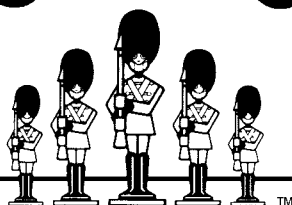


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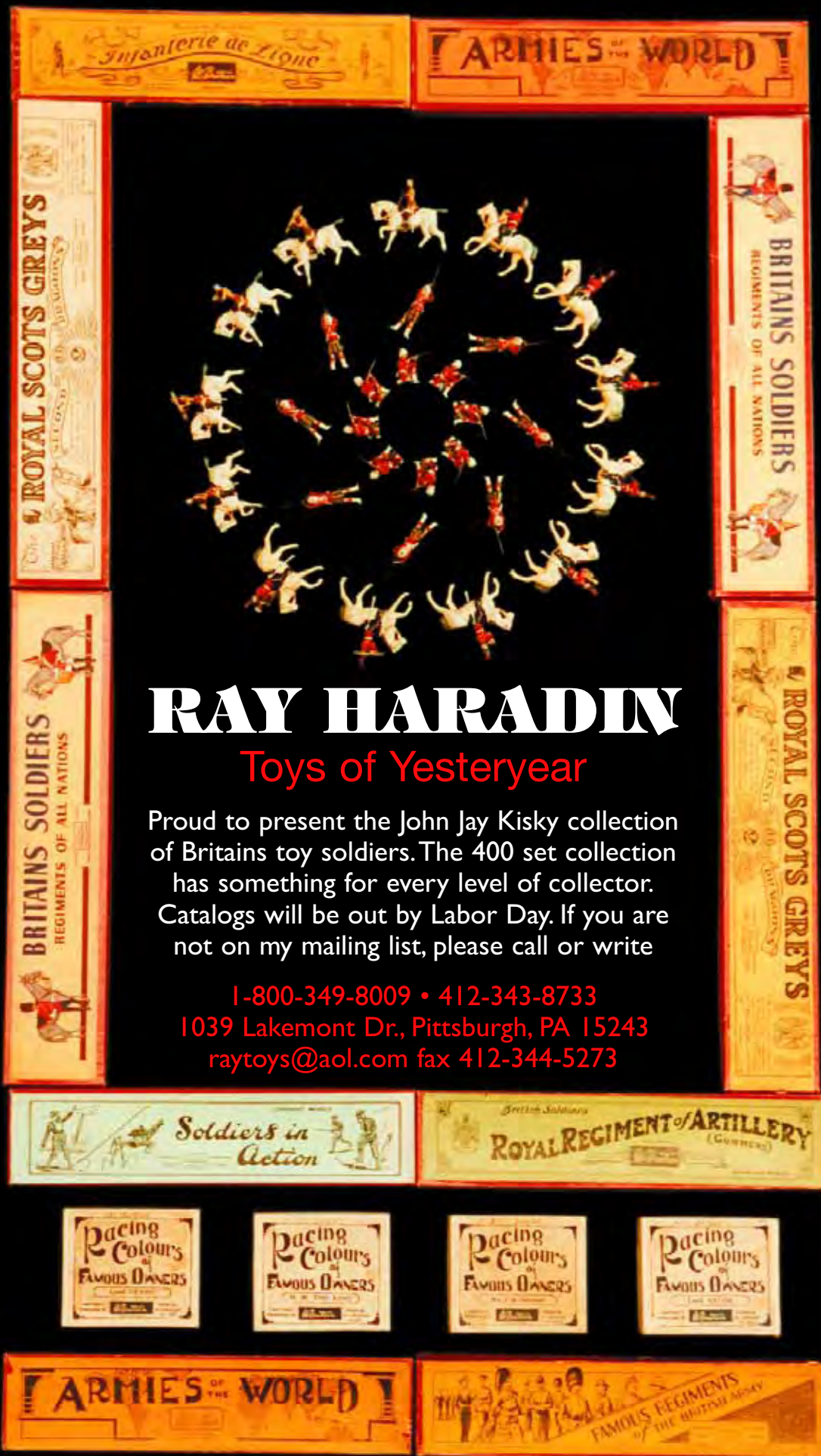
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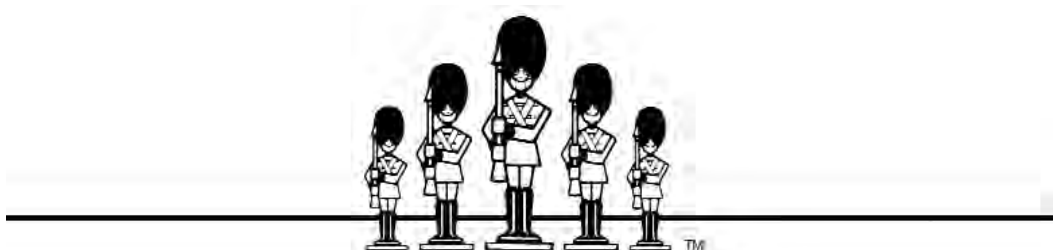
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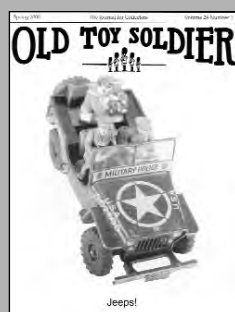


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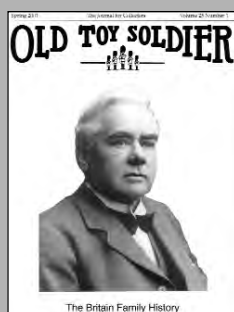


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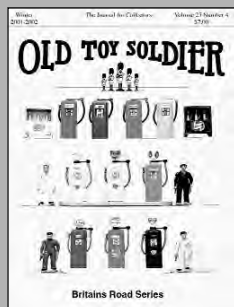
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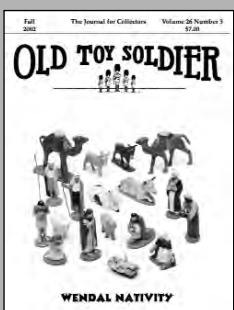
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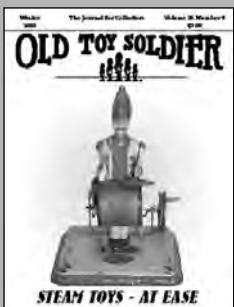
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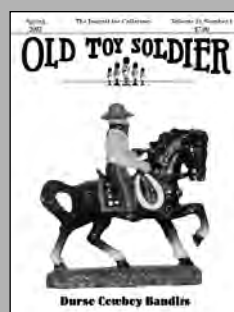


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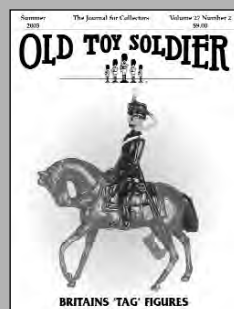


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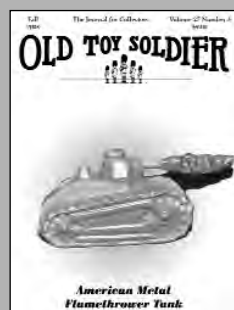
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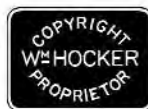
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# Britains Coronation Coach "Special"

*by John Munday*

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It is England and at three thirty in the morning in the east coast City of Norwich I awake to the muffled sound of my carefully covered alarm clock. However my Wife stirs and murmurs "oh no, not another auction" as I try and tip-toe quietly down the stairs to our computer.

The screen flickers into life and I fumble with the keyboard to call up the "Britains" toy soldier site of a well known on-line auction house - now there are only three minutes before the auction ends. I enter an incorrect password and start again and at last, with seconds to go, I register my bid and slump back in my chair. However it is not until I see the reassuring message "Congratulations You Are The Winning Bidder" that I return to bed for what is left of the night. But what have I bought?

Well, a few days earlier I noticed a Britains Coronation Coach being offered for sale in America and although this was not unusual, it was the following description which caught my attention - "BRITAINS BOXED STATE COACH SET NO. 1470 with unusual painted classical motifs on the side panels of the coach".

The very clear photographs of the Coach, taken from several angles, revealed seven differently painted panels - three to each side of the Coach and a narrow painted motif across the front panel. These all apparently portrayed "Greek classical" type scenes, each with tiny figures and although they were undoubtedly attractive and unusual - the question was whether they had originally been painted by Britains in their UK factory or had subsequently been added by an "artistic collector"?

As one of the very useful facilities of on-line auctions is the ability to ask the Seller e-mail questions, I had duly sought his opinion on the apparent authenticity of these mysterious panels. Could there just be a chance that they might be original?

A prompt friendly reply had revealed that the Seller had little knowledge of Britains figures but, on closer inspection, he was of the opinion that the very detailed painting was most probably carried out by an artistic employee of Britains at the time this piece was produced.

And now this Set was on its way "across the pond" - to me !!. However, much to my surprise, awaiting me the next morning was an e-mail from a correspondent I did not know and who clearly thought I was living in America. This kind benefactor told me that he had watched this particular auction with great interest, not as a participant - but simply because he owned a similarly decorated Coach. He had noticed that the Coach I had won did not have a front "see-through-panel" and so he kindly offered me a spare, which he was only too willing to send me without charge.

What a generous offer - all the way from Canada!

His understanding was that when Britains re-introduced the Coronation Coach into their range in 1948, they sent a few specially decorated models to The States for promotional displays in those major stores which sold their range of figures. Consequently these specially painted versions were now very hard to find and certainly this was the first example I had ever seen, having failed to find any trace of it in any of my favourite reference books.

With the March London Toy Soldier Fair fast approaching, I just hoped that this package would arrive in time for me to seek further views from the experts who would be attending and the morning before the Show, it duly arrived! Having removed all the pieces from their box, what features were there which might support my hope of a Britains "find"?

