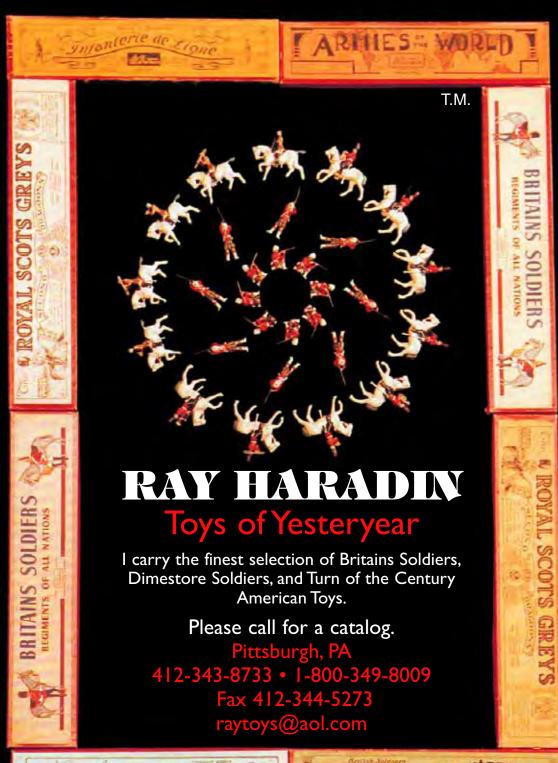
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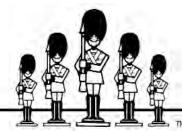












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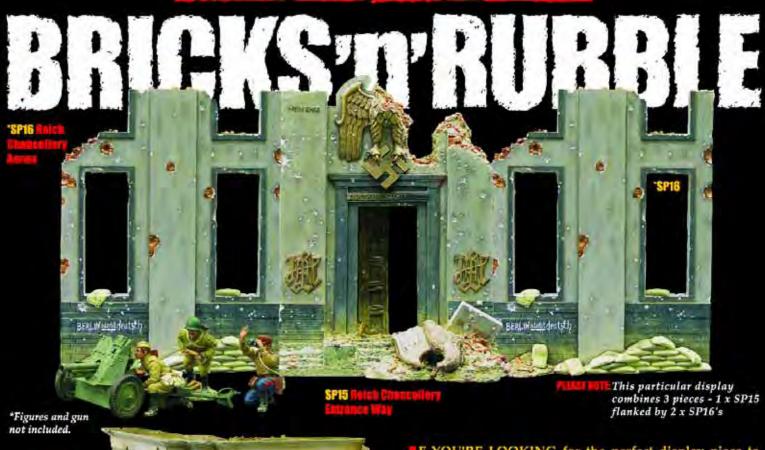




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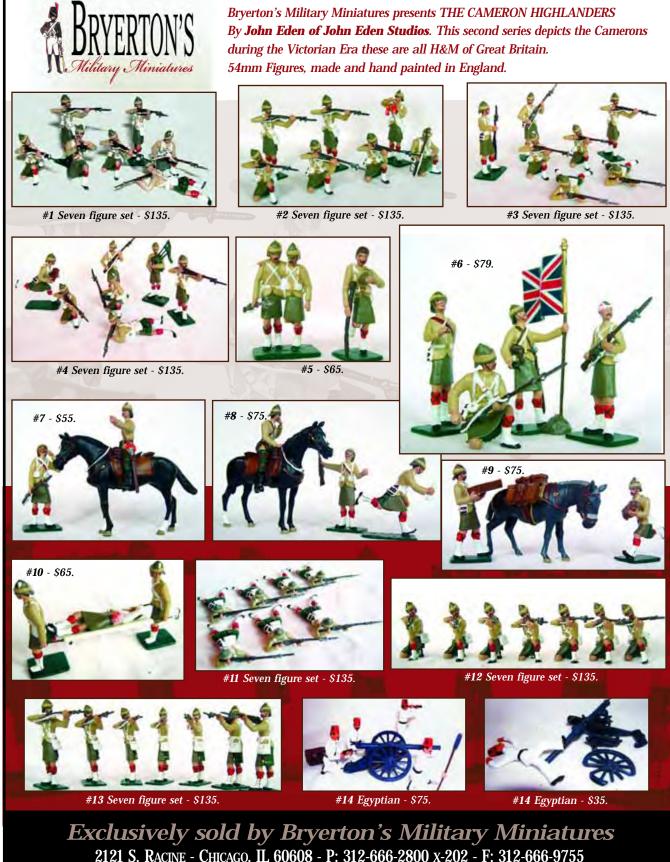
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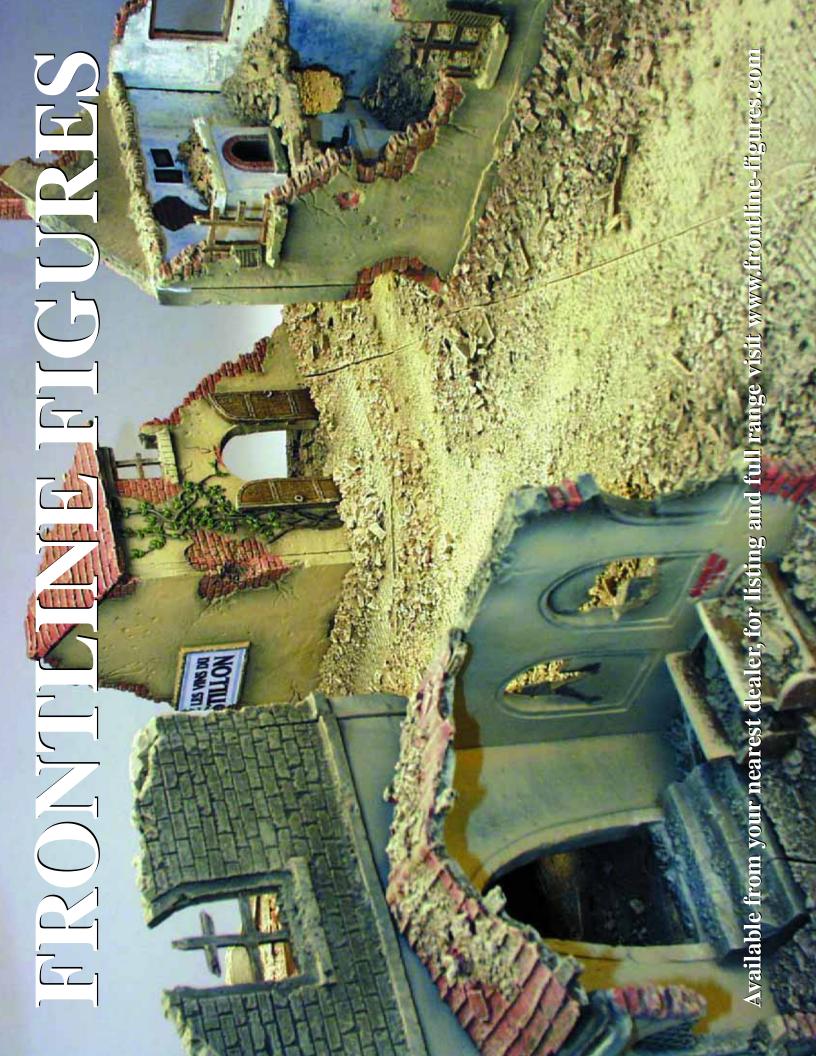
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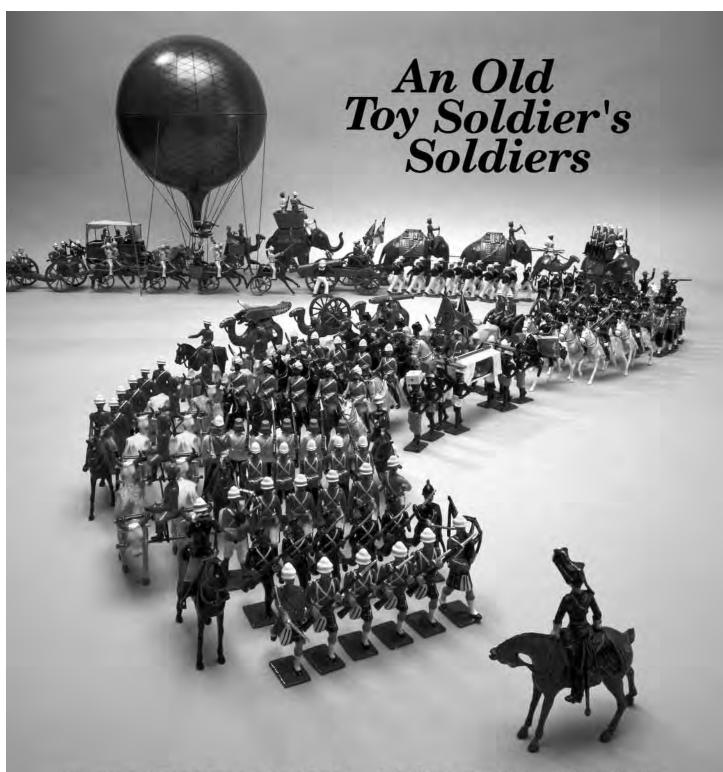


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DIMESTORE CAMERAMEN

By Verne Johnson

With Additional Material By Steve Sommers and Don Pielin

My good friend and fellow toy soldiers collector, Bob Bailey called to tell me had seen some Dimestore figures for sale in an antique shop in Tacoma W.A. Being a Britains collector Bob could only describe them as being like those I collected, but that one for sale he had not seen in my collection. This toy soldier held a movie camera on a tripod. The next morning I was at the shop before it opened and moments later I had purchased the All-Nu cameraman. The next thing I did was to call my good friend to tell him that "we" now owned the "Holy Grail" of Dimestore figures. The figure rests with my Dimestore armies but Bob has visitation rights.

According to Richard O'Brien the All-Nu cameraman ranks as "the most coveted of all Dimestore soldiers". It regularly turns up on toy soldier collectors "top ten" Dimestore lists.

These cameramen represented the Signal Corp as they recorded historical moments of WWI and WWII.

Roger Johnson began collecting toy soldiers at the very early age of five years. It was not until he had amassed a very sizable Dimestore collection that he began creating his own soldiers. This he did by modifying



All-Nu News Reel Cameraman

an original toy soldier and in the process turning it into a completely different figure. Many of these conversions are one of a kind and are now highly prized by collectors.

"Doc" Ed Poole, yes he is an MD, began producing his "Five & Dime Corps" Dimestore conversions for fellow collectors in the late 1970's. These figures were made much the same as a Barclay or Manoil figure, with Ed first sculpting the figures, then making a mold and finally casting and painting the figure. Because

Ed offered the "Five & Dime Corp" figures on a trade only basis they were available in very limited numbers and are rarely seen on the market today.

The United States Signal Corps had its origin in the 19th century. By World War One its equipment had expanded to include still and movie cameras to record the U.S. combat role in the Great War. George Creel headed President Wilson's war propaganda office, The Committee on Public Information. To promote the war effort on the homefront, Creel gave the Signal Corps a boost by distributing their films to newsreel



Barclay Camerman (B101)



Manoil (L to R) Thin and Thick Arm versions of Photographer (M92A and M92)

DIMESTORE CAMERAMEN (Cont.)







Ed Poole Standing Cameraman



Roger Johnson Kneeling Cameraman

makers; the CPI even released several feature films of Signal Corp footage seen in thousands of movie houses across the country. The Corps' own Film Division also made one and two reelers for free release.

Between the Wars the Signal Corps returned to its basic responsibility of maintaining communications equipment and training operators. When WW II began the Corps had only a small contingent of photographers. Both Manoil and Barclay's pre-War still photographers represent these inter-war signalmen. WW II. however, dramatically increased the importance of photography. How successful would War Bond drives have been without photos like the flag raising on Iwo Jima? But in 1941 the Army still viewed photography basically as a luxury with very little application. Signal Corps movie cameras only made a few simplistic training films using very rudimentary equipment.

