

OMSS OTTAWA MARCH MEETING

Monday, 25 March 2024

OIC: Bob T

Minutes: Doug C

Photos: Tom W



List of Attendees:

Francois Brisebois, Doug Cope, Steve Hammond, Tom Wright, Kelly Hayes, Michael Canivet, Bob Thompson, Brendan Hogan, Stanley Kershman, Scott Paget, Egor Evsikov, John Shives

INTRODUCTION

How are our other 'regulars' doing?

- **Mark Hilash** on business trip,
- **Juan Lopez** is in California,
- We learned that one of our regulars **Danielle Canivet** was hit by a car and has a serious leg injury – we wish her all the best and hope for a swift recovery.
- **Francois B** also reports that his wife is having serious health issues. We wish her all the best and hope that she is better 'soonest'.
- **Stanley K** was only with us briefly tonight but brought the ON PARADE handouts and chocolates for all – thank you Stanley.

OMSS GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

OMSS News

Scott Paget Report –OMSS Toronto is working on a *Proof of Concept* for a new Web site and is open to suggestions – please send suggestions and photos of your favourites to **Mark Silverthorn** – **Scott P** also warned us that a former OMSS member is selling his collection but there is a problem, the collection may be under bond to the Ontario government. - **Francois B** also warned us that he has had a problem with a set that he bought from a member not being of the same quality as the photos. – **General Dean's** collection has been recorded and is up for viewing on the OMSS Facebook page – **Stuart Hessney** was at the last Toronto meeting.

OMSS March Newsletter was issued – attachments included the January Ottawa Meeting minutes with photos - Ottawa dates 1 day off - **Andy Traverse** was in Argentina.- **Tom W's** Ottawa Report & **Tom W's** final CAPCON report - **Keith Ritchie** on Judging Toy Soldiers competition entries at On Parade - Favourable comments were received regarding the OMSS Ottawa Meeting Minutes.

OMSS ZOOM – **Bob T** reports that he still needs help to run the Zoom meetings plus there is a need for follow up reports & photos to Facebook. - Ideas are required for limiting Zoom meeting time – very long last meeting. One idea - pre-arrange any presentation over 5 minutes. Possible Zoom Guest Speakers – **General Dean, Matt** from Hobby Bunker, **Erika** from Britains, **Stuart Hessney**

Ottawa Meeting - Looking for Volunteer Meeting Hosts – no volunteers came forward so **Bob T** must therefore soldier on as the host [soldier on – get it nudge, nudge, wink, wink]

Ottawa Chapter within OMSS – Need volunteer to work as a promoter– no volunteers came forward to be the promoter or to prepare a brochure.

OMSS Ottawa Special Projects – **Juan L** volunteered to be new *Special Projects Coordinator* - Potential Special Project Ideas – Sale/Auction, Parking Lot Sale, Public Presentation – nothing new to date.

“What I am Looking For” Want List - **Francois B** – nothing new to report

OMSS Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) – **Stanley K** delivered items from Toronto, Other items still in the system including the soon to be out of date OMSS calendar.

2024 OMSS Memberships – **Bob T** cancelled his Caribbean trip and sent the dues collected to OMSS Secretary as a bulk submission. Individuals must now contact OMSS directly to pay 2024 dues - **2024 OMSS Calendars** should be en route to Ottawa members aka we are still waiting for Godot.

OMSS Ottawa Membership List – **Doug C** provided **Bob T** with 2 lists, and they were circulated at the meeting – members decided to send the short list to all members on the list. **Doug C** and **Bob T** will work to shorten the list and remove lost, unknown, or long missing members.

OMSS Technical Capacities – **Tom W** - is the lead on this working group. He is currently working on training issues. Revised Web OMSS Web Site Prototype is needed plus a method to archive ZOOM and other videos.

OMSS YouTube Channel – new videos – 4-part **James Opie** presentation is available, and the parts were sent to members. A new **Brigadier General Darrell Dean** collection video is posted.

OMSS Ottawa Military Hobby Show – Sunday. 2 June 2024 – The show is now ‘on’ since a number of OMSS Ottawa volunteers came forward to fill several key “Co-ordinator” roles to work on organizing the show. However, **Bob T** and **Morley V** say that more help is still needed for specific roles - Now looking to book Vendors & Exhibitors

WHAT’S NEW – CURRENT NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SHOWS

Michael C from former **Toy Soldier Market** is in better health and was at the meeting with King and Country sets for sale.

