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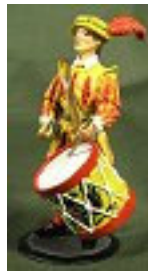
UPDATE #57

Hi,

It's the end of another year, and I've managed to get this newsletter out before Christmas, which is quite a feat. You will notice that I've managed to keep up the painting but most of the production has been for other collectors, but I have managed to squeeze some in for my collection. Hope fully over the holiday season, I may get some more done, but with a hot Aussie Summer anticipated, painting will definitely slow, because the paint will dry on the brush between paint pot and figure, especially with +35c temperatures.

Now on with the new ones....

NEW SOLDIERS IN THE GALLERY THIS MONTH



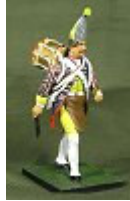
Spanish Infantry Drummer Boy, Rein of Charles V, 1506–1556 came as a kit from Spanish maker **Andrea**, and I assembled and painted this for a fellow collector here in Perth. The challenge was the fine painting required on the jacket, and then the royal coat of arms on the drum. I was very pleased with the finish I achieved, maybe not the model finish of Andrea, but he sure looks good. <http://www.andrea-miniatures.com/eng/Index.html>



British Infantry Drummer 1745 was another commissioned painting for the same collector, and is from a British maker that new to me, Border Miniatures. The kit can be painted as any of the infantry regiments of the time, but my brief was to paint him with a yellow coat, so I chose the 12th Regiment of Foot, East Suffolk, which has white lace with a yellow stripe, which I have duly painted. Check out Border's website for more very interesting figures. <http://www.borderminiatures.com/>



Austrian Auxiliary 1750's are a couple more of the **Tradition of London** castings I'm slowly getting painted for my collection. This time is a Gunner of the German Artillery and a Pandour or frontier trooper, from the Karlstadter Likaner Regiment. Like the others in this series they are very nice castings, showing the troops in relaxed poses, so look out for some Austrian Infantry next time. <http://www.traditionoflondon.com/>



Prussian Grenadier Drummer 1763 is the 3rd commission drummer for this month, and has been painted as one from the 10th Regiment of Frederick the Great's Infantry. Interestingly the kit came with 2 sets of arms, the other playing the drum, and this set, holding a pipe. I had to add the drumsticks into his hand as they were missing, but it turned out very well. The 60mm figure kit was initially made by **Minwelt**, but its now being sold my Müritz-Miniaturen <http://www.mueritz-miniaturen.de/>



18th c Lady & Gentleman were found a couple of 54mm pewter castings I found lingering on a table at a car-boot sale a few weeks back, I made a ridiculous offer that was accepted, and so I decide to paint them in gloss paint and if anyone know anything about them, or who made them, can you please let me know.



American Army 1776 are 90mm pewter figures that I managed to find at a deceased estate sale some years back. They were made in the USA by K/S Pewter in the 1970's and when I found the correct uniform descriptions, I decided to bring them back to life with a coat of paint. There are at least a dozen in the series but these ones are : 1st Penn. Rifle Battalion, Drummer Boy - 1779 3rd N.J. Battalion, 2nd Continental Dragoon Conn., Fifer - 1770 Virginia Militia and Marblehead Regt. Mass 1776. They have now returned to the USA where they have found a new home with a collector of AWI figures.



Royal Artillery 1812 is another fine set of figures from All The Kings Men, and the set can come with a variety of heads to make either British with pre or post 1812 Shakos, or a choice of 2 USA Artillery shakos. Ken Cliffe also has 4 different cannons available, so these figures can be assembled and painted a multitude of different regiments, so if you are looking for The War of 1812 or for Napoleonic Artillery, these are a viable choice.