Well:

- \* the traces for the horses clearly dated the coach to 1948 onwards
- \* the Royal Passengers were King George 6th and the Queen Mother which further narrowed the dates from 1948 to 1952 - as in 1953 the coach was occupied by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh
- \* under the base of the box was a small label marked "The Marston Company" which was presumably a US distributor or store - has anyone any further information on this company, please!
- \* the printed price on this label was "9.75 \$" which in 1948 "old" UK currency was Two Pounds Ten shillings - which must have been expensive as my own first weeks salary in 1956 was only £4 !!



## Britains Coronation Coach "Special" (Cont.)

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- \* the rims of all four wheels and two of the front coach struts were painted black which might or might not be original
- \* HOWEVER it was the seven delicately painted coach panels which really caught my eye - so detailed and finely painted that I was reassured that there was now a real possibility that they had been applied by the hand of a Britains "expert".



The following detailed description may assist their identification from the accompanying photographs:

**Along the side of the Coach occupied by the Queen Mother**

First Panel - two figures, one with wings and trumpet

Second Panel - three figures with an angel blowing a trumpet

Third Panel - two figures (panel slightly chipped)

**Across the front of the Coach**

A pastoral scene with four figures

**Along the side of the Coach occupied by King George 6th**

First Panel - a single angel blowing a trumpet

Second panel - three figures in a pastoral scene

Third Panel - two figures

The paint used appears to be oil-based with a matt finish and I suspect that the drying periods may have taken too long for Britains to have used their standard range of high gloss paints.

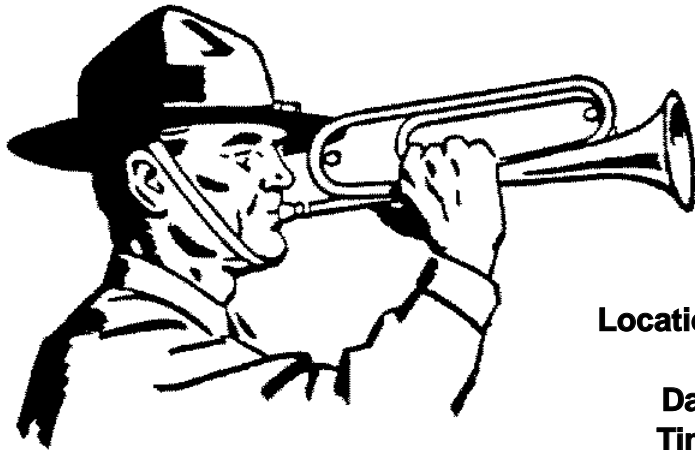
So the next day, carrying my precious parcel, I made the 110 mile journey to Russell Square in London and walked straight to the stand of the well known collector Rob Wilson whose initial response was encouraging. Rob then gave me the welcomed news that Norman Joplin was over at the show from The States and Norman duly appeared and took the Coach away for further inspection and a photographic record. To my delight Norman's view accorded with Rob's - that the painting was authentic Britains, which was supported by the Coach having been manufactured within the critical 1948 to 1952 period. Like myself, neither had previously seen an example or a written record of this Special Painting version.

So after a very full day, I left The Show with a reassuring "glow" knowing that my speculative purchase from thousands of miles away across the ocean, had proved to be the unexpected discovery of an extremely unusual version of one of my favourite Britains models - BRITAINS CORONATION COACH SET 1470. And now I am setting my alarm clock for three thirty tomorrow morning!!!

John Munday

PS If anyone has any further information on or details of their own examples of this decorated Coach then please contact The Editor.





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*Jim Sekerka, a long time collector of Dimestore figures and toy German military vehicles passed away suddenly in March. Jim was a regular at the Chicago, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan shows. He had constructed an extensive W.W.I. diorama using his Manoil, Barclay and Jones figures. Jim was also a craftsman who was able to build a vehicle or artillery piece if it wasn't available in toy form. In addition, he had restored to pristine condition a Modal "A" Ford. He will be missed by his friends in The North Coast Mini-men, a local toy soldier club.*

*A veteran of the 11th. Airborne Division, Jim is survived by his wife Lucy and two daughters.*

*Thanks Ray, I'm sure his wife will appreciate your courtesy as will the local geriatric grenadiers.*

*Tony Teper*



## Toy Soldiers March on Alexandra Palace

Vectis are to move their highly successful toy soldier and figure show to top London venue Alexandra Palace in December.

The show, which for many years has been held in Bloomsbury, at the Royal National Hotel has grown out of all proportion since the company took it over.

“We have always wanted to have a venue that would grow with the show and accommodate the increased numbers of collectors, dealers and members of the public that it attracts and now we have,” said Bryan Goodall the Chairman of Vectis Auctions who run the show which currently takes place three times every year.

Vectis have booked the prestigious West Hall at Alexandra Palace which has some 2,740 square metres of uninterrupted floor space which will give more space for dealers, allow the show to expand still further and also allow for special exhibitions or workshops to be held.

“This exciting new venue will allow us to develop the show still further and we have some interesting ideas in the pipeline,” said Bryan Goodall who added: “This event is very prestigious in the toy soldier calendar and attracts dealers and collectors from around the world.

The December event will be held on Saturday December 4th.

Bryan Goodall said: “As from next year we will be holding two “bumper” shows in June and December and the March event will be dropped.”

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### Passing on Parade

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# SHOW REPORT

## Kane County - April 2004

*by Norman Joplin*

The Antique Toy and Doll Show at Chicago's Kane County Fairgrounds can always be relied on to produce a wide selection of old toy soldiers. Well known dealers from Chicago and surrounding areas are always in attendance.



Earl Jorgensen continuing his search for German Boxed Sets with Trademarks



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# SHOW REPORT

## 2004 Ohio Toy Soldier Show

*by Michael Mattimore*

On Sunday, May 17th, toy soldier enthusiasts of every persuasion congregated in Hudson, Ohio for the 12th annual Ohio Toy Soldier Show & Sale. Hudson, a small town conveniently located mid-way between Cleveland and Akron, was selected because of its easy accessibility for collectors coming from either city. This was the first year for the show in its new venue, the Holiday Inn on state route 8, close by exit #180 of the Ohio Turnpike (I-80). Previously, this show had been held "up the road" in Richfield, but show organizer Doug McClure felt it was time to move to a newer, larger and better location. With dealer participation on the rise, the show had simply outgrown its former venue. (At last year's show, some dealers had to set up in the lobby area outside the ballroom.) Of course, any move to new quarters rarely goes perfectly smoothly; unfortunately, there were a few initial glitches that forced some dealers to improvise last-minute changes to their displays. Table depth was only 24 inches, somewhat of a shock to dealers who usually count on an approximate depth of 30 inches or so. Lighting was also a problem; it tended to be very uneven, with one or two dark spots here and there that prompted some good-natured grumbling about miner's headlamps and flashlights. However, Doug has promised to do all that he can to rectify these problems for future shows; certainly, the advantages of the new location far outweigh these few minor difficulties.

Variety has always been the keyword for this show; an impressive range of merchandise, both old and new, was on offer at the well-stocked tables. There were Britains of every era, from a rare, early set of the Yorks & Lancs in Boer-War khaki to a plethora of postwar sets in their shiny red "ROAN" boxes. Dimestores, Mignots, Heydes and Marx were on hand for collectors with a yen for vintage figures, while a striking assortment of mint, tied-in Hocker sets, contemporary plastics of all descriptions, Bob Hornung's exquisite knights and a number of finely-crafted Russian miniatures were there for those who prefer the work of contemporary manufacturers.

As one might expect, Midwest dealers predominate at a regional show of this type. Familiar faces included my fellow Buckeyes Calvin Plowman, K. Warren Mitchell, Rod Chapman, Gail & Tony Teper of Cleveland's The Toy Box and Toledo's own Joe Saine. Barry Carter and Don Haberman were on hand as well, along with John Hazlett from nearby West Virginia. Other dealers in attendance included Russ Salberg, Bert Floyd, Rich Morenz, Bob Stanley and Jim Holland. Several Easterners also made the long trek to Ohio. Well-known dealer and show promoter Ed Gries from Hackensack, New Jersey, and Matt Murphy from The Hobby Bunker in Malden, Massachusetts both traveled a considerable distance to do the show, as they have done for the past several years.

Sales were generally good throughout the day and were particularly brisk for dealers in the older figures. There seemed to be a steady influx of customers for the greater part of the day, confirmed by promoter Doug McClure. Although this year's gate was only slightly higher than previous years at the old Richfield venue, at least there wasn't a fall-off in attendance, often a problem when shows change location. All who made it to the new venue, whether dealer or collector, agreed that this year's event was, despite a few "opening-night" glitches, an unqualified success. Doug was also happy to report that another advantage to the new location is that the show will now take place on the same weekend every year (the third Sunday in May). Further details on next year's show may be obtained by calling Doug McClure at (330) 722-6751 or by emailing him at: [dmcclure1@zoominternet.net](mailto:dmcclure1@zoominternet.net)



# SHOW REPORT

## 2004 M.F.C.A. Show & Mart

*by Michael Mattimore*

Once again, the end of April found collectors and hobbyists congregating in the Northwest Philadelphia suburbs near Valley Forge for the sixty-third annual M.F.C.A. Show & Mart. (Is that possible? Has it really been sixty-three years? Amazing! Congratulations, guys!) From its earliest days back in Chester, this has been a mainstay of the show circuit, predating many other well-known shows in the East and Midwest. A mecca for toy soldier and miniature figure enthusiasts from all over the country, the show is and has always

been sponsored by the hardworking folks of the Miniature Figure Collectors of America.

