

OMSS OTTAWA OCTOBER MEETING

5 November 2024

OIC: Bob T Photos: Brendan H & Bob T Minutes: Doug C

List of Attendees at the meeting:

Tom Wright, Doug Cope, Kelly Hayes, Francois Brisebois, Terry Hoskin, Michael Canivet, Steve Alexander, Juan Lopez, Scott Paget, Dennis DeRusha, Steve Hammond, Bob Thompson, Morley Verdier, Mark Hilash, Sylvain Allaire, Rob Kelly, Brendan Hogan



INTRODUCTIONS

New Attendee introduction - Introduce Sylvain Allaire

How are our other 'regulars' doing? - Stanley K is travelling to Toronto this week

OMSS GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

OMSS Executive Update – Scott P

- Auction at last meeting. Dues for 2025 are still \$40. **Bob T** will collect next Ottawa meeting.
- The OMSS **Honorary President Brigadier General Dean** is downsizing his collection – check OMSS YouTube channel.
- **OMSS History Book** – you can order via an etransfer or **Bob T** will collect \$40 for books & submit bulk Ottawa order at December meeting – Hard cut-off date to order book is January 02.
- **OMSS Annual General Meeting** - AGM is scheduled for December. Members can vote via email.
- **Scott P is stepping down as our OMSS Ottawa Executive Member**. Volunteer needed, Meetings are via Zoom once a month on the 1st Wednesday from 1900 to 2000
- Volunteers also needed for Tech committee, On Parade committee, Ottawa rep, OMSS Secretary, Treasurer, and VP
- **Kelly H** asked for the OMSS Toronto to please publish a list of local soldier shows in their area as we do in our minutes. All agreed that this was a good idea and much needed.

OMSS Zoom Meetings

- Still Need Help to run Zoom – October Zoom cancelled due to having no backup plan for **Bob T** absence. Need backup hosts, and need to test access to OMSS Zoom account.
- 19 **November Zoom** – show & Tell topic has 3 parts: 1. Show us your Oldest figure 2. What got you started in Toy Soldiers? 3. Show us your most precious toy soldier item (most valuable, most rare, most nostalgic?)

Ottawa Chapter Help – Still Looking for Volunteers to help organize OMSS Ottawa Meetings

- Need to establish roster of Meeting Hosts, and other volunteers to ensure consistent monthly planning and reporting. *Nothing new to report*

Scheduling Problems with Ottawa Monthly Meetings

- Many recent Barley Mow booking issues
- We need a backup plan for alternate locations and alternate days – the outcome of a vote on alternate days was 14 for Mondays, 16 Tuesdays, 11 Wednesdays and 7 for Thursdays.
- No firm date for next meeting, **Bob T** will check with bar re availability – bar is not available for us on Tuesday 26 November.

Ottawa Chapter promotion within OMSS

- Still looking for volunteer to ensure Ottawa Chapter is included in all OMSS promotions – *Nothing new to report*

OMSS Ottawa Special Projects – Spring or Summer Open House at **Juan L's** – no date as of yet

“What I am Looking For” Want List

- *Nothing New to report* – **Francois B** – *Still looking for tech help*

OMSS Ottawa Membership List – **Doug C** added **Sylvain A** to the list

OMSS Technical Capacities – **Tom W** will return to this project in February.

Military Hobby Show 2025

- Show is in jeopardy and will likely fold since the Service Battalion Association does not have the resolve to organize and host the show. If it is to continue OMSS Ottawa will have to take a major part in the hosting the event and making it an official OMSS event is a possibility with other partners. **Bob T** will talk with current show executives to discuss how best to proceed.

