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About the Hobby

The hobby of model soldier collecting is a far cry today from that of only a generation ago when the bulk of collections were made up from two main sources of supply, viz, the hollow load toy soldier, or the extremely expensive 'one off' figure produced for a very limited number of wealthy connoisseurs. In a very few recent years it has grown into a pastime for all ages and both sexes and this much larger market has meant that it has been possible for manufacturers to produce top-quality figures of the connoisseur class for prices which now come within the scope of everyone.

everyone,

everyone.

These top-class figures are still not 'mass-produced' by today's standards of production but to the real collector this is, if anything, an advantage in that he knows that the items in his collection are a little more exclusive than the average run of things today and even if mass-production does arrive in the hobby one day, the likely result will be to increase the value of the collector's hand-made or hand-finished models and after all it must surely be could'ty. models, and, after all, it must surely be quality and not mere quantity, which most collectors

The hobby has many facets and branches which have their particular attractions to different have their particular attractions to different people. One can specialise in a period of history such as the reign of a certain monarch, or a particular war or battle and one is not restricted merely to model soldiers, or indeed just to miniature figures. Many fine collections include models of military vehicles and installations and the diorama-builder can use his skill on virtually any subject including landscaping, architectural models, engineering landscaping, architectural models, engineering works and endless varieties of civilians as the background to his military or historical scenes, It can thus be seen that the scope of the hobby

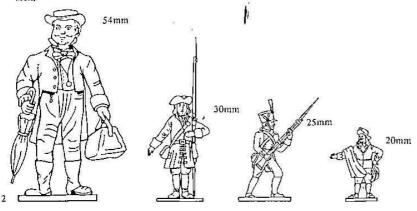
It can thus be seen that the scope of the hood is limited only by the skill and/or interests of the collector himself, and he has the choice of making everything for himself, or using manufactured items to finish and include in his own scenes and set-pieces, or he can order his requirements to be made and finished professionally and supplied to him complete in showcase! It is small wonder that this fascinating and wideranging pastime is growing so rapidly.

Generally speaking, the majority of figures produced at present fall into the standard size ranges listed below and our figures conform to these sizes.

54mm. Sometimes called the 'standard' size and most suitable for display as single figures or small groups, depending upon the collector's 'pocket' and space available. Because of their size they carry a great amount of detall and are in many ways easier for the novice to alter and adapt into different positions should be wish to 'personalise' his standard models.

30mm. A very convenient size for larger groups and diorama building and a size which is becoming more and more popular, partly because of the generally attractive prices. They are also large enough to display as single items and to this end we try to ensure that there is as much detail on our 30mm figures as there is on the average 54mm figure. We do know of a number of people who use this size for 'wargamling'!

25mm. & 20mm. The war game sizes. Used mainly for fighting table-top battles, although the better quality figures can be, and are, used for constructing large and very impressive dioramas,

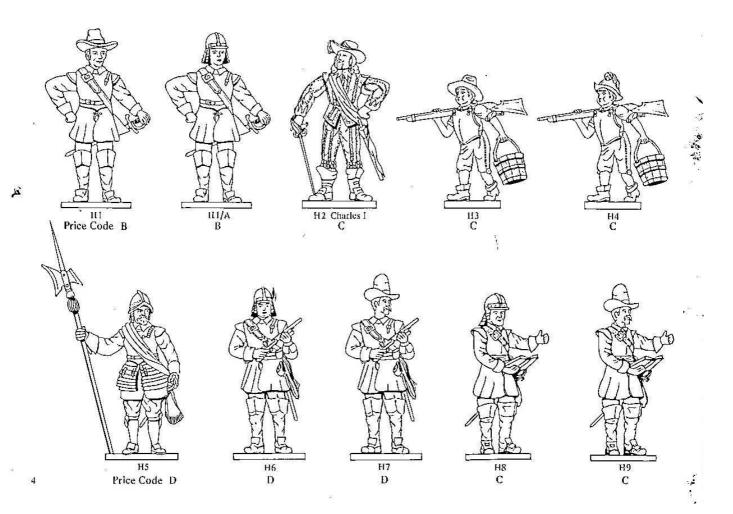


Whatever your particular interests in the hobby may be, and whatever degree of skill you may possess, we hope that you will find many things to interest and stimulate you in the pages which follow.