This show is absolutely unique; it is the one show in the country that caters to both toy soldier collectors AND miniature figure modelers. Here one can find everything from the crudest wartime composition Dimestore pieces to the most hyper-realistic ("dirt under the fingernails") 120 mm miniature masterpieces. And, falling between these two extremes, an enormous range of figures of every conceivable type is on offer to the discriminating buyer. It is a show where the necessary supplies for the avid do-it-yourself are available in abundance. Paints, brushes, display materials, reference works, vintage prints, in fact any-



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Thomas Finck with a recent Lineol Composition Publication  
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## SHOW REPORT (Cont.)

thing a dedicated hobbyist might require can be found on the well-stocked tables of the King of Prussia Convention Center. A particular highlight of the show for M.F.C.A. members is always the club's annual competition and display of the members' efforts, a chance for them to show off their accomplishments to their fellow modelers. But for most dealers and collectors, the real action is on the show floor during the two days that the show is open.

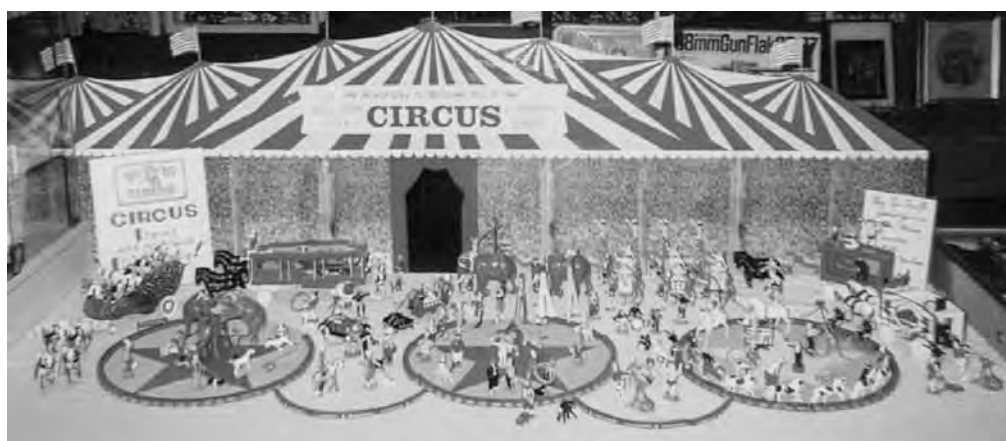
The roll-call of dealers and collectors in attendance reads like a "Who's Who" list of the toy soldier and miniature figure world. Bill Graver from Counterpane, Matt Murphy from The Hobby Bunker, Rich Dutkins, Mike Rosso and Thomas Fink all were there. Also on hand were well-known castle collector Peter Clark, Joe Wallis, with his



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Bill Graver - Counterpane



Bob Emmon's impressive Big Show Circus Display



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## SHOW REPORT (Cont.)



The guys from Greens Collectibles - See ad in this issue



Britains O.T.S. contributor and author Joe Wallis

charming display of vintage Britains civilian items, and all the folks from Greens Collectibles. Christian and Amy Keller showed old Britains, Mignots, and a fantastic assortment of lovely old MIMs in near-mint condition. The author brought samples from a mint collection of tied-in-the-box Hockers, while Bill Coakley had an impressive array of Heydes, Britains and composition figures. Ron Ruddell was there, along with Bill Conover, Jack Rossman and Pat Nicholson. Jim Hillestad of the Toy Soldier, as well as Tom Litras, Bill O'Brien and Ed Wilson all had intriguing displays. Ben Michel had an impressive batch of old Mignots and Vertunnis while plastics of every description were in abundance, particularly on the overflowing tables of Ed Gries and Joe Saine. And the list goes on and on...

So, mark your calendars now for next year's show when, once again, all roads (both toy and miniature) lead to King of Prussia, Pennsylvania!



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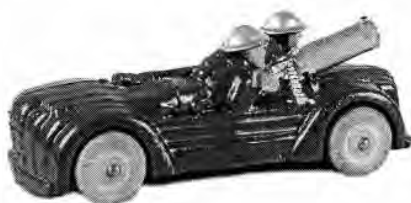
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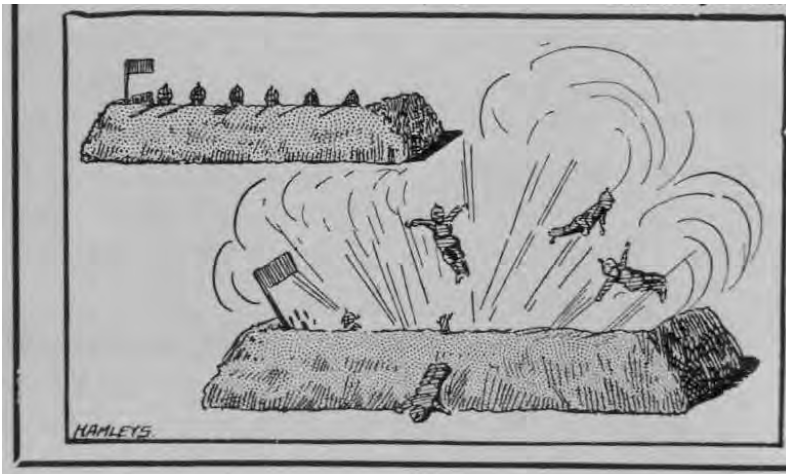
Britains Exploding Trench.

Patented in 1915 Britains Exploding Trench did not appear in any Britains Catalog, it was a short lived set and examples are extremely rare.

The accompanying photograph shows the Trench with original box.

A Union Jack Flag in lead is placed at the left of the Trench and when hit by a projectile, possibly Britains 4.7 Naval Gun, the flag triggers a mechanism which "Throws" the figures out of the Trench.

Games and Toys Magazine of July 1915 shows a line drawing of the Trench which appears in a Hamleys Toy Store advertisement (see Photo)



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Issued by Birmingham Model Eng. Co. the "Tessted" Series Drill Board and Soldiers was also featured in the same Hamleys Toy Store advertisement and shows a number of as yet unidentified Soldiers.





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# BRITAINS AIRCRAFT SERIES PART ONE

*By William J. Miele*

During the first 10 years of collecting toy soldiers, my collection had no area of concentration. Essentially, I purchased what I liked and whatever caught my fancy. The collection had Britains Ltd. and Mignot toy figures, Courtneys, a selection of then-current manufacturers and hundreds of connoisseur figures in sizes ranging from 50 MM to 180 MM. It was a real conglomeration. As a child I collected Britains figures and gradually over time the collection began to gain some focus. In the mid 1970's, I was exclusively collecting Britains figures with a concentration on military models. Some time during that period I became interested in Britains aeroplanes. Because of their great cost, I had not purchased any to that date. Finally, I couldn't stand it any more and had to have a plane regardless of the cost. The first aeroplane purchased came from Phil Murray, an Akron attorney, and was a beautiful boxed RAF square wing monoplane set #433 originally introduced in 1931. At the time the price seemed quite high at \$900. Reluctantly, I paid what Phil was asking and had my first little silver baby. I cherished that plane and for a while it was the center-



Bill Miele



Square Wing Monoplane #433 with box.



RAF Biplane #1521 with box.

say much because Donald did most of the bragging. Donald is very charming and he handled Arnold's public relations with great skill. Together they formed a third personality that was irresistible. Most guys fantasized about girls in French maid uniforms, hell all I thought about was aeroplanes.

In 1986 while at the OTSN show in Chicago, Arnold told me he was prepared to sell his airplanes, all 10 of them, as he wanted to buy a condo on the Gulf of Mexico. The following week I traveled to Houston prepared to conclude a deal. A purchase of all 10, including a Bristol Beaufighter prototype (one of only two in existence), the Short Monoplane Flying Boat, and a camouflaged plane considered to be the holy grail of Britains aeroplanes since it is the only known example.

piece of a still growing collection. It had silver wings and fuselage, brown propeller, red, white and blue tail markings and large RAF roundels on the wings both top and bottom. No roundels were on the fuselage. The pilot, in a seated position, had an olive flying suit with brown collar, black gloves and brown boots. The plane had a 6" fuselage, 9" wingspan and could be suspended by a wire from an eye in the fuselage and a hole in the tail to simulate flight. It was displayed with the box that converted to a hangar with gabled roof.

Encouraged by Arnold Rolak and Colonel Donald R. Pudney, my interest in Britains aeroplanes continued to grow. Arnold had 10 aeroplanes, the largest concentration in the collecting world. Man was I jealous. It didn't seem fair for one individual to have so many, even though he was quite modest about it. He didn't have to



Army Co-Operation Autogiro with box.



## BRITAINS AIRCRAFT SERIES PART ONE (Cont.)



U.S. Military Monoplane #435 in olive green.

1988 when Brian Starling's catalog listed three colour aeroplanes, RAF in red and yellow and US in dark metallic blue. All were post-war models complete with original boxes, smaller than the pre-war variety. The post-war boxes were filled with paper packing strips and did not convert to hangars. The boxes were identified by standard Britains labels. I paid a ton for these models, Brian not being very negotiable or compassionate. After these treasures, I was able to find a few more colour airplanes including a light blue RAF monoplane once owned by Burt Ehelich and pictured on page 201 in *The Art of the Toy Soldier*.

There are two schools of thought regarding what the aeroplane colours represented. One school believes that the colours had significance, i.e. light blue and light grey represented civilian aircraft, red Indian Air Force yellow trainers and so on. The other believes that Britains painted them with whatever colours were available at that time. I subscribe to that theory. After all, these



RAF Monoplane #433 in blue.

even the monoplane painted in camouflage. This production model was purchased in the early 1940's from Halle Brothers department store located in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. It remained with the original buyer until 1980 when it was acquired by K. Warren Mitchell and placed on his quarterly list. Colonel Pudney purchased this extremely rare item from Mitchell and then gave it to his good friend and fellow Bermuda Horse member, Arnold Rolak. It should be noted that during every armed conflict this noble regiment was stood down. Had this been a special commission item, it would not have been for sale in a retail establishment.