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

- **Michael C** from former **Toy Soldier Market** – *nothing new to report*
- **Scott P** – recently returned from the UK where he saw **Andrew Stevenson** of **REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS** - Andrew is releasing 2 very limited sets of 20 each – **Jacob the Goose** exclusive for OMSS (cost: approximately 25 pounds plus postage paid directly to **Andrew S**) & a 2 figure Christmas special – **Scott P** is returning UK in December and will bring sets back with him. If you want one of these sets contact **Andrew S** directly [see A Below]. Andrew S is about 55 and a civil servant in the UK.
- **Bob T** - will be soon post photos, on Ottawa OMSS YouTube site, of the items that he has for sale. Best prices for Ottawa members at meetings, then to OMSS members, then to general public.
- **Bob T** reports that the **Don Richie** collection is for sale. Richie will host sale at his home north of Peterborough on **Tuesday 10 December** starting at 1000. **Jim Qualthrough**, OMSS Toronto. is the organizer – all 54 mm figures that he has made plus castles, books and magazines.
- **Bob T** reported on his Recent trip – he visited **Island Collateral** [see B below] in Victoria BC & Vancouver Island Military Museum in Nanaimo BC.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- 9 November - 613 Flea – Lansdowne Park
- 19 November - OMSS Zoom Meeting - Tuesday
- 15 December - OMSS Annual General Meeting/Christmas Luncheon/December - Toronto
- Alymer Hobby Show – date unconfirmed as sometime in April 2025
- 16 March 2025 - Ottawa Nostalgia and Collectible Show
- 12 April 2025 – Prescott Model Train Show

EVENT REPORTS:

- **Ottawa Nostalgia Show** – **Doug C** reports that the 15 September Show was a disaster from a vendor point of view. Show was too early in the fall and a perfect sunny day did it in
- **Ottawa Militaria Show** – 26 October - **Bob T** reports moderately good show.
Michael C also a vendor
- **Comic Show at RA** – Sunday 27 October – war comics – no toy soldiers
– **Bob T** bought -shocking
- **BMSS Zoom Meeting** – Friday 1 November – some reported difficulties connecting

- **OMSS Auction /November Toronto Meeting** - Sunday 3 Nov. – a good event but **Jim Qualthrough** reported that numbers are down at the meetings. Also, for out of town members - we need to ensure that by next year a process is established for remote auction item submissions and online bidding. **Bob T** to investigate

PRESENTATIONS - topic this month was “*Cavalry*”

[Apologies from the Minute Man – so many figures that a few of the photos are in the wrong order and with the wrong owner – regardless – enjoy]



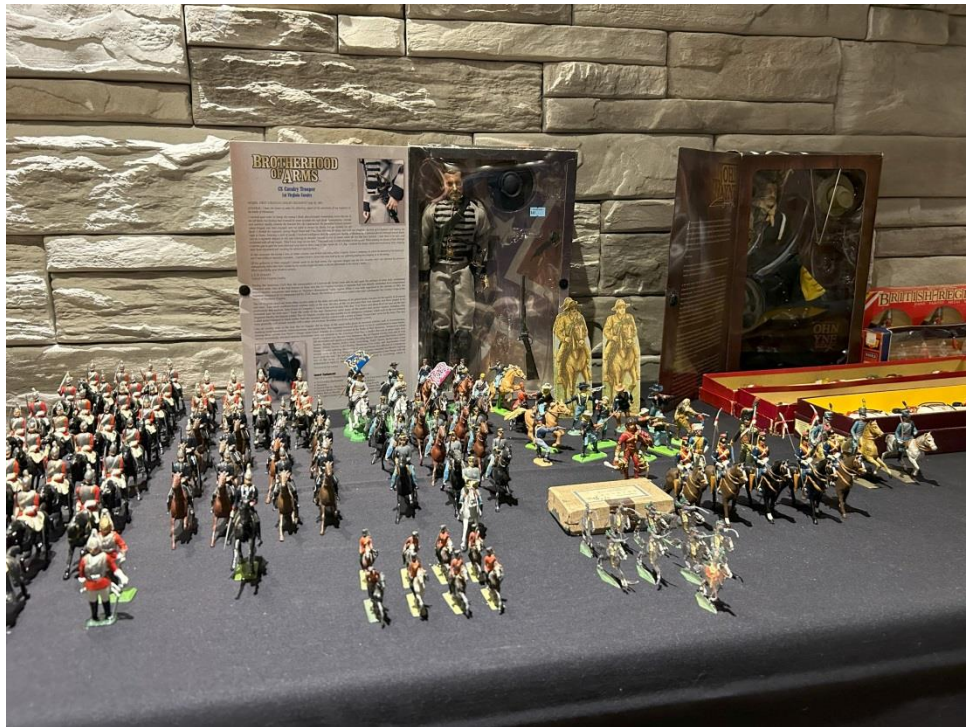
Brendan H – a copy of **Masters in Miniature** [see C below]

