

OMSS OTTAWA JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Chair and OIC: Bob T

Minutes: Doug C

Photos: Morley V and Bob T

List of Attendees at the meeting:

Francois Brisebois, Steve Hammond, Doug Cope, Bob Thompson, Morley Verdier, Juan Lopez, Kelly Hayes, Brendon Hogan, Stanley Kershman, Scott Paget, Terry Hoskin, John Shrides, Egor Evsikov, Julian Bomford, Alan Macdonald, Mark Hilash, Steve Alexander



1. INTRODUCTIONS

1A. New Attendee introduction

Terry H attended the meeting for the first time. Welcome Terry.

1B. How are our other 'regulars' doing?

- Dennis DeRusha is wintering in Carolina's
- Tom Wright, our regular photographer, unfortunately is ill – hopefully he will be back for next meeting
- Sadly, we announce the passing of **Danny Dodd**, Stanley K's Mother and **Scott Dummitt's** Mother.
Our condolences to the families involved – they will be missed.

2. OMSS CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

2A. OMSS NEWS

- Scott Paget Reports:

- **Scott P**, our rep at OMSS Toronto meetings, is one of the five voting members at committee meetings.
- Details regarding **2024 On Parade** event are now on the OMSS website
- **Mark Silverthorn** is producing YouTube videos and asks that we members watch and indicate a 'like' to get YouTube promotions functioning.
- **Juan L** will be featured in a video this weekend to promote 1/6 scale figures
- **Stuart Hessney** will be guest speaker at the April Toronto OMSS meeting – Ottawa members are urged to attend if possible.
- **OMSS 60th Anniversary Book** – sadly the fabled tome is delayed due to copyright issues over photographs. If these issues cannot be resolved it may become an online eBook. Take condolence in the fact that Godot also never arrived, they are still waiting.

- **January OMSS Newsletter** was released the week before the Toronto meeting. Thanks to **Doug C's** minutes, and **Tom W's** writing, Ottawa continues to be disproportionately represented in the Newsletter (in a good way). **Tom W** also provide extended coverage of models from **IPMS CAPCON Show** at Canadian War Museum. Ottawa members are encouraged to submit stories to the Newsletter.

- The transition from **Scott Milburn** to **Andy Traverse** as OMSS President is complete.

- **December Zoom Meeting** – **Tom W** did a great job of coverage of the December Zoom. See details in 3C below - The next Zoom meeting on **20 February 2024** will feature **James Opie** author of **The Great Book of Britains**. He will display his 50 favourite models.

2B. OTTAWA CHAPTER of the OMSS

- **Newsletter/web site/OMSS Facebook** – Monthly Ottawa inserts are needed. **Bob T** plans to create and insert an article on the Ottawa Chapter in OMSS information flyer.
- **Bob T** plans to schedule regular **Zoom meetings** for the 3rd Tuesday of each month and the **Ottawa physical meetings** for the last Tuesday of each month
- **Toronto OMSS** has indicated that there are funds available to support Ottawa Chapter initiatives

2C. OMSS Ottawa Special Projects

- **Bob T** indicates that a new volunteer Rep is needed to head up the **Special Projects** initiatives.
- **3 Audiences** – Ottawa members, OMSS Members, Public

2D. “What I am Looking For” Want List

- **Francois B** is the lead but the initiative is stalled due a need for technical help to move forward on formatting & distributing the list. No volunteers came forward at the meeting.

2E. The OMSS Underground Railroad (O.U.R.)

- **Bob T** reports that the O.U.R was busy, moving parcels from Toronto to Ottawa due to Zoom purchases.

2F. 2024 OMSS Memberships

- At the meeting **Bob T** collected \$40 cash for **2024 OMSS Membership** dues from several members. After February meeting **Bob T** will make a bulk submission from our OMSS Ottawa members with payment to the Toronto Executive. [Either that or members will read a special report on **Bob T's** unexpected, cash paid, surprise winter trip to the Caribbean.]
- Members can also contact and pay the OMSS Treasurer directly online. [You will never get a card, but you will be a member]
- **2024 OMSS Calendar** should soon be ready for distribution to paid up 2023 OMSS members.

2G. OMSS Ottawa Membership List

- **Doug C** added new member **Terry H** to the list. **Bob T** will make list available to members via email.

2H. OMSS Technical Capacities

- **OMSS Technology Committee** will soon be formed - **Tom W** will take the lead on this working group.