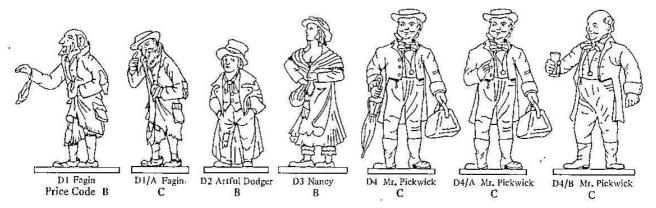
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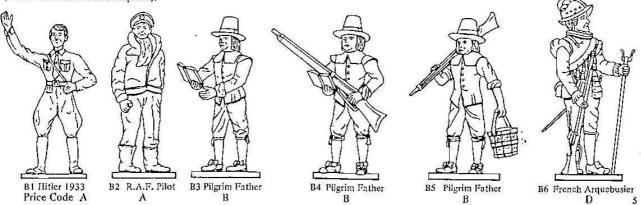
54mm English Civil War Period (Packed to be assembled as required)



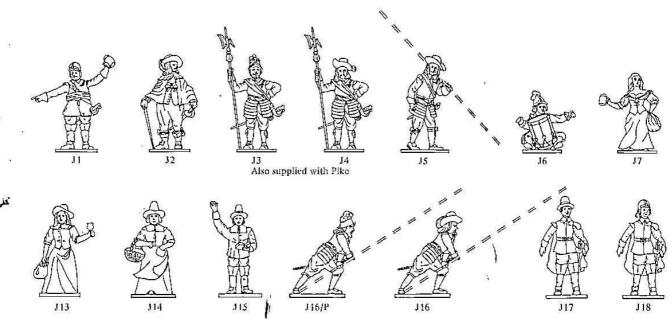
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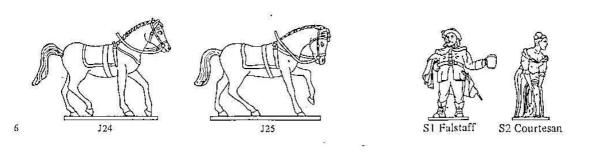
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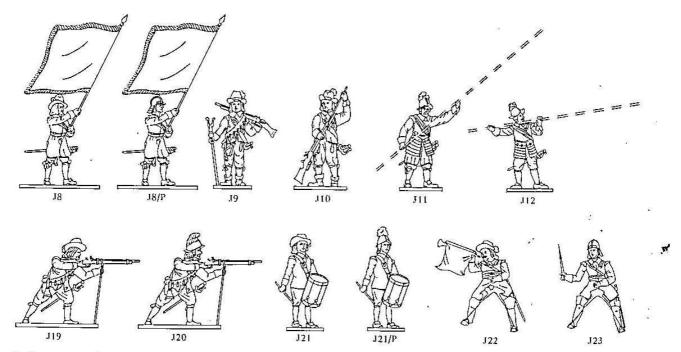


30mm English Civil War Period ('Jason' Range) (Packed to be assembled as required)

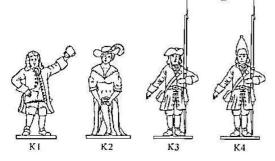


30mm Sundry Items





30mm 'Marlborough' Series



25mm Napoleonic (British)

Line Infantry



Battalion Company BNI At the ready BN2 Advancing BN3 Standing firing BN4 Kneeling ready



Flank Company BN5 At the ready BN6 Advancing BN7 Standing firing BN8 Kneeling ready



Officer

Light Infantry



Battalion Company BN10 At the ready BN11 Advancing BN12 Standing firing BN13 Kneeling ready



