, owner of Linsy Furniture (Cleveland, OH) designed and custom made all of my office furniture for the purpose of displaying my collection ... including the cabinet used for the Rorke's Drift diorama.

The impressive framed presentation of "Victoria Crosses of Rorke's Drift" came by way of Tarquin Shaw-Young of [www.vcforvalour.com](http://www.vcforvalour.com). (The Crosses are reproductions)

The splendid Enfield Martini-Henry Rifle came by way of a contact at Michigan Toy Soldier.

The Regimental Side Drum of the 24th Foot South Wales Borderers, the reproduction Zulu War Officer's Helmet, and miscellaneous stone walls came by way of Jim Hillestad.

The summary presentation of Rorke's Drift battle facts was adapted from Osprey Military - Campaign Series #41.

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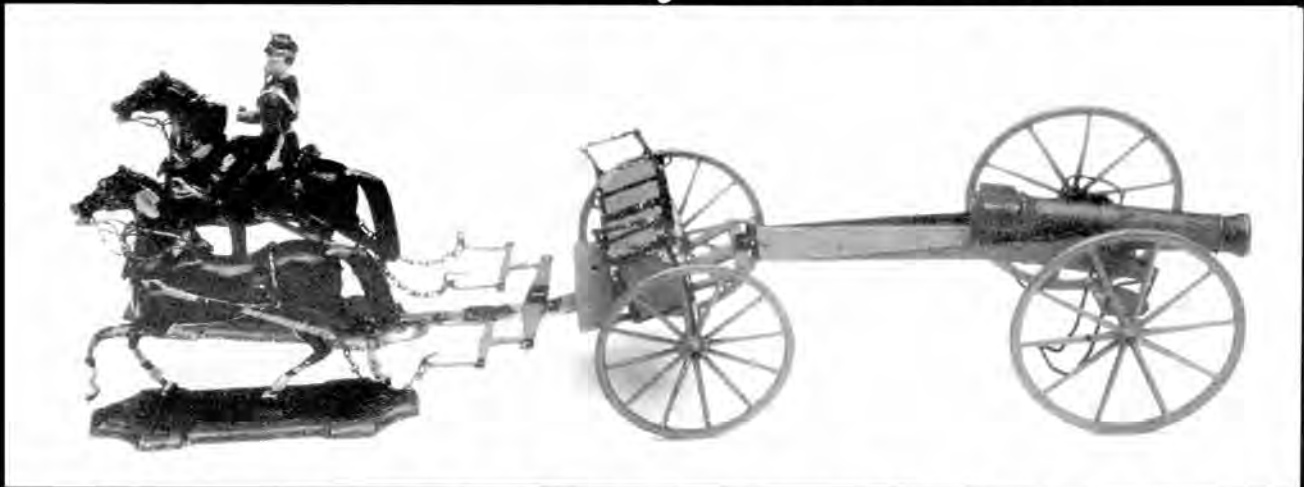
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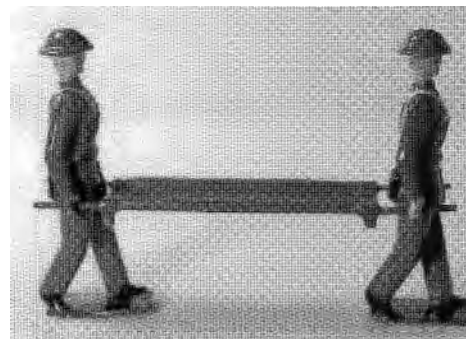
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# The Phillip Segal Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Series Part Two

By Norman Joplin

OTS Featured the Phillip Segal Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Series of figures in Volume 27 # 4 Winter 2004.

An export catalog including the series was produced by Phillip Segal Toys, this catalog has since come to light along with further information on the Company since the article was published.

The catalog consisted of a series of artist impression line drawings of all of the Characters, together with an illustrated cover containing cartoon type images.