- **OMSS YouTube Channel** - **Mark Silverthorn** is running the OMSS YouTube Channel. Mark released an **OMSS Ottawa YouTube Video** – some work is needed. Videos can be accessed via YouTube. Type in "Ontario Model Soldier Society" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xy5u-sdiIMw>)

2I. OMSS Ottawa Participation in Military Hobby Show

- Closest thing to a Toy Soldier Show in Ottawa – There has been a great participation of OMSS Ottawa members as dealers and exhibitors. However, unfortunately as reported last month, the show is in serious jeopardy and in danger of imminent cancellation. The problem is an urgent need for volunteers to hold several key “Co-ordinator” roles to organize the show between now and Show day in early June – either 2 or 9 June 2024. **Bob T** has proposed that OMSS Ottawa assume a major and key role in hosting the annual show. OMSS Ottawa should become the foremost organizing body for the show in conjunction with **33 Service Battalion Association**. The co-ordinator jobs include:

- 1] General Show Co-ordinator aka the OIC of the Show – not too much to do other than crack the whip.

- 2] Show Promotion Co-ordinator – plus 3 volunteers to help promote the show in all media
- 3] Military Liaison – **Brendon H** has volunteered for this roll
- 4] Exhibits & Events Co-ordinator – about 100 people to contact – **Morley V** and **Bob T** now do this job
- 5] Hall and Set-up – the current co-ordinator, **Bruce**, needs a backup
- 6] Security and Traffic control – **Bruce** is also current co-ordinator but needs a backup
- 7] Canteen Set-up and Organization – likely someone from 33 Battalion
- 8] Flea Market Co-ordinator – should be someone from OMSS Ottawa club
- 9] Museum Exhibits Co-ordinator – **Mark H** has indicated an interest
- 10] Guest Speaker Co-ordinator – **Morley V** has been doing this job
- 11] Show Financial Co-ordinator – the show has a treasurer but a head is needed
Juan L has agreed to shadow some of the current co-ordinators to see what the jobs entail.

3. WHAT'S NEW – CURRENT NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHOWS

3A. Hobby News, Collections for Sale

- **Michael C** from former **Toy Soldier Market** – He seems to have gone missing – has anyone had recent contact? Please contact **Bob T** to get word of Michael.
- **Scott Dummitt Reports via Bob T**
– John Jenkins – Queen's Ranger Trumpeter, and Highland Company are in stock as are the NWMP series figures. – Britain's Brock figure is delayed – Scott is placing order for *Armies in Plastic*
- **Scott's Soldiers - Scott Pagets's YouTube** – Video 60 features London toy soldier vendor **Andy Moran**. His latest YouTube video # 61 is *Personality Figures*. **Brendon H's** video on **Waterloo** is a hit.

3B. UPCOMING SHOWS and EVENTS

- **OMSS Zoom Meeting - 20 February 2024** -- Zoom Meeting show & tell topic is: "Box Cover Art & Packaging". Special Guest Speaker from the UK is **James Opie** author of **Great Book of Britains**
- **Heart of the South Toy Soldier Show** – 24 February 2024 – Annandale Virginia
- **New Jersey Toy Soldier Show** – 17 March – Wayne New Jersey
- **Ottawa Nostalgia show** – Nepean Sportsplex - **Sunday 17 March 2024** – **Doug C** will be a vendor.
- **Geeked Out: 24th Edition of Ottawa's Toy & Collectible Sale** – Sportsplex 23 and 24 March 2024
- **OMSS Toronto 14 April Meeting** – **Stuart Hessney** Guest Speaker – Editor of *Toy Soldier Collector & Historical Figures Magazine* [see L below]
- **Ottawa Military Heritage Show 27 April 2024** Nepean Sportsplex - \$65 per vendor table. **Bob T** will be a vendor
- **Annual Bytown Antique & Vintage Show** - Sunday 28 April 2024 at the Nepean Sportsplex
- **GANGAMES Convention** – May 17-19 Rideau Curling Club – board games and miniatures
- **? Military Hobby Show** – 2 or 9 June - Walkley Road Armouries – show may not happen – stay tuned.
- **OMSS On Parade** – Saturday 15 June - Toronto – **Jim Qualtrough** Show Manager – new location – lots of space. vendors (\$50/table 6') , exhibits, the Stay Inn is \$240 +tax. If you wish to be a vendor, contact **Jim Q**. Britain's reps to attend. As of this date there will not be an Ottawa OMSS vendor table at the show.

