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Monthly Newsletter for February 2021

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2021

All meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Annual Show

To be determined (See page 3)

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OMSS Ottawa Chapter hosts a zoom meeting on the last Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm or later. This is open to all OMSS members.

For an invite, please contact Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com. He will send you the link needed to join the meeting.

Letter from the President



Hello again. I guess I can now be called your “Virtual President”, as it has been so long since we met as a club in person.

While there is hope on the horizon, it seems distant. Most of us are still currently in lockdown, as I write this. With delays in vaccines, emerging COVID variants and continued government restrictions, it seems clear that easing of gatherings will be slow.

It is unlikely now that we will be able to get together until late 2021, but the Executive will monitor things. We will continue with monthly newsletters and quarterly Journals. The Ottawa chapter has monthly Zoom meetings, and we have the Facebook pages. Phone calls, emails and video calls also allow for members to keep in touch on more a personal basis.

I also see some good news even for the hobby. W. Britain has settled down in their new digs in Chillicothe, in southern Ohio, and they are catching up with releases announced over a few years. Yours truly managed to secure one of the 88mm guns. I know that other manufacturers are doing releases. The Ottawa chapter is having Zoom swap meets, and product delivery through much of southern Ontario can be facilitated through the OMSS Underground Railroad (OUR).

When you need a break from the mundane or playing or working with your toy soldiers and models during this time, read the newsletter and Journal. And don't forget to write articles for these. We want to know that everyone is staying safe and what they are doing.

The Quartermaster Store

If anyone wants to sell a kit or put together version of the Japanese Command/Scout car the Type 95 Kurogane 1:32 or 1:35 scale, please contact Jeff Duncan at heidihogardens@rogers.com.



David Smith, one of our newer members from Regina is looking to sell **Wm Britains 25026 - RAF Lewis Gunner, Spotter & Sand Bag Emplacement** set (catalogue photo above). This set is like “new” never used or displayed. Also includes an additional set of figures.

This item sells on ebay for \$175 US asking \$120 Cdn plus \$20 Cdn postage.

Any questions or interest please contact David Smith at beverlydavidsmith@sasktel.net

The Quartermaster Store Cont'd

Yann Fortin is looking for a John Jenkins Designs figure of a French Colonial Officer from the Regiment de Languedoc. If you have one for sale he would appreciate hearing from you. Yann's email address is:

fortinyann22@hotmail.com

**Officer: Regiment de Languedoc
John Jenkins Designs QF-23**



News Regarding ON PARADE 2021

With the COVID-19 Pandemic still in effect throughout the world, the OMSS Executive and Show Committee have concluded that we are unable to hold the Annual Show & Competition in 2021. Vendors and Patrons who have paid for table space and the show "Meet & Greet" meal, for the 2020 show can still keep their reservations for the 2022 show, without having to pay more for the table increase. If you wish to receive a refund please contact Gary Lenius. All our tables for 2020 were sold so if you do cancel your table, you may not be able to get one for 2022.

We would also like to remind anyone who is planning on putting in a competition piece or display that due to limited space, your entry cannot be any larger than 2 ½ feet by 4 feet. This gives everyone a fair chance to participate. There are no reservations for space and no space sharing when it comes to competition and display entries.

Obituary

The Club has recently learned that Phillip Nutt passed away a few years back now. Phillip was a long time member of the OMSS and a past president. His wife is still living and is now living with his daughter Samantha and son-in-law.

What's New in the Hobby – February 2021

By Scott Dummitt

Well this month there is something out there for the dog lover's amongst you. Tradition of London is releasing a wonderfully animated set of a WWI Belgium Dog Cart with a machine gun and Limber, plus two handlers. The handlers are members of the 1st Carabinier Regiment, an elite Belgium regiment. The figures are painted in gloss and sell for approximately \$250.00 Cdn.