All this changed as the top Army brass realized the task ahead of them was to turn hundreds of thousands of citizens into soldiers in a short period of time. It was Army Chief of Staff George Marshall who first recognized that films could speed up the training and indoctrination process. In that direction the Army created the Army Pictorial Service, a unit that would shoot thousands of



Ed Poole Kneeling Cameraman

reels of film to be viewed by military personnel and civilians alike. It was, of course, necessary to purchase up-to-date equipment, train cameramen and establish a production studio. The first studio was at Astoria on Long Island in New York. It sent its trained photographers all over the world to bring back battle footage. It is estimated that almost 50% of all movie war coverage seen by the public was Signal Corps film.

In order to produce the best quality films in the shortest amount of time, Marshall went directly to Hollywood for help. He personally ordered commissions for Frank Capra (It's a Wonderful Life), John Huston, Darryl Zanuck, Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) and others. John Ford was wounded while his navy unit was filming the defense of Midway Island in 1942. Director George Stevens made a color film record from D-Day to Berlin. Even Russ Meyers, who later gained fame as a low budget film director, cut his teeth in the industry as a Corps cameraman. These talented men photographed every Front; their quality films cut the training time by 30%. And as for indoctrination, who could forget Capra's "Why We Fight" series, later distributed to the homefront and still used in history classrooms today. Movie cameramen shooting combat footage were the real backbone of the Army Pictorial Service. More than a few lost their lives on the battlefield. The films they shot were brought back to Washington D.C.

DIMESTORE CAMERAMEN (Cont.)

where they were distributed to planning staffs and commanders for review. After the Army was finished with the films, they were edited for declassification. These films were then released to public movie houses for showing along with the features. These images certainly sparked a great deal of youth patriotism among the kids too young to serve. No doubt if there was any money left after the movie, it was spent at the dimestore for one more soldier, maybe even a cameraman.

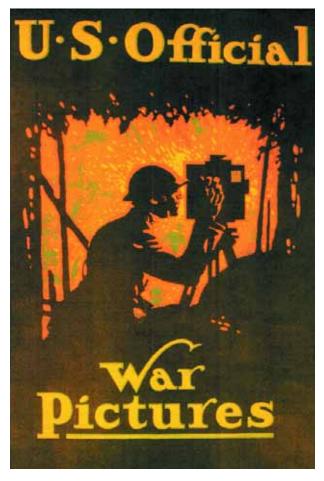
Certainly the All Nu cameraman is a member of the United States Signal Corps, as are the Manoil and Barclay figures. But the All Nu figure is the only Dimestore movie cameraman to come to light. The simple reason is probably that a boy with a nickel was much more apt to spend it on a combat or parade figure than an indirect participant like a photographer.

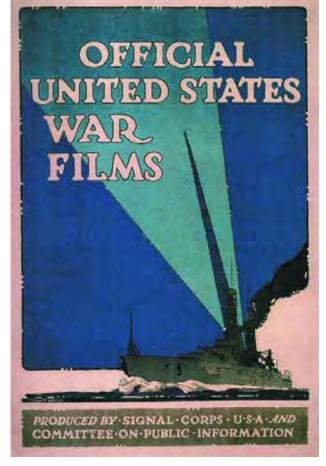
The cameras these Dimestore figures hold are very realistic; in fact a knowledgeable photographer could probably put a brand name on them. Today these figures have a higher collectible demand because they cross over from toy soldier into photography artifact collecting. The overall lack of availability of photographer figures has led several of the leading converters to create their own versions of photography figures. Imagination is the only limitation.

The original All-Nu Cameraman illustrated (right) has also been reproduced by Ed Poole and was also cast solid by Ron Eccles as a limited issue at a recent Dimestore Breakfast in Chicago.



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TO THE OTSN CHICAGO TOY SOLDIER SHOW ON REACHING IT'S 25TH YEAR

Don Pielin and Steve Sommers have announced the following special events and arrangements for this years OTSN 25th Anniversary Toy Soldier Show.

It is anticipated that participants from 6 Continents and 19 Countries will attend, Sunday 25th September – Show day will feature 366 tables, there will be door giveaways and \$25 gift certificates for some attendees, Chicago Toy Soldier Show denim shirts are for sale via www.toysoldiershow.com

Saturday 24 September will feature a Champagne toast and cake cutting in the Hospitality suite (Room 5321) at 5pm, along with a photo call for veterans of all 25 shows.

Further details are printed in show preview report in this issue of OTS or by contacting Don Pielin email dimestores@aol.com

MACS MODELS

Doug McClure has recently acquired the assets of Bivouac Inc and will add these to the existing line of Civil War figures.

Taking inspiration from recent OTS articles featuring items that Britains should or could have made, Doug also informs OTS that his newly released 1st (Cleveland) City Troop figures will be available as part of his series of figures Britains recasts.

For further information contact Doug McClure Email dmcclure1@zoominternet.net

ASSENCIONALIA DIMESTORE BREAKFAST The annual Dimestore Breakfast will be held

on Saturday 24th September in the Conference Room of the Hyatt Hotel Woodfield during the week of OTSN's Toy Soldier Show. 8.am –9.30 am.

Breakfast Hosts Charlie O'Brien and Verne Johnson have announced that this years speakers will be Don Pielin and Kent Kline. A limited edition commemorative Dimestore figure (to be named later) will again be available from Ron Eccles. A question and answer session and favorite figure display will also feature, attendees are encouraged to bring items and participate in show and tell. Admission to the event is \$25 and includes Hot Breakfast Buffet.

To reserve your place at this years event, which will be the last organized by Charlie and Verne, contact Charlie O'Brien (215) 517 5963 (Evenings) Email charlie_o_brien@hotmail.com or write enclosing a check for \$25 to - 853 Edge Hill Road, Glendale, PA 19038.

OBITUARY



BILL NACE January 23, 1947 -February 21, 2005

William L "Bill" Nace died February 21, 2005. Born in Greenfield Ohio, Bill was a supervisor at AEP for 35 years.

A Toy Soldier Collector and dealer of American Dimestore Toy Soldiers and Elastolin Plastic figures and in latter years an avid Marx Plastic collector/dealer.

Bill coached Little League Football and Baseball for many years and was an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years Marcia and two children.

Rod Chapman, Ohio Toy Soldier show organizer paid the following tribute to Bill.

When Bill was around, there was never a dull moment, If he didn't have what you were looking for, he knew where you could get it. Bill will not only be missed by his wonderful wife Marcia, children Todd and Kelly, and his six grandchildren, but will be missed also by the many friends that he made in the Toy Soldier hobby"

OTSN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

By Don Pielin & Steve Sommers

OTSN's Chicago Toy Soldier Show is always a weekend long party culminating in the public show the fourth Sunday in September. A great many of this magazine's readers have attended as exhibitors or are among the thousand through the gate. Some have made every show since the first in 1981. This year's 25th Anniversary show, appropriately on September the 25th, is planned to be extra special. So if you've not come before, this is the year to join the fun. And if you're an old hand, you're bound to see friends you've not met in a while because we've



A slice of the OTSN Show #2 at the Quality Inn.

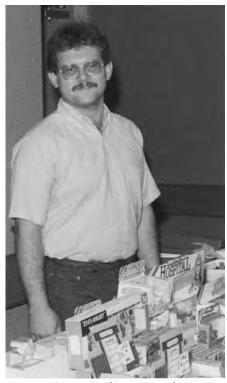
invited a lot of veteran collectors to come to the reunion. Rather than old school ties, we're wearing light blue denim shirts with our show logo; to order, see the details on our website: www.toysoldiershow.com

Among the other 25th show specials will be a cake cutting and champagne toast at 5 pm Saturday, the 24th, in the show hospitality suite at the Hyatt (Room #5321). There will be some special gifts for our exhibitors. Many dealers have joined in the celebration by donating \$25 gift certificates to some lucky people in line on Sunday morning. We're also hoping that collectors dig deep into closets or dusty cases and bring some special things to trade or sell.

All else at the show will be the same. The Hyatt's maze-like corridors will again add to the adventure of pre-show room trading. Collectors will fly from Hong Kong and Heathrow, L.A. and Miami; old friends will drive together from Canada and across the continent to meet in Chicago.



From left, Donald Pudney and Arnold Rolak presenting a Tommy. Warren Mitchell relaxes in the background.



Greg Hahn (Stone Castle)

OTSN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW (Cont.)



Joe Shimek with his Heyde-like figuren.



Walter and Rosalie (Roscha)

Back in 1980 we asked in an OTSN editorial if our 700 subscribers would like a show devoted exclusively to the toy soldier hobby. YES, was the answer! (Today OTS magazine is owned by Ray Haradin and has many more subscribers than we had then.) So we took a risk and booked the poorly lit ballroom of the not-so-Quality Inn O'Hare on beautiful Mannheim Road. We set up 100 tables, and collectors came from Europe and across the USA. The second year dealers Ged Haley, James Opie, Vic Medcalf and Jenny Burley led the British bunch. By the end of that 2nd show, however, we'd had enough of the Inn's leaky plumbing, poor lighting, and bar just a bit too crowded with working girls annoyed that our guys had toy soldiers on their minds.

So in 1983 we found the Hyatt and never moved an inch. That 1983 year our beer-in-the-bathtub dealer check-in party included the first of quite a few years of Tommy Awards. These tongue-in-cheek toy soldier "Oscars" were presented by Texan Arnold Rolak and Bermuda-Brit Colonel Donald Pudney. They'll be back to celebrate the 25th with or without their famed statues and infamous Dark'n Stormy brew.

There will be a big contingent of plastic Playset Magazine subscribers joining the OTS readership at the show. So join 1500 or more of your closest friends for a weekend where most of the talk includes words like lead, plastic, tin and composition. If you can't book at the Hyatt, there is an AmeriSuites right across the parking lot. Log on to



Jo Sommers celebrates the first Hyatt show!

OTSN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW (Cont.)



Don Pielin and Ron Eccles discuss table locations.



Janet Reynolds and Don Hall with Mike Shore in the background.

our show website or give us a call. There is a waiting list for table space, but don't let that stop you. You can always carry a box of trade goods under your arm — or just shop!

So, see you on September 25th for our grand Anniversary Show: Hyatt Regency Woodfield, 1800 E. Golf Road, in Schaumburg, Illinois. See our ad in this issue for more details.

Photos from the first couple of 1980s shows illustrate this article.



Gary Linden bagging plastic.



Don and Linda Pielin looking much like their oun children.

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SHOW REPORT

LONDON CALLING...... THE TOY SOLDIER SHOW LONDON, JUNE 11, 2005

By Alwyn Brice

The preparations over and the pre-show publicity complete, it only remained for the King and County UK team to throw open the doors of the Royal National Hotel on June 11 - and let the trading commence...

Those few words actually mask an awful lot but this London Toy Soldier Show, which has had several owners over the last decade, is always eagerly anticipated by the figure collecting fraternity. No one would doubt that figure collecting is only one facet of the toy collecting hobby in general, but King and Country UK's event, in only its second edition, accounted for over 70 dealers and saw close to 800 visitors on the day.

"A fantastic show and well-organised. Lots of new people too - I don't know how they attracted them! The staff were very friendly and helpful." - Steve Weston

What was there to see? In short, just about everything. The event does its utmost to bring together those interested in lead and hollow cast, the followers of white metal and plastic kits, those who enjoy modern toy soldiers in the style of the old, composition devotees and, of course, the plastics collectors in general. An innovation has been the introduction of an historical theme. This time around the topic was Ancient Rome: the Colchester Roman Society and the Roman Military Research Society put on a great display and those attending the show were greeted by the sight of re-enactors and even a street market, with typical Roman products and crafts.