- A RCA figure in winter dress
- Fort Henry Guard set

Morley V – several 20 and 25 mm cavalry figures plus 2 Polish figures



Kelly H – squadrons of cavalry figures including 7th cavalry, Detail civil war figures, German flats, English lancers and John Wayne 7th cavalry figure



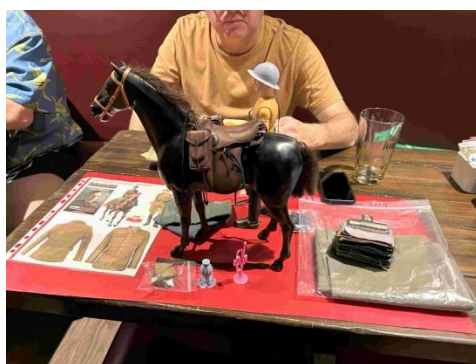
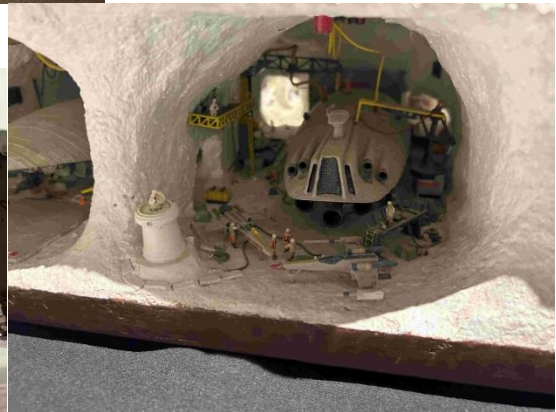
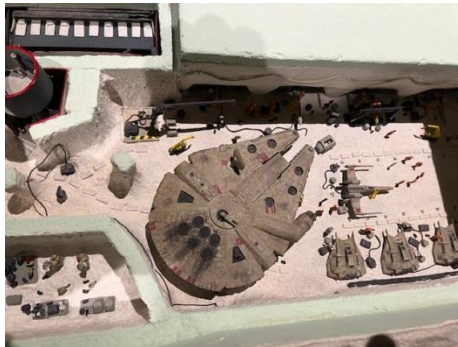
Sylvain A – a folder of paper soldiers from the army museum in Paris

Doug C – a set Britain's 17th Lancers, the Death or Glory boys – [See D Below]

- One of his Royal Scots Gray that he had as a kid in 1954 – [See E Below]
- A Cherilea Products metal lancer from his early collection [see F Below]
 - o Mahdist charging on camel and British Camel corps figure from Mahdist Uprising in the Sudan 1881-1885 – [See H Below]

Juan L – a scratch built 24 inch by 48 inch very detailed Star Wars diorama with inserts

- o His latest 1/6 figure, a Polish cavalry captain and horse from the Netflix movie 'Raport PILECKIEGO' – [See K Below] - horse is an **Action Man** horse from 1970s [see G Below]



Terry H – 3 John Jenkins NWMP figures on a base from a sample case.