BN14 At the ready BN15 Advancing BN16 Standing firing BN17 Kneeling ready



BN18 Officer

Rifle Regiment



BN19 BN19 At the ready BN20 Advancing BN21 Standing firing BN22 Kneeling ready



BN23 Officer

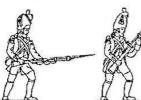
Cavalry



BN24 2 Cavalrymen and 2 Horses per pack

25mm Napoleonic (French)

Imperial Guard



Old Guard, Grenadier. NF1 At the ready NF2 Advancing NF3 Standing firing



Old Guard, Chasseur. NF4 At the ready NF5 Advancing NF6 Standing firing



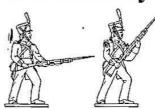
Middle/Young Guard, Grenadier, Voltigeur, Chassour. NF7 At the ready NF8 Advancing NF9 Standing firing



NF10 Officer.

Foot Dragoons

Line Infantry



NF11 NF11 At the ready
NF12 Advancing
NF13 Standing firing
NF16 Standing firing



Voltigeur/Grenadier, Officer.

Light Infantry



Fusilier/Chasseur. NF18 At the ready NF19 Advancing NF20 Standing firing NF23 Standing firing



Voltigeur/Carabinier.



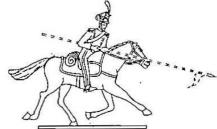
NF25 Officer. Foot Dragoon, NF25 At the ready NF26 Advancing NF27 Standing firing



NF28

Officer.





Lancer of the Imperial Guard, 2 Cavalrymen and 2 Horses per pack (Packed to be assembled as required)

25mm British Colonial Campaigns (Sudan Expedition 1898)

(Foot figures 4 per pack)

British Line Infantry Highland Infantry Cavalry



BC1
BC1 At the ready
BC2 Advancing
BC3 Standing firing
BC4 Kneeling ready



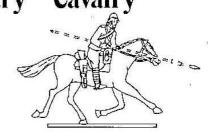
BC5 Officer



BC7 BC6 At the ready BC7 Advancing BC8 Standing firing BC9 Kneeling ready



BC10 Officer



BC11
Lancer charging.
2 Cavalrymen and 2 Horses per pack
(Packed to be assembled as required)

'Fuzzy Wuzzys'