Scott Dummitt - Order items now from Scott Dummitt for pick up at **On Parade**. There are many new Britains sets now in stock. He is expecting 12 of the General Brock figures, apparently many togas are still in a knot over how the General is wearing his hat.

Scott’s Soldiers – Scott P’s YouTube Site – His latest video #62 titled “Rare or Not”

Toy Soldier Scams – Bob T warned of photos not being the same as what you received and prices that are ‘too good to be true’ [see also Scott Paget Report above]

UPCOMING SHOWS:

13 April – Bytown & Prescott 1st Annual Model Train & Toy Show

<https://www.mykemptvillenow.com/events/prescott-model-train-and-toy-show/>
- Prescott, Ontario - 1000 to 1600 - \$5 admission Vendors \$35 table

14 April – OMSS Toronto Meeting – Stuart Hessney Guest Speaker – Editor *Toy Soldier Collector & Historical Figures Magazine* - Zoom broadcast possible.

27 April - Ottawa Military Heritage Show – Sportsplex Saturday April 27, 2024 – \$65 per vendor table – **Bob T** and **Morley V** are vendors representing 33rd Service Battalion Association

28 April - Bytown Antiques Show – Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa

4 and 5 May - Bob T & Morley V Warehouse Sale – still a bit iffy, but it may be on

17 to 19 May - GANGAMES Convention Rideau Curling Club
– all games both board and computer – **Bob T** a vendor

1 & 2 June Arnprior Model Train Show – Nick Smith Centre – 10 to 4 – free admission.

2 June - Military Hobby Show –Walkley Road Armouries – to support 33 Service Battalion Association – **John S**, **Tom W** and **Steve H** are new volunteers.

15 June – OMSS On Parade – Saturday - Toronto – Jim Qualtrough Show

Manager – new location – Vendors (\$50/table 6'), exhibits – Ottawa vendors – **Bob T, Dennis D?, Steve A?, Kelly H** if he gets a new truck? – only 2 unclaimed vendors tables left - Hotel (Stay Inn - \$240 +tax) - Planned Ottawa Attendees – **Bob T, Morley V, John S, Dennis D, Brendon H, JP Bertrand, Steve A?, Scott P, Steve H and Tom W.**

6 to 8 September – Gatineau Air Show

29 September - Model Car Contest – Sunday Walkley Road Armoury

– Sponsored by Hobby Centre –Fund raising event for 33 Service Battalion Association

EVENT REPORTS:

27 February - Ottawa OMSS Meeting – Show & Tell Topic was “SIGNALS.”

– **Juan L** had 6 x 1/6th scale dioramas - OMSS 2024 memberships collected.
Discussed OMSS Ottawa participation in Military Hobby Show

BMSS Zoom Meeting – NOW open to OMSS members and 6 attended the last Zoom.

– usually, noon on the 2nd Friday of the month [**See A below**]

10 March - OMSS Toronto Meeting – Scott Dummitt presentation “The Royals in Miniature”. **Jim Qualtrough** painting Workshop 1 hour before meeting start.

17 March - Ottawa Nostalgia show – Nepean Sportsplex – Doug C and Michel Caron vendors. Show was well attended, and **Doug C** sold 2 sets plus loose soldiers.

19 March - OMSS ZOOM Meeting – 16 participants (6 Ottawa, 7 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 2 England, Andrew, and Paul) - Show & Tell topic “Box Cover Art and Packaging” – Bob T presentation - long meeting to 10pm

23 and 24 March – Geeked Out Toy Show – Pop culture.

– no members admitted that they attended

24 March - Heritagecon – March 24 - Hamilton – Warplane Museum – IPMS event
Report that it was well attended, but no Ottawa members attended.

