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Monthly Newsletter for May 2017

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2017

8 January 2017 - 12 February 2017 – 12 March 2017
 9 April 2017 - 7 May 2017 – 10 September 2017
 15 October 2017– 5 November 2017 - 10 December 2017

Annual Show
 Saturday June 10, 2017

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Next meeting..

Sunday, 7 May, 2017

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

Letter from the President



Can you believe we are into May already? Things Sure move fast. We are ramping up for an exciting change to the new annual show venue at Humber College. Bookings for vendors are totally booked. The preparations, organization and planning are going full speed ahead. All this work being done by volunteers like our show chairs Norm White and Scott Dummitt. I am extremely proud and grateful for their efforts and passion for the hours spent making this first year a success even before it starts.

Ian Pearson did an amazing job of his presentation last month updating us on the history of our club. He is our archivist and club historian. His PowerPoint presentation was well prepared and enjoyed by all members present. Thank you Ian for a job well done.

Those of us at the meeting also received our copy of the next OMSS Journal. Everyone was really impressed with the first edition by our new editor Brendan Hogan. This publication is another example of the hard work by a volunteer spending a ton of personal time producing a professional product for us.

Don't forget to bring in new or unusual things for show and tell or any donations for the club draw table. Hope to see you at the May meeting. Stay safe.

Jim Qualtrough

ON PARADE 2017 VENDORS

This year's list of vendors at "ON PARADE" has something for everyone. If you are looking for something in particular, here is a chance to contact someone who may have it so you can pick it up at the show.

Vendors

Les Eslary - A variety of Metal Toy Soldiers & Publications – (905) 627-5893

Henry Chow – Vintage (pre-1967) William Britain Limited hollow cast, Ceremonial Series, Current Britains – (416) 250-6631

Dave Norman – Modern William Britain Ltd and King & Country figures – (647) 519-2454

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion.

www.toysoldiersclub.com – 1-888-339-2109

Hobby-Worx – Hobby accessories, tools, terrain landscaping, hardware. www.hobby-worx.ca – **Dave Goodhead** (905) 430-9084 and www.micromark.com – **Room Trader**

Frank Barrett – A great variety of vintage metal and plastic toy soldiers – (416) 293-2880

Tommy & Kirk Thompson – Vintage hollow cast William Britain Figures – (705) 252-0990 or **Kirk** (647) 500-7795.

John Brown – Vintage Toy Soldiers, home castings and Militaria – (905) 275-2446

SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS – W. Britain Ltd, John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, Del Prado, Armies in Plastic, Pride of the Nation and More. www.gijocanada.com – **Scott Dummitt** (705) 939-1028 – **Room Trader**

'**The Unsportsman Collectibles**' – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - **Bob Thompson** (613) 523-3103 – **Room Trader**.

Dennis DeRusha – Assorted Metal figures and vehicles - 613-592-5692

Ed Tansley – Ducal Toy Soldiers – (416) 695-0609

Gary Schofield - New & vintage toy soldiers, vehicles & tanks, models and books – (416) 357-7097

Daniel Sneyd - Vintage toy soldiers, diecast vehicles, 1/72 plastics, scale artillery & more – (519) 371-7487

Vintage Video – Toy Soldiers, Die Cast Planes and Tanks, Militaria DVDs (Feature Films & Documentaries) – John Barthel owner - www.vintagevideocanada.com – (416) 538-9927 or 1-886-538-9927

Karl Friedrich – Professional painting services for 28mm figures and up. – (519) 503-8187

Andy Traverse – Vintage figures, and die-cast items – (905) 627-0213

Al Wright – Custom made 1/6th action figures and equipment sets – (416) 406-4369

Grant Lawson – Del Prado, Black Hawk, and more – (289) 259-3984

Don Ritchie – Custom made and painted 54mm toy soldier sets and singles – (705) 292-5337

Ron Hutchinson – Custom made and painted 54mm toy soldiers and singles - (705) 503-0901

