

OMSS OTTAWA MEETING - Tuesday – 30 April 2024

OIC: Bob T

Minute Man: Doug C

Photos: Tom W



List of Attendees:

Kelly Hayes, Francois Brisebois, Tom Wright, Doug Cope, Bob Thompson, Terry Hoskin, Michel Caron, Michael Canivet, Juan Lopez, Dennis DeRusha, Morley Verdier, Steve Hammond, Alan Macdonald, John Shrives, Scott Paget, Mark Hilash, Steve Alexander

INTRODUCTIONS

How are our other 'regulars' doing? – Dennis D is out of hospital and attended the meeting.
- Danielle Canivet unfortunately is still in hospital

OMSS GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

OMSS Executive Report - Scott P reports that the **OMSS website** 'proof of concept' has been accepted and will soon be up and running – members are encouraged to send in items. OMSS is working on the **new constitution and bylaws** and has a **New ZOOM account**. Work on that fabled anniversary book continues.

OMSS April Newsletter – included an attached copy of the February Ottawa Meeting minutes with photos. Tom W also included our Ottawa March meeting activities - Keith Ritchie included part 2 of his excellent article on *Judging Toy Soldiers* competition entries at On Parade

OMSS Zoom - Still Need Help to run Zoom – same old same old – any volunteers to host and to write a follow up report? None came forward at this meeting.

Ottawa Meeting Help – again same old same old - Still Looking for Volunteer Meeting Hosts

Ottawa Chapter promotion within OMSS – Volunteer still needed to create generic text re Ottawa Chapter – Mark Siverthorn put short note on Ottawa Facebook page. A description of our activities needed for promotional flyers for shows and events.

OMSS Ottawa Special Projects – Juan L – nothing new to report – need a new venue for parking lot sale.

“What I am Looking For” Want List - Francois B – Still looking for technical help for list

The OMSS Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) – Nothing New to report this month

2024 OMSS Memberships

Bob T should be able to pick up 2024 membership cards at On Parade. - 2024 OMSS Calendars still not delivered to Ottawa members. **Doug C** asked why their \$40 membership fee did not include a late December mailing of the calendars to Ottawa? Apparently there is no truth to the rumour that the OMSS is going to produce a collector’s edition, special 6 month calendar for the Ottawa members.

OMSS Ottawa Membership List – Bob T distributed paper copies of the draft of new, shortened list. **Doug C** will distribute by email once completed.

OMSS Technical Capacities – Tom W - Indicated that we are currently looking for a few more Zoom hosts. Becoming a Zoom host is a great way to become more expert on the Zoom program. As reported above **Mark Silverthorn** has developed a new OMSS Prototype Website and it has been approved for implementation, also the OMSS now has a paid Zoom subscription

OMSS YouTube Channel – new videos of Ontario shows and **Bob T** is to make one or more videos

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

- **Michael C from former Toy Soldier Market** – reduced prices on many items –his inventory is selling out – Napoleon, Japanese, Vietnam, and Arnhem figures are no longer in stock

- **Scott Dummitt** - Order items now from **Scott D** and pick up at On Parade – **John Jenkins** announces following figures will be at On Parade – Queen’s Rangers Officer & Colours - Revolutionary War 7th Fusiliers (fought at Quebec and Fort Chambly) – 18th Century Gun Limber – Conestoga Wagon (with oxen or horse teams) – Re-release of British 6 pounder (Napoleonic), Jerry Potts, women in blankets, Sitting Bull. Also new Tradition set of Royal Company of Archers (seen at Queen’s funeral) - **Scott D** plans an **open house at his shop on Sunday 16 June** – 12 to 5 – sale prices on items such as **Britains Racing Champions [See A below]** Napoleon era, Army in Plastics Camel Corps, etc.

- **Scott Pagets’ YouTube** – His latest YouTube video is **# 63 Indian Army**

- Other News

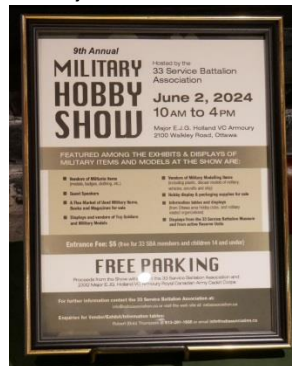
– **Juan L** reported on **The Frank & Son Collectible Show** in California [**See B Below**]
But unfortunately for Juan he did not find any 1/6 figures for sale.