Each line drawing has the Rhyme associated with each set printed below the image. Correspondence with John Segal, son of Phillip Segal indicated that Walt Disney had been approached regarding the licensing of certain Segal sets, this licensing agreement never materialized it is therefore something of a mystery that the Three Pigs with it were issued as part of the series.

# The Phillip Segal Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Series (Cont.)



Along with the catalog, a number of letters have been made available to OTS, including two sent from Phillip Segal to a Chicago Illinois Company named Special Supply Source in response to a request for Segal figures to be exported to the US.

A letter dated January 1949 mentions the inclusion of the Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Series in the Phillip Segal Toys current catalog, while a follow up letter dated February 1950 indicates that the Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale series has been discontinued as it had "proved not to be so popular".

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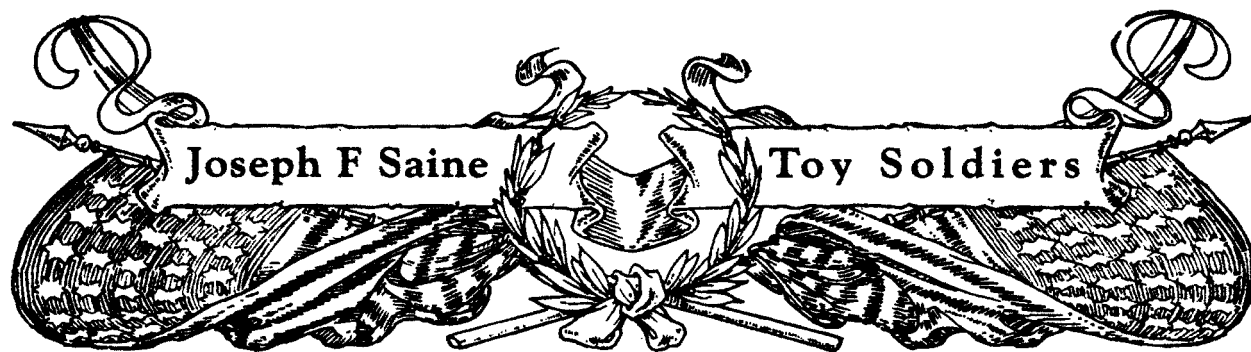
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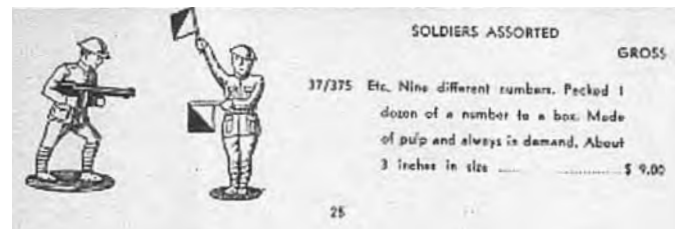
# DIMESTORE UPDATE

by Richard O'Brien

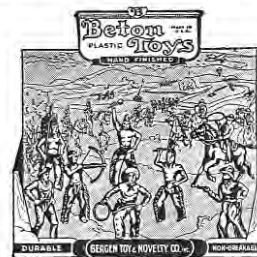
Well, it's official. My publisher has decided that, given the current market and the high production cost of my toy-soldier books, they won't be doing any new editions. So from now on I'll confine my toy-soldier writing to articles like this.

The Shackman catalogs are still offering some information. The 1946-47 issue, probably put out about September, 1946, shows Betons being offered (with a mix-up on the listings). Also listed, with the same code given Grey Irons before the war, are almost certainly that company's figures (and without their foreign pieces, which were offered by Shackman just before the war began). Even more interesting is the single listing for 37/383, "Soldier mounted on horse. Made of pulp". This is undoubtedly the Molded Products piece, perhaps a left-over, or a last gasp by Molded Products before it gave up soldier production.

In an undated catalog, probably from 1945, Shackman uses the same prefix, 37, starting from 375. Again, the soldiers are "made of pulp", and presumably from Molded Products, but Shackman, as always, cutting costs, uses two illustrations of Barclay's infantrymen. It's not surprising that Shackman carried Molded Products, as it had the same salesman, Irving Reader, that Barclay had employed, pre-war (and later post-war).