BC12 BC12 Running 0 BC13 Advancing

Dervishes



BC14 BC14 Standing firing BC15 Advancing



BC16
Dervish Cavalryman
2 Cavalrymen and 2 Horses per pack

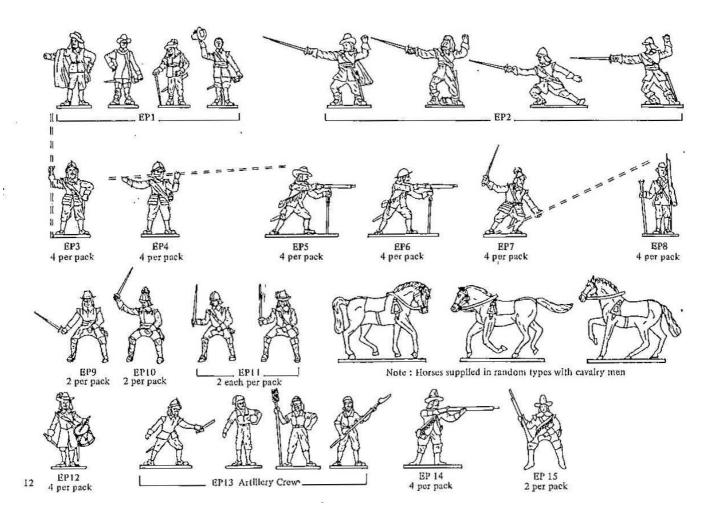


20mm 'Marlborough' Series

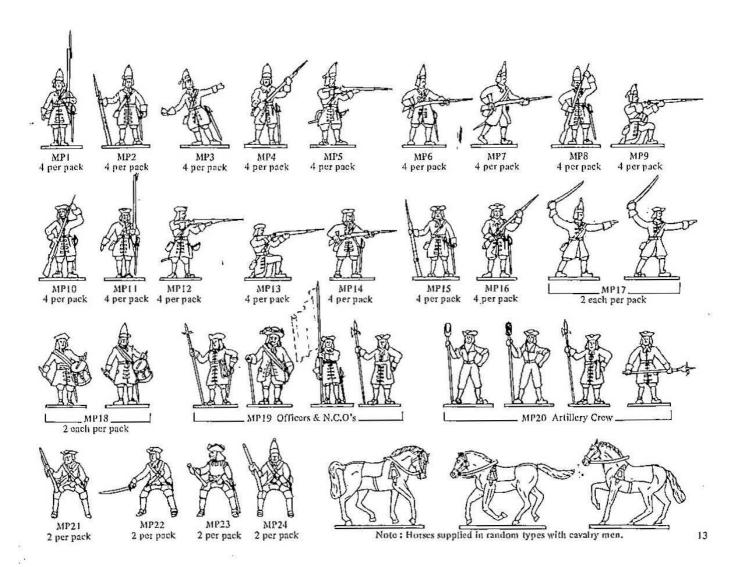
Al 6 pdr. Field Piece This is the beginning of a new range of artillery pieces.

Further items will be announced in the model press as they become available.

20mm English Civil War Period



20mm 'Marlborough' Series



The English Civil War 1642~1649

The war was the almost inevitable result of a long-standing animosity between King Charles I and his Parliament. An animosity which was continually fed by a fundamental difference in outlook regarding the Monarchy and the future of the country as a whole which in those times were totally bound together.

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England was on the verge of great things in the realm of industry and trade at the beginning of Charles' reign and the industrialists and merchants of the country became increasingly powerful by virtue of their rapidly increasing

This realization of power brought with it a great dissatisfaction with the current system of government which gave ultimate supreme power to the King alone and, in the opinion of the prospering businessmen, this power was in the wrong hands. Charles had many arguments with Parliament on the subject of ratsing money to support his lavish court and his other personal ambitions and the rift was wideled by religious ambitions and the rift was widened by religious differences also. The Roundheads were Protestants to a man and they were not at all happy with Charles' connivings with Catholic rance nor with the fact that the Queen was a declared Catholic herself.

The war was precipitated when Charles recalled Parliament for the sole purpose of obtaining more money for himself and this demand having been refused he decided to arrest five leading Parliamentarians at the House of Commons. When his men arrived they found that the five men had been forewarned and had led to the suproct and shalt refer the suproct and shalt refe fled to the support and shelter of the morchants of the City of London. Charles then left London with his army and proceeded eventually to Hull where he demanded from the Mayor access to the Port and the arsenal and stores in that city for his army. This the Mayor refused and thus the gauntlet was down. To Charles this refusal was an act of treason and unforgivable and as the Mayor was supported by the rest of the townsmen Charles was left with no alternative but capitulation to Parliament's will or civil war. He chose war,

Parliament gained an early advantage by ecuring the support of the Navy which meant that the supplies so desperately needed by Charles could not be brought from the continent Charles could not be brought from the continent in anything like the required quantities. As the war progressed and there came no quick and decisive victory for the Royalist cause it became almost a matter of time before Charles was defeated in spite of his successes in Scotland.

As is usually the case with civil wars, where neighbouring towns and even houses are on

neighbouring towns and even houses are on opposing sides, there were innumerable minor skirmishes which, although perhaps of local interest, did not seriously affect the general outcome of the struggle. The main engagements which took place in England during the period 1642 to 1649 were as follows:

I EDGEHILL 1642: A somewhat undecisive battle between Charles' Army and the Parliamentarians under the Earl of Essex, which newartheless produced a large number of casualties. nevertheless produced a large number of casualties and left Charles in command of Oxford which he made his headquarters and from which he intended to attack London. At this early stage in the war both sides suffered a great deal from lack of proper equipment and above all, training

in the ranks, 2/BRENTFORD 1642. At this point Charles' advance on London was halted when he was met by the combined forces of Essex and the City of London. No major battle ensued and the King

discreetly retired back to Oxford,
3 GRANTHAM 1643. Noteworthy in it being
the first action fought by Cromwell's newly raised
and well-trained cavalry of the Eastern Association' (the 'Ironsides') and in which they

Association (the Horistates) and in which they achieved a resounding success over a much larger Royalist force of cavalty.