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

ON PARADE 2017 – 10 June, 2017 – Humber College (Lakeshore Campus) 3199 Lake Shore Blvd, Toronto, Ontario. General Admission (\$5.00): 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Early Bird (\$10.00 each) 9: 00 am. Show Contact: Norm White – 416-285-5600. www.omss.ca

Broadsword III, Hamilton Tabletop Gaming Society – 6th May, 2017, 9:30 am to 11:00 pm. – Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans Association , 1353 Barton Street E. Hamilton, Ontario - <http://www.htgs.ca>

TORCAN SCALE MODEL SHOW 2017 – May 6, 2017 – Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East, Brampton, Ontario – www.TorcanModelShow.com – General admission \$5.00.

World Model Expo - July 7 – 9, 2017. (The OMSS is a founding member of the sponsoring organization.). Chicago, IL. **General inquiries:** wechicago2017@gmail.com Details are at <http://www.we2017chicago.com/>

2017 Chicago Toy Soldier Show - September 24, 2017, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173 - <http://chicagotoysoldiershow.com> – Contact: Roger Garfield – phone: (847) 567-5355 - roger@chicagotoysoldiershow.com

MMSI Chicago Show – 13-15 October, 2017 – Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL. 43rd Annual Show. Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am until Noon. Web Site: www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com. Contact Pat Vess at pat@livezey.net for more info.

Long Island Miniature Model Show 2017 – 17 & 18 November 2017 – Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd., Freeport, NY. Presented by The Long Island Miniature Collectors Society. Email: lihmcsoptonline.net or call John Jefferies (516) 662-5281.

Identification Service at ON PARADE 2017

Jim Matresky and Guy Elliot have kindly accepted our show Executive's request to host a sort of antique road show for toy soldiers at this year's ON PARADE. With their vast wealth of knowledge they will attempt to identify figures or set that are brought to them at the show. The name of their service, suggested by Sandy Elliot, will be "Name that Soldier" As requested by the Executive, Jim and I will be providing an information service at the June Show. At the last meeting Jim announced that we are going to call it: "Name that Soldier". Guy has pointed out that they will not attempt to suggest pricing for the figure(s) but there are plenty of dealers who can give a hand with that. If you have something in your collection that you aren't quite sure about, here's an opportunity to get it identified.

Booking Accommodations at Humber College

What! You still haven't booked your accommodations for ON PARADE? You still have a few days to do so going through the OMSS web site, but after the 8th May, 2017, the link will be discontinued. You can still phone through to Humber if you miss the deadline. For \$79.00 (plus tax) you can't lose.

**The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.
News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net
or 705-939-1028**

**Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings.
Articles submitted must be original as due to copy write law we cannot reproduce any published article
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OMSS Quarter Master Stores

For Sale: King & Country's The Great War 1917 battle scene with German and British soldiers, artillery + diorama (mortar shell holes, stone fence & gates). Original boxes. Purchased from Maitland Toy Soldiers. Asking \$375 obo. Kelly Connelly, Woodbridge ON. **905 265 9017**

For Sale: A varied selection of William Britain Ltd hollowcast and Ceremonial Series figures including: Queen Elizabeth II (CS) on horse, USMC Bugle Band (CS), Garde Republic Mounted (HC), Mounted Life Guards (HC) Royal Horse Artillery with Gun & Limber (HC) and Royal Marines (HC). If interested please contact Brian Burch at 416-473-5595 or email: brian.burch@sympatico.ca