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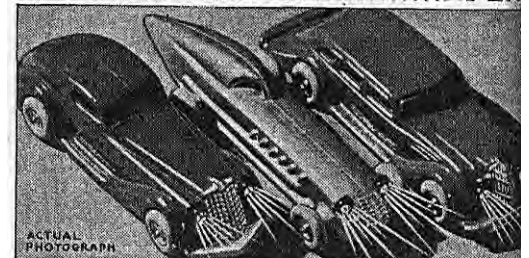
41/534 Cowboys and Indians. Plastic, asst., 3". Six asst. got up in attractive box... 7.80



Mold records I have indicate production of Barclay's reindeer began in early 1949, with some turned out that year as Rudolph of the famous red nose. Barclay's George Fall believed the piece was only sold for a year, but Sears catalogs in 1965 and 1967 show it (though not as Rudolph) as part of a winter set. Ron Steiner recently acquired the illustrated Plastic Toys box of cowboys and Indians. So far there's no indication that the firm made more than the one type of Indian. There seems to have been five cowboys (and a cowgirl), but I'm not sure I've seen two of them; one kneeling with pistols and the other with a pistol raised. Has anyone?

It occurred to me recently that many Barclay collectors haven't seen catalog pages of that company's offerings in the 1930s, so here are three illustrations, one full-page, from the September, 1935 Butler Brother catalog. Nice stuff, and pretty good prices, too.

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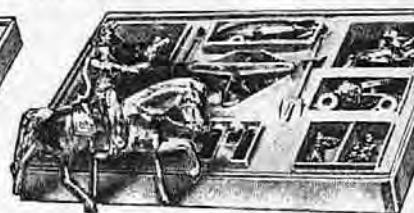
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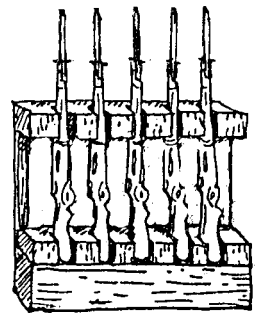
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After World War II, the U. S. Army began work on a new light tank to replace the M24 Chaffee. The M41 entered service in 1951 and was named the "Walker Bulldog" in honor of the recently departed 8th Army CG. The M41 proved itself a very reliable tank. The M41 A3 was used extensively by ARVN armor units during the Vietnam War. The 26-ton M41 A3 could do 45 mph, powered by a Continental air-cooled supercharged 500 HP engine, and had a crew of 4. Armament featured a 76mm main gun augmented by .50 and .30 caliber machine guns. The Walker Bulldog was the first U. S. tank to have a bore fume extractor (located at the end of the main gun tube just short of the blast deflector). 5,500 M41 tanks were built by General Motors in the early 1950s.