4 STRATTON (Cornwall) 1643. One of several minor engagements in the West Country which resulted in Royalist victory. They were not however destined to assist the main Royalist cause to only great parter.

cause to any great extent.

5 ATHERTON (Yorks) 1643. A Roundhead army under Fairfax attempting to besiege Yor was defeated by Royalists led by the Earl of

6 LANSDOWNE 1643. Another minor encounter between Hopton and Waller resulting in a somewhat pyrrhic victory for the Royalists.
7 NEWRURY 1643. Another attempt by Charles to march upon London was met by the Roundheads under Essex and again, after an indecisive struggle, Charles retreated to Oxford.

8 SELBY 1644. The Roundheads under Fairfax obtained their revenge for Atherton by defeating the Royalists and thence besieging York.

9 CROPREDY BRIDGE 1644. A Royalist victory over Sir William Waller who was attempting to attack Oxford.

10 MARSTON MOOR 1644. A major action of the war which resulted in a disastrous defeat for the Royalists, lost them the North of England, and destroyed a large part of the Royalist army. and destroyed a large part of the Royalist army, The principal commanders in the Parliamentarian force were the Lords Fairfax, Leven and Manchester supported by Cromwell's 'Ironsides' and in the Royalist force were Prince Rupert and Lords Newcastle and Goring.

11 2nd Battle of NEWBURY 1644. Yet another attempt by Charles to attack London ended once

again with his breaking off contact and retreating to Oxford, 12 NASIBY 1645. The last major encounter of the war which really saw the end of the Royalist cause. Charles' army suffered an irrepparable defeat at the hands of the New Model Army under lord legislary with Compressive transfer over the control of the control Lord Fairfax with Cromwell's 'Ironsides' again playing a decisive part.

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Apart from a few minor encounters in small numbers the war was over in England and Charles, always with an eye for a chance, surrendered – to the Scottish Army! He was, however, handed over to the Roundheads and imprisoned at Hampton Court. Undaunted, Charles continued his intrigues and eventually established Charles to Mahare to Washe form? charles continued his intrigues and eventually escaped to Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, from whence he organised serveral uprisings, mainly involving the Scots. All his attempts however resulted in failure against the invincible New Model Army and Charles was finally re-captured and beheaded in 1649.

In less than ten years England was to see Charles' so not the throug with the proporchy restored.

son on the throne with the monarchy restored.

Uniform Details



At the beginning of the war the two opposing forces were very similarly, and poorly equipped. Up to this point there had not been a true 'standing' or regular army in England and when wars did occur an army was raised 'from scratch'. Consequently, in this instance also, there was little evidence of true uniform and standardized equipment until improvements were brought about in later years from hard-earned experience. On the battlefield often the only difference between the two sides may have been a different coloured sash (usually crimson for the Royalists and orange for the Parliamentarians) and in some cases this difference decreased to merely a small cloth 'favour' worn in the hat and hastily made up from any available scrap of material! As these very minor differences may cause confusion on the 20mm battlefield (as they did in real-life!) we have dressed our figures as fully-equipped men whereby the wargamer may, if At the beginning of the war the two opposing forces were very similarly, dressed our figures as fully-equipped men whereby the wargamer may, if he wishes, distinguish between Royalists and Parliamentarians in most cases by the hat, using the helmeted figures as Roundheads and the plumed-hatted figures as Royalists.