- **Steve H** went to **Gettysburg Miniature Soldiers** a toy soldier store in Gettysburg. PA, USA. Understandably the figures were largely American civil war soldiers. [**See C Below**] There was also discussion of **Virginia Museum of the Civil War** in New Market, Virginia [**See D Below**]

UPCOMING SHOWS:

4 and 5 May - Bob T & Morley V Warehouse Sale – 10 to 4 – Exit 88 off Hwy 417 – 15 minutes east of Ottawa. **Bob T** handed out brochures – he is determined to sell out so look for deals.

2 June – Sunday - 9th Annual Military Hobby Show – Walkley Road Armouries – to support 33 Service Battalion Association. - Now booking Vendors & Exhibitors - OMSS Ottawa will be well represented with vendors & exhibitors - **Jim Qualtrough & Scott Milburn** plan to attend.
- Vendors – **Bob T, Morley V, Dennis D, Michel Caron, Michael C, Doug C**
- Exhibitors – **Bob T, Steve H, Juan L**



2 June – Sunday – Ottawa Hobby Centre parking lot flea market sale

1 and 2 June – The Arnprior Train Show – 1000 to 1600 at Nick Smith Centre – 77 James Street
Free admission. See some of the trains and clubs that were there last year. There will be many vendors. You can pick up the newest releases and maybe find a great deal.

15 June - On Parade – Saturday - Toronto

– **Jim Qualtrough** Show Manager – new location – lots of exhibit space – Ottawa vendors – **Bob T, Dennis D, Steve A, Kelly H?** – all vendor tables now sold - **Juan L** will have an exhibit
- Ottawa Attendees to be **Morley V, JP Bertrand, Tom W, Eduardo (Montreal), John S.**

16 June Scott Dummitt Open House – 12 to 5 – sale items, refreshments (see above)

6 to 8 September - Gatineau Air Show

29 September, Sunday - Model Car Contest – Location: **Walkley Road Armoury**

Sponsored by Hobby Centre – this is also a Fundraising event for 33 Service Battalion Association

EVENT REPORTS:

25 March - Ottawa OMSS Meeting – 13 attendees - Show & Tell Topic “Anything you want to bring”
- reported in detail in the minutes of the meeting.

12 April - BMSS Zoom Meeting - BMSS Zoom meetings open to OMSS members
(2nd Friday of each month - 2pm Ottawa time) – May Topic will be “Pageantry”

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

Mark H, Morley V, Doug C and **John S** attended. Trains of all gauges plus toys – few soldiers. Well attended but were they buying?

14 April – OMSS Toronto Meeting - Stuart Hessney, the Guest Presenter, made an excellent presentation – meeting recorded – YouTube video to come. OMSS Toronto is working on an email list since the Pony Express has ceased to function.

16 April - OMSS Zoom Meeting – 13 participants (5 Ottawa, 5 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 2 England)
- Show & Tell topic was “Props” – Presentations by **Andrew** of **REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS** from England [see E Below] and **Bob T**.

27 April - Ottawa Military Heritage Show, 2024 – Nepean Sportsplex
– **Bob T** & **Michael C** were vendors and **Morley V** and **Mark H** represented the 33 Service Battalion Association. Show now features antique firearms which sparked a discussion at the meeting of which firearms need permits to display, etc. **Bob T** claims to have sold more than he bought. This incredible claim still needs to be verified.

28 April - Bytown Antiques Show — Nepean Sportsplex – **Mark H** reports that it was well attended but mainly a bottle show and no soldiers for sale.

29 April – World Premiere of ‘Liberation Men’ Movie – at the Mayfair Theatre, Ottawa
– **Bob T** & **Morley V** attended this 300+ sold out screening. Movie was made in Merrickville last year. Will re-show on 19 May 2024.

Show & Tell Presentations – topic was *“The Elizabethan era” (Tudor period, 1558-1603)*

Michael C

- he brought in King and Country English Civil war and Streets of Hong Kong figures for sale

John S

- 3 x 1/72 scale metal German infantry by **Monogram Models**. [see F below]
He acquired them in Sweden. These are rare metal soldiers.