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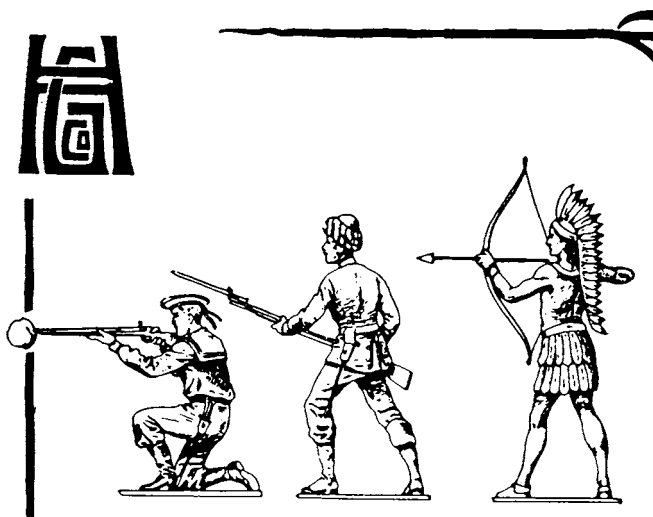
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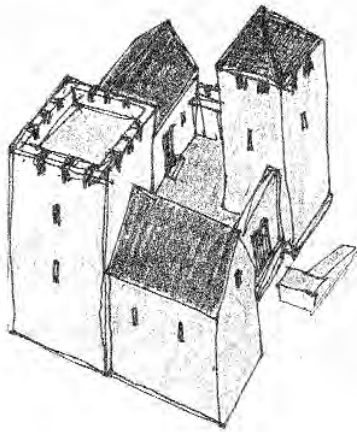
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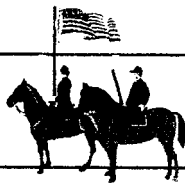
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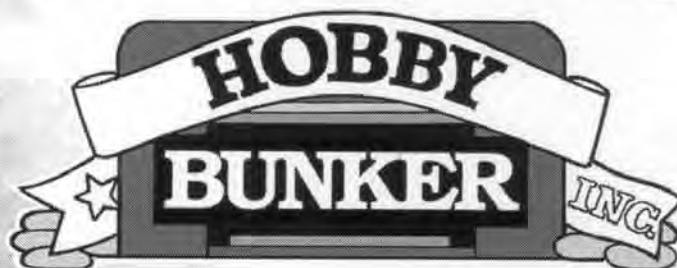
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**May 20 - Thursday.** Christies ,South Kensington London. Toy Soldier auction including the William Young Carman Collection of Toy Soldiers and Figures. Contact Hugo Marsh. 011 44 207 752 3274. Email hmarsh@christies.com See Advertisement and Auction Preview in this issue.

**June 2 - Wednesday.** Bonhams Toy Soldier Sale. Knightsbridge Salerooms. London. Contact Leigh Gotch. E mail leigh.gotch@bonhams.com See Advertisement and Auction Preview in this issue.

**June 6 - Sunday.** The New Jersey Toy Soldier, Military and Miniature Figure Show and Sale – Special Spring Edition. 9am-3pm. Holiday Inn 283 Route 17 South Habrouk Heights, New Jersey. Contact Ed Gries 201 342 6475

**June 10 - Thursday.** Vectis Toy Soldier Auction – The Thomas Roy Power collection. Vectis Headquarters. Thornaby, Stockton on Tees. Contact Peter Rumsey or Simon Clark 011 44 1642 750616 Email simon.clark@vectis.co.uk

**June 12 - Saturday.** Heart of the South Toy Soldier Show and Sale. Annandale VFD Community Center. 7128 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia. Contact Bill Harlowe 703 878 2922, Ed Gries 201 342 6475.

**June 26 - Saturday.** British Toy Soldier and Figure Show. Royal National Hotel. Bedford Way (Russell Square) London. Contact Debbie Cockerill at Vectis Telephone 44(0) 1642 750616. EMail admin@vectis.co.uk www.vectis.co.uk

**June 26 - Saturday.** Chicago Antique & Collectible Toy and Doll Show. Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles Illinois. Contact E mail chicagotoyshow@aol.com Telephone 708 457 3888

**July 10 - Saturday.** Annapolis Summer Toy Soldier Show. Loews Hotel. 9am - 3pm Contact 410 268 1141 or Email richsossi@friend.ly.net for show details and Hotel address, or for room reservations call 410 263 7777.

**July 18- Sunday** 11th Michigan Toy Soldier and Historical Miniature Show. Holiday Inn, Livonia, Michigan. Contact infor@michtoy.com or www.michtoy.com

**August 10- Tuesday.** Vectis Toy Soldier and Figure Auction. Vectis Headquarters. Thornaby, Stockton on Tees. Contact Peter Rumsey or Simon Clark 011 44 1642 750616 E mail simon.clark@vectis.co.uk

**August 14 - Saturday.** 12th Annual Southeast Toy Soldier Show. The State Museum, Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Room Rates at the Coliseum Holiday Inn and show information. Contact Dennis Fontana, telephone 803-419-7647.