Some regiments were fortunate enough to have a commanding officer who was willing and able to provide them with coats of a standard colour who was willing and able to provide them with coats of a standard

colour but it is unlikely that they remained standard for long once a replacement coat was needed. Apart from the coat the rest of the clothing is very much a matter of doubt but one may be fairly safe to settle for drab greys and browns for breeches and stockings with perhaps crimson or scarlet for some of the 'clite' regiments. Armour was generally black, either painted or 'black-leaded' to prevent or disguise the rust patches,

and shoes were brown, or occasionally black leather.

The ever-famous 'Ironsides' — Cromwell's own corps of cavalry were, after 1642, much better equipped and achieved a high standard of dress regularity as well as military discipline. Again their armour was usually blackened but the standard coat was of untanned buff leather and trousers were grey or brown. Boots were buff leather and the undercoat, whose were grey or brown. Boots were buff leather and the undercoat, whose sleeves were visible from shoulder to cuff, was usually various shades of red from orange through to crimson. The hooped sleeve was less common than is popularly supposed. The sword-sling or 'baldrick' was mediumlight brown leather and collar and cuffs plain white. The main distinction for officers was the orange sash worn about the waist. The Royalist cavalry appear to have been very similarly equipped (where funds permitted!) although officers tended to be more brightly ornamented with patterned attractor, plumed hapter and heather expedites. The only criterion in fact armour, plumed helmets and leather gauntlets. The only criterion in fact was, once again, the amount of money the officer was prepared to spend

Some examples of regimental coat-colours for foot soldiers are given below;

Royalist		Parliamentarian		
The King's Life Guard	Red	The Earl of Essen's The Earl of Manchester's Sir Thomas Ballard's Sir John Hampden's The Earl of Stamford's	Orange	
Prince Rupert's Foot Guards	Red		Green	
'The Earl of Newcastle's	White		Grey	
Sir Ralph Hopton's	Blue		Green	
The Earl of Northampton's	Green		Blue	

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The 'Marlborough' Period 1700~1720

Although John Churchill, later the Duke of Marlborough, had begun his military career and seen active service before 1680 he is best known for his achievements in the military and political spheres during the Wars of the Spanish Succession

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spheres during the wars of the spanish succession 1702—1714 and our range of figures is primarily designed for this period of conflict in Europe. The greatly increasing power of Louis XIV of France had been a cause of great concern for some years to the other power blocks of Europe who saw Louis' insatiable ambitions as more than a threat to their suitages, and when View Charles. threat to their existence, and when King Charles II of Spain died without an heir and Louis put forward his Grandson as King Philip V of Spain, this was the final blow and forced the 'Allied powers' to declare war on France in 1702. The two sides comprised on the one hand England, the Netherlands, the Holy Roman Empire (Austria and most of the German States), Prussia, Portugal and later Savoy, and on the other hand France, not unnaturally supported by Spain and Payreir.

by Spain, and Bavaria.

The principal battles of the war which involved

English troops were I DONAUWORTH 1704. On the Danube in which Marlborough, allied with Louis
William I of Baden-Baden, defeated a Bavarian
army and thus straddled the French route to

Vienna, 2 BLENHEIM 1704. Following his success at Donauworth Marlborough found the French and Bavarians massing for an assault towards Vienna north of the Danube and with the assistance of Frince Eugene of Savoy, commanding the army of the Holy Roman Empire, succeeded in routing a considerable Franco/Bavarian army and saved Vienna from attack.

Vienna from attack.

3 BARCELONA 1705. This engagement between an English force commanded by the between an English force commanded by the Earl of Peterborough and the French/Spanish garrison resulted in the capture of Barcelona and the son of Leopold 1 of the Holy Roman Empire was set up as Charles III of Spain by the Allies. 4 RAMILLES 1706. Once again Marlborough, seeking a fight, placed his English, German and Dutch forces across the path of a French army commanded by Marshal Villeroi and routed them, capturing the area now known as Belgium which

had been part of the Spanish Netherlands, 5 ALMANSA 1707. During the Allied offensive in Spain to establish Charles of Austria as King of Spain, their force was attacked by a Franco/Spanish army led by a son of Exiled James II of England and was utterly defeated, 6 TOULON 1707. An attempt by an Allied force under the Duke of Savoy, supported by

English marines and naval forces, to capture the important French port of Toulon ended in failure

7 OUDENARDE 1708. A French attempt to re-occupy the Spanish Netherlands resulted in re-occupy the Spanish Netherlands resulted in a battle between the Allies under Marlborough with Prince Eugene and a large French army under the Duc de Vendome. The result was another decisive victory for Marlborough.