"Valetudo!"

"You've got enthusiasts running the show now. They care about the product – the event should do well."

John Gittins

To really appreciate the flavour of the event it's always best to get there early, even if this involves extra cost. By 8am there was much going on: admittedly, some traders were still setting up but others had taken advantage of the previous Friday night to unpack and display their precious goods. Looking around at some of the connoisseur quality figurines on display, it struck me that the public never spares a thought for what goes into manning a stand. Painting the models is one thing - but then there's the challenge of carefully wrapping them up, of transportation, unpacking and setting up, often within tight time limits. Not much of a problem if you're just taking along a handful of white metal castings, – but a very different proposition if, like Mike Henry of Studio Niena, you're setting out several hundredweight of immaculately finished models in various scales. Was his table reinforced, I wonder?

"Excellent K & C show, lots of stuff to see and buy, both old and new. Well organised and pretty well supported for a June show. It has now set the pace for UK figure shows." - Adrian Little

To pick out a few examples of the breadth of figures and models seen at the show will go a long way to describing the event to those who were unable to visit. What makes this show so special is that it attracts the overseas visitor too – and there were several dealers from other countries who attended. Take Jean-Claude Druart, for example. He actually runs a toy museum in Belgium and had with him what I would term collectable plastic. Britains Swoppet Wars of the Roses knights rubbed shoulders with bagged sets of plastic Beatles figures. Large scale Gerry Anderson Thunderbird figures squatted next to boxes of Ochel metal flats, some which dated back to the 1950s. I was intrigued by the latter, since some were painted and the degree of professionalism exhibited was truly awesome. I learned that these had been acquired from a collection through an auction and that the moulds at that time would have been made

SHOW REPORT (Cont.)

from slate and hand engraved in reverse. The market for flats is highly specialised, admitted Jean-Claude, and his clientele tends to be middle-aged and often German.

"It was a pleasant atmosphere. Good for foreign visitors and pre-arranged deals. The organisation was very good: the whole K & C family comes across as sensible and professional." - John Begg

Metal predominated on the day and it's interesting to see how the modern toy soldier market is mush-rooming. Broadly speaking, there are two distinct camps: those who make simply-painted, gloss finish figures and those who recreate periods with great attention to detail and who sell the models in white metal or as fully painted figurines. Even the latter have differing levels of finish: you can opt for the basic painting or the connoisseur quality. As ever, you pays your money...

"Basically, a reasonable show – a slow start but it ended okay for me." - John Eden

The market for old lead soldiers and related items continues unabated. Bill Kingsman used to run a shop in Maidstone, Kent, and confesses he's been a dealer since he was a child! On the day he'd sold an unboxed set of Britains 4th Hussars, strangely mounted on Scots Greys horses, for £175. He also had a good set of seven different British Army Infantry officers from the 1930s marked up at £550.

Elsewhere, there were some choice lead items for the vigilant. How about a Britains Disney Pluto dog, with detachable head, again about 70 years old? A rare piece, this had had its tail restored but otherwise was in good overall condition. Tony Harrington was selling this little hound. Roger and Steve Maryon showed me an unusual Farm Folk boxed set by Crescent Toys as well as a Charbens Mechanical Horse, finished in brown and cream and bearing the famous GWR logo. Amazingly, this railway vehicle exhibited no fatigue and had turned up in an assorted lot of lead toys that they had purchased recently.

"I didn't get my head above the parapet all day! Good all round and I like the way K & C are doing things – they're very attentive to detail. I was very busy." - Mike Easton

But the visitor couldn't escape the pull of plastic, either. Alan Forrest had arguably the smallest stand at the event but it was crammed with plastic, notably from the Timpo company. A pair of Captain Scarlet figures with only slight damage (the hero had lost a hand) was £50 whilst a good boxed Wild West Raft set with three figures was just £35. Mounted Vikings, Foreign Legion, Romans and Arabs completed the display.

John Begg and Hugh Walter had plenty of plastic, too: everything from cheap Hong Kong remoulds and pirate copies to desirable Britains Swoppet American Civil War gun teams at over £100 a time. John had bought a good-sized collection that very morning so was able to swell the content of his own stall. And yes, he'd brought along some Roman figures to complement the show's theme.

"Quite successful, with a goodly number of people and a good atmosphere. Much, much better organised than in the past and there was a lot of consideration given to traders." - Harry Prime



In keeping with the theme of the June show Members of the Colchester Roman Society and Roman Military Research Society were in attendance

SHOW REPORT (Cont.)

If plastic and metal weren't your cup of tea, composition figures from the likes of Lineol and Elastolin were there to swell the interest. Bryan Charman pointed out a most unusual black drummer boy from the Frederick the Great era (£150) but admitted that he was having trouble in selling composition Tommies at the fair. In contrast, his farmyard stock was doing quite well.

Dealer Andrew Woodall had something even more unusual in the shape of a trio of 1940s Britains farm buildings, made in wood. No-one had been able to tell him what these unmarked buildings were but by chance, he had an old Britains catalogue at home, which pictured all three. The chicken coop, house and cattle shed weren't cheap - but clearly illustrated the benefits of research.

The moral? Start collecting catalogues!

"Congratulations to the team. I'm hearing some great feedback about the show from my readers."

Paul Morehead

The June event was neatly encapsulated in two halls but there are already plans to grow the accommodation, so enthusiastic has been the response from trader and public alike.

So make a note in your diary for the next show: December 3, 2005.

OTS MAGAZINE ATTENDS THE TOY SOLDIER SHOW LONDON

Old Toy Soldier Magazine editor Norman Joplin was in attendance at the Toy Soldier Show London in June promoting OTS magazine and selling some of his personal inventory of old civilian figures and reports King and Country have certainly stabilized the London show situation with their efficient, friendly and professional forward looking approach to the furtherance of the toy soldier hobby, and the re-establishment of the show in it's central London location. Well attended by public support, filled to capacity with dealers offering toy soldiers and figures covering all aspects of the hobby and organized with precision, The Toy Soldier Show London will surely now be a must attend for all figure collectors.

Along with most major dealers and manufacturers from the UK participants from Belgium, France and Russia made this not only a domestic show but maintained the shows reputation as an international event. It was especially good to see the return of a number of dealers who, due to illness had missed the March Toy Soldier Experience.

No matter what your collecting tastes happen to be, your appetite could not have failed to have been satisfied by the comprehensive selection of goods on offer, the "buzz" was evident from early morning with trading proceeding at a pace and maintaining its momentum throughout the day.

The accompanying report by Alwyn Brice, gives details of some of the traders comments on the success of the show together with attendance statistics. On a personal note I would like to add my endorsement and in particular thank Bob, Mike and Sue Neville for their help and to the ladies manning the entry door for the courtesy extended via the distribution of leaflets on my behalf.

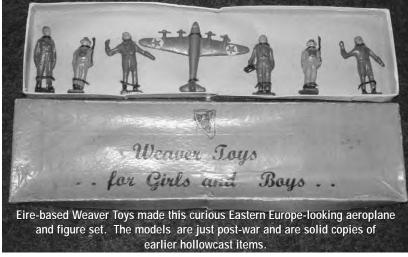
Old Toy Soldier Magazine representatives look forward to attending the December event which takes place on December 3rd 2005 a preview of which will appear in OTS Volume 29 # 3 November 2005

SHOW REPORT

TOY SOLDIER SHOW LONDON PHOTO GALLERY

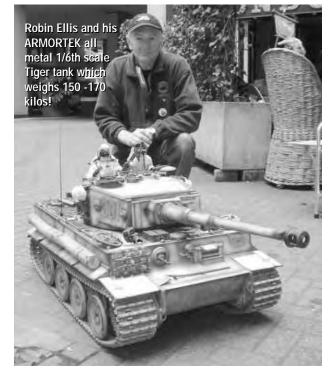












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SHOW PREVIEW

Norman Joplin's
Old Toy Soldier and Figure Show
Saturday, September 10th, 2005
Royal National Hotel
Bedford Way - London
King Edward and Queen Alexandra Suites
10.30 am – 4 pm

By Norman Joplin

A show devoted to Old Toy Soldiers and Figures with a dateline of 1980, this is believed to be the first event of it's kind in the United Kingdom. Over 70 tables and 55 dealers from the UK, USA, France Germany and Belgium will be in attendance, If it is Old Toy Soldiers and Figures that you collect, then this specialist show is for you.

Figures, and will become an annual event.

Following many requests from the trade and collectors of Old Toy
Soldiers and Figures, Norman Joplin is organizing this event and returning to the show promoting scene in the UK after an absence of several
years. Every table will be filled with a profusion of figures, Lead, Plastic, and Composition.
International participants as well as all of the major dealers from the UK will ensure that British,
Continental European and figures from the USA will be on offer. Representatives from a number of
the UK's auction houses will also be in attendance. This specialist event is being offered in addition
to the existing London shows at the specific request of those interested in Old Toy Soldiers and

If you collect any of the following manufacturers products, then be sure to attend. Britians, Timpo, Johillco, Crescent, Charbens, Cherilea, Wendal, Kew, Pixyland Taylor and Barrett, Fylde Etc Etc. Herald, Britains "Eyes Right", Swoppets, Lone Star, Marx, Starlux, Continental Plastics. Lucotte, Mignot, Heyde, Haffner, Eriksson and other European and continental manufacturers. American Dimestores. Elastolin, Lineol, Durso and other composition figures. Military, Civilian Lead Plastic Composition and Flats

A free prize draw will be open to all attendees and a free copy of Old Toy Soldier magazine will be available to the first one hundred paid entrants. Public admission will be 3 Pounds and early trade tickets for entry at 6.30 am will be available at 15 pounds. For further details please email info@normanjoplin.com or telephone 01926 496062

Following the recent tragic events in London, Norman Joplin has issued an assurance that the Show will go ahead as planned, several prospective traders have been contacted and are of the opinion, as is Norman, that the show will take place as scheduled on September 10th. For those looking for alternative and or near by Underground Stations, Euston, Euston Square and Holborn are all within easy walking distance of the Royal National Hotel.



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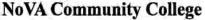
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DUKW THE "DUCK"

By E. W. Fitzgerald and Robert Yeknik

The DUKW was a 2-1/2-ton amphibious truck developed from General Motors' famous "Duce and a Half." Effective both at sea and on land, the DUKW's utility was in bringing cargo directly from ships at sea onto land to the ultimate drop-off point at a depot several miles inland. The welded steel hull was designed by the New York yacht architects, Sparkman and Stephens, Inc. and featured a propeller and rudder for water movements. Photo "A" shows a DUKW on display at the Saumur, France Tank Museum.



What exactly does "DUKW mean?

D = Built in 1942

U = Amphibious 2-1/2-ton truck

K = Front wheel drive

W = Rear wheel drive

DUKW technical data:

Crew 2-3

Length 31 feet

Width 18' 2"

Height 8' 10"

Weight 19,570 lbs.

Engine 91.5 hp GMC 6 cyl.

Speed: Land 45+ mph Sea 6+ mph







Between 1942 and 1945 over 21,000 DUKWs were produced with some serving on into the 1970s. Later versions of this 6x6 wonder were equipped with variable pressure tires controllable from the driver's compartment. The DUKWs served in all theaters of WWII and were prominent at Normandy in 1944.

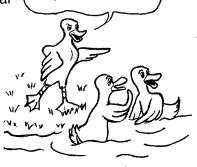
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The following DUKWs have been produced:

- French Dinky Toy No. 825, 1/55 scale, circa 1963 (foreground of photo "B") Matte finish
- Solido No. 353, 1/50 scale, made in 2001 as part of the "Famous Battles" series. (Background of photo "B" and close-up of propeller and rudder in photo "C") Matte finish
- Fusilier Miniatures No. NV1, 1/32 scale, recent (2004) (photo "D") Gloss paint
- Lone Star England early 1950's
- King and Country (see General Inspection in this issue)

The DUKW was a versatile engine of war and makes for a wonderful die-cast model for your collection.