3C EVENT REPORTS

- **Bob T** has had his **Diorama a Day Series** on Facebook for 32 consecutive days
- **613Flea Christmas Market at Carleton University** – **Steve A** and **Michael C** were dealers. **Steve A** reports few other toy soldiers at the show – he did sell some soldiers and aircraft models.
- **December OMSS Toronto** held their annual **Christmas Dinner Luncheon** – was heartburn the outcome?

- **19 December** the **OMSS Zoom Meeting** was online
 - 14 participants (8 Ottawa, 4 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 1 England). The special guest speaker was **Andrew Stevenson**, Collector & Proprietor, **Replica Metal Soldier & Models** in England – there was considerable interest expressed in the **Kingcast** moulds that have been acquired by Replica – including, according to **Bob T**, legendary Canadian Sled Artillery set. [see K below]
 - The Show & Tell topic was “NAPOLEON” – there was discussion of the recent **Napoleon** movie.
 - Presentations included **Bob T’s** Napoleon (& Wellington) figures plus 50 photos, humour/WOW, WOW Toy Soldiers, plus his new acquisitions.

- **The Ottawa OMSS Chapter** did not hold a December physical Meeting – some mourned.

- **The Aylmer Hobby Show** was staged at the Galleries Alymer on 13 and 14 January 2024
 - **Morley V** was a vendor and reports that it was poorly attended on Saturday due to a blizzard. The only other toy soldier vendor was **Michael C**. This show began as a toy train show and train vendors are still the majority.

- The main **OMSS** branch held its **monthly meeting** on 14 January in Toronto – Approximately 25 attended and **Jim Qualtrough** held a painting demonstration.

- The first **OMSS ZOOM Meeting of 2024** was on 19 January and there were – 16 participants (8 Ottawa, 6 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 1 England). **Jeff Duncan** had the Club Donations for Sale – there was active bidding and Britains set 30 sold for \$250. The Show & Tell topic was “Winter Warfare” – A presentation on *Arctic Warfare in the 1700s* was made by Egor E. There was discussion of setting up links between the BMSS and the OMSS. A mutual Zoom meeting could be the key. Stay tuned.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4B – SHOW AND TELL PRESENTATIONS – the topic this month was “*Winter Warfare.*”

- **Julian B** – displayed 3 x 1/6 figures in German winter SS uniforms plus 3 of his wall sections.



- **Steve H** – Britain’s ski trooper figures – also a 1/6 Russian anti-tank gunner fully equipped from Belgium, the two anti-tank guns were the PTRD 41 and the PTRS 41 – [see A and B below]. Also, the *DID Corp* squeeze bore anti-tank rifle 2.8 mm. [see C below]



- **Alan M** – 4 grenadier guards in Athol grey great coats – Welsh made.

- **Francois B** – Russian figures in winter great coats plus 2 metal farm buildings for sale plus larger scale WWII metal figures that sold.



- **Mark H** – 3 x 1/7 H.M. Armed Forces figures in winter gear – 2 Royal Marines plus a forward air controller. Note **H.M. Armed Forces** company has ceased operation, and the web site is frozen. Mark also had some 1/6 scale skis with cable bindings that were made in the 1970s. plus German WWII mountain troops by Airfix in a box.



- **Doug C** – 2 of Britains 1990s Russian infantry in great coats plus the white goat named Snow. A note from **Alan M** that most mascots in the British Army are now named 'Baldrick' for the sidekick in the Blackadder series.
- **Juan L** – he is working on winter military 1/6 scale scenes of 2-man teams from 6 countries – stay tuned
- **Morley V** – had a 2005 VHS tape of the Liberation of Holland and the Boys from Picton. Also, several WWII VHS tapes for sale.
- **Egor E** – had a Chukchi figure from eastern most Russia. [see D below]



- **Kelly H** – displayed an **MPC** Russian in winter coat figure plus a **MARX** *Warriors Of the World* figure of an American at Valley Forge [see E below] – plus a 1/6 WWII infantry figure made from a doll and a 1984 fighting in December- **Battle of Nashville** figure [see M below]

- **Steve A** – displayed several sets including 6 German Mountain troops with skis: 12 Napoleonic retreat from Moscow figures of unknown manufacturer. Newfoundland regiment figures plus boxed sets of French artillery plus Beefeeders.