Now with 11 aeroplanes I felt like Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Tedder. Rolak and Pudney definitely knew how to qualify a prospect. I was hooked and began to search for aircraft with a vengeance. During the next few years I bought planes and autogiros from Gus Hansen, Lenor Josey, Sigfredo Martinez, Elliot Niemerof and Ray Haradin. From Charles Biggs I purchased the original brass prototype for set #1392 the Civilian Autogiro. The air fleet now consisted of 24 models, 15 of them in their original boxes. I had more money in Britains aeroplanes than in my 401(K) plan. During this collecting spree, the big moment came in



U.S. Military Monoplane #435 in yellow with box.

were children's toys. Colour aeroplanes were produced, except for the camouflage, in the immediate post-war years of 1946-1947 and often came equipped with large black vehicle tires. A few early examples came with the standard smooth white tires typical of pre-war models.

In recent years, Britains' specials, done to order for individual collectors, have become very much sought after. Colour aeroplanes are not considered to be specials. Rather they are standard models painted to a normal standard in a typical colour. This is true of



Top - (left to right) RAF Monoplanes  
light blue and yellow  
Bottom - (left to right) RAF Monoplane  
and US Monoplane dark blue



## BRITAINS AIRCRAFT SERIES PART ONE (Cont.)

Colour airplanes rank right up there in desirability and rarity with the Beaufighter prototype and the Short Monoplane Flying Boat set #1520 of which there are only five known examples with one of those being a repaint. Of set #1520's large and beautiful orange/yellow box, only two have survived. Fortunately, the majority of colour airplanes in existence are in pretty good shape with many of them considered to be excellent. These magnificent aeroplanes are among the most attractive of all items ever produced by Britains Ltd. and remain part of the history and fabric of that great company. Should you have one, treasure it because they aren't making any more.

### BRITAINS AIRCRAFT CHRONOLOGY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Set Numbers</u>	<u>Production Model Description</u>
1931	433 and 435	RAF and US Square Wing Monoplane Introduced
1932	434 and 436	RAF and US Monoplane with Aircraftsmen Introduced
1935	1392	Civilian Autogiro Introduced
1936	1431	British Army Cooperative Autogiros Introduced
1937	433, 434, 435, and 436	Square Wings Replaced with Round Wings
1937	1521 and 1525	RAF and US Biplanes Introduced
1937	1520	Short Monoplane Flying Boat Introduced
1940	1899	US Army Autogiro Introduced
1941		Aeroplane Production Ceases, Switch to War Material
1946	N/A	*Bristol Beaufighter Prototype Developed
1946	433 and 435	RAF and US Colour Monoplanes Introduced
1947		Aeroplane Production Ceases

\*See Opie, Great Book of Britains, Page 365.

### BRITAINS AEROPLANES POST-WAR COLOURS

<u>Set No.</u>	<u>Armed Service</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Known Examples</u>	<u>Box Type</u>
433	RAF	Silver	Military	34	Pre-War
433	RAF	Camouflage	Military	1	Pre-War
433	RAF	Yellow	Trainer	1	Transitional
433	RAF	Dark Blue	Military	7	Post-War
433	RAF	Light Blue	Civilian	5	Post-War
433	RAF	Light Grey*	Civilian	3	Post-War
433	RAF	Light Green	Military	2	Post-War
433	RAF	Red	Indian Forces	2	Post-War
433	RAF	Orange	Commonwealth	1	
435	US	Olive	Military	23	Pre-War
435	US	Green	Military	6	Pre-War
435	US	Yellow	Trainer	1	Transitional
435	US	Dark Blue	Military	8	Post-War

\*See *The Art of the Toy Soldier*, page 201.





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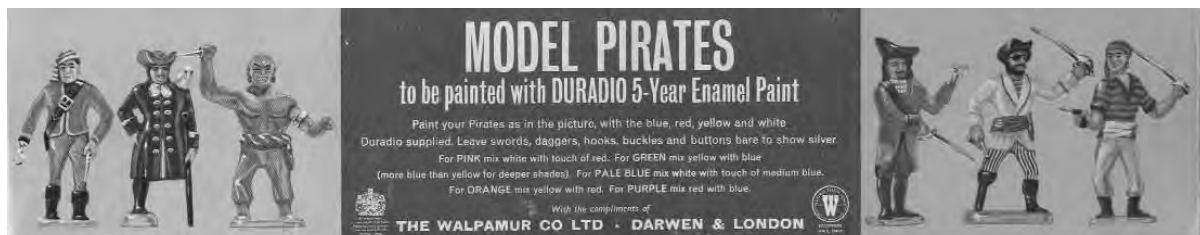
Hill closed it's factory in Burnley Lancashire in 1960 and a number of former Hill employees started a new company named Phoenix Plastics.

Phoenix did convert a number of the Hollow Cast Toy Soldier and Figure Molds for use with Plastic Injection methods and some Plastic Pirates were produced for a short period.

The Walpamur Wallpaper and Paint Company, whose factory was in Darwin Lancashire issued a number of complimentary promotional sets of figures to the decorating trade.

The set illustrated contains six Pirates Plastic in three poses, six Pirates are illustrated on the label of the box which also contains four paint tins and two brushes.

Not many of these sets could have been issued as Phoenix survived for only a short period of time.



Poplar Plastics "rubber" Pirate Boy. A Pirate Girl was also issued by the same company.

Charbens issued this RARE set of Plastic Sir Francis Drake Figures, the accompanying photo is believed to be the only boxed example to come to light since it's manufacture in 1962.

Charbens had previously issued a set of naval figures entitled Sailors Past and Present, three of the figures from this set are included in the Sir Francis Drake set along with other specially designed figures depicting Sir Francis Drake and Richard Trevelyan.

The 1962 Film series made for Independent Television in the UK obviously prompted the release of this set, twenty six thirty minute episodes were made starring Terence Morgan in the title role.

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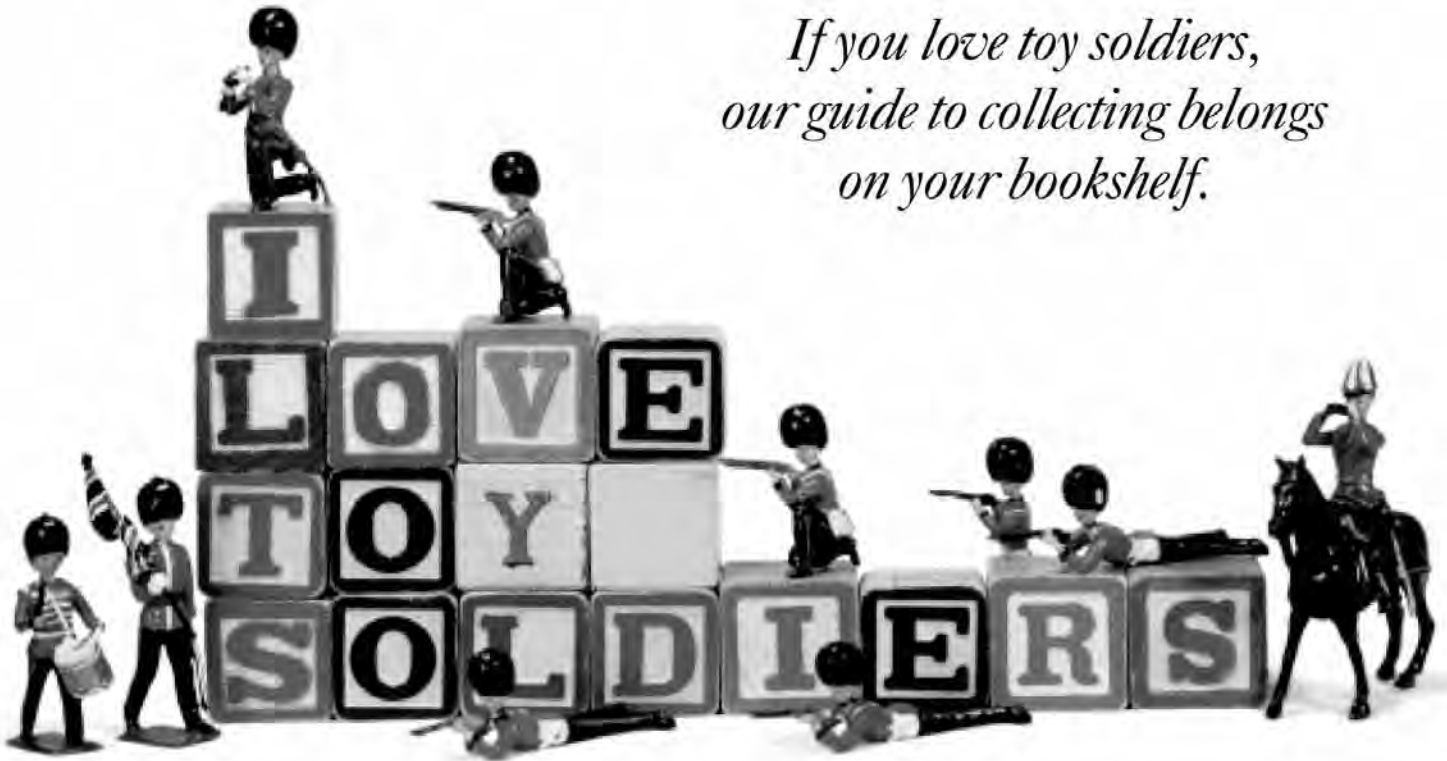


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## Christies Toy Soldier Auction 20th of May 2004

*by Rob Wilson*

### Christies, 20th May

The Christies sale in May was also combined with other fine toys. Although not as large a sale as the Bonhams one, it featured the collection of the famous author and collector William Carmen. The first 200 lots showed the wide range of figures he collected over a period of over 70 years, including Britains, Courtenay, Lucotte, Allegeyer, Heyde and other German manufacturers, and much more.