"Duck" out of water



PLASTICS ON PARADE

THE 20TH PLASTIC WARRIOR SHOW

By Steve Weston

"THE place to make contacts, and find that obscure or difficult plastic figure or Make"

As it name suggests, this is a Show for plastic figures. Solely for plastic figures!

It is organised by the staff of 'Plastic Warrior' magazine, for those that have not heard of this journal, it is written buy enthusiasts and for enthusiasts of plastic figures and related plastic items. Many Collectors contribute to the articles, sharing not only the knowledge and memories, but also photos of their collections. This makes the magazine an invaluable reference source on worldwide manufacturers of any number of manufacturers. Not only have many of the contributors lived at or travelled through various locations throughout the Globe, and as such have acquired figures in the most obscure places but there are also many that have simply always collected figures and still have their original childhood toys! Add to this melting pot, the new and young collectors who are just finding the Hobby – and the magazine – who write in with questions, or send pictures of figures for identification and you have a recipe for a totally interesting and absorbing read. What makes it more remarkable is that this melting pot consists of interested people from all around the world.

The magazine, itself, is still very much unknown – yet, it attracts readers and contributors from not only the U.K. but also Europe, the U.S.A, Australia, New Zealand and beyond and what's more amazing is that the whole thing still maintains a feeling of a warm, friendly and extremely welcoming club!

The Show is held once a year (sadly!), at Richmond College, Richmond, London.

Richmond is an affluent area of the City of London – take a look in any Estate Agents window, and you will see what I mean! But nestled amongst all of this wealth is a small hall, attached to the College, which has been the home to the Plastic Warrior Show, for most of the 20 events.

It's not big – holding only 55 tables. A point which helps to give it it's ambience, as you just have to be friendly with the person on the next table, when you are that close!

Adding to the 'Club' atmosphere is the fact that on arrival, you are greeted with an empty Hall, the owners expect you to erect the tables yourselves! No problem! As soon as Paul throws open the doors, eager helpers pour through, pushing carts of tables which are quickly erected with the minimum of fuss! To the newcomer – of which there are few, with most being old hands at this venue – it may seem strange, but within minutes tables are in place, chairs distributed, and the sales commence! In fact, many deals are made and finalised in the car park long before the doors open, such are the contacts kept between all of those selling.

The event attracts dealers and collectors from across the World, who bring with them all manor of plastic heaven – figures, trees, animals, artillery items, buildings, literature and most of all –access and knowledge to other areas that are not readily available to many of us.

Paul Morehead, the Editor of 'Plastic Warrior' expressed his opinion that this is the only Show of it's kind, being solely devoted to plastic and is "THE place to make contacts, and find that obscure or difficult plastic figure or Make".

How right he is, too. There were people from France, Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Germany, Italy and Greece to name but a few, who's tables were laden with all manor of plastic heaven!

If you are looking for something outside of the norm, these are the people to approach. most have a good understanding of the English language, but some of the English dealers speak other languages and are always pleased to help break down any language barrier. If you have pictures of what you search for, this of course helps ensure that all are on the correct path.

Elastolin, Nardi, Cofalu, Starlux, Commansi, Oliver, Dulcop, Jean, Mokarex, were amongst the myriad of European makes on offer as well as the more traditional Marx, Herald, Britains, Airfix, Matchbox, Trojan, Hilco, Benbros, Paramount, Sacul, Crescent, and Cherilea to name just a few!

Prices are always good here, and there are always bargains to be had as was recounted to me time and again by various regular customers who all seemed to have managed to get the one bargain of the Show.

Paul Morehead recounted how there had been a few problems and more than a few anxious moments when it looked likely that this Anniversary event would not happen, this being due to the very late confirmation of the Hall's availability, by the management!!

Bombarded by phone calls and with print deadlines looming, his already thinning hair looked doomed to go further into recession, however salvation occurred and everything went ahead as planned.

PLASTICS ON PARADE (Cont.)

Relief was evident on Paul's face, when I managed a few brief words with him, during the day, whilst he was sat behind the P.W. stall, where he had Checklists available for a variety of different Plastic figures makers, the latest being one on the Dom-Plastik Ltd. Company. This checklist owes a lot to Andreas Dittman, of Germany, who seems to be an invaluable source of information on the more obscure makes.

Enrique de saint George (The person behind the re-issue Deetail figures) was over from Argentina, accompanied by his lovely wife and daughter. He brought with him pre-releases of his new war-gaming set, and very professional it looked to be, too! If you are a war-games fan, then this will appeal to you, as it has a quality feel to it, and is well thought out. He brought a stack of these with him, but went back without a one – and nearly sold my sample set!

Markus Lecksheid was there – with the German contingent, who always bring a pile of Timpo, Plasty, Nardi and Elastolin with them. They had a continous crowd around them for most of the day, but took time to make the rounds in search of Timpo colour variations – always a quest for those guys.

Tony from Armies-in-Plastic couldn't be there, but very kindly donated one each of his excellent new Forts, to be given away as door prizes. Needless to say, 2 people went home very happy that day, one being a young-ster just coming into the hobby – what an introduction!!

Many thanks to Tony for this marvellous gesture.

Several regular faces were missing from behind the tables but their places had been eagerly snapped up by new blood (this event is always over-subscribed) and they bought with them a different array of products which received much attention from the avaricious crowd!!

In fact the day, for us anyways, just never stopped. We didn't even get time to unstuck our chairs to sit on. The throng of happy spenders kept us going from the moment we started to unpack right up to the very end, where we were loading our stock back into the car, and were still being asked for items!

'Plastic Warrior Show' is usually held on the first, but sometimes second Saturday of May, every year. Make plans to be there next, but be sure to bring a large bag to hold all of your purchases!

PAPIER MACHE CANDY CONTAINERS

By Barry Josephs

These bonny candy containers are a wonderful addition to my toy soldier collection. Papier Mache literally means "chewed paper". These commercially produced figures are made from paper pulp held together by binders and fillers.

The wonderful caricatures of the British tommies and sailor are truly works of art and unique to my collecting experience. They stand about 11 inches tall and are hollow to hold whatever product was included with them. Judging from the uniform style my estimate is that they were sold during the time period from approximately 1916 to 1941. It is astonishing that these frail items survived with their paint and integrity for so many years.



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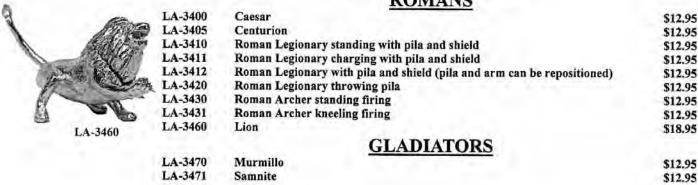
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GREYS CIGARETTES

By Philip Dean

Anyone who is "of a certain age" will remember the cards that came in cigarette packets and how they were so avidly collected by young and old alike. Originally they began life as "stiffeners" for the flimsy cigarette packets, then somebody had the bright idea of putting advertisements on these cards. It was not too long before the idea of using a series of cards to encourage the smoker to remain faithful to a particular brand was born. An almost endless variety of subjects followed in the ensuing years. This idea, born in America, still produces a collecting fanaticism today. The "Honus Wagner" baseball card, a product of the American Tobacco Company, part of a set of 524 cards issued between 1909 and 1911, is arguably the worlds most valuable card. In 1991 one of these cards was sold at auction for \$451,000!

When James Duke, the founder of the American Tobacco Company, arrived in England in 1901, his attempts at taking over the British tobacco market resulted in the formation of the Imperial Tobacco Company to close the ranks against ATC. Realising the strength of the opposition he was up against, James Duke decided to concentrate on his home market and another company, British-American Tobacco (BAT) was born to handle the export interest of both the US and UK businesses.

You may well ask what this has to do with toy figure collecting, absolutely nothing!

It is really only to give a background to the remainder of this article.

Of all the companies producing cigarettes and the inevitable cards, one company, the United Kingdom Tobacco Company with its brand of "Greys" cigarettes, decided to offer something just that bit different from the rest of the pack (!!)

In 1935, Major Drapkin, a subsidiary of Godfrey Phillips, owners of UKTC launched their "Greys" cigarettes containing two-dimensional fig-



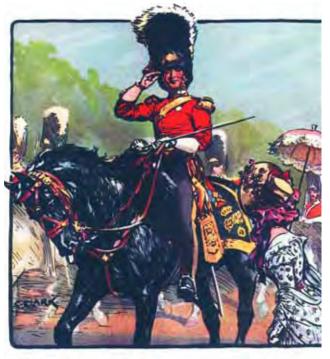
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A green packet and a red tine for 20 cigarettes



THE GREYS

An original advert from a British Magazine

GREYS CIGARETTES (Cont.)

ures (flats), numbered 1-52 representing the Battle of Balaclava, fought on October 25th 1854. This famous action was between the British and Russian forces, and is remembered mostly for the "Charge of the Light Brigade" the famous six hundred.(actually 643)

Figures 1-33, the foot soldiers, were in the 6d (4.7cents) packets, and the cavalry 34-48, with the cannon and limber (49-52) were to be found in the 20 for a shilling (9.4cents) cartons. A mixture of foot and horse figures were given in the 50 and 100 cigarette tins.

Some figures were painted but the majority were left unpainted. Figures 1-11 represented the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, #4 is pictured bravely rescuing a wounded colleague. Numbers 12-22 depicted the Foot Guards, showing #20 in the photographs. #23-33 was the Russian Infantry, 23-28-29 are pictured. The Scots Greys are shown in five different poses as 34-36-38-41-42 (#42 is also the cover picture)

Russian Cavalry are numbered 43-44-45, no Cossacks were available for photography, but were numbered 47 & 48. The British cannon and limber were 49 & 50 with numbers 51 & 52 as the Russian cannon and limber. The original moulds shown would have made figure 43 in the picture section.





The two parts of the original mould used to make figure #43



Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders



The Foot Guards



Scots Greys

It is known that this series was actually the second set to be issued, the Napoleonic War being the subject of the originals. This set contained, amongst others, French, German and British Infantry, a mounted Napoleon and a burning house. In the summer of 1931, a single figure of a French Infantryman advancing, from this series, was found in the Damme Canal in Bruges by William Y. Carman (what was he doing in the canal?) Subsequent research by Carman revealed the figures, made in 28mm scale, were the creation of a German engraver called Frank around 1930, manufactured by Ochel of Kiel, which started production around 1925.

The tins displayed the battle honours of the "Greys" and the packets showed a soldier wear-



Greys Toy Soldiers from the W. Y. Carman Collection

GREYS CIGARETTES (Cont.)



ing his bearskin, they were distinctive as the only cavalry regiment not to wear a helmet. Their unofficial motto "second to none" referred to their seniority in the British Army. Their cap badge depicted an eagle, from a French colour captured at Waterloo. After which time the army nicknamed them the "Bird catchers"

The advertisement showing the dashing cavalry officer and the lady is taken from an original printed in "The Illustrated London News" on May 15th 1937, even the advert used the cavalry motto to promote the quality of its product.

Something a bit different to the standard 54mm figure, they are not too difficult to obtain and at a price far removed from the baseball card, currently around \$20-40 depending on the figure.



Scots Greys

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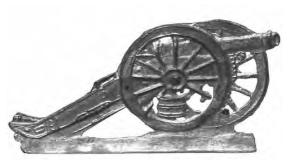




The Russian Calvary

Enjoy your collecting. I am grateful to both Martin Fahie and Gordon Howsden for their help in compiling this article, all the figures belong to them. I could not have done it without you both, thanks.