- **Bob T** – First Bob began with a fanciful story that he did not buy anything soldier related in December. After the laughter subsided members saw that he had on display a diorama of John Jenkins winter warfare figures from the French and Indian wars. Also, a boxed set of Tradition 95th Rifles; a boxed 1/6 10th Mountain Division figure [see F below]; an old catalogue of MKL Models [see G below]; an early 1970s catalogue of Atlantic 1/32 scale figures [see H below]; a Historex plastic models catalogue [see J below]



5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT FINAL POST

5A. Next Ottawa OMSS Meeting is 27 February 2024. By vote the Show & Tell Topic is **SIGNALS**

5C. Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

- **20 February 2024** – The next OMSS Zoom - **Show & Tell Topic** is ‘Box Cover Art and Packaging.’
- **27 February 27** - **OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting**

Official Meeting Adjourned

NOTES

- A]** The **PTRD-41** is an anti-tank rifle that was produced and used from early 1941 by the Soviet Red Army during World War II. It is a single-shot weapon which fires the 14.5×114 mm round, which was able to penetrate German tanks such as the Panzer III and early models of the Panzer IV. **Length:** 2,020 mm (79.5 in) **Designed:** 1941 **Action:** Bolt-action **Crew:** 2 **Manufacturer:** Degtyaryov plant **Muzzle velocity:** 1,012 m/s (3,320 ft/s) **Rate of fire:** Manual - approximately 60,000 were manufactured [copied from Wikipedia]



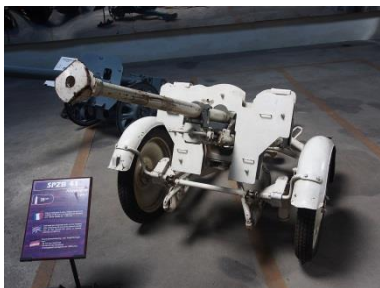
- B]** The **PTRS-41** was produced and used by the Soviet Union during World War II. In the years between the World Wars, the Soviet Union began experimenting with different types of armour-piercing anti-tank cartridges. Finding the 12.7×108mm insufficient, they began development of what became the 14.5×114mm armour-piercing round. Rukavishnikov developed his anti-tank rifle M1939 to use this cartridge, but it was not successful because of some manufacturing issues. [copied from Wikipedia]

- C]** **Dragon in Dreams or DID Corporation** [copied from Wikipedia]

Established in 2003, we have been dedicated in designing and manufacturing highly-detailed 1/6 scale action figures for collectors all over the world. We always pursue high quality and great details of products. 6 iconic series (over 200 items) have been developed in the past 15 years, including: Napoleonic Series, WWI Military Series, WWII Military Series, Modern Military Series, Japanese Samurai Series and Fashion Series. We have our own manufacturing facilities in Southern China.

2.8 cm schwere Panzerbüchse 41 (sPzB 41) or "Panzerbüchse 41"

was a German anti-tank weapon working on the squeeze bore principle. Officially classified as a heavy anti-tank rifle (German: schwere Panzerbüchse), it would be better described, and is widely referred to, as a light anti-tank gun.



- D]** **Chukotka - officially the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug is the easternmost federal subject of Russia.**

It is an autonomous okrug situated in the Russian Far East, and shares a border with the Republic of Sakha to the west, Magadan Oblast to the south-west, and Kamchatka Krai to the south, as well as a maritime border on the Bering Strait with the U.S. state of Alaska to the east. Anadyr is the largest town and the capital, and the easternmost settlement to have town status in Russia. Chukotka is primarily populated by ethnic Russians, Chukchi, and other indigenous peoples. It is the only autonomous okrug in Russia that is not included in, or subordinate to, another federal subject, having separated from Magadan Oblast in 1992. It is home to Lake Elgygytgyn, an impact crater lake, and Anyuyskiy, an extinct volcano. The village of Uelen is the easternmost settlement in Russia and the closest substantial settlement to the United States (Alaska). [taken from Wikipedia]



Chukchi, people inhabiting the north eastern most part of Siberia, the Chukotskiy (Chukotka) autonomous okrug (district) in Russia. They numbered 14,000 in the late 20th century and are divided into two chief subgroups, reindeer Chukchi and maritime Chukchi.

E] Louis Marx Company was an American toy manufacturer in business from 1919 to 1980.