Kelly H

- displayed 20 to 30 **Mignot** foot and mounted figures [see note on **CBG Mignot** in our March Minutes] – figures include French from 1770, WWI, French Foreign Legion, etc. He also had Elizabeth I and Walt Raleigh figures by **Richard Courtenay** [see **G Below**]
- also 2 1/6 scale RCMP figures, male and female, from the RCMP gift shop



Steve H

- 5 x 1/6 scale boxed figures by **DML – Dragon** [See **H Below**] – figures included:
- Devil's Brigade, Pioneer Afrika Corps, Russian Tank crew, Red Army officer and Luftwaffe bomber/gunner



Morley V

- he had several 1/72 WWII **Lesney** figures [see **I Below**]
- He also had a GI Joe Lunchbox for sale, a free VHS tape of the *Liberation of Holland* and a Richmond Hill wooden tea box with a Life Guards photo on the box.



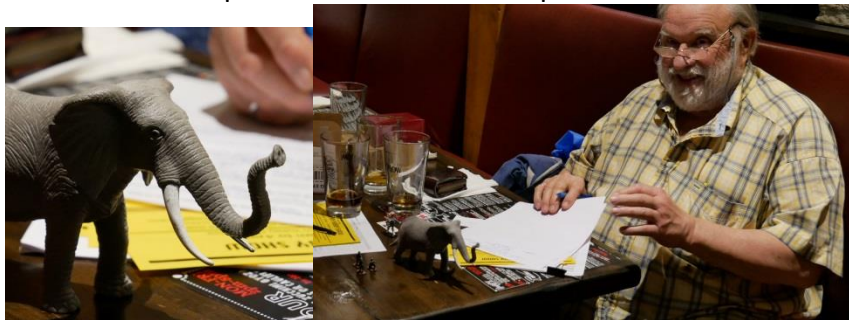
Scott P

- had QEII and Sir Walt figures by **Tradition** [See J Below]



Doug C

- brought a Britain's 93 Highlander club figure for sale Plus, in keeping with the theme, an Elizabethan elephant or was that an elephant named Elizabeth – whatever.



Bob T

- opened a box that contained a 1/350 scale Flak Tower by **TAKOM** [see K Below]
Also a boxed 1/3 scale **AK47** by **ATI Outdoors** [see L Below] – this is likely a salesman demo



FINAL POST

Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

12 May – Next OMSS Toronto Meeting

21 May - Next OMSS Zoom Meeting next Zoom Meeting show & tell topic is: "Pagentry"

28 May - OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting show & tell topic is RCAF and Pagentry

Meeting Adjourned

ADDITIONS

A] W. Britain Limited <https://www.wbritain.com/company-history>

It all began in 1893, prior to this W. Britain had produced a number of mechanical toys with varied success, but in 1893 William Britain Senior cracked the hollowcast toy soldier process and the rest, as they say, is history. Until 1893 the German toy makers had dominated the toy soldier world and then as if from nowhere W. Britain launched its first few hollowcast figures. Hollowcasting was the process where molten lead was poured into a figure mould and before the entire figure could set some of the molten metal was poured back out again.

From 1893 onwards, W. Britain continued to grow and evolve as the hollowcast toy soldier gained in popularity with production only slowing/stopping during the First and Second World Wars. Little changed with the style of the figures (apart from the introduction of the farm series in 1921) until the late 1950s when the introduction of plastic figures from companies such as Herald made Britains sit up and take notice (Britains eventually bought out Herald in 1959). Plastic figures now became the mainstay of Britains business with the metal hollowcast figures finally ceasing production in 1966.

From 1966 until the early 1980s, Britains continued to be a toy company focusing on space and agricultural toys as well as plastic military figures. In 1983, Britains launched its first all metal figure in nearly 20 years, and although in 1973 it had introduced a diecast metal Scots Guard figure set, these still featured plastic weapons so couldn't be called true metal models.

The next big change to take place was also during 1984 when **the first sale of the Britains** company took place. As Dennis Britain wished to retire, and no other family shareholder wished to take over the company, it was sold to a small Midlands-based conglomerate, **The Dobson Park Group**, who in 1986 changed the company name to **Britain Petite Ltd**.