Martin Fahie has several of the original pairs of moulds that are for sale, if there is an interested party out there and they would contact me at philip@philipedean.com then I will put you in touch with Martin.



British Cannon #49



British Limber #50



Russian Cannon #51



Russian Limber #52



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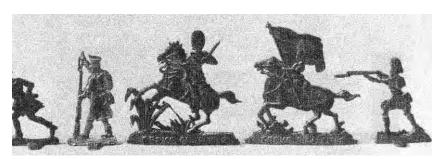
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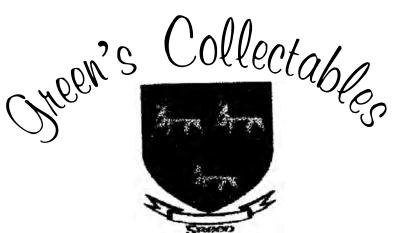
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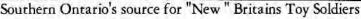
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AUCTION REVIEW

CHRISTIES SOUTH KENSINGTON SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2005

By Philip Dean

This auction, one of the first of the new Sunday events for Christies certainly had something for everyone.

The first 68 lots were from the US, The Chase Collection. a very high quality batch of, firstly, Britains figures which were a real bargain for the purchasers. Lot 4, described as Continental infantry, contained 6 figures from set 2035 Swedish Lifeguards and 8 each from sets 2009, 1383 and 432, a total of 30 figures for £160 (\$290) Lot #25 was 16 figures from set 2011, the Royal Air Force, just about as mint as you can get, again only £160 (\$290) plus commission and our dreaded VAT, but only at 5%.

If Louis Marx Warriors of the World in plastic do it for you then there were 354 on offer in seven lots all selling for around £3 (\$5+) each boxed. Lot 65 was Authenticast "Warships of the World", 137 of them, mostly boxed sailing away for £850 (\$1541) against an estimate of £400-600 (\$740-1100). The next lot (66) was again Authenticast, but now it was 37 "Tanks of the World" with an estimate of



Charles Biggs (Right) with son Kevin and Grandson Jake



Britains trade box of Nestle's Map of the World Cows, originally sold as fund raising items for the National Council for Animal Welfare (unsold)



Britains Miniature Road Roller in original wooden box (\$2800)



Original Plaster Master Molds for the "Britains Family" now formally identified as "Domestic Series" by the original paper label from the Britains Factory (\$5056)

£200-300 (\$370-550), again sold for £850 (\$1541). Finally, for the Chase Collection, a superb lot of Viking and Tremo ship models from the 1930s. The detail and intricacy of the hospital ship had to be seen to be believed, they sold at over twice high estimate for £650 (\$1179) A wonderful addition to any collection.

The next, almost 100 lots, described as "Various Properties" began with a trade box of 12 World cows in a box labelled for "National Council for Animal Welfare", estimated at £1000-1500 (\$1900-2700) it failed to find a buyer. It is not so easy nowadays to find good Lilliput military vehi-

AUCTION REVIEW (Cont.)

cles, but here were 84, in five lots, all sold for an average of £13 (\$23+) all very good or better.

This section contained many Britains miniature garden lots and they all maintained their usual good prices. There were several quality lots hidden in this section, a nice historical set from FAO Schwarz (£350-\$635) a very good boxed (wooden) Britains Miniature Road Roller (£1500-\$2800) and the miniature Archery set also from Britains (£800-\$1500)

The property of "a very famous old and titled family", lots 126-128 were wonderful German Flats. The first lot contained an assortment ranging from zoo to entertainers,

Robinson Crusoe to Trains, a mix which sold for nearly 3 times over estimate at £850-\$1541. Lot 128 was a military review on Wimbledon Common by the National Rifle Association, which, in 1889, was moved to Bisley, where it still thrives today.

The next several lots were Elastolin and Lineol military figures all selling for around the estimated price. How can anything so strict and military be called a "Jingling Johnny"?

There they were in lot 144, one soldier even had a three-tier Jingling Johnny (lucky man)

Whatever had gone before at this auction was really only the "warm-up" for the main event of the day. "The Charles Biggs Britains Collection" was not so much a collection of figures, it was an auction of memories, memories of a career spanning almost 40 years with Britains, arguably the worlds greatest toy figure company. Almost every lot contained landmarks to the progress of William Britains. It was the history of Britains that was under the hammer today.

Artwork, photographs, prototypes, moulds and packaging. Three albums of photographs, folders overflowing with sketches of original artwork, original 1900 printing blocks. An almost complete range of catalogues, including the beautiful 1959, combining for the first time, lead and plastic.

It was only right that lot 179, a collection of 14 prints by Ernest Aris, hand coloured artwork of Britains Cococubs, some with their original names, should go to the man who is probably the worlds greatest authority on the figures, it was the only lot he came for and he went away happy, but £1100 -\$2000 poorer. Congratulation Dudley!

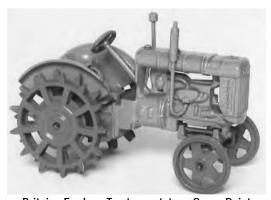
If particular items are destined to belong to certain people then the same can be said of the moulds of the "Britains family" as they now



Original Printing Blocks for Britains Catalogs of Fred Britain, Dockyard Crane and Equestrienne (\$985)



Selwyn-Smith Miniatures. HM the Queen in Ball Gown, made in limited numbers and presented to Charles Biggs by Roy Selwyn-Smith (\$805)



Britains Fordson Tractor prototype Green Paint version (\$5450)



Madame Tussaud Bust on Bakelite plinth (\$305)

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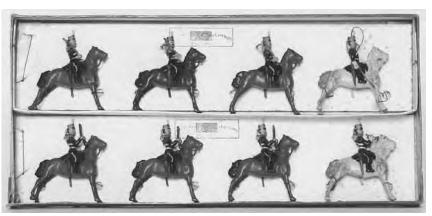
have a home with the owner of the full set of figures. But I think it probably has more to do with them paying more, in this case £2800-\$5086

It really is difficult to decide which are the prime lots, but I suppose price will determine the sequence. The majority of the artwork and archive documents went to the same source. Lot 173, original artwork and point of sale (£400-\$730) Lot 177, Design and reference material (£950-\$1725), Lot 181, Photographs (£600-\$1080), Lot 182 Pen and Ink Drawings (£1300-\$2360)

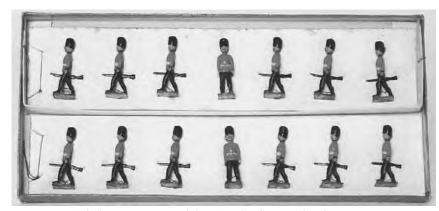
Lot 184 Production Inventories and Mould Numbers (£600-\$1080)

The honour of the highest price paid goes to a small green tractor, a 127f spud wheel prototype which eventually sold for £3000-\$5450, but with 20% on the hammer and Vat on that it leaves the winner (!!) with a bill of £3705-\$6730.

Two very rare military sets -86 (lot 209) a "B" size set of the Lancashire Fusiliers and 87 (lot 210) also a "B" size "Types of the British Army" went for £1500-\$2700 each



Britains set # 86 containing "B "size figures of the Lancashire Fusiliers (\$2800)



Britains set # 87 containing "B" size figures of 13th Hussars

A collection of Britains zoo animals (lot 221), described as "specially enhanced paint versions" went for five times over estimate at £1500-\$2700. Several tractors (240), including a gold plated 9525 Mercedes Benz went for seven times over estimate at £1400-\$2540 Lot 243, again tractors and agricultural machinery sold at £950-\$1725 against an estimate of £350-\$640.

Lot 241, right if you guessed tractors, all ex-factory, £950-\$1725

It is said that when you want a policeman you can never find one – except at Christies,

Where there were 200 of them, in three lots. These were from the Coronation Procession mechanical window displays, all with black bases and painted armbands, mint condition.

Two of the lots sold for £320-\$580 each with the third realising £350-\$635. All I wanted was one of each!

Now the old favourites, catalogues, lot 224, described as "the Biggs Working Collection of Herald Catalogues" this attained the best price at £1000-\$1900 with other lots reaching up to £550-\$1000.

All the prices given are hammer prices and do not include commission charges or VAT.

Just about every lot had something special about it, do try and get the catalogue, with prices realised, and be part of this moment of history in the selling.

It was especially good to see Charles Biggs at the sale, with his son, Kevin and grandson, Jake. I asked him after the sale what were his feelings. "I have no bad feelings, I am a professional, not a collector, what I am selling is my art, my trade. Just as an artist will sell his paintings"

"I do still have a few Timpo figures, when I was about 18, I telephoned Britains and told them that, even though I thought that Timpo was better than Britains, would they give me a job"

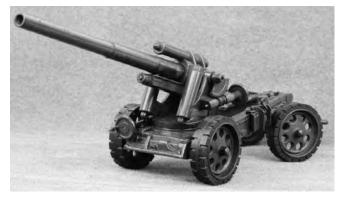
"They put the phone down on me!!!"

AUCTION REVIEW (Cont.)

VECTIS AUCTIONS

The 2nd Vectis figure sale of 2005 was held on May 10th with consistently high prices being achieved across the board. Competition was fierce with a high proportion of successful bids being made via the live internet connection.

Highlights from the sale included two identical early Marklin Heavy howitzers both making £580, a Lineol Armoured Car made £1100 and a Tipp pre-war German Bomber in virtually mint condition fetched £2200. Elsewhere in the sale the rare and desirable Britain's



boxed trapeze made £1900 and a Britain's - Set 1413 [unboxed] - Mobile Police Car [1938 issue] £460.

The Britain's military section contained [as is becoming the norm at Vectis], a number of extremely rare items, one such being lot 785 consisting of: 8 x Territorials [1911] in blue at attention together with a mounted Officer. These figures were uncatalogued and appear never to have been sold as a set, the 9 figures reached

£2000 after a frantic three way bidding session. A single kneeling French Officer with Binoculars produced by Britain's Paris Office made £220 and a set of Paris Office Chasseurs a Cheval £600.



AUCTION PREVIEW

VECTIS AUCTIONS

The next specialist sale to be held by Vectis will take place on Thursday 8th September and will include another "set" of 1911 Territorials, this version in red tunics and consisting of a mounted officer and 6 other ranks at attention. A boxed set of early issue Britain's Japanese Infantry in dark blue tunics and an unusual version of set 320 with an end label which reads - "Doctors & Nurses"! A Nissan Hut barracks and AA Gun emplacement by Hugar will also be included.

In other sections of the sale there will be a fine selection of composite figures and equipment including a superb Lineol Heavy Field Gun complete and in excellent condition, also another example of a Lineol Armoured Car, a Hausser Flak 88 on Field Carriage and a very rare boxed Tipp & Co Truck with Searchlight and Crew.

A comprehensive selection of [modern] Russian miniatures will be offered together with a small section of original military artwork including an original Orlando Norrie watercolour depicting the RHA on manoeuvres circa 1890 and a series of original Napoleonic uniform studies in watercolour and acrylics commissioned by Airfix from figure designer/artist Don Cameron to illustrate their collectors series of 1/32nd Napoleonic's in the 1970's. The later includes French Imperial Guard Grenadiers and Line Infantry and British Foot guards and Highlanders.

The sale will be completed by extensive sections of Civilian and Plastic figures including some superb Swoppet Knights.

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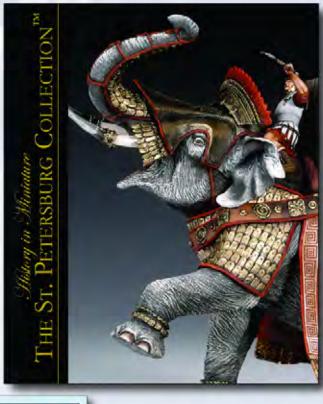
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BOOK REVIEW

CREATING MINIATURE KNIGHTS

By Peter Greenhill and Mario Venturi Reviewed by Russ Bednarek

"Creating Miniature Knights" is the brilliant result of the collaborative efforts of two extremely gifted artisans, Peter Greenhill and Mario Venturi. Sharing an intense passion for the combatants of the mid-fourteenth century and its heraldry, Greenhill and Venturi differ in their respective presentations of their models. Due to the high standards of workmanship of each maker, they have produced a book which is destined to become a classic.