Pride of place in the catalogue was given to figures designed by Carmen himself. After training at Richmond Art School and following war service in the Royal Artillery, Carmen developed and introduced his own range of figures in 1947. These focused primarily upon British military history. The range was sold through quality outlets such as Hamleys of London. While at the time they were very highly regarded, they now appear a little crude compared to the work of Courtenay, Ping, Stadden and Greenwood & Ball. Covering the period from the Crusades, to Waterloo, 8 mixed lots of Bill's own figures retained in his personal collection, were the subject of competitive bidding, most being knocked down to an anonymous absentee bidder, who seemed determined to get hold of a little piece of Toy Soldier history.

Other sections of the sale also attracted considerable interest, including a large collection of boxed and unboxed Britains military figures. Highlights from this section were boxed sets # 176, Austro-Hungarian Dragoons and # 322 Fifes & Drums of the Coldstream Guards. Rare plastics, including Britains Lilliput and civilian items in original packaging also attracted lots of interest. There were also a number of quality civilian lead items, such as a Crescent Childrens' Garden Tea Party in its original box. Courtenay knights and related figures, made up almost 30 lots. Top hammer price amongst the Courtenays was the £350 paid for a mounted Black Prince. This was made originally as a relatively cheap souvenir for the Token House, Windsor. How times change!

Surprise of the day was however reserved for a mixed lot of Holgar Eriksson/SAE figures. Estimated at £180-220, the lot of 56 figures finally went under the hammer for no less than £2,200, to a large round of applause. Given that Christies now charge a whopping 23 % commission (including VAT), the eventual buyer was faced with a very substantial bill! Interviewed after the event, a somewhat dazed bidder confessed that there had just been a few rare pieces in the lot that had tempted him to keep going, despite the determination of an overseas telephone bidder!

The next Christies sale is scheduled for the 5th of October.



William Carman Napolionics



## Bonhams Toy Soldier Auction 2nd of June 2004

*by Rob Wilson*

### Bonhams, 2nd June 2004

In the case of Bonhams, the May/June Toy sale was the first to include a comprehensive selection of Figures since November 2003. Featuring almost 700 lots, the sale was based around items from a number of collections, including those of the late Alexander (Lex) Hanna, Frederick Tatman and many others.

Rather unusually, the honour of the cover illustration for the catalogue was taken by a repainted set of Britains figures. Fred Tatum, ex Grenadier Guardsman and member of the British Model Soldier Society, specialised in mounting large displays and exhibitions, focusing upon the spectacle and pageantry of the various Foot Guards regiments in full dress. Most of his figures were conversions and repaintings of Britains castings, finely yet simply executed, in a style fully compatible with Britains own "special paintings". While perhaps not in quite the same class as a "Freddie Green", whose conversions are now highly prized by collectors, Fred's work stands comparison with the best work on massed displays that has been produced by members of the BMSS over the years. It was no surprise therefore that this particular part of the sale attracted considerable interest. Perhaps more surprising was the fact that some of the very same items were very soon after being offered on eBay!



Britains Paris Office English Cavalry

With such a large sale, there was plenty for all tastes. Fine old Britains in original condition were well represented, with some very nice boxed sets, including Spanish Cavalry and South Australian Lancers, both of which attracted considerable interest. A major highlight was a previously unrecorded set of 5 Paris Office Indian cavalry (although these were similar to the damaged piece featured in an article in this magazine last year, they depicted a different regiment). These eventually went under the hammer for £1900. A group of 7 English cavalry at the halt, also from the Paris Office, went for £1300.

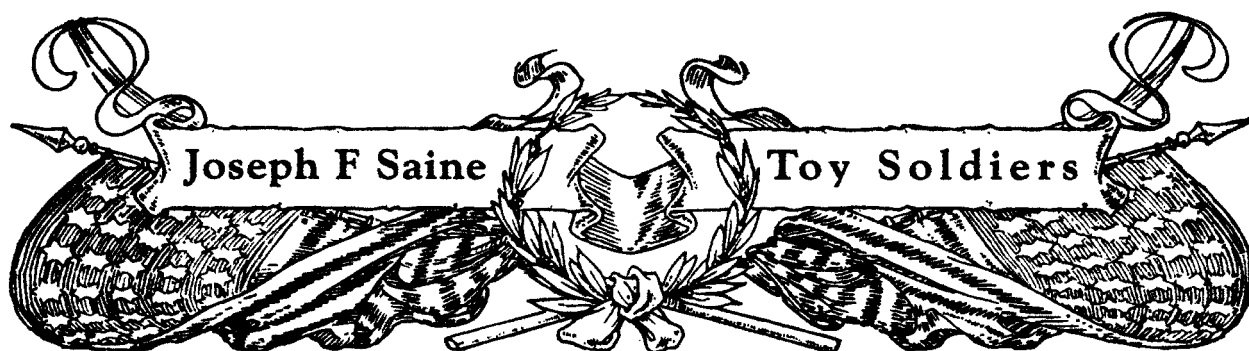
Heyde, CBG Mignot and other continental European manufacturers were also well represented. Pride of place went to a very fine boxed American Tank Attack, originally sold through F. A. O. Schwartz. Composition, plastic and civilian collectors were also well served, with a number of rare and highly desirable items in each category.



The next Bonhams sale is scheduled to take place on the 24th of November.

This Band of the Irish Guards mass display by Frederick Tatum, led the line in the Bonhams May/June sale, eventually being knocked down for £215 (excluding commission).





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Peter Cowan hopes to have copies of the book available at the Old Toy Soldier Show in Chicago this September.

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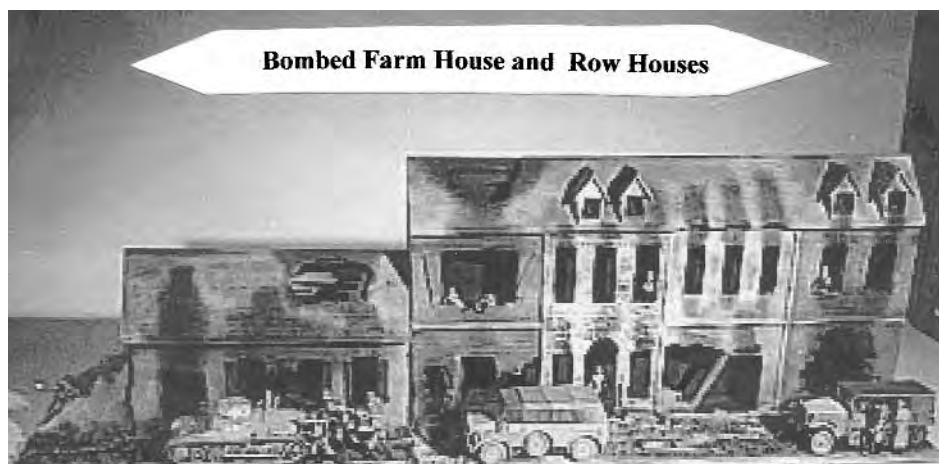


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# BOOK REVIEW

## Spielzeugsoldaten Lineol-Band 1

by Fritz W. Preibsch

Reviewed by Russ Bednarek

The production of composition giants Lineol and Elastolin are well documented in a number of books. Composition collectors now have the opportunity to add to their library another excellent reference, "Spielzeugsoldaten Lineol-Band 1".

Author Fritz W. Preibsch has written a wonderful photo reference/price guide of Lineol figures produced up to 1945. Volume 1 deals with Lineol's Frühe Series, 90mm, 75mm, 65mm, and 45mm series. Army, Marine, Cavalry, Musicians and more are extensively covered.

The beauty of this book lies in the easy to use format, even with the German text. Each chapter is devoted to a particular scale, and each chapter is further divided into specific sub-chapters. For example, the 75mm series begins with the Generalität und Offizierskorps, then Fahnen-träger, continues with Parade- und Marschfiguren, and so on.

A typical sub-chapter page contains four to six color photographs per page, each of a different figure. Under each photograph the following information is provided; date of production, current price range, (in Euros), and an indicator (arrow), of future value. An arrow pointing up indicates a rising value, arrow down, declining value, and a horizontal arrow denotes stable value.

Softbound, with 260 pages and hundreds of color photographs, "Spielzeugsoldaten Lineol-Band 1" is a definite "must have" for all composition collectors. Enthusiasts should not be deterred by the German text, as the photos and accompanying dates and value indicators are easy to understand.

Those wishing to obtain a copy for their library may contact the Michigan Toy Soldier Company. If you plan to attend the OTSN Show, September 24-26, 2004, make sure you find the room of composition dealer Thomas Finck, as he should have copies available.

A review of "Spielzeugsoldaten Lineol-Band 2", is planned for the next issue of OTS.