Figures are Commissioner French, Superintendent Walsh and scout Jerry Potts



Steve A – more squadrons of cavalry including English civil war, French Indian wars, Lawrence of Arabia, plus dismounted cavalry, Music In Miniature US cavalry, Custer from civil war by John Spalding, dragoon with saddle and the Charge of the Light Brigade

Michael C – King and Country figures

- Saracens, knights, Lawrence of Arabia and romans



Steve H – a set of 17th lancers from 1902 and RN sailors marching



Mark H – WWI British cavalry from **Armies in Plastic** [See J Below] and East Indian cavalry on Western Front in WWI



Bob T – set of German pre-WWII tobacco cards

- A gattling gun on a camel - 3 Britain's RCMP in red box
- Tiny WWII German books on strings - A wooden Fort Henry Guard
- Very tiny 3 mm artillery and tanks on metal discs for gaming
- A mounted TAPO figure in plastic - Britain's French lancers - Confederate cavalry
- 2 very small RCMP figures floating in colored water in a plastic container – very odd
- A print of the capture of Batoche - A book of Canadians in the War of 1812



FINAL POST

Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

19 November – OMSS Zoom Meeting

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Next Meeting (November) Show & Tell Topic is the *“80th Anniversary of Battle of the Scheldt* meeting date is still to be determined

15 December – Next OMSS Toronto Meeting

Meeting Adjourned

ADDITIONS

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

Andrew Stevenson posts the following on the web site which is now working:

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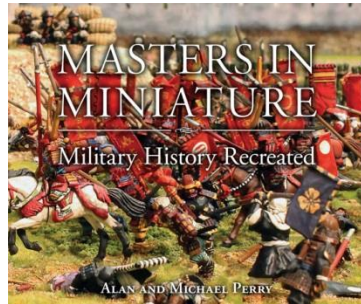
Although not mentioned above, the owner of Island Collateral is a Britain's dealer.

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<http://islandcollateral.com/collapse>

C] Masters in Miniature

- YouTube



The book is a combination of 6 months photography on our part, years of painting on the part of the many painters and a frenzied couple of months on Atlantic's part, mostly by Henry Hyde who excelled himself in putting this book to 'bed'. There is a forward by Rick Priestley and a (would you 'Adam and Eve it'!) a brief biography by Henry at the end.

All the figures in the book are from Perry Miniatures ranges and are covered in by chapter in chronological order;

- The First Crusade 1096-1099 • Agincourt to Orleans 1415-1429 • The Wars of the Roses 1455-1487 and European Armies 1450-1500 • Samurai Armies 1550-1615 and Choson Korean Army 1592-1598
- The English Civil Wars 1642-1651 and the Border Reivers of the 1580's • The American War of Independence 1775-1783 • Napoleonic Armies 1809-1814 • Napoleonic Armies 1815
- The First Carlist War 1833-1840 • The American Civil War 1861-1865 • The Mahdist Uprising in the Sudan 1881-1885 • World War II 1939-45

160pp hard cover with nearly 400 colour photos

D] 17th Lancers

from Wikipedia

The 17th Lancers was a cavalry regiment of the British Army, raised in 1759 and notable for its participation in the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War. The regiment was amalgamated with the 21st Lancers to form the 17th/21st Lancers in 1922. **Motto:** Death Or Glory



E] Royal Scots Greys

from Wikipedia



The Royal Scots Greys was a cavalry regiment of the Army of Scotland that became a regiment of the British Army in 1707 upon the Union of Scotland and England, continuing until 1971 when they amalgamated with the 3rd Carabiniers to form the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

Founded: 1678 **Active:** 1678–1971

F] Cherilea Products

from Wikipedia



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The company was started just after the ends of World War Two by Johilco's chief designer, Wilfred Cherrington, in conjunction with a Mr Leaver, with their new company name being a compaction of the two surnames (*Cherrington / Leaver*). Thanks to the two founders' intimate knowledge of the market

and Cherringtons ability to rapidly sculpt a range of models, Cherilea ended up producing a pretty huge range of figures in a range of sizes.



G] ACTION MAN

- from Wikipedia

Action Man is an action figure launched in Britain in 1966 by Palitoy as a licensed copy of Hasbro's American "movable fighting man", G.I. Joe. Action Man was originally produced and sold in the United Kingdom and Australia by Palitoy Ltd of Coalville, Leicestershire from 1966 until 1984. Palitoy offered sub-licences to toy manufacturers in other markets.