In 1978 Peter Greenhill purchased the molds of the legendary Richard Courtnay. It is these molds which Greenhill currently uses in creating his own miniature knights. Painted in high gloss enamels and displaying the most historic heraldry possible, (Greenhill's other passion), each model is a virtual 50mm masterpiece. Greenhill's models are intended to be modular. They may successfully stand alone, or may be combined with other models within the range to create impressive scenes.

Venturi's approach is that of the diorama. Commissioned to create a diorama of the Battle of Poitiers, Venturi's models are individually crafted 60mm works of art. Attention to detail, heraldry of the highest quality, and superlative painting make every Venturi piece a true "one of". But Venturi's talents do not stop here. He has the talent and ability to creatively position and stage his models in a most realistic manner. So much so that his dioramas convey a sense of history frozen in time.

The first half of "Creating Miniature Knights" is devoted to Peter Greenhill. Production methods beginning with research and moving to casting and painting are discussed. Heraldry and its components are addressed and accompanied by several full-color pages of reference sheets drawn by Greenhill. Additional topics covered are various makers, conversion of figures and the future of heraldic miniature knights.

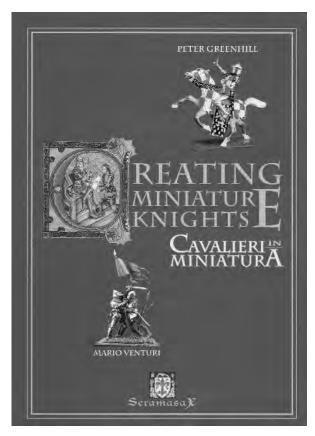
The latter half of the book focuses on the craftsmanship of Mario Venturi. Dioramas created with

Venturi's figures depict the battles of Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt. Each battle is briefly covered implementing Venturi's models as a visual presentation. Every diorama is comprised of a series of vignettes, capturing and holding the readers attention. The combination of excellent photography and Venturi's superlative figures is an effective way of describing the battles.

For the collector of this genre, "Creating Miniature Knights" definitely belongs in your library. Students of heraldry are also advised to obtain a copy as the numerous high quality color plates depicting the heraldry of Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt are invaluable. Hardbound with over 180 pages and 150 breathtaking photographs, "Creating Miniature Knights" is destined to become a classic work.

Thank you to Peter Greenhill who generously supplied a copy for this review.

Peter Greenhill is also the author of Heraldic Miniature Knights, A Guild of Master Craftsman publication. Both this and Creating Miniature Knights may be obtained from Peter in the UK (44)1202 762371 or from Joseph Remson in the US. (603) 673 0663 Joseph will be in attendance at the Old Toy Soldier Show in Chicago in September and will have copies of the book available then. Peter Greenhill will be in attendance at Norman Joplin's Old Toy Soldier and Figure Show in London on September 10th.



BOOK PREVIEW

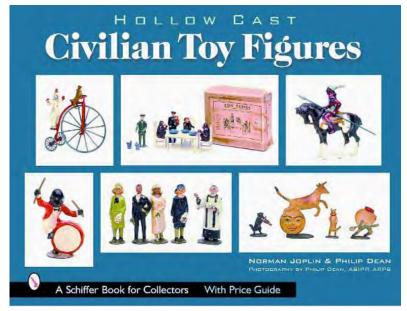
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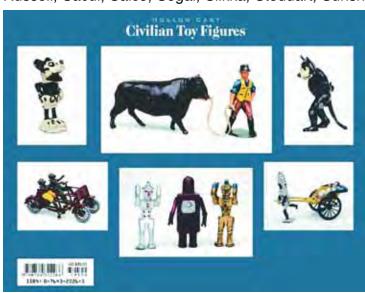
Containing three hundred and eighty four pages with fifteen hundred color photographs Hollow Cast Civilian Toy Figures is a sequel to Britains Civilian Toy Figures by the same authors and covers the products of over 70 manufacturers of hollow cast toy figures from the period 1900-1966.

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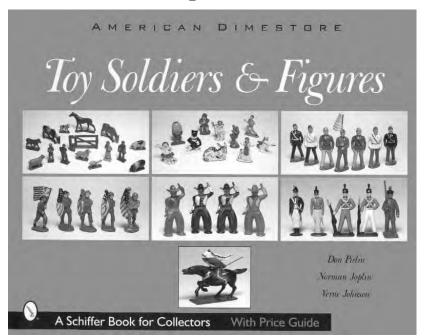
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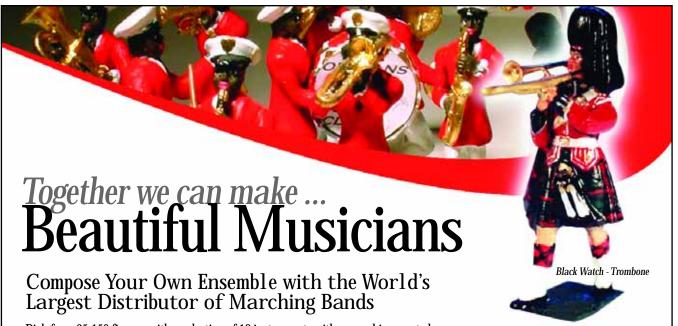
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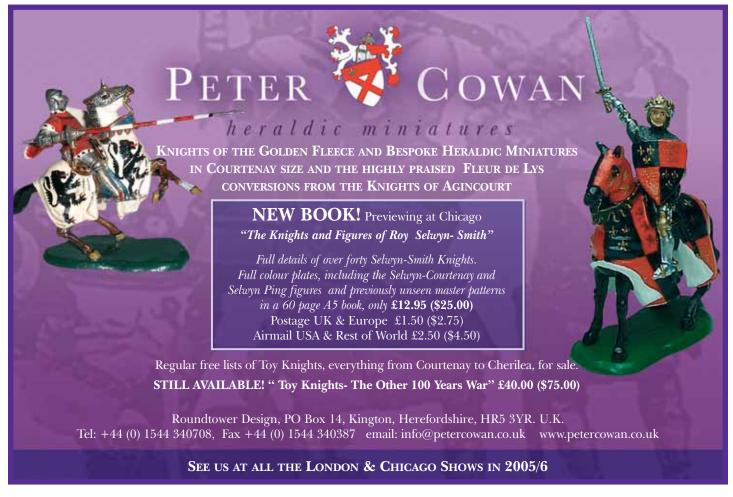
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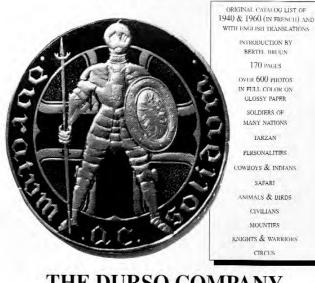
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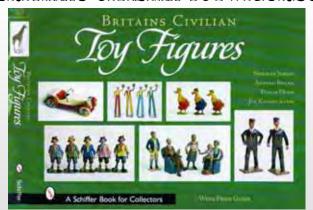
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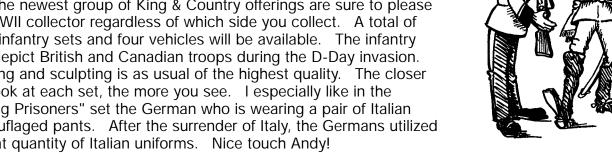
GENERAL INSPECTION-NEW PRODUCT REVIEW

By Russ Bednarek

KING & COUNTRY RELEASES

King & Country are arguably the most prolific of all the manufacturers of toy soldiers. There are always two things you can count on from King & Country-many new releases, and the highest quality of figures imaginable.

The newest group of King & Country offerings are sure to please the WWII collector regardless of which side you collect. A total of three infantry sets and four vehicles will be available. The infantry sets depict British and Canadian troops during the D-Day invasion. Painting and sculpting is as usual of the highest quality. The closer you look at each set, the more you see. I especially like in the "Taking Prisoners" set the German who is wearing a pair of Italian camouflaged pants. After the surrender of Italy, the Germans utilized a great quantity of Italian uniforms. Nice touch Andy!



The three vehicles, Bren Gun carrier, Staghound armored car, Strumgeschutz IV and DUKW amphibious vehicle and their accompanying crews are all well executed. Each vehicle is weathered in an extremely realistic manner with great detail. The DUKW measures over 13 inches long and contains two removable loads. The Sturmgeschutz IV is a strictly limited run of 500 -don't miss this one!

Thank you to King & Country for supplying examples for this review. A detailed description of each set/vehicle is given below.

WHAT'S NEW FROM KING & COUNTRY! FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Prepared by: Andy C. Neilson, Co-founder and Creative Director

COMING IN JULY

(A) D.DAY '44 British & Canadians

In response to the many requests for additional British and Commonwealth troops we are releasing these 5 sets next month.

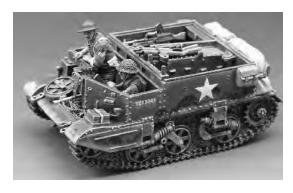


DD57 "Commando Attack" Led by an NCO firing his 'Sten' gun three more Commandos rush into attack. Two men are armed with the ever reliable LEE ENFIELD rifles whilst the fourth carries the trusty BREN Light Machine Gun.

DD58 "Taking Prisoners' An interesting set this one...Two walking-wounded Waffen SS officers are escorted by a rifle-toting Commando. Watching this little scene is a British Military Policeman sitting astride his Triumph motorbike. Great figures...great value!



GENERAL INSPECTION-NEW PRODUCT REVIEW (Cont.)



DD59 "Bren Gun Carrier Set" The ubiquitous little tracked vehicle seen on every WW2 British battlefield (and a few American ones too). This latest version is, without doubt, our most detailed and accurate one yet. Our carrier, in the markings of the British 3rd Infantry Division, is manned by two typical "Tommies".

DD60 "Staghound" Armoured Car Here's an unusual one. The Staghhound was designed and built by the Americans but used exclusively by the Brits and Canadians! Our model is the Canuck version and marked up as one of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons vehicles complete with commander and gunner 1/2 body figures.





DD64 "Tommy" Patrol Here they are "The Poor Bloody Infantry". Four weary but watchful "Toms" make their way forward. Check out any photos of British infantry in Normandy or afterwards and you'll see these guys.

(B) D-Day American Special

DD63 "DUKW Amphibious Vehicle" Here's a biggie! One of the Allies most useful and versatile vehicles "X the famous DUKW. The K&C polystone and metal version is over 13 inches long. Comes with a removable transport load of 50 gallon gas drums and a pile of Jerricans plus there's two great full-body GI's. This one's ideal on the beach, in the water or on the road!



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GENERAL INSPECTION-NEW PRODUCT REVIEW (Cont.)

NEW LUCOTTE COLLECTOR CLUB SETS

Lynda Francsechi, Director of the Lucotte Collectors Club, has just announced the release of four new exciting sets. Collectors will be pleased to learn that an infantry set, two cavalry sets and a unique "one of" figure comprise the new offerings. The deadline to purchase these new releases will be September 30, 2005.

The infantry set is that of the Cleve-Berg grenadiers. After the Grand Duchy of Cleve-Berg was conquered, Napoleon presented it to Murat as a gift in 1806, thus making Cleve-Berg a member of the Confederation of the Rhine. As a result, Cleve-Berg contributed several regiments to France's Grande Armee.