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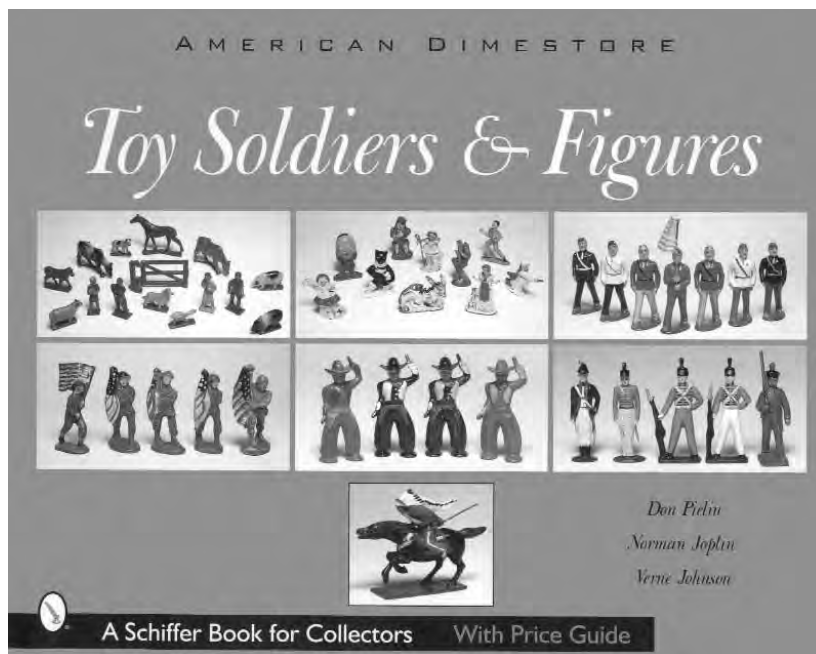
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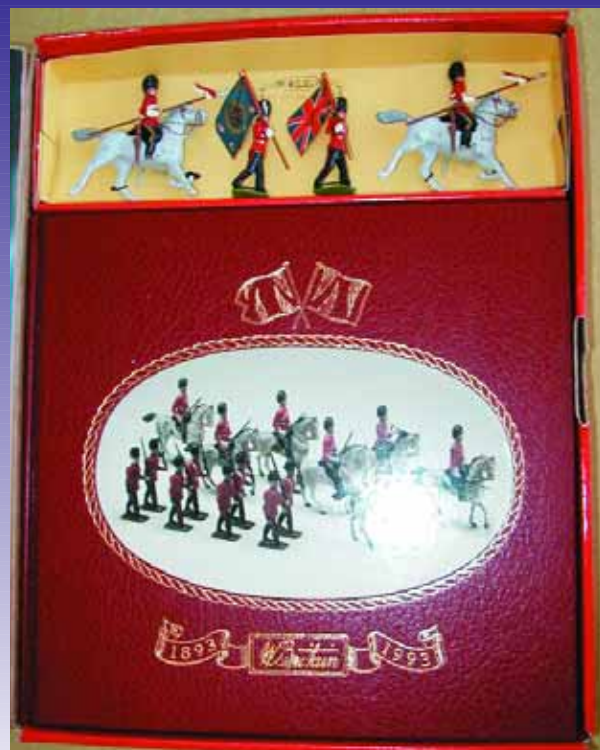
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# A FIELD TRIP TO HEYDE'S ZOO

*By Robert Phillips*

Zoos have captivated children and adults alike for hundreds of years. Before the advent of film, television and the Internet, exotic beasts from far off lands lived mostly in book illustrations and stories. By the mid nineteenth century photography had captured images of these creatures, creating even more wonder and curiosity. Aside from the occasional circus coming to town, experiencing these animals first hand was reserved for those who lived or visited large cities, where zoos were typically located. Due to their scarce availability for most, zoos remained curiously popular attractions.

It was during this time that German toy maker Georg Heyde & Co. of Dresden, began the production of lead figures. Heyde manufactured and cataloged an extensive range of figures that were marketed worldwide. Heyde figures and sets were extremely popular for several reasons. First, they represented a wide range of topics from current and historic events, famous battles and regiments, favorite pastimes and fictional characters. Secondly, they could be made to represent virtually any army from any nation during any period in history. The play value of Heyde toys was only limited by one's imagination. Through these marvelous toys, children and adults were able to vicariously experience their dreams. If you wanted to command the Roman Army, stand with Napoleon at Waterloo, hunt buffalo in the Great Plains or sail to the South Pole, Heyde made it possible. Heyde also allowed you to take a field trip to the zoo without leaving the comfort of your home.

By the early 1900's, several European toy figure manufacturers had begun marketing zoo items in their catalogs. The Heyde catalog listed four "Zoological Garden" sets, each including cages, animals, people, fencing and accessories. Menagerie sets of zoo animals in two sizes were also produced. Mignot of France, Pfeiffer of Austria and Elastolin of Germany were among several other continental manufacturers who offered assortments of animals, cages and enclosures. These sets were marketed all over the world, not only for play but for educational purposes as well. William Britians and the other famous English toy soldier firms eventually produced zoological lines, however their productions didn't commence until the late 1920's.



One of Heyde's most remarkable sets was Zoological Garden #1345. It was the third largest of four sets in Heyde's catalog of 1913. It cost 216 gold marks, a small fortune to the middle-class family of the day. The set included seven main enclosures with exotic animals, along with all the accessories needed

to stimulate a child's imagination. The pieces were sewn neatly to a tie-card and nestled upon a layer of straw that was then placed inside a large paper-covered wood box.

Each enclosure was made of tinplate and painted by hand. Some had removable cage fronts that were cast from lead alloy. A sheet of paper labels with instructions accompanied each set as well. The labels were designed to be cutout and glued to corresponding cages and accessories, and served as miniature zoo signs. They were printed in a variety of languages depending on the country of origin.

Heyde is known to have contracted the production of certain items with other toy firms in Europe at the time.





## A FIELD TRIP TO HEYDE'S ZOO (Cont.)

Tinplate barracks buildings were supplied to Heyde by Rock & Graner. "Best Quality" cannons were made by Marklin, and music box mechanisms used in the mechanical bandstands were supplied by Reuge of Switzerland. It is quite possible that Heyde outsourced the manufacture of these small tinplate zoo enclosures to another firm. Set 1345 contains the following:

The *Zoo Entrance* is comprised of a tinplate banner attached to wire rods inserted into 2 modified fence sections. A large paper "Zoological Garden" sign adorned the tinplate banner as well as a small admission price notice. A tinplate ticket booth also accompanies the entrance.

The *Elephant House* is a rectangular structure with two large sliding doors across the front. Four cage door castings from the lion and bear enclosures are utilized to make a "U-shaped" cage front.



The *Monkey Cage* is a half round, screen- front structure with sliding rear door. Inside the cage is a removable lead tree with tin base. Attached to the tree are several monkeys in various states of play.

The *Giraffe Cage* is a tall rectangular structure with large sliding cage front. Inside against the back wall, eye-level to the giraffe, is a feed trough. Different cage door designs exist.





## A FIELD TRIP TO HEYDE'S ZOO (Cont.)



The *House of Beasts of Prey* is a large rectangular structure with three removable cage doors. It is divided into three separate compartments and home to an African lion and lioness, and a Royal Bengal Tiger.

The *Bear Cage* is a small box enclosure with removable cage front. The paint scheme is similar to the Beasts of Prey cage. Both the Russian Brown Bear and white bear occupy this domain.



The *Dromedary and South French Goat* enclosure is a cabin-like structure with two open entries and a covered feeding trough. Above the main entrance is a pair of lead antlers. Fencing placed around the enclosure provided for a “petting zoo” style display however a small sign warns against “teasing the animals”.

The set also includes a reptile cage that has managed to elude me to this point. The catalog illustration depicts the cage as rectangular with a flat roof, comparable in size to the Elephant House with two hinged doors.

Several animals accompany the set including an Adult Elephant, Baby Elephant, Giraffe, White Bear, Russian Brown Bear, Dromedary, African Goat, Crocodile, Lion, Lioness, Lion Cub, Tiger, Bengal Tiger, Water Buffalo, Fox, Ostrich and Zebra. Open-air perches mounted on ornately crafted Victorian pedestals display monkeys and cockatiels. Other accessories include a quantity of large rail fencing for the perimeter, smaller rail fencing for constructing additional compounds, trees, bushes, zookeepers and of course, captivated patrons.

Zoological Garden #1345 is but one of many fascinating creations produced by George Heyde & Co. Like so many of Heyde's sets, it serves as a snapshot of bygone days. It offers-up a timeless glimpse of innocence set among simpler times. Somewhat refreshing isn't it?





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# CANADIAN WWII CARDBOARD AND PAPER TOYS

*By Jack Matthews*

Ten years ago, I wrote a whole book<sup>1</sup>, on WWII military toys, the majority of which were made of cardboard and paper. Categories included hundreds of colorful punchout and cutout cardboard and paper items and board games. Only one chapter dealt with similar items from non-occupied allied countries such as Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Since that time, mostly via eBay, I've acquired a bunch more.

From these more recent acquisitions I've got to believe that Canada produced such wartime toys on a much broader scale than I had thought. This photo essay will give you "paper" collectors and general OTS Readers a good look at this additional Canadian stuff.

## PUNCHOUTS

The first item shown presents an interesting mystery and research problem which our Warren Paper Products experts may resolve. Photo 1 shows the very large 20"x15" boxed "Fold-A-Way" fort with Canadian Army figures. The fort is very similar to Warren's "Built-Rite" fort No.101A, including Warren's box-base. The Canadian item emphasizes the fold-a-way aspect where you could take it down and put it back in the box.

I wonder who copied who. My research indicates that no one paid much attention to copyright and patent protection in those early WWII paper toy days.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

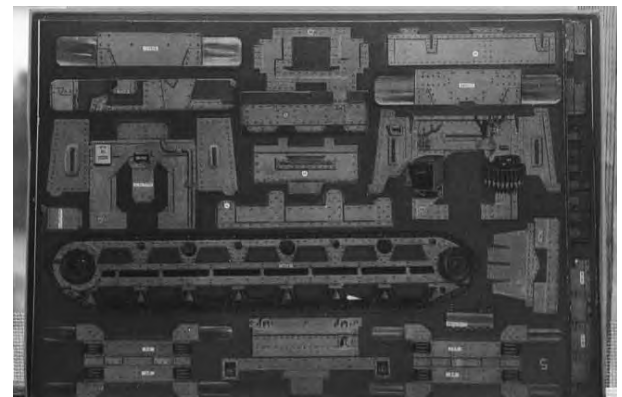


Photo 5



# CANADIAN WWII CARDBOARD AND PAPER TOYS (Cont.)

place but "Allies on Parade" (8-9) is quite unusual. I have two size-versions. It features over a dozen 5" childlike WWII UN flagbearers including such obscure allies as Costa Rica and Cuba and the German occupied nations of Netherlands, Greece and Czechoslovakia! It's made by Outdoor Advertising, Ltd.