H] The Mahdist War

from Wikipedia

The Mahdist War was a war between the Mahdist Sudanese, led by Muhammad Ahmad bin Abdullah, who had proclaimed himself the "Mahdi" of Islam (the "Guided One"), and the forces of the Khedivate of Egypt, initially, and later the forces of Britain. Eighteen years of war resulted in the creation of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (1899–1956), a de jure condominium of the British Empire, and the Kingdom of Egypt, in which Britain had de facto control over Sudan. The Sudanese launched several unsuccessful invasions of their neighbours, expanding the scale of the conflict to include not only Britain and Egypt but also the Italian Empire, the Congo Free State and the Ethiopian Empire.

The British government sent Charles 'Chinese' Gordon to Khartoum. Gordon was a gifted officer, who had gained renown commanding Imperial Chinese forces during the Taiping Rebellion.

Gordon's position in Khartoum was very strong, as the city was bordered to the north and east by the Blue Nile, to the west by the White Nile, and to the south by fortifications (dry ditch and ramparts constructed by Gordon's predecessor, colonel De Coetlogon) looking on to a vast expanse of desert. Gordon had food for an estimated six months, several million rounds of ammunition in store, with the capacity to produce a further 50,000 rounds per week, and 7,000 Egyptian soldiers. But outside the walls, the Mahdi had mustered about 50,000 Dervish soldiers, and as time went on, the chances of a successful breakout became slim.

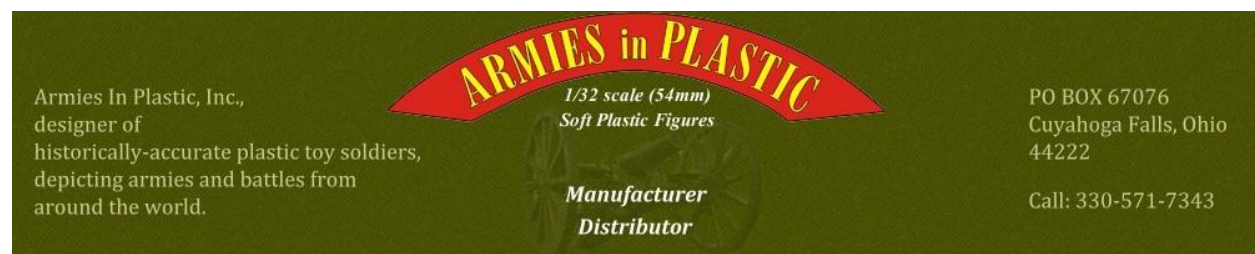
Eventually it became impossible for Gordon to be relieved without British troops. An expedition was duly dispatched under Sir Garnet Wolseley, but as the level of the White Nile fell through the winter,

muddy 'beaches' at the foot of the walls were exposed. With starvation and cholera rampant in the city and the Egyptian troops' morale shattered, Gordon's position became untenable and the city fell on 26 January 1885, after a siege of 313 days.

Nile campaign

The British Government, under strong pressure from the public reluctantly sent a relief column under Sir Garnet Wolseley to relieve the Khartoum garrison. This was described in some British papers as the 'Gordon Relief Expedition', a term Gordon strongly objected to. After defeating the Mahdists at the Battle of Abu Klea on 17 January 1885, the column arrived within sight of Khartoum at the end of January, only to find they were too late: the city had fallen two days earlier, and Gordon and the garrison had been massacred.

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K] Pilecki's Report, or Raport Pileckiego from Wikipedia



Pilecki's Report, or Raport Pileckiego in native Polish, is a 2023 biography war drama film that has recently been released to global audiences by Netflix. Revisiting the tumultuous times in Poland during and shortly after World War II, the film presents the story of a heroic man who survived the Auschwitz concentration camp and then wrote detailed reports about the experience. The inspiring story of Witold Pilecki is nothing short of exceptional.