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Hi, its been busy over the past few months, what with the 'day job' and then coming home to have some 'fun' painting toy soldiers, and below are my latest projects, mostly for other collectors, but I do manage to slip in some for my own collection sometimes. ☺ The biggest thing to happen for me was my appearance on national TV on a show called "Collectors" where they showed some of my collection and me at work, painting. If you didn't see the show here in Australia, you can always catch it again on the TV website, so see the last page of this newsletter.

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### **NEW SOLDIERS IN THE GALLERY for July**



**Highlanders** from the 1750's are being sold as castings from a Ukrainian supplier on Ebay, and I was asked to paint them for a fellow collector here in Perth. But, with some research I have found they are pirated figures of **Andrea Miniatures** SG-F076 & **Lead Warrior** 5437. I personally wouldn't purchase these, but I want to acknowledge the makers, so I will continue to show them on my site.

<http://www.andrea-miniatures.com/index.html>

<http://www.leadarmy.com/>



**Green Mountain Boy 1776** is the last in a set of 13 Franklin Mint 90mm figures that I have painted for a collector in USA over the past year. These figures were sold as Pewter Castings and are representatives of each of the 13 colonies that revolted against British rule in 1776 and fought for their independence. Below is the full set I have painted.





**Commander in Chief's Bodyguard, Fife and Drum Corps**, were part of George Washington's guard and are wearing reverse coloured uniforms from the guards, who had blue coats and buff cuffs, turnbacks and lapels. The figures are castings made by **Imrie Risley** and are part of an extensive range of figures from this era, of forces from both side of the conflict. <http://www.saratogasoldier.com/>



**Napoleon & Rostam Raza at Borodino 1812** is a 28mm scale vignette depicting Napoleon being served drinks by his manservant Rostam at the start of the Battle of Borodino in 1812. The figures are metal, while the base is resin and one a series of famous 'Moments in History' and made by magazine publisher **Wargames Illustrated** <http://www.wargamesillustrated.net/>



**More Napoleonic War figures** are show here all from French maker **Miniatures Historiques de Soldats de Plomb (MHSP)** and this time there are figures from the Retreat from Moscow in 1812, and which I have painted with white bases to represent the snow of that tragic winter, that claimed the bulk of the Grande Armée. The flag bearers are carrying captured Russian and Austrian standards after the Battle of Austerlitz in 1805 while Marshal Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, was the Prussian Commander at Waterloo in 1815. More of the figures will be featured next update because I have just received about a dozen new ones to paint including more from 1812.



**Rearguard on the "Retreat to Corunna 1808" RHA Gunner, 95th Rifles, 10th Lt Dragoon Trumpeter, Black Watch Highlander** are more figures from the ever increasing range of Napoleonic figures by **Alexanders Toy Soldiers**. A while back Nik produced about a dozen French Voltigeurs who were harassing the retreating British Army, but now he has made some opposition, with another 6 figures listed on his website and I hope to have them in the near future on this site. <http://www.ats-uk.net/>



**Private and drummer, 27<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot, 1809** are a couple of model kits from Italian maker **F.M. Beneito Miniatures**. They are both very nicely sculpted and cast kits and depict a ragged pair of soldiers from the Peninsular War and I have painted them with the dirt and dust of Spain as they go forward to drive the French forces from that country. <http://www.tfxmedia.com/beneito/>



**Lt. Col. W.B. Travis - Alamo 1836** is unusual as it was initially released by maker **Conte Collectibles** as part of a plastic set, but some pewter figures, painted the same brown colour were added an incentive to the purchaser. Subsequently these have come up for sale, and so a local Alamo collector snapped up this figure, and asked to paint it in the Conte style, I think it will match, don't you??? <http://www.conteco.com/>



**Ambush - Union officer stopped by 2 cavalry troopers** is a vignette of various makers castings I assembled and painted for a UK collector. Martin supplied the horses which were made by Brian Harrison of **Yeomanry Miniatures**, which is now back into production after a few years away from our hobby. I am very impressed with these horses, the standing pose, and the generic saddle and equipment means that they can be used in a variety of eras over the past 150 years. The figures are **Imrie Risley** and the heads are by **Shenandoah Miniatures**. <http://www.saratogasoldier.com/> <http://www.shenandoahmin.com/>



**Foreign Legation, Peking 1900**, were a coalition of forces from many European nations who had embassies in the Chinese capital when the Boxers rebelled against foreign rule and attempted to drive them out. **Wilson Edwards Toy Soldiers** has an even increasing range of soldiers, sailors, marines and Chinese Boxers from this era, and in this group I have painted most of the German, Austrian, Russian, Italian and British figures in the range. The soldiers are available as either castings or painted, in gloss or matte finish, so contact the owner Craig Pease for more details about these wonderful figures, or visit his new Blog Website here: <http://www.wilsonedward.com/>



Another figure from **Wilson Edwards** is a trooper of the **Imperial Camel Corps, 1917**. This particular kit is painted for the great grandson of 2758 Trooper Thomas Stanley Pryse Exell 3rd Anzac Battalion Imperial Camel Corps who died of wounds 30 November 1917 and show him riding across the Palestinian Deserts during the Middle Eastern Campaign to route the Ottoman Forces from those lands. He is dressed in shorts, but bare-chested but retains his Lighthorse slouch hat, complete with emu feathers. <http://www.wilsonedward.com/>



**Suffragettes** were active in the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to promote equal voting rights for women, and here are a couple of ladies taking their protest to the street. I'm not sure of the maker, only that they were to join an increasing band of women figures in a local collector's cabinet .... Equal rights for all toy soldiers too???