Metal models continued to appear in the main Britains catalogue during the 1980s until 1987 when it was finally decided that these lines were collectibles rather than toys and as such were given their own special four page catalogue. During the late 80s the popularity of these new metal toy soldiers continued to grow with collectors the world over, until finally in 1993, the W. Britain Centenary, **the W. Britain Collectors Club** was launched.

The Dobson Park Group remained in control of W. Britain until its acquisition by US toy company **Ertl in 1997**. Ertl bought W. Britain primarily for the farm series, not the toy soldier business, as Ertl was already an established manufacturer of farm toys in the USA and thought the Britains farm lines would be a good addition to its company. Ertl however did not hold on to W. Britain for very long as in **1999 the entire Ertl company, including W. Britain**, was bought out by an even larger US toy company **Racing Champions**. During Ertl's ownership it had moved most of the W. Britain production to the Far East, not to reduce costs but simply to improve quality (something Britains had already done years before with the Deetail range of figures), Racing Champions continued with this plan and finally **in 2001 moved** all remaining toy soldier production **from the UK to the Far East**.

As Racing Champions continued to grow as a toy company it wasn't long before the decision makers realised that the W. Britain toy soldiers were a very small part of their overall business especially considering it required an inordinate amount of time and effort. So in mid-2005, when a small US collectible diecast vehicle manufacturer **First Gear** approached Racing Champions about acquiring the W. Britain name and toy soldier ranges, they accepted.

In early September 2005 First Gear acquired W. Britain toy soldiers. The brand now seems to have gone full circle, as what was once started as a small family business is now once again owned by a small family business, the only difference being now the family is American not English.

First Gear has a reputation for making some of the most detailed die cast replicas vehicles in the market today. This same attention to detail, quality and authenticity has been applied vigorously to the W.Britain range. In 2006, W.Britain under First Gear, launched half a dozen new ranges with greatly improved sculpting and painting detail, a renewed commitment to the finest quality — from the figures to the packaging and customer service, and authentic, historically accurate figures researched in partnership with world renowned military museums and sculpted by military historians.

B] The Frank & Son Collectible Show

<https://www.frankandsonshow.net/>

17835 Gale Ave. City of Industry, CA. 91748

With over 200 individual Vendors... We are your one stop shop for all your collectible needs. For that one special piece to start or finish your collection.... We have the finest vendors with the hottest and most unique collectibles under one roof.... What will you find here, you ask? Comic Books new and old from Marvel to DC... The hottest Hand-Painted Statues from Sideshow to Gentle Giant... Sports and Movie Memorabilia... Baseball Trading Cards and Gaming Cards.... New Age and Retro Video Games to Board Games.... Disney Trading Pins to Action Figures.... Hot Wheels to Barbie Dolls... G.I. Joe's to Hot Toys... Anime to Funko Pops...and much much more.... so come on down and bring the family! Free admission and parking every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday!

C] Gettysburg Miniature Soldiers <https://www.gettysburgminiaturesoldiers.com/>

Gettysburg Miniature Soldiers is located at 200 Steinwehr avenue in historic downtown Gettysburg. Open 7 days a week, year round 10AM to 4PM Monday-Saturday 10AM to 3PM Sunday

Gettysburg Miniature Soldiers is a family owned business founded in 1998. We are a factory authorized dealer for W. Britains, King and Country, Conte Collectibles, Collectors Showcase, John Jenkins designs, First Legion, Armies in Plastic, BMC, Warlord games, Perry Miniatures, Games Workshop, Old Glory Miniatures, Imex, Italeri, Revell, Armour fast, L.O.D, TSSD, Paragon, Americana, Caesar Miniatures, and many more. We stock both new and retired items as well as vintage figures and board games from manufacturers like Marx, SPI, and Avalon Hill. We carry battlefield accessories from Woodland Scenics, Paints from Valejo, Citadel, and Army Painter, as well as brushes and spray cans designed for modeling.