John Jenkins Designs has announced another release this month of their Royal Artillery Crew at Saratoga. This month's announcement includes two casualty figures and completes their six figure gun crew. No mention of a new artillery piece has been announced, however the French & Indian War gun that they still have in stock would work satisfactory with this team. Jenkins continues to expand their collection of Norman/Saxons at Hastings and their Viking series. Closer to home two new Confederate Civil War figures representing an officer and drummer of the 4th Virginia Infantry regiment have been announced for February as well.



Top Right: Confederate Drummer by John Jenkins Designs
Centre Photo: Tradition of London's Belgium Army Dog Carts
Bottom Right: William Britain Ltd's Captain George Armstrong Custer

William Britain Limited has just announced the arrival of a multitude of long awaited figures including: Panzer Commander Joachim Peiper, Captain George Armstrong Custer, George Picket, J.E.B. Stuart and Robert E. Lee. Also coming out are several American Continental Army figures and WWII German Infantry & Panzer figures. If you get a chance, look at the W. Britain web site to see their new line-up of French Imperial Guard (Old Guard) Grenadiers. This year they are also including a couple of Imperial Guard only available through the W. Britain Collector's Club.

Sadly, I must announce that Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine has closed down. However, with that said, I have been reliably informed that TS&MF and Toy Soldier Collector will be combined and reemerge sometime in the future.



New to "The Conquest of America" series is MOCTEZUMA XOCOYOTZIN, the ruler of the Aztec nation. There is also a new series of walls and tents for the Roman Marching forts. At the end of a day, Roman Legions would construct defensive temporary forts to aid in the defense of an attack while away from their garrisons. Jenkins has added three new Roman tents to the series this month. In addition, there is a whole new series of Carthaginian warriors, Iberian cavalry, Germanic Warriors and Roman Archers being released this month as well.



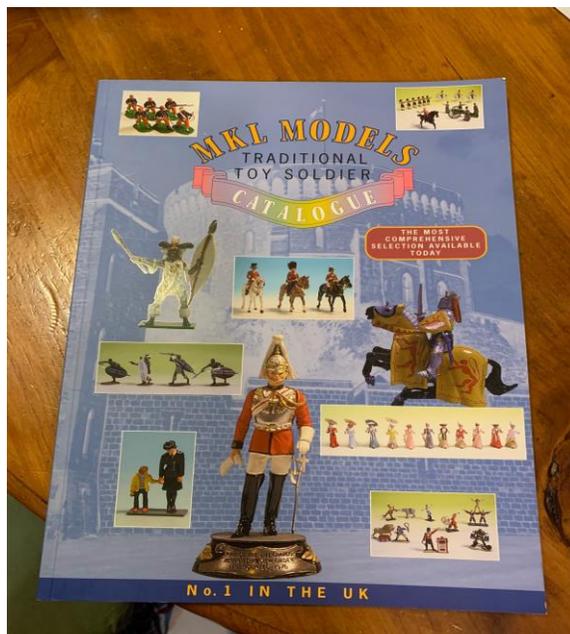
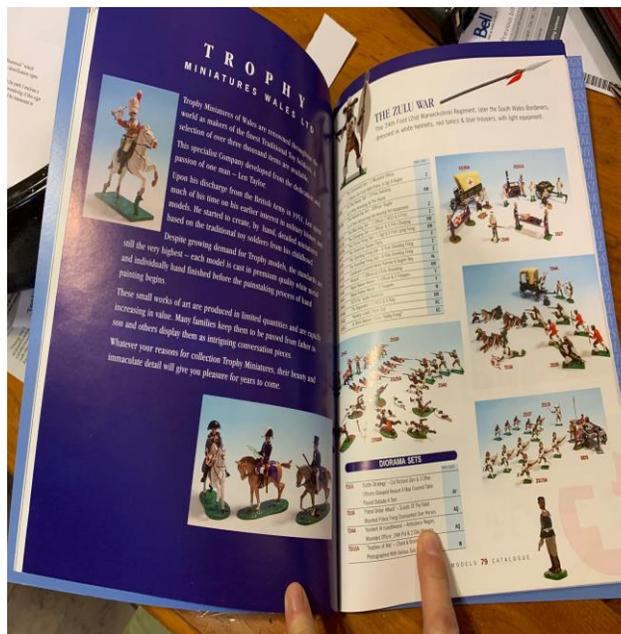
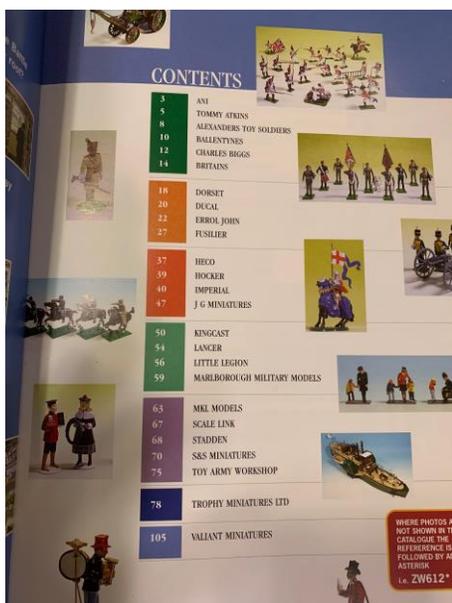
Catalogue