Resplendent in their blue faced white uniforms complete with bearskin headdress, this is a very impressive 13 piece set. Composition of the set is 8 marching grenadiers, 2 drummers, 1 flagbearer, 1 officer on foot and 1 mounted officer. Each set is shipped in a wooden box which is especially designed by Lucotte.

The first cavalry set is the Train des Equipages. These men were responsible for moving supplies, ammunition and artillery to the front line. Dressed in the typical French blue uniform, this is an excellent rendition of a group of soldiers which has been overlooked by the toy soldier world. The 6 piece set will have an officer, trumpeter, flagbearer and 3 mounted troops.

The second cavalry set is that of an 1812 Russian cavalry regiment which was raised in St.Petersburg dressed in black uniforms, the Cavaliers de la Mort. The insignia of this regiment was the skull and crossbones and along with their black uniforms is a very imposing regiment. This set was just announced by Madame Franceschi. As a matter of fact, it is so new that a photo was not yet available!





The last offering is a most novel idea. Recently a French collector showed Madame Franceschi a very old Lucotte mounted figure of Napoleon wearing his famous grey riding coat. After she and Monsieur Pemzec, (owner of Mignot), determined that the figure was indeed an old original and unaltered Lucotte, it was decided that such a figure will be offered to Lucotte collectors. I have been told that the riding coat shall be hand crafted from sheet lead. Looking a the picture of the prototype figure, it is apparent that Lucotte has done an excellent job.

Typical of all Lucotte sets, the painting and workmanship is impeccable. Numerous pieces which comprise each figure are hand soldered onto the solid-cast body. One painter is responsible for an entire set, insuring that the degree of painting is of the highest quality and consistent with each set. It is this intense attention to detail which results in Lucotte's reputation as a premier manufacturer of toy soldiers.

Those interested in purchasing any/all of the new offerings should contact the Lucotte Collectors Club. After the deadline of September 30, 2005 none of these sets shall ever be offered again.

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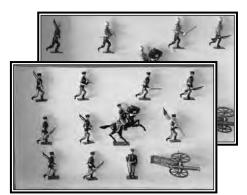
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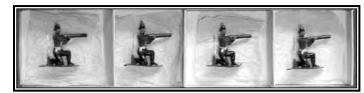


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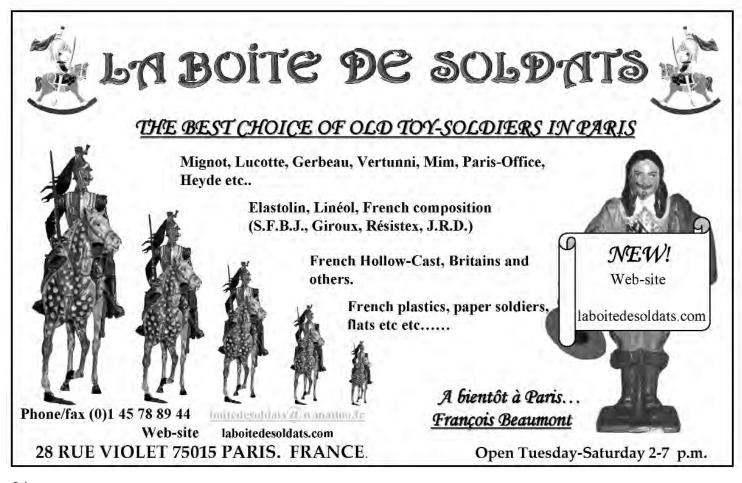
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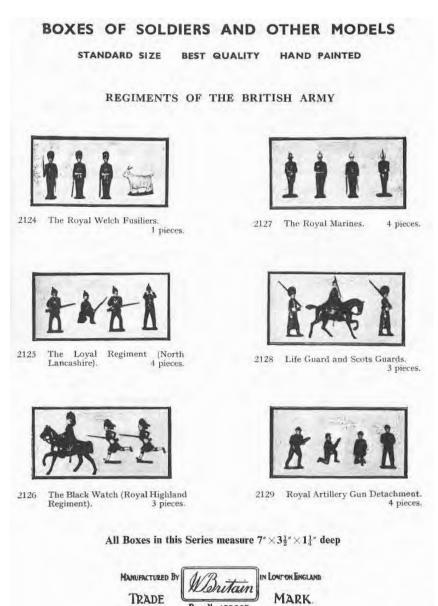
BRITAINS HALF SETS - PART ONE

By Andrew M. Hull

Growing up in the 1950s in a small town in central lowa, Andrew Hull recalls the good economic prosperity of the time and the "G" rated movies of the period including Zorro, Cheyenne Bodie, Maverick, and Captain Gallant etc.

Toy soldiers and of course Britains products were his main interest in those days, with other British manufacturers lines including Johillco, Timpo, Crescent, etc. not far behind. My weekly allowance and many hours spent earning money from a year round newspaper route, shoveling snow during the winter and mowing lawns in the summer provided me with the funds required for the annual family trip to Chicago and a trip to Marshal Fields Department Store or many of the other stores that carried toy soldiers.

Regrettably, many of these purchases were damaged or discarded over the years, but in later years and as an adult collector, the need to acquire toy soldiers surfaced again.





Andrew Hull with part of his Half Set Collection

Although I cannot remember collecting them as a boy, Britains Half sets have since become an area of Britains production that I have collected.

Produced only between 1957 and 1959, this short-lived line of 30 different sets contained in boxes with either 3 or 4 figures has become a focus of my toy soldier collection.

Half sets (although Britains never actually used the term) were simply just that, boxes of half the normal size with special art work designed for the series, some sets contained figures that were not available in the larger sets or that did not appear anywhere else in Britains catalogs. This particular aspect makes them highly collectible.

The following is a summary of the first 15 sets included in this range, part two will be published in OTS Volume 29 # 3 along with information from Britains factory records on the "B" numbers used for items included in half sets and not issued in other Britains sets.

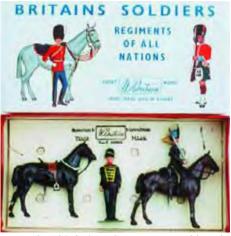
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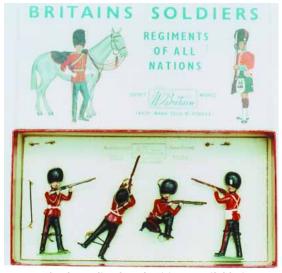
2118 The Life Guards- Sentries also available in set # 2029.



2119 The Royal Scots Greys –The dismounted Scots Grey Trooper was not available in any other Britains set.



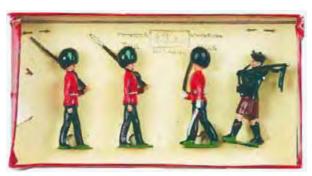
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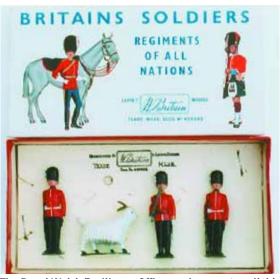
2121 The Grenadier Guards Firing -available in set #s1283 and 1327.



2122 The Scots Guards- Pioneer, Officer with furled flag as issued in set #82 with Officer and marching at the slope, also issued in set #75.



2123 The Irish Guards- The Irish Guards Piper was available in set #2096,however this is the only postwar set in which Irish guards were available.



2124 The Royal Welch Fusiliers – Officer and men not available in any other Britains set, although the Goat Mascot was available in set #74.

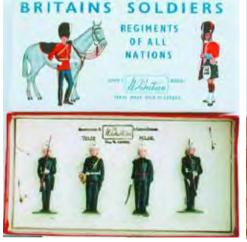
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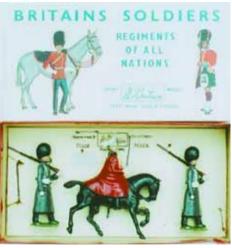
2125 The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) - Paint adaptations of Line Infantry figures with White helmets, although a dark version helmet is sometimes found in this set and illustrated thus in the Britains 1958 catalog.



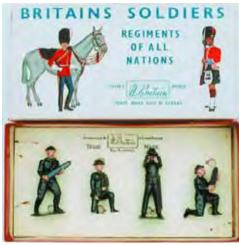
2126 The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) - Mounted Officer only available post War and charging figures from set #11.



2127 The Royal Marines - Officer and men as in set # 2071 with a Bugler at attention unique to this set, available either with straight arm or bent bugle arm.



2128 Life Guard and Scots Guards as in set# 429.



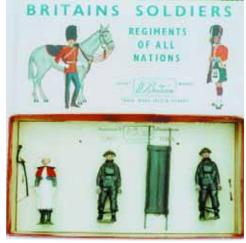
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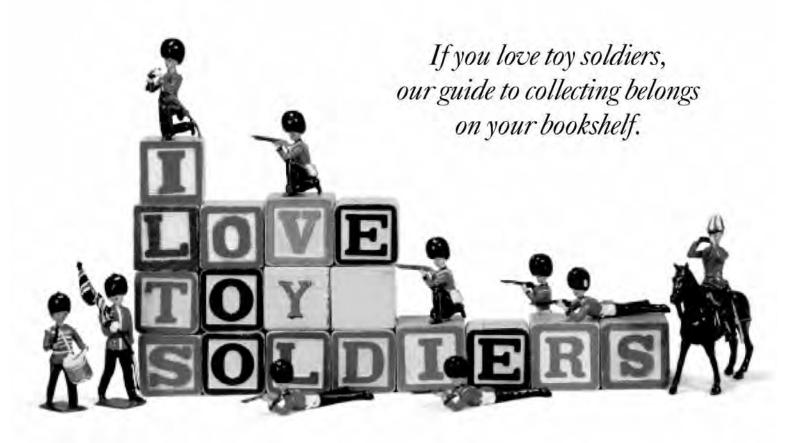
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DIMESTORE UPDATE UNIVERSAL PLASTICS - FINALLY, A TIE TO BETON

By Richard O'Brien

In 1993 I received collector Bill Hanlon's excellent book, "Plastic Toys". Toward the end of it, I got startled. Bill casually mentioned he'd come across a 1939 company called Universal Plastics Corporation that seemed to have some kind of tie to Beton - whether business-wise or because their figures were so similar (some even alike) he didn't know.

In all my years of collecting, I'd never heard of Universal. I quickly got in touch with Bill and in turn he sent me a page from the August 1939 issue of Modern Plastics magazine. There were two photos of Universal's figures. One showed three Indians who looked just like Beton's. The other displayed a trio of soldiers. Those three looked like Betons too, except for one eye-opening detail. Instead of the steel helmets found on Betons, they were wearing soft caps! Already, a question I'd had in my mind for a long time was answered. Some of Beton's soldiers have a normal-looking helmet. Others look as if they're wearing steel derbies. Looking at Universal's military figures, it was obvious that somewhere along the way their molds had been "chased" to change their caps into helmets.

Once I had all this in hand, I quickly got in touch with other collectors, and they in turn sought out others they thought might be helpful. As it turned out, for years some collectors had been aware of "Betons" with rectangular bases (unlike the ovals Beton then employed), and that under the base, there was no mention of Beton, just a symbol that looked like a combined capital U and a small p. As time went on, collectors like Bill Holt, Ron Steiner, John Sicinski and others reported discoveries of still more figures made by Universal. At this moment, we know about six soldiers, three Indians, three cowboys, a fireman and a traffic officer.

What we didn't know was how Beton had got hold of Universal's molds. Had they bought them, or was there no link at all between the two firms; perhaps a third party had provided Beton with them, or Beton on its own had stumbled on the molds.

We now know a bit more. Recently, Bill Hanlon got in touch with me and told me about a Universal ad he'd found in the March, 1940 Modern Plastics. Furthermore, he'd unearthed (via the papers of Islyn Thomas, of Thomas Toys) a 1943 Dun and Bradstreet report that furnished much new information on Universal. I, of course, asked for copies, and Bill soon supplied them.