D] Virginia Museum of the Civil War

<https://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/>

Virginia Museum of the Civil War - New Market Battlefield State Historical Park

8895 George Collins Parkway P. O. Box 1864 New Market, VA 22844

Located in New Market, Virginia, our museum provides opportunities to reflect upon the Battle of New Market which raged just outside on May 15, 1864. Students from the Virginia Military Institute as young as 15 years old fought in the battle. In addition to museum exhibit galleries, the site features the state-certified Shenandoah Valley Tourist Information Center, an Emmy-winning film, Field of Lost Shoes shown every hour, and a 300-acre battlefield park preserving the core areas of the battlefield and historic Bushong Farm.

E] REPLICAMETAL SOLDIERS & MODELS <https://www.replicametalsoldiers.co.uk/>

Andrew posts the following on the web site:

“NEW CONTACT NUMBER FOR RMSM - After about a year of being plagued by poor telephone reception, and call failure I have changed providers and have a new contact number for Replica : (+44) 07405 099200 - I can only apologise for the communication difficulties experienced and hope that these issues are now resolved. Thank you for your understanding.”

F] Monogram Models [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monogram_\(company\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monogram_(company))

Monogram is an American brand and former manufacturing company of scale plastic models of cars, aircraft, spacecraft, ships, and military vehicles since the early 1950s. The company was formed by two former employees of Comet Kits, Jack Besser and Bob Reder. **Mattel acquired Monogram in 1968**, and the firm passed through various owners and was merged with Revell, the combined company being bought by Hobbico in 2007.[1] Along with Revell, AMT, and MPC, Monogram is sometimes called one of the traditional "Big 4" in plastic modeling.[2] History[edit] - Auto kit makers AMT and Jo-Han started early but focused on manufacturers' promotional models and did not enter the kit fray until the late 1950s. As the 1950s progressed, Monogram increasingly included more automobile models and custom wheeled creations in competition with the other makers. Through the 1970s, competition required increased production of a variety of fantastical vehicles. **Company defunct**, "Monogram" brand logo disappeared from products since Hobbico acquired it.

G] Reginald Charles Frederick 'Richard' Courtenay Figures

https://www.planetdiecast.com/index2.php?option=com_content&id=107&page=0

Reginald Charles Frederick Courtenay was born in Paddington, London on 16th October 1892. In the last year of his education at the Slade School of Fine Art he was discovered to have an ability in miniature painting which set him on a path that he was to follow for the rest of his life. At the end of the 1914-18 War, aged 26, he set up in business with Ernest Doran producing boxed sets of 45 mm lead mediaeval toy soldiers, marketed as 'Courtenay & Doran'.

In the February of 1928 Courtenay signed a quitclaim to the business, which Ernest Doran continued until 1932. Courtenay had decided that what he wanted to produce was something a little more ambitious; a more anatomically accurate series of figures of the middle ages which would act as a canvas for his painting abilities.

These were to be standardised at a 50 mm figure size for a foot knight and slightly larger for foot soldiers and others. By 1936 Courtenay had a whole range of knights selling at Charles Morrell at Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly with a selection of over 20 historical figures. For the time these figures were expensive items, ranging from one shilling & nine pence to twenty one shillings for each figure. I note in my book 'Heraldic Miniature Knights' that in 1936 the higher price could buy a Britain's guards Company complete with officers, band, colours and pioneers with a squadron of the Royal Horse Guards thrown in!

Clearly Courtenay did not intend these figures for children, but for parents, and wealthy parents at that! By the end of his life in 1963 Courtenay had produced a range of over 140 designs, making some 300 figures a year. Of these original productions eight were designed by Roy Selwyn Smith to Courtenay's brief. In the year of his death Courtenay's son Reginald **sold the moulds to Hummels House of Miniatures of Burlington Arcade**, Morrell's successor, and **these were franchised out to Frederick Ping**, a well-established figure maker working out of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Freddy was a retired Naval Commander with a high reputation for his scratch-built models in the continental style. p(focuson). What Freddy lacked in finish he made up for in variety and, though his Courtenay-Ping figures were not of outstanding interest to dedicated Courtenay collectors, his boundless imagination found a new and committed clientele for his productions. Unfortunately Ping's preference for sheet lead and matt colours has left a legacy of unstable items prone to lead disease and decay. Those figures not affected are much prized today and high on the list must be his animated Courtenay-Ping Samurai, demonstrating great imagination.