Jeff Duncan just did a trip on the OMSS Underground Railway (OUR). He picked up a few purchases made from the November sale with the Ottawa group (stuff got to Burlington just an hour drive from his place). One of the items was the attached catalog. It was from the very popular Guards Toy Soldier Centre located in London, UK

He states, "It was from the late 1990's I believe. 106 pages all full colour with a whole host of toy soldier manufactures from Kingcast to Imperial to Trophy to small makers. For \$10 it was a neat find. A lot of those companies did not have a colour catalog at the time so I see sets and soldiers in there I have never seen photographed before. I believe it was from the late 1990's as they indicated they just have an email address now. In the late 1990's the company I worked for thought email was just a "fad" and refused to get it. I brought it into the company and paid the monthly rate on my own till after a year they realized it was here to stay!"

This was a great time in the hobby as all the soldiers are how toy soldiers should be... "gloss", not a boring matt fellow to be seen! Here are some photos from my find."

(The last statement has been included in the name of free speech only and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor. As a MATTER of fact, it does not! But I felt his contribution should not be glossed over.)



The transportation system continues in 2021. If you are moving about Ontario and are able to carry model soldiers with you please let

Jeff Duncan at heidihogardens@rogers.com,

or

Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com

or the Newsletter Editor know.

Note this is a delivery service only in lieu of the Canada Post mailing service. There are no financial transactions undertaken by the carriers.

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OMSS Underground Railroad



Our Motto: "It's Not Insured & We Have No Schedule"

Worth Watching

Here are some more Mark Felton historical snippet videos available on youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMuw_BsfmV4&t=195s

Winston Churchill Almost Killed by the Germans crossing the Rhine River

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HRaVDHiR5c>

Hitlers Mercedes at Canadian War Museum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbt4e87DvWc>

Food Bombers - Allied Operations Behind German Lines, Netherlands 1945

The Last Word of a Civilian Bureaucrat

I received notice from Ikea in Burlington that my white milsbo cabinets were restocked! Curbside pick-up and they are now in my possession and built. Redeployment of the battalions is soon to commence. Upon completion of that mission, the tall thin cabinet will soon be transported to a new home of one of the Club members in early spring. Photo will follow once complete.

The newsletter is edited by Alex Monsour.

News items and notices can be submitted to artmons@rogers.com.

Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings. Note due to postal costs the Newsletter is limited to 6 pages maximum. Articles that cannot be accommodated will be forwarded to the Journal Editor.

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