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



Napoleon & General is an update of my previous figure I cast from Prince August moulds a few years back. It was pointed out to me that the Emperor's home was white, its name Marengo, so I decided to instead of repainting the brown horse, I'd cast a new one. In the moulds there were the parts for Napoleon, but I didn't want another one on my battlefield, so I converted the body, but decapitating him, and adding another Prince August cast head of an Imperial Guard Grenadier. He was then painted as a General Officer with sash and Legion d'Honneur and after this figure, I'm planning on a couple more, maybe a Dragoon General and a Marshal, depending on what I decide to cast. <http://www.princeaugust.ie/>



Royal Artillery Caisson 1854 is a scratch build set made by Alex Sim, as Yorkshire modeller, who kindly sent me over this set to paint and exhibit on my website for you to see. It represents a Royal Artillery Limber and Caisson that would have been seen in the Crimean Campaign of 1854. What I now need to do is obtain some horses, and riders and the set will be complete. Hopefully that will be done by my next update, so keep a lookout



British Infantry 1917-18 and British Infantry 1944 are a very different medium and scale for me to work on, they are 1/35 scale plastic kits that I was asked to assemble and paint for a fellow collector here in Perth. They both came from Ukrainian makers ICM and Master Box and contain many small plastic parts that needed to be assembled, I then added metal bases so they would easily stand and look compatible with other 1/32 scale figure.

<http://www.icm.com.ua/en> <http://www.mbltd.info/>

TOY SOLDIER NEWS:

In response to my Naval Gun Set last month, Giles Brown of **Dorset Soldiers** has provided the following if anyone is interested in obtaining a similar set, seeing the one I had was made by Soldier Pac, that's no longer in production.



You can make up a naval limber and gun from items in the H list and a suitable sailor and naval officer are in the Z list. I used to have the whole thing illustrated in my old catalogue. I also have a pair of sailors (towards the end of the Z list) in more formal poses to pull a gun carriage, designed for a collector who wanted to do a state funeral. I gather the whole thing takes 135 sailors!

So if you are interested, contact Giles at <http://www.dorsetsoldiers.com/>

Matthew Thair of **White Tower Miniatures** as sent me some of his new Vikings so I hope to have them up on-line for you to see next month. I also have seen images from his new range of Mongols that were show at the London Toy Soldier Show earlier this month, they look really good, so check them all out on the website, where can view Matt's complete range. <http://www.whitetowerminiatures.co.uk/>

DUCAL is Closing: I received this email in from Jack Duke just after I posted my last newsletter

*Hi John, I have been meaning for some time to get in touch with you to let you know that after 35 years in the business Jack & Thelma of Ducal Traditional Toy Soldiers are in the process of disposing of the remainder of the stock via Ebay. We foresee that this will take a further 6 months but we are able to meet the orders that still come in. Although we would like to continue, unfortunately retirement is a must.
Regards, Jack Duke*

Its sad to see another wonderful maker closing but maybe someone can take up the moulds, so if you are still wanting some figures, get in quick <http://www.fort-ducal.co.uk/>

REGAL Toy Soldiers, the New Zealand maker of gloss toy soldiers is back into production, and has a new website <http://www.regaltoysoldiers.co.nz/>. The range is a bit smaller, concentration on NZ troops, American Civil War, Victorian Era and WW1, so if you are after some of these figures, you now know where to go.

Wilson Edwards Toy Soldiers has just released a whole lot of new figures for the end of the year:

French Chasseur a Cheval & German Prisoner @ Ypres C.1914
8 x Chinese Boxers @ Peking C.1900
Turkish Krupp Field Gun & Crew @ Gallipoli C.1915

And I've just had a sneak preview of a new 25 Pd Field Gun and crew which is planned to be released in 2 versions, North Africa and Pacific Theaters.

For more information contact Craig Pearse ,
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Email soldiers@aapt.net.au

In conclusion, I'd like to wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas** and I hope you have a **Happy New Year**, 2010. I'm sure that the toy soldier market will be flourishing, if the recent shows in Chicago and London are a guide, so we all will be treated to some great new figures and equipment coming out soon.

I'll be exhibiting more figures in February, so until then keep on guessing what surprises Father Christmas will be bringing?

Bye, John