This was an interesting project for me, as I'm not one to work on vehicles, but a collector in Victoria who is an avid **King and Country** collector is making a vast diorama of the Charge at Beersheba when the Australia Lighthorse stormed the Turkish trenches with bayonets, not swords, in the last great cavalry charge. He had

seen in a movie that the German officer had a staff car, and so he then questioned K&C to see if they had any plans for a WW1 desert car, but the firm answer was "No!" That's where I was then asked if I could repaint the **Kaiser's Staff Car FW013** into desert colours? Always ready for a challenge, I said "Yes" and what you see is the result. It entailed removing the wheels, spare wheel then the driver, and doing a repaint, then assembly and dusting off the car with dry brushed sandy colours to represent the desert dust. When Howard received his 'new car' he was thrilled, and he asked me to repaint a couple of **WW2 Rolls Royce Armored Cars EA044** into WW1 colours. Again an easy job, but on close examination, I noticed the cars had Jerry cans on their running boards, but as they were not used until WW1, I needed to solve that. The first one was on the Left Hand Side, so surgically removed, and made good, but the 2 on the right hand side wouldn't budge, therefore I applied camouflage! I made a box from plastic sheeting, added metal strapping, painted it, and slipped over the cans, now no cans seen!

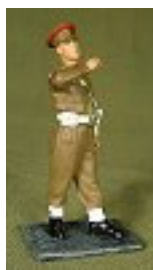
<https://www.kingandcountry.com/home.jsp>



Staff Car in Pieces



Camouflage Jerry Cans



This **Royal Military Policeman** came to me in metal kit form and required his 'lick of paint' so he will be regimentally dress to direct traffic just before the D-Day landing in France in 1944. I don't know the maker, so maybe someone can help me?



Both these sets of figures are 1/35 scale plastic kits I was asked to paint, to go with some dioramas a Perth collector is making. They are **German WW2 figures**, and firstly a **Tamiya** kit show a military policeman directing a dispatch rider, then there is a **Masterbox** kit depicting a group of soldiers helping themselves to 'fresh' milk, somewhere in Europe. I have painted quite a few of this sort of figure now, not all have been shown in my gallery, but when arranged on Miniart diorama, you can get some great looking displays.

<http://www.tamiya.com/>

<http://www.mbltd.info/>



**Ducal** maybe out of business, but their castings are still around, and so I was asked to paint these set of side, tenor and bass drummers to go with some other maker's pipers, for a collector here in Perth. Previously I had painted a set of Drum Majors of each of the Highland regiments for him, and these will now match into those bands. Maybe next time I'll have the repaint of Britains pipers and side drummers as well as more Ducal tenor and base drummers of the Argyle and Southerland Highlanders finished for you to see?? <http://www.fort-ducal.co.uk/>



**Drum Corps, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers** is the start of an ongoing project for a Canadian collector and comprise of casings from **Dorset Soldiers** and **RP World Models** as well as painted **Britains** all of which have been painted to represent this ramous British Regiment. I have added extras to the Britains figures, with drum major's sash and drum slings and bugles, and the Dorset Pioneers have had aprons of metal sheeting added, and one fine detailed beard painted on the Pioneer Sergeant, who wears it through tradition. Watch out for the next set, which should be the colour party, then a platoon of Fusiliers. <http://www.wbritain.com/> , <http://www.dorsetsoldiers.com/>

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## TOY SOLDIER NEWS:



**COLLECTORS** is a TV show in Australia that showcases an extraordinary procession of people and the things they collect and I was 'dobbd in' by a fellow collector here in Perth who thought I show go on the show. I was then approached by the broadcaster to see if I was interested in having my collection of toy soldiers filmed for national television. I agreed and in September last year a 5 hour filming session was conducted in my home showing my collection and images of me working on my painting and casting of figures in my workshop.

The results of this segment was broadcast on **ABC1 at 8:00 pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011** so anyone in Australia could now 'inspect my troops' and see me 'in action' casting, assembling and painting with my paintbrush.

If you are overseas, or missed the show, you can always watch the whole segment here anytime; <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/collectors/segments/s3258696.htm>

Also check out the program website here: <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/collectors/>

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Regards,

*John*