**August 28- Saturday.** Dan Morphy's Toy, Doll, Holiday and Advertising Show. York Fairgrounds Expo Center PA. Contact Dan Morphy 717 335 3435. E Mail danmorphy@dejazzd.com

**August 29 - Sunday.** The Hudson Valley Regional Toy Soldier, Military Miniature Figure Show and Sale. 9am- 3pm. The Tarrytown Hilton Hotel, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. Contact John Stengel 718 418 9439.

**September 3 & 4 Friday and Saturday.** Denver .PA. 717 335 3435. www.morphyauction.com

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**September 26 - Sunday.** OTSN Incs 24th Annual Chicago Toy Soldier Show. Hyatt Regency.Woodfield. Schaumburg. Illinois. Contact Don Pielin.630 497 1239

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**October 9 and 10 Saturday and Sunday.** German Collectors meeting. Mainz, Germany, Contact Gisbert Freber,(49 170-4520751. E Mail [gisbert.freber@sparkassin-informatik.de](mailto:gisbert.freber@sparkassin-informatik.de)

**October 10 - Sunday.** The Hudson Valley Regional Toy Soldier, Military and Miniature Figure Show and Sale. 9am-3pm.Tarrytown Hilton Hotel,455 South Broadway, Tarrytown. NY.Contact John Stengel 718 418 9439

**October 16 - Saturday.** 6th Springfield Toy Soldier Show. Holiday Inn Express.6401 Brandon Avenue Springfield, Virginia. Contact Donald Case. 248 335 5628. Email [dsptoyssoldiers@aol.com](mailto:dsptoyssoldiers@aol.com)

**October 16 and 17 Saturday and Sunday.** Atlantique City Holiday Megafair.New Atlantic City Convention Center NJ. Contact 800 526 2724.

**October 17 - Sunday.** North East Toy Soldier Society 32nd Toy Soldier Show 9am-3pm.ay Inn. Dedham ,Massachusetts. Contact Arly Pett 978-283-2612. E Mail [Apett92117@aol.com](mailto:Apett92117@aol.com)

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**November 6 - Saturday.** The Toy Soldier Museum Open House and Cellar Sale 10am-4pm. 1343 Paradise Falls. Cresco. PA 18326. Contact Jim Hillestad 570 629 7227 E mail [jimhill@ptd.net](mailto:jimhill@ptd.net) [www.the-toy-soldier.com](http://www.the-toy-soldier.com)

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**December 4 - Saturday.** Heart of the South Toy Soldier Show and Sale. 9am-3pm.Annandale VFD Community Center 7128 Columbia Pike.Annandale Virginia. Contact Bill Harlowe 703 342 6475 or Ed Gries 201 342 6475.

**December 4 - Saturday.** British Toy Soldier and Figure Show. Royal National Hotel.Beford Way (Russell Square) London. Contact Debbie Cockerill at Vectis Telephone 44(0) 1642 750616. EMail [admin@vectis.co.uk](mailto:admin@vectis.co.uk) [www.vectis.co.uk](http://www.vectis.co.uk)

**December 11 - Saturday.** Annapolis Christmas Toy Soldier Show. Loews Hotel.9am-3pm. Contact 410-268-1141 or E Mail [richsossi@friend.ly.net](mailto:richsossi@friend.ly.net) for show information and hotel location. For room reservations call 410-263 7777.

**December 12 - Sunday.** Empire State Toy Soldier Show and Sale .9am -3pm.Adria Hotel.221-17 Northern Boulevard,Bayside, New York. Contact John Stengel 718 418 9439 or Ed Gries 201 342 6475

### **2005**

**January 30-Sunday** 12th Michigan Toy Soldier and Historical Miniature Show. Holiday Inn,Livonia ,Michigan. Contact [infor@michtoy.com](mailto:infor@michtoy.com) or [www.michtoy.com](http://www.michtoy.com)

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