Freddy died in July of 1977 and in '78 (acting on Ping's recommendation) **Hummels sold the Courtenay moulds to Gilly & I. In 1977** we had already been producing our own range of half a dozen

mediaeval knight figures intended to compliment Courtenay's style, so the adoption of Courtenay's business was a welcome expansion. These have been marketed as 'Courtenay-Greenhill' figures for the past 30 years.

There are 182 Courtenay moulds into which we cast a high quality tin rich pewter. The resulting figure is bright, hard and light and very receptive to gloss enamels, which are our preferred choice. From the outset in 1928 the business was designed for the American market, aimed at outlets like **Polks Hobbies in Fifth Avenue and The Soldier Shop on Madison Avenue**. When in the late 60's auction houses showed an interest in soldiers as collectables Courtenay's work fetched high prices at Christie's, Phillips & Sotheby's on both sides of the Atlantic.

Gilly & I continue the business today in exactly the same fashion, drop-casting hot metal from a long-handled ladle into iron handled moulds. The resultant castings are cut, filed, drilled, polished, assembled & painted, a time-consuming business. On average we produce around 100 figures a year, a third of Courtenay's output and about a fifth of Ping's.

H] DML – Dragon <http://www.dragon-models.com/>

DML was established in 1987 to manufacture plastic Model Kits according to its own designs, and then export them to all parts of the globe via agents in different countries. Recent years have seen DML's products marketed under the label "**Revell/Monogram**" in the USA, "**Revell**" and "**Italeri**" in Europe, and "**Hasegawa**" and "**GSI**" in Japan, all ODM products.

In 1999, DML brought its modelling background and expertise to 1/6 scale with the introduction of its New Generation Life Action Figure series. By January of the following year, this series - which features fully posable military and licensed 12-inch figures with meticulously researched cloth. Currently, DML's business scope includes plastic models, action figures, die-cast collectables, resin, PVC and vinyl, and R/C products. Dragon sets the industry standard in many areas, and is a market leader in many of its lines.

I] Lesney Products & Co. Ltd. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lesney_Products

Lesney Products & Co. Ltd. was a British manufacturing company responsible for the conception, manufacture, and distribution of die-cast toys under the "**Matchbox**" name. The company existed from 1947 until 1982.

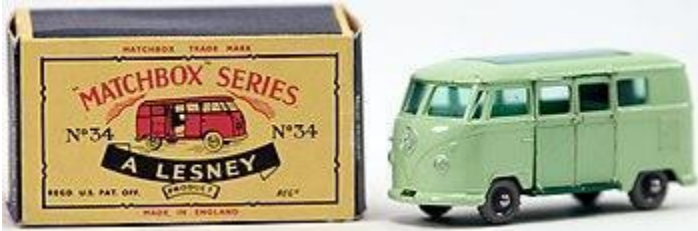
Lesney was founded on 19 January 1947 as an industrial die-casting company by Leslie Smith (6 March 1918 - 26 May 2005) and Rodney Smith (26 August 1917 - 20 July 2013). The name "Lesney" was an acronym from both partners' (who were not related by blood) names. Rodney Smith introduced to his partner a man named John "Jack" Odell, an engineer.

In late 1947 they received a request for parts for a toy gun. As that proved to be a viable alternative to reducing their factory's output during periods in which they received fewer or smaller industrial orders, they started making die cast model toys the following year. Seeing no future for the company, Rodney Smith left in 1951.

The first model toy they produced in 1948; a die-cast road roller based clearly on a Dinky model (the industry leader in die-cast toy cars at that time). The next crucial milestone was the production of a replica of the Royal State Coach in 1953, the year of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Two versions were created, the first in a larger scale, followed by a smaller-scale model. It was this second model that sold over a million units, a massive success at the time. The profits from the sales provided valuable capital for further investments.

The final and decisive stepping stone in the pre-Matchbox era was a toy which Mr. Odell designed for his daughter Annie: a scaled-down version of the Lesney green and red road roller. The toy's origin is debatable; it's been said that the daughter's school only allowed children to bring toys that could fit inside a matchbox, but Nick Jones debunks this story in his book, Matchbox Toys.