23 March - Out of the Box Miniatures Sale – Bells Corners. Ottawa – Morley V attended and reports that it was all **Warhammer** gaming [see B Below]

PRESENTATIONS

Show & Tell topic this month was “*Anything You Want To Bring.*”

Kelly H –

- 2 classic board games from **Avalon Hill – Panzer Leader** and **Richthofen– [see C and F below]**
- A bag of Play Mobile knights.
- Pre-war Britains 1/25 Royal Horse Artillery set that is likely 110 years old.
- Mounted infantry Britains bugler and officer



Steve H –

- A 1/6 DID Red Devil paratrooper in box with sten gun ammo pouch and a steel Bren gun that he ordered from Belgium
- A battered old tin truck by Lincoln Toys Canada that his father played with – prime mover only but rubber tires ok. **[see D Below]**
- 2 master dyes for his homemade naval cannons
- 1/20 scale bronze civil war cannon
- 2 smaller civil war cannon barrels
- Bill O'Brien Viceroy of India painted figures.
- 3 Britains Paris Office figures – officer, seaman and a Russian



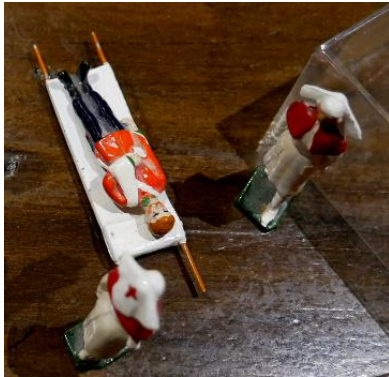
Michael C –

- King and Country figures – Normans from Battle of Hastings **[see E Below]**
- A Red Baron figure **[see F Below]**
- Operation Market Garden figures
- A Chinese couple
- 4 light infantry figures

Doug C –

- 2 Britains nurses – Woolworth's figures from the 1950s – he added red paint to the white aprons to show they were bloodied while working and not just watching.

- A wounded figure on a stretcher that according to **Francois B**, a world renowned expert, “was made by Mignot, a well-known maker in France going back years ago. I would certainly compare this maker to Britains. So, it tells you how important this maker was and how extensive was the range of its production in terms of lead figurines: soldiers from all nations, farmers and farm equipment, civilians, etc.” **[See J Below]**
- A plastic western covered wagon that he painted a red cross on and made it into a field ambulance with a driver and reigns.



Morley V –

- A blue G.I. Joe lunch box – for sale

Egor E –

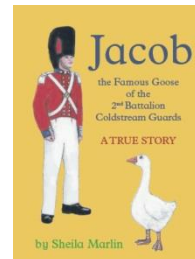
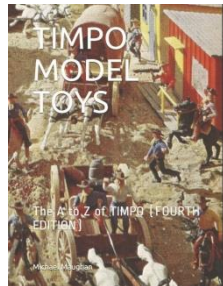
- A 75 mm metal figure of Yermak Timofeyevich, who captured parts of Siberia for Ivan the Terrible of Russia in the 16th century.



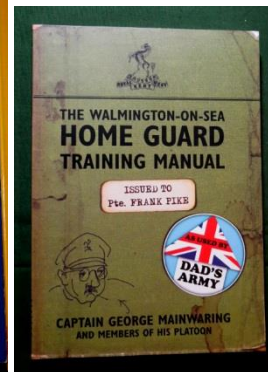
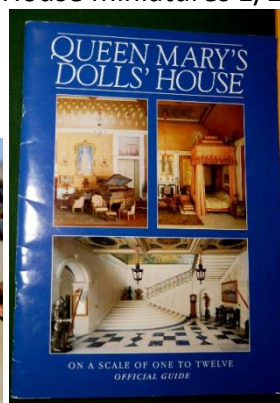
Bob T –

- 2 repainted dime store infantry figures
- Mounted knights in metal and plastic

- Book – TIMPO Model Toys – catalogue 4th edition and 4 Timpo Elizabethan figures [see H below]
- Book – Jacob the Goose - [see I Below]



- Book – Home Guard Training Guide from the Dad’s Army TV series
- Book – Queen Mary’s Dolls' House miniatures 1/12 scale



LAST POST

Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

14 April – Next OMSS Toronto Meeting - Stuart Hessney is to be the Guest Presenter

16 April - Next OMSS Zoom Meeting - next Zoom Meeting show & tell topic is:
‘Props’ aka trees, walls, and latrines.

30 April - OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting

Meeting Show & Tell Topic: The winner of the vote was **‘The Elizabethan era’**, the epoch in the Tudor period of the history of England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558–1603).