It took me a few seconds to realize what I was looking at in the ad. I'd expected Universal Plastics soldiers. Instead, they were Betons, both Beton's own early pieces and the "Universals" turned into steel-derby-wearers. What had been Universal's drummer now not only had the new headgear, but his base was a Beton oval. A small bonus was seeing Universal's signalman, till now only known as a lone piece missing both its flags, holding up one of the flags (the lower one hidden behind the back of an infantryman).

Finally, it was obvious. There <u>had</u> been a tie between Universal and Beton. In the ad, there's the suggestion that Universal was now producing for Beton, with the statement "The drummer boy, an example of Universal Custom Molding, is out drumming up business for several Universal customers...". The date of the magazine suggests that Universal's own production was short-lived. In August of 1939 they were "experiment-

ing" with a line of figures. Since Modern Plastics was published on the 5th of each month, it seems likely Universal was out of selling its soldiers by February, 1940 at the latest, and presumably earlier.

The Dun & Bradstreet is terrific. It tells us two of its officers in August, 1939 were chairman Julius Loeb, and Hans Meyer the treasurer (succeeded a month later by Dr. Leo West). The company was begun as Superlithe Corp., chartered February 28, 1935. It went bankrupt, and reorganized in 1936 as Universal Plastics Corp.

Importantly, according to the report, Universal, which at this time was located at 235 Jersey Avenue in New Brunswick, NJ, lost money consistently from the time of its founding straight through to the end of 1940. Thus it seems likely it was happy to sell its molds to Beton for hard cash.





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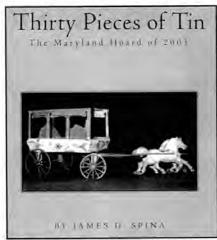


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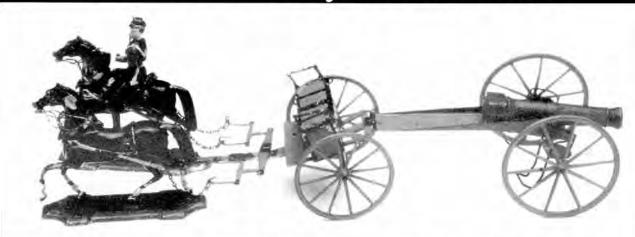
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By David Scheinmann





"Scenes Infantines" (Childhood Scenes) a French postcard, postally used 1904. An outstanding image, very different in appearance to the more usual posed studio shots. A young boy plays with his toy soldiers and a cannon, while a young girl clutching her doll observes the battle. A parrot in the background also looks on!

"A Young Warrior" a charming English postcard from the early 1900's. The back marked "National Series" (A trade name used by Millar & Lang) No. 428. A young boy with a fine array of Britains toy soldiers - including Boer Infantry and Cavalry, Egyptian Camel Corps and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Postcard kindly loaned by James Barr.

My previous article in the Fall 2004 issue of Old Toy Soldier featured a number of toy soldier postcards in my collection. I am pleased to say that since then I have managed to acquire a few further examples as well as having being contacted by several readers who have some fine examples in their collections.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from any readers who have other examples of this genre of postcard. I can be contacted by email at scheinmann@aol.com, or see my ad in the *Toy Soldier Marketplace* pages.

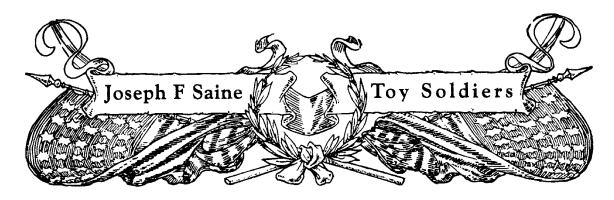








Three French postcards, in the style typical of the vast numbers of patriotic postcards produced during the First World War. These examples showing children appearing suitably patriotic with their toy soldiers, while "Papa" is shown as a heroic figure serving at the Front. Left: "Le Reve" (The Dream), the caption translates as "For the Standard, nothing is too beautiful". Postally used in 1915. Centre: Another postcard from the same studio. The caption roughly translates as "I often hear a sound, a whisper: This distant sound, is my comfort". Right: "Comme Papa...je serai vainqueur" (Like Father... I will be victorious). This postcard was written in 1916.



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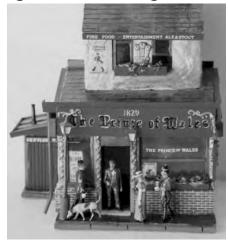
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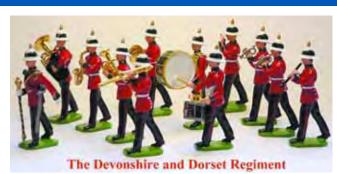
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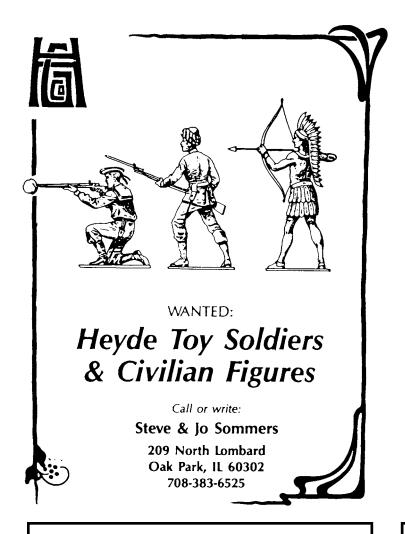
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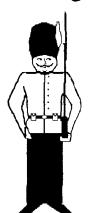
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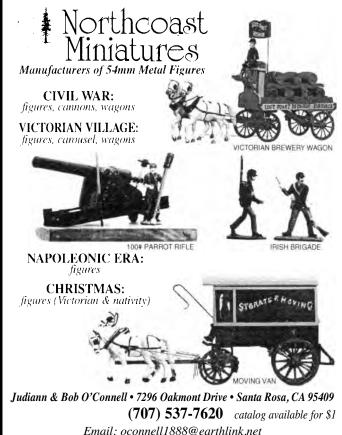
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By Jack Matthews

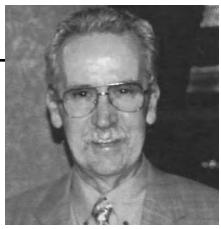
Every so often in the late evening I walk around my toy" museum" and look at all my stuff. I always get a smile and think nice thoughts about playing with some long ago chum- or about when I acquired them much later on in the company of an adult fellow collector buddy.

Don't deny it. I bet a lot of you do the same thing.

When recently working up some more photo articles for OTS, I thought I'd pick some of my favorite WWII toys and share them with you. Even with over 1500 non-soldier WWII toy collectibles the selection was easier than I would have thought. My selections had nothing to do with rarity or value'(whatever that means). I found the unplanned choice elements turned out to be pleasure, visual graphics, homefront aspects and boyhood memories.

So here they are.

- 1. This has always been my favorite dimestore (I once collected a row of ten of them). What a great tommy-gun. A really small kid could hold it in a little fist and use it as a pistol- bam-bam!!
- 2. Squadron Scramble was a neat rainy day air recognition game (it came in two different versions). I often played it with my kid sister Pat. Boy was she good!
- 3. I also had this large Junior Air Raid Warden Kit containing not one metal item. Everything was "junior" then- "junior" commando, g-man, general, cadet etc.
- 4. Some of Merrill's ten large coloring books are still easily obtained. This one had the best cover- it took me years to collect them all in good condition.
- 5. For some reason I love all these wooden boat sets (they float) usually made by Keystone and Milton Bradley. This one was another great Allentown Toy Show find.
- 6. All of us kids had this ten cent composition 45 caliber pistol (it also came in cardboard belt and holster boxed sets). The box is tough to find. Do not-repeat-do not- leave it out in a rain puddle overnight!!
- 7. This Ohio Art toy bank with wheels is my all-time favorite toy-combining two functions it has everything a toy should look like.
- 8. I had a few versions of these sticker kits where you pasted country stickers on blank maps of continents. It was deemed a good aid to learning geography and thus parents liked them for the educational value. This mint gem came from an E-Bay auction. I'm always amazed at how 60 year old paper items can survive in this condition.
- 9. There were 15 of these pocket size hardbacks sold by Whitman. They contained great drawings of everything a kid needed to know about our armed forces, including insignia and civil defense. They are still readily available for 5-10 bucks.



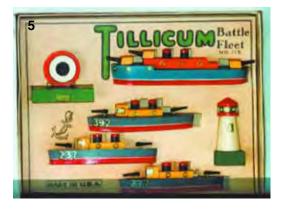








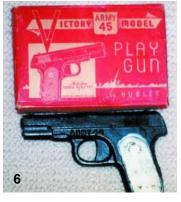
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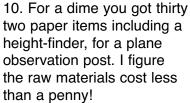


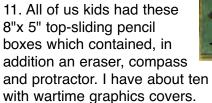


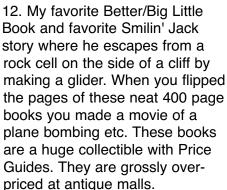


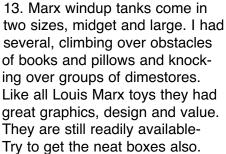










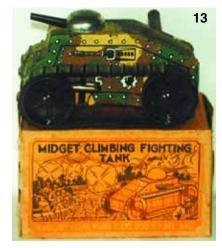


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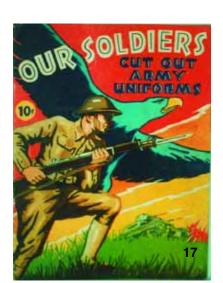


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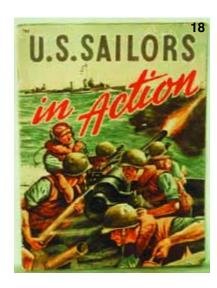




- 16. Cardboard dials of various types showing insignia, planes etc in the peephole when the dial was turned were given away as advertising items. We wore them out quickly but then mom just had to go to the grocery and buy another loaf of Tip-Top bread to get a brand new one.
- 17. I traded a "Military Paper Doll Wedding" booklet for this very scarce cut-out book. What a great cover!
- 18. There were over twelve 8"x 10" booklets in this Whitman series. Each contained war stories and marvelous color scenes of our boys in action by popular artists.
- 19. Of slightly post war manufacture this very rare Cragston tinplate biplane (my favorite plane) brings back memories of those old Jimmy Cagney and Pat O'Brien movies. Time to fire up the old VCR.
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Well that's it. I'd love to see similar "favorites" lists from other old timers. Maybe Norm will run it as an occasional feature.

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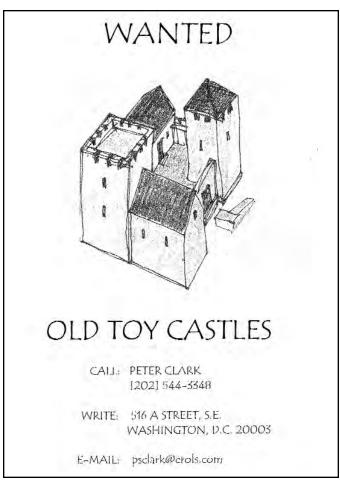


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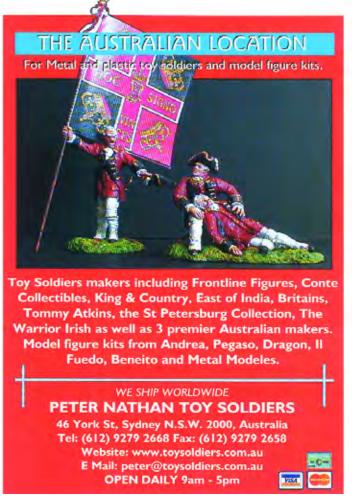
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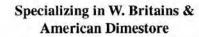








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