Commando-Machine Gun, a large booklet (photo 10), is a tricky construction baby which makes up into a 25" Thompson "Tommy Gun" used by British commandos early in the war. My buddy Neal Crowley picked this up for me at the OTSN Show. It's by Highwell Printing of Winnipeg and distributed by Midwest Paper Idea.

## CUT-OUTS

Large (14"x12") aircraft booklets of very heavy paper (assembled in the Wallis Rigby style) are shown in photos 11-12. They are almost mint and were purchased from the same New Jersey eBay seller who found a bunch of them in an estate sale. Both were distributed by the aforementioned Midwest Paper Sales. Having no undercarriage they were



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12

intended to be gliding models or simply for hanging up. The P-51 booklet has a single plane with a 20" wing span while "Warplanes Cutouts" gives you allied and axis aircraft with 8" wing span. (Wheaties premium size).

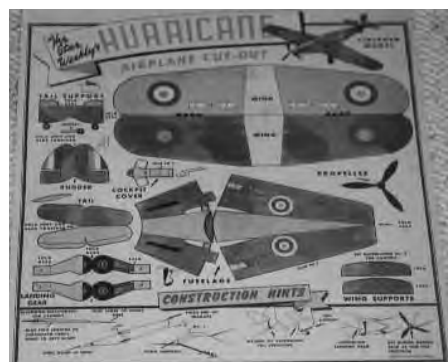


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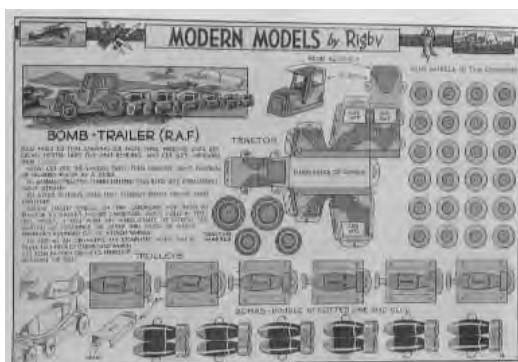


Photo 14

## NEWSPAPER SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT CUTOUTS

Perhaps my favorites of all the hundreds of WWII paper toy "giveaways" are these neat Wallis Rigby designed items. They were contained in the Sunday Supplements of some US and Canadian newspapers and printed on cheap newsprint. They were intended



# CANADIAN WWII CARDBOARD AND PAPER TOYS (Cont.)

to be (a) cutout and (b) then glued on heavier stock and (c) finally slotted and folded into the model airplane, tank, ship or whatever. Photos 13-17 illustrate a few of the over twenty that I have obtained. In my 1994 book I stated that these Rigby items were rare in excellent condition. Since

I have gotten about 15 via eBay, all from WWII editions of the *Toronto Star* newspaper for less than ten dollars each! Earlier ones were from the US Baltimore Sun. You can take originals to your neighborhood Kinko's and for a few bucks can get a heavy stock copy to make a model. This eliminates step b above. The Sunday Supplements also printed colorful WWII propaganda-patriotic 14" x 14" dartboards and games, examples of which are shown in photos 18-19. They were to be glued on mitreboard or corkboard and look terrific as background pieces in a toy collection.

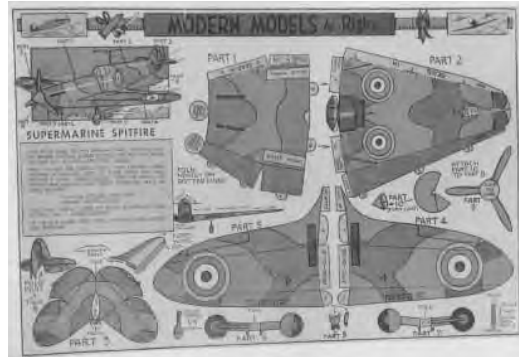


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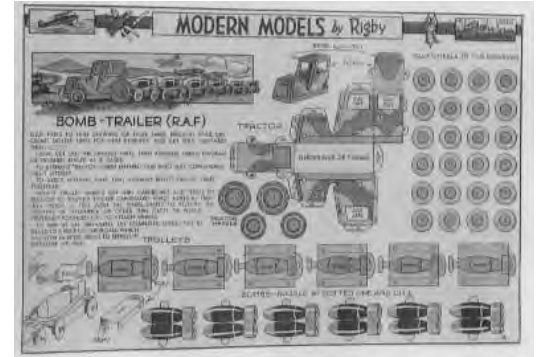


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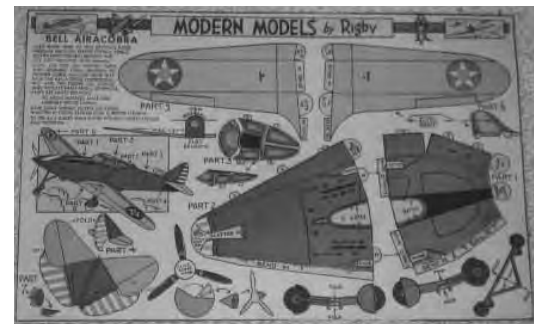


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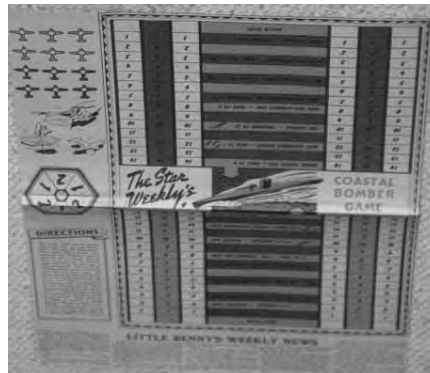


Photo 19

Canadian-made WWII toys and games seem to be tougher to come by. I only have two (photos 20-21) and rarely see them on eBay.

In any event, I've had a great deal of fun pursuing this subcategory of WWII toy collecting. Maybe some of our Canadian readers can add to the list or supply more details on those discussed herein. I'd be happy to hear from any and all at [jmatth@mindspring.com](mailto:jmatth@mindspring.com). 0' CANADA! (photo 22)



Photo 21



Photo 20



Photo 22



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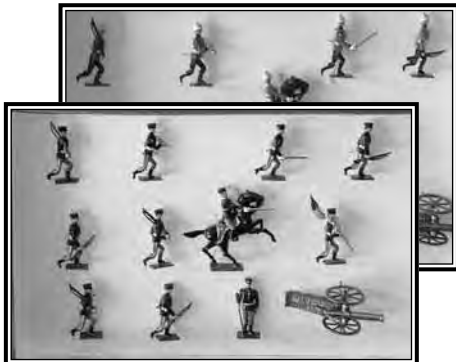
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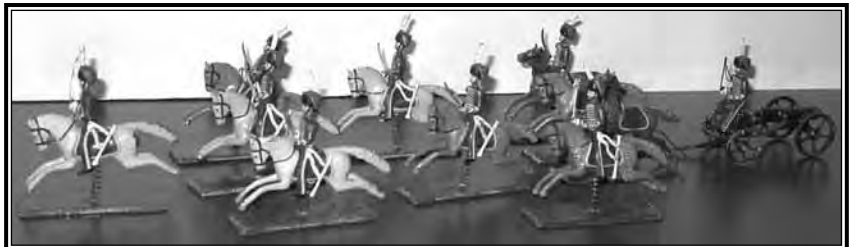
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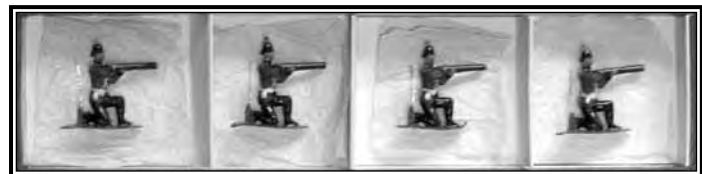


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# DIMESTORE UPDATE

by Richard O'Brien

For some reason, dating postwar dimestore toy soldiers has been harder than those of the pre-1942 period. The accompanying photo may help a little. This was a news story from February 23, 1951. A mother stood these soldiers in the front window of her home to symbolize her son and his friends who were fighting in Korea. Presumably, she'd recently bought them. The Manoils (I see M177 and M178) had been around for years, but it's surprising to me that they apparently were marketed this late; I'd assumed the smaller 500 series had begun about 1950, supplanting the bigger pieces. In the far left bottom row is Barclay B203. Collector Bill Dunfee bought one of these for ten cents in September, 1947, and here it is, still kicking around. The earliest date I've found for the podfoots that eventually supplanted B203 and its brothers is circa December, 1951, so it's possible both Manoil and Barclay didn't begin manufacturing their smaller series until 1951. This interesting item came from collector Tim O'Callaghan.

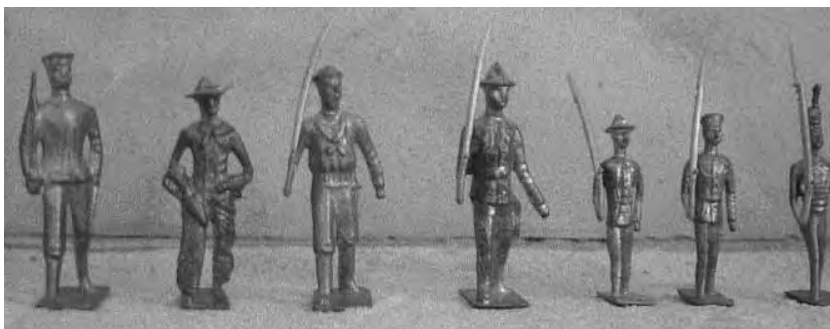
Over the years, three different collectors sent me photos of the sailors which bear a copyright mark of DEGAY under their bases (lower right). Oddly, neither Vincent Russo, Don Pielin nor Donald R. Haberman sent me any measurements, so I'd assumed they were about the usual 3-1/4" height. Recently, I wrote Donald and asked. He'd already disposed of the three he owned, but had made a casting (minus the big raised base, shown left) which he sent me, and



I found these were in the 54mm range, as shown by Donald's casting next to a Grey Iron. As far as I know, DeGay (or Degay) made only four figures, all sailors; an officer, a seaman, a shore patrol who looks very much like (but not exactly) the seaman, and a deck-swabbing gob. The first three came in both blue and white. When I lived in the New York area, I'd have hied myself to the central Manhattan library, and checked this out in the copyright books on their shelves. Alas, I no longer do, and I can't find out anything via the computer. My guess would be circa 1938-1940. Any New York-area collectors out there willing to check this out? The photo of the four comes from Don Pielin.



When the unpainted soldiers shown below turned up on eBay, my heart skipped a beat; for an instant, they looked as if they might have come from Fichtman & Alexander, whose work we only know from a 1915 drawing in Playthings magazine. But then I read what was posted; found in a warehouse in Patchogue (Long Island, New York). That sounded like George Grampp's soldiers, and that's what they turned out to be. I've



already shown the first two on the left as GG20 and GG25. Since the codings in my book ended with GG51, for those who'd like codes for the previous "unknowns", from right to left there's GG52, sailor with rifle; GG53 soldier in campaign hat with rifle; and in a smaller size, GG54 soldier in campaign hat with rifle; GG55 "Marine" with rifle; GG56 Cadet with rifle.



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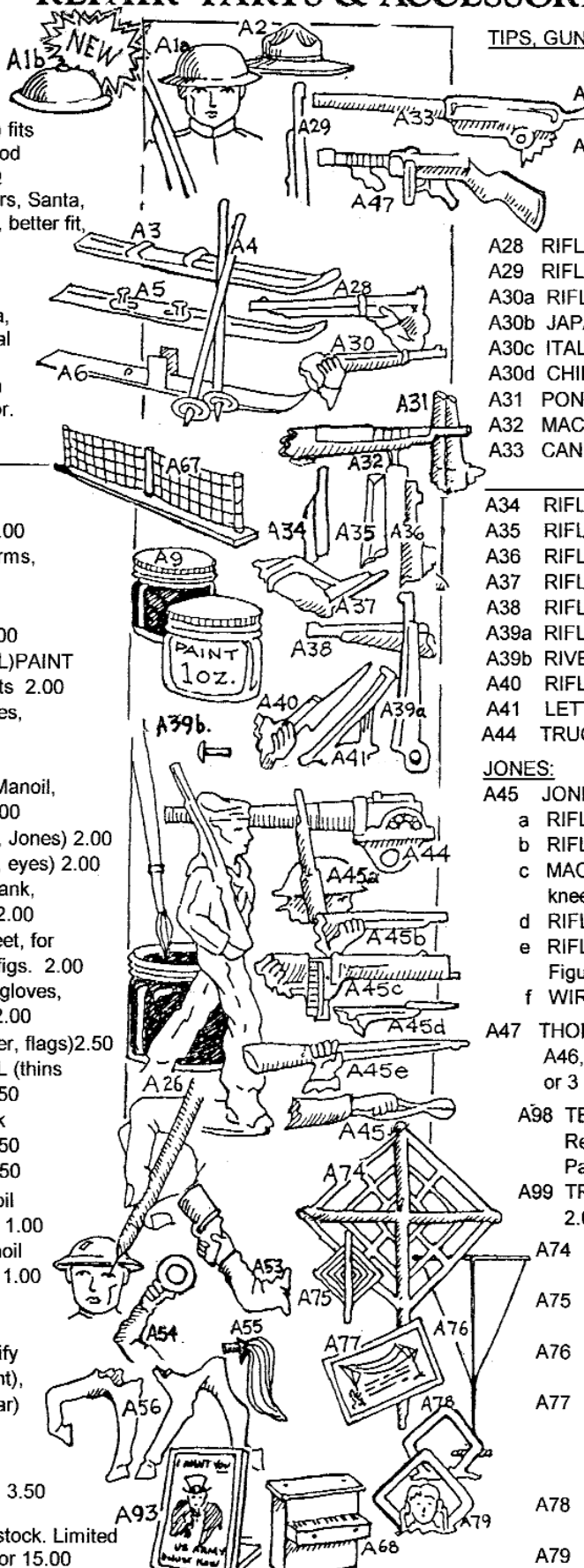
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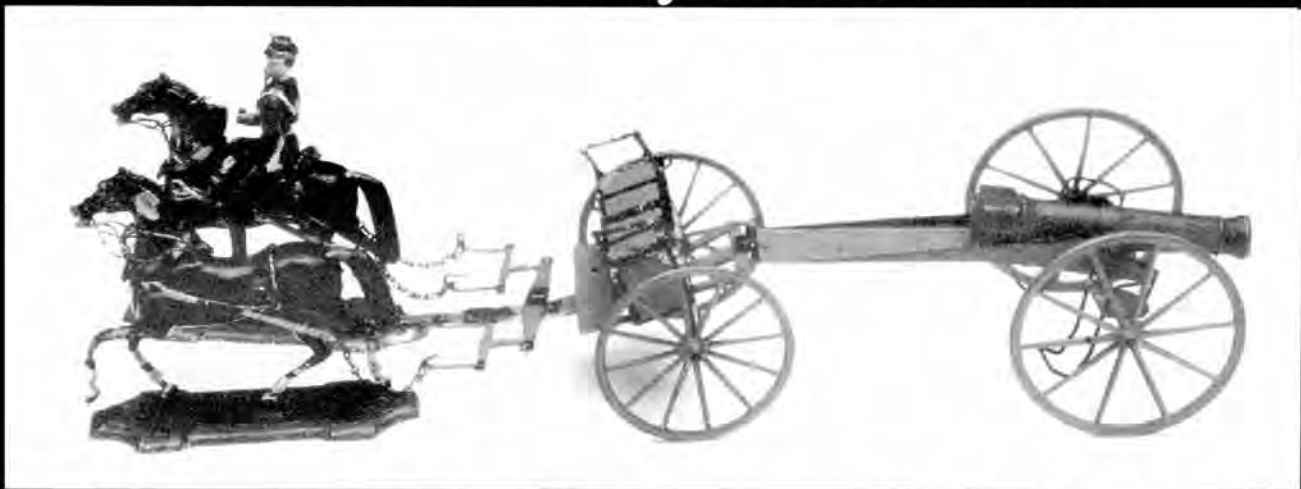
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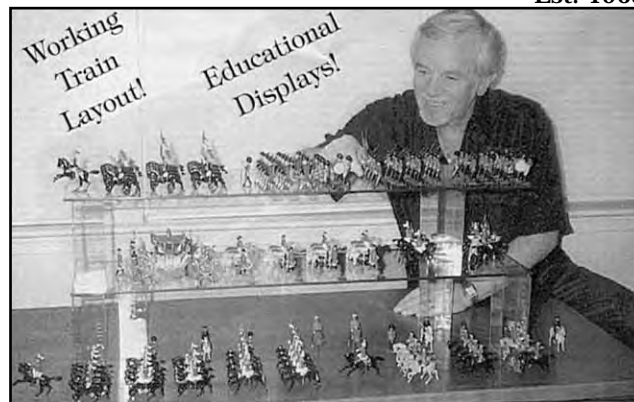
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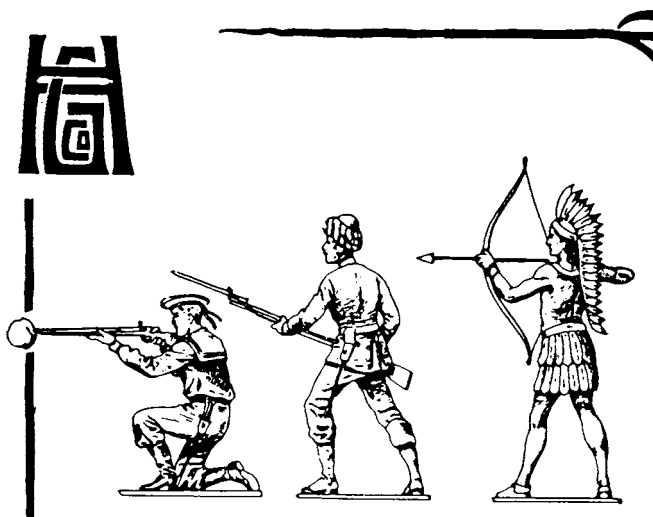







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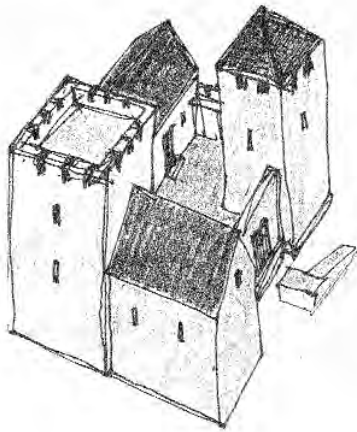


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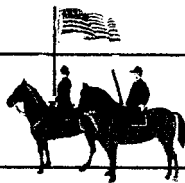
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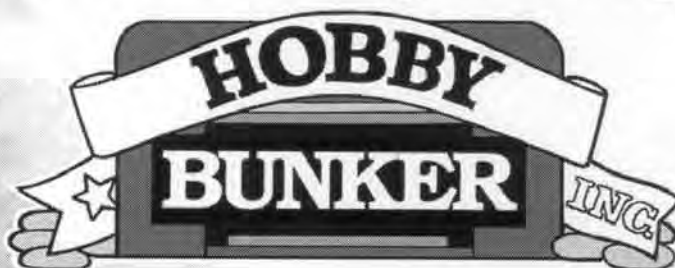
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