According to the book, Annie "kept bringing home spiders and creepy-crawlies inside a matchbox", so Odell promised to make her a toy that fit in the matchbox if she didn't bring any more spiders home. Odell then made her a scaled-down Road Roller, which became popular at her school. The idea was then born to sell the model in a replica matchbox – thus also yielding the name of the series which would propel Lesney to worldwide, mass-market success. The road roller ultimately became the first of the Matchbox 1-75 miniature range; a dump truck, a cement mixer, and a Massey Harris Tractor (labelled 1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a respectively) completed the original four-model release.[1]



A Matchbox Volkswagen Camper Van

In the early years of the series, Lesney used a partner company, "**Moko**" (itself also named after its founder, Moses Kohnstam), to market/distribute its toys. This distribution was documented on the boxes themselves, on which the text "**A Moko Lesney product**" appeared. By the end of the decade, Lesney was able to buy Moko, marketing its products under its own name from that point on. A period of great expansion, tremendous profit, and recognition followed: In 1966, Lesney received their first (of several) Queen's Awards for Industry. By the mid-'60s, Matchbox was the largest brand of die-cast model vehicles in the world, and had diversified the line into multiple series.

On 11 July 1982, after years of difficulties due to the economic climate in Britain at the time, Lesney went bankrupt and into receivership. Competing companies Mettoy (Corgi) and Meccano (Dinky) also suffered the same fate. The Matchbox brand as well as Lesney's tooling were bought by and **became a division of Universal Holdings/Universal Toys**, where the company re-formed as "Matchbox International Ltd." **Tooling and production were moved to Macau.** Jack Odell went on to form, Lledo, where he produced models similar to early Matchbox Models of Yesteryear. Since **1996 the Matchbox brand has been owned by Mattel**, creators of Hot Wheels. Some of the tools and dies created in the Lesney era were still used in the Matchbox line of 2007.

J] Tradition of London Ltd - Toy Soldiers and Model (U.K., 54mm painted metal figures)

<https://www.facebook.com/TraditionofLondonLTD/>

[https://www.toysoldierco.com/Metal-Toy-](https://www.toysoldierco.com/Metal-Toy-Soldiers/Brands/Tradition/Brand.aspx?BrandID=38&AssocDeptID=12)

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Toy soldiers & model soldiers of highest quality. Handmade in England and Sweden, Delivered painted or unpainted all over the world. All scales and time periods!, Items listed as not in stock will have a delivery time of 8-12 weeks.

Please send an email to order@traditionoflondon.com in order to confirm exact timings!

Tradition was one of the first of the "New Toy Soldier" makers to emerge after the demise of Britains and other lead soldier manufacturers in the late 1960s. Their limited edition sets were initially produced in the same scale and "look" as Britains. But as the years passed, they introduced a more detailed series of castings that look more like real people. Ground-breaking and traditional, with figures in both the old-fashioned 'Britains' style and the 'New Toy Soldier' style so popular in America, Tradition has been a leader in the field for 40 years!

K] TAKOM

<http://www.takom-world.com/index/home/index.html>

Takom is a progressive manufacturer of injection molded polystyrene miniature model kits located in Dongguan, China. The primary focus of our products has been historical military vehicles in 1/72, 1/35, and 1/16 scales. We work with a global network of research consultants, who provide us with photos & measurements taken in the field, as well as rare documentation which allows us to ensure the most accurate representations of our subjects. Our products are manufactured to exacting standards using the latest technologies available in the industry, and each item is carefully tested to ensure our customers the highest quality. Our e-mail business@takom-world.com

L] ATI Outdoors <https://www.atioutdoors.com/product-category/ati-minis/>

ATI Outdoors is the premier manufacturer of leading-edge rifle stocks, shotgun stocks, and accessories for a wide variety of firearms. Our products are manufactured in the USA. Well-known to both collectors, hunting enthusiasts and members of the Military and Law Enforcement communities; ATI Outdoors has a long and proud tradition of total commitment to top quality, excellent customer-care and affordable prices. All of us at ATI Outdoors are dedicated to being the leader in high-quality, easily-installation, affordable rifle and shotgun stocks.