Battle of Atlantic Sunday

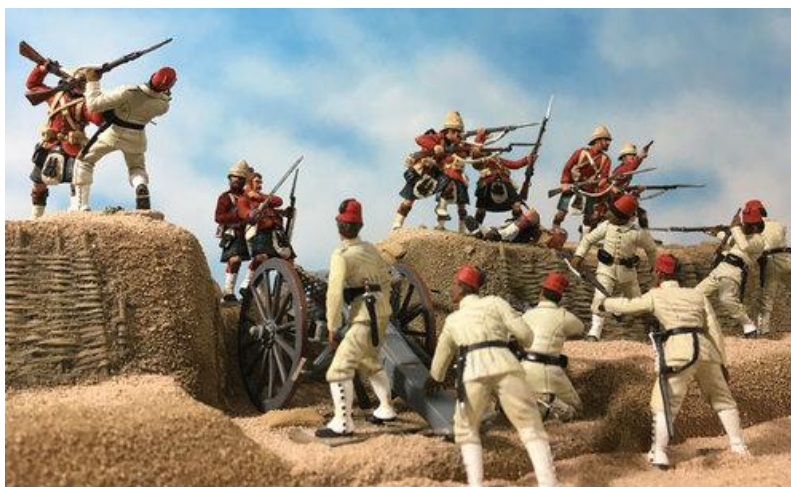
It was pointed out to me last month that I was remiss for not mentioning the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Ceremonies. I accept that I was at fault for not remembering to include it, although you may remember we had a full newsletter. My Great Uncle fought at Vimy Ridge as an infantryman. We do remember that!

The Canadian Forces honours two special battles each year, although most Canadian do not realize this. One is “The Battle of Britain Sunday”, observed in September, commemorates where Canadian Airmen and women worked diligently to stop the Luftwaffe from first destroying the RAF and related Air Services, and secondly keeping the German invasion forces from being able to cross the English Channel to invade Britain. It would have been impossible to launch a second front against the Axis powers if Britain had fallen.

The second battle is commemorated takes place the first Sunday in May, and that is “The Battle of the Atlantic Sunday”. Ceremonies are publicly held across the country at major cenotaphs, including downtown Toronto, the National War Memorial in Ottawa and the city cenotaphs in Halifax and Esquimalt. This event is observed by both the RCN and RCAF in our nation’s capital. The North West Atlantic Theatre was the only theatre of operations for the Allies that was under Canadian command during the war. Keeping the sea lanes open between North America and Britain were vital to the successful conclusion of the war. The RCN (RCN, RCNR & RCNVR) provided 48% of all convoy duty in the North Atlantic, a feat that is hard to believe considering the fleet only had 7 destroyers and a few auxiliary vessels to start off with in 1939. At the end of WWII the RCN was the third largest navy in the world with approximately 400 vessels and 90,000 personal.

What's New in the Hobby – May 2017

William Britains has already produced a number of figures for its “War Along the Nile” series, including the British Camel Corps, Naval Brigade, York and Lancaster Regiment, and the so called “Fuzzy-Wuzzy” warriors. This series originally focussed on the later battles of the Sudan Campaign (1881-1899), hence the khaki clad British soldiers. Due to be released this spring, WB has expanded this series to include the Battle of



Members of the Black Watch attacking the Egyptians at Tel-el-Kebir

Tel-el-Kebir (13 Sept 1882). After the Egyptian Army rebelled in 1882, Britain dispatched a large force to



Egypt to protect its financial interests there. The rebel Egyptian army had prepared a strong defensive position north of Cairo at Tel-el-Kebir. Instead of flanking the position, the British commander, Lieutenant-General Garnet Wolseley opted for a frontal attack at night. Britains has depicted the moment that the 42nd Highlanders are scaling over the earthworks to seize the Egyptian guns. After an hour of bloody close-quarter battle, the Egyptian army fled. The initial offering includes 19 figures, an artillery piece, and an

earthworks section. Individual pieces retail for \$36 USD, two-piece sets for \$74 USD, \$110 USD for the earthworks, and \$180 USD for the Egyptian army Krupp gun set. This series promises to be interesting and should cater to those interested in this period of British military history or those who simply can't resist the charm of Her Majesty's red-coated highlanders in action. Britains has not announced what it intends to add to this series next. For a complete listing of the figures available in the series visit:

<https://www.wbritain.com/product-store/war-along-the-nile/>.