They made many types of toys including tin toys, toy soldiers, toy guns, action figures, dolls, toy cars and model trains. Some of their notable toys are Rock'em Sock'em Robots, Big Wheel tricycles, Disney branded dollhouses and play sets based on TV shows like Gunsmoke. Its products were often imprinted with the slogan "One of the many Marx toys, have you all of them?" [taken from Wikipedia]

F] 10th Mountain Division – United States Army - [from Wikipedia]

The 10th Mountain Division is a light infantry division in the United States Army based at Fort Drum, New York. Formerly designated as a mountain warfare unit, the division was the only one of its size in the US military to receive specialized training for fighting in mountainous conditions. Subsidiaries: 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Founded: 1943



G] MKL Models <https://www.mklmodels.co.uk/> - [from Wikipedia]

MKL Models is one of the largest suppliers of Toy Soldiers in the U.K. MKL have been supplying Toy Soldiers and models for more than 40 years and has a history of providing high quality products, backed up by excellent service. Our range includes William Britain, Timpo, King & Country, Thomas Gunn Toy Soldiers plus Vintage Models, Military Music and DVD's. April 2021 Sadly, The Toy Soldier Centre in London has closed permanently. Please note: The Guards Kiosk in Horse Guards parade is still open & by arrangement items can be picked up from there, please contact us.

H] ATLANTIC [from Wikipedia]

(Italy, 60mm and 1/76th scale plastic figures) Before going out of business in 1981, Atlantic produced some of the best figures ever made - listed under Plastic Toy Soldiers for 60mm and under Small Scale Soldiers for HO. No other European company created so many different kinds of unpainted soft plastic soldiers, and few even tried such fantastic specialty items as chariots, ancient civilians, arrow-peppered Custer comrades, mini-dioramas of historic scenes, and full-scale World War II vehicles. One of the reasons Atlantic went out of business was that they were very lax in the quality control department. Thus it is possible (in about 1 set out of every 50 we sell) that you will receive an Atlantic mint-in-box set which is either "overstuffed" with extra figures, or "light" - the sealed box might not contain all the parts it is supposed to have. As our policy is not to open boxes which were sealed by the original manufacturer, you may receive bonus goods or find yourself short on Atlantic sets you purchase from us. Therefore, our policy is to say that all Atlantic sets are sold in as-is-condition and are not returnable for refund, credit or exchange. You get what you get, just as if you purchased a set from a store back in 1980. We cannot send you any parts you may find missing or damaged. Please note: Atlantic produced figures in two scales, 25mm (about 1" high) and 60mm (closer to 3").

J] Historex Agents <https://www.historexagents.com>

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K] REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS <https://www.replicametalsoldiers.co.uk/about>

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Welcome to Replica. I am a lifelong collector of Toy Soldiers. As such I know the high standards collectors and gamers want in their figures. Quality and value underpin the Replica approach. The Replica plan for the next few years is ambitious and driven by my own passion for toy soldiers and this great hobby. You can see our ranges by clicking the menu, and you can search for specific items using the search function.

Since 2018, it has given me great pleasure to re-launch the late Pat Campbell's "Replica Models" as Replica Metal Soldiers & Models.

I am delighted this year to add to the classic range of Indian Army figures by Bill Cranston, with the acquisition of the complete **Kingcast and Wyvern Standard** ranges of Peter Cowan, together with items produced by the late Graeme Petit of Toy Army Workshop fame. Alongside these, I will also continue to add new lines and our own original figures in the traditional toy soldier style, aiming to give collectors the figures missing in the original hollow cast ranges of the past. Figures are available as painted sets (executed in the pre-war Britains style), castings, and I also undertake bespoke commissions.

As I take Replica into the 2nd Quarter of the 21st century, I will be working to bring quality figures to collectors to share the passion for Toy Soldiers. I hope you will join me on this fun Journey!

Toy Soldier Passion, Value, Quality, **Andrew Stevenson**. Collector & Proprietor. Replica Metal Soldiers & Models.

L] Toy Soldier Collector & Historical Figures - <http://www.toysoldiercollector.com/>

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M] The Battle of Nashville was a two-day battle in the Franklin-Nashville Campaign

that represented the end of large-scale fighting west of the coastal states in the American Civil War. It was fought at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 15–16, 1864, between the Confederate Army of Tennessee under Lieutenant General John Bell Hood and the Union Army of the Cumberland (Dept. of the Cumberland) (AoC) under Major General George H. Thomas. In one of the largest victories achieved by the Union Army during the war, Thomas attacked and routed Hood's army, largely destroying it as an effective fighting force. [taken from Wikipedia]