Meeting Adjourned

NOTES

A] British Model Soldier Society (BMSS) <https://www.bmssonline.com/>

Welcome to the home page of the **British Model Soldier Society (BMSS)**, the largest and longest established association of model soldier enthusiasts. The BMSS includes enthusiasts for all types of model soldiers of any scale or period and welcomes members from all parts of the UK and overseas.

The BMSS Bulletin is the Society's main magazine. Published quarterly, it contains articles on all aspects of modelling, collecting, painting, uniforms, show reports, and other subjects of interest to military modellers. Regular features include news of events from the model soldier world, reviews of new figures and books plus a correspondence column for members to express their views on subjects relevant to the Society and to the hobby. The Bulletin Extra is a newsletter sent to members between the main Bulletin issues, giving details of Society activities, forthcoming events and news of all kinds, so keeping members fully informed and in touch with all the latest in the model soldier hobby. The Bulletin Extra is published electronically.

The BMSS Handbook contains authoritative information on subjects such as uniforms, paints, modelling data, etc. The Handbook is published in sections, sent to members as and when suitable material is available, which build into a permanent work of reference.

We are delighted to announce that the 2024 BMSS Annual Show will be held on Saturday 27th April 2024 at the Reading Central Salvation Army Hall in Anstey Road, Reading, RG1 7JR, opposite the Hexagon theatre and Oracle shopping Centre

B] Warhammer <https://warhammer40000.com/>

Warhammer is a tabletop war game where two or more players compete against each other with "armies" of 25 mm – 250 mm tall heroic miniatures. The rules of the game have been published in a series of books which describe how to move miniatures around the game surface and simulate combat in a "balanced and fair" manner.

C] AVALON HILL <https://www.avalonhill.com/en-us/> Telephone: 800.255.5516
A Hasbro company and for information you are referred to Hasbro.

D] Lincoln Toys <https://www.ctcs.org/vtm/lincoln2.htm>

Lincoln Specialties, based in Windsor, Ontario, was the distributor for the large line of pressed steel toys between 1946 and 1958. Windsor Steel and Ellwood Toys of Tilbury, Ontario are the two companies which originally produced the Lincoln Toys.

LINCOLN TOYS - The Early Years, 1940-1950 by David R Gray
The first toys to be called "Lincoln Toys", obviously named after the "Lincoln Specialties" company, were a series of metal trucks produced circa 1946. The trucks were of two sizes and two different conventional cab designs, and all bore the early version of the classic oval "Made in Canada Lincoln Toys" decal with black lettering on a gold background. The earliest trucks all had a two-piece, spot-welded cab with the grille design pressed into the steel. The first truck was likely the dump truck with running boards, a grille represented by vertical bars, and steel wheels. Blue and yellow with black wheels is a common colour for these early toys. The steel wheels were followed by wooden, then composition wheels, until rubber wheels became

available. The grille design was changed to horizontal lines in the next series of large trucks; which included a 13-inch dump truck with running boards; a blue, red, or light green tow truck without running boards; and a 16-inch red fire truck.

E] Battle of Hastings taken from Wikipedia.

The Battle of Hastings was fought on 14 October 1066 between the Norman-French army of William, the Duke of Normandy, and an English army under the Anglo-Saxon King Harold Godwinson, beginning the Norman Conquest of England. It took place approximately 7 mi (11 km) northwest of Hastings, close to the present-day town of Battle, East Sussex, and was a decisive Norman victory.

The exact numbers present at the battle are unknown as even modern estimates vary considerably. The composition of the forces is clearer: the English army was composed almost entirely of infantry and had few archers, whereas only about half of the invading force was infantry, the rest split equally between cavalry and archers. Harold appears to have tried to surprise William, but scouts found his army and reported its arrival to William, who marched from Hastings to the battlefield to confront Harold. The battle lasted from about 9 am to dusk. Early efforts of the invaders to break the English battle lines had little effect. Therefore, the Normans adopted the tactic of pretending to flee in panic and then turning on their pursuers. Harold's death, probably near the end of the battle, led to the retreat and defeat of most of his army. After further marching and some skirmishes, William was crowned as king on Christmas Day 1066.

F] Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen from Wikipedia



2 May 1892 – 21 April 1918, known in English as Baron von Richthofen or **the Red Baron**, was a fighter pilot with the German Air Force during World War I. He is considered the ace-of-aces of the war, being officially credited with 80 air combat victories. Originally a cavalryman, Richthofen transferred to the Air Service in 1915, becoming one of the first members of fighter squadron Jagdstaffel 2 in 1916. He quickly distinguished himself as a fighter pilot, and during 1917 became the leader of Jasta 11. Later he led the larger fighter wing Jagdgeschwader I, better known as "The Flying Circus" or "Richthofen's Circus" because of the bright colours of its aircraft, and perhaps also because of the way the unit was transferred from one area of Entente air activity to another – moving like a travelling circus, and frequently setting up in tents on improvised airfields. By 1918, Richthofen was regarded as a national hero in Germany, and respected by his enemies. Richthofen was shot down and killed near Vaux-sur-

Somme on 21 April 1918. There has been considerable discussion and debate regarding aspects of his career, especially the circumstances of his death. He remains one of the most widely known fighter pilots of all time, and has been the subject of many books, films, and other media. Richthofen never married and had no known children.

H] TIMPO <https://www.figureschnapp.de/en/figures/timpo-toys-figures/>

Timpo Toys Figures | Figureschnapp.de

The company was founded under the name Toy Importer by Salomon Gawrylovitz, a German who emigrated to Great Britain. This gave rise to the abbreviation TIMPO. TIMPO TOYS experienced its greatest boom in the 1970s with the sale of plastic figures and accessories. Figures and accessories from different eras were produced. The focus was on Wild West and medieval figures. A total of about 40 million plastic figures were produced and sold worldwide from 1964 to 1980. The company went bankrupt in Scotland in 1980.

If you want to know more about the history of Timpo Toys, we recommend the books "Timpo Toys Ltd. - The Golden Years of a Scottish Toy Factory" by Alfred Plath and "The A-Z of Timpo" by Michael Maughan.

I] Jacob the Goose <https://www.forces.net/heritage/army-history/dead-famous-goose-saved-christmas-coldstream-guards-canada>

This is the story about a once-famous goose – yes, a real goose – that became an Army officer and saved Christmas for the British military serving overseas in Canada. It was in 1838 that the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards were deployed to Quebec – once a former British colony in Canada – due to an uprising of French Canadians, who tried to arm and organise the population in preparation for open rebellion against British rule.

There, a soldier on sentry duty saw a goose being attacked by a fox and, wanting to save the goose but not wanting to alert the garrison by firing a shot, the sentry used his bayonet to save the goose's life. The story goes that the goose was very grateful to the sentry and spent much of his waking days standing sentry with the soldiers on duty, marching back and forth with the guardsmen, keeping watch over the regiment. Sometime later, during winter, Jacob managed to alert one of the sentries of an approaching group of French rebels, preparing to launch an attack on the garrison.

They were able to get close due to heavy snow shielding the noise of their movement toward the unsuspecting sentry. Eagle-eyed Jacob managed to thwart the attackers by flying at them aggressively, which provided enough time for the sentry to shoot and bayonet the advancing men.

Jacob's neck and head is, to this day, still preserved in a glass display case at The Guards Museum in Wellington Barracks London, and Jacob – or what is left of him, is still adorned with a gold gorget, as worn by officers of the regiment in the early 19th Century.



J] CBG Mignot

[https://www.ot-saumur.fr/en/artisans-et-metiers-dart/fabrique-de-soldats-de-plomb-cbg-mignot-](https://www.ot-saumur.fr/en/artisans-et-metiers-dart/fabrique-de-soldats-de-plomb-cbg-mignot-5376277/#:~:text=Founded%20in%201825%20in%20Paris,in%20some%20way%2C%20an%20original.)

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The CBG Mignot workshop has perpetuated, since 1825, the great tradition of toy soldiers, a remarkable know-how. Soldiers, firefighters, circus artists, riders of the Black Frame, characters from the crèche... Their collection has more than 12 subjects. Since 1825, the same gestures have been repeated... Founded in 1825 in Paris and established in Saumur since 1994, CBG Mignot has perpetuated the great tradition of toy soldiers for almost two hundred years. The fundamentally artisanal nature of this production means that none of the figurines is similar to another, that each of them is, in some way, an original. This customization of each figurine does not detract from historical accuracy. Last attraction, and not the least for collectors: the rarity of the figurines, linked to the very slow pace of artisanal manufacturing.