8 SIEGE OF LILLE 1708. The fortress was besieged by forces under Prince Eugene, screened from several French attacks by Marlborough's army until the cite fields surroughed in

army until the city finally surrendered in

9 SIEGE OF TOURNAI 1709. This important city lay on Marlborough's route to Paris and ultimately surrendered to him after two months. ultimately surrondered to him after two months 10 MALPLAQUET 1709. Following the successful siege of Tournai Marlborough moved the towards Paris until meeting the French army dug in at Malplaquet. A fierce and bloody battle ensued which was won by the Allies but only at great cost (the allied casualties were much in excess of those of the French).

The following two years saw little action in Europe and Malplaquet was Marlborough's last major engagement before his dismissal in 1711 due to intrigues at home in the Court of Queen

Il BRIHUEGA 1710. Another attempt by the Allies to assault Madrid to oust King Philip V of Spain resulted in failure and surrender to a Franco/Spanish army.

English enthusiasm for the war waned after the emoval of Marlborough and fears that the final outcome might be unsatisfactory anyway, caused England to withdraw from the war in 1712, Prince Eugene continued the struggle unsuccessfully until the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 and the Treaty of

Baden in 1714 ended the affair. After twelve years of struggle Philip V remained King of Spain, England gained Gibraltar and Austria gained the Spanish Netherlands. Louis XIV's ambitions had been thwarted but the major sufferer was Spain who had, in the event, taken only a minor part in the military affair!

Uniform Details

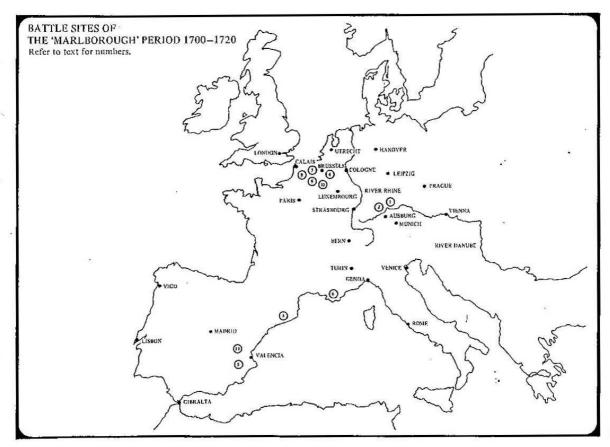
There were marked similarities in the basic uniforms of all the nations involved and in the 20mm wargame scale the differences are hardly noticeable beyond that of main colours. The English army generally wore a red coat with white breeches and stockings, black shoes and

white breeches and stockings, black shoes and tricorne hat, white neck cloth and buff leather straps and belts and black pouch. Unit distinctions were usually by the colour of the coat cuffs or lining.

The French army could be attired in off-white or light grey with the breeches and stockings of the same colour although there were some regiments with dark blue coats. Again unit distinctions were mainly by colours of cuffs, linings or waist coats. linings or waist coats.

Basic colours of other competing nations were many and various and a very good indication of these variations can be found in Preben Kannik's book 'Military Uniforms in Colour' published by the Blandford Press or the Hamlyn Press paper back 'Military Uniforms' by Rene North.
It will be seen from this that our basic range

of 20 mm figures can provide an extremely varied and colourful cross section of all the combatants in the war and involve very little extra work on the part of the wargamer other than painting, to make his armics ready for the field under any master!



General Assembly Instructions

(Applicable to certain 54mm figures only)

Suggestions for Further Reading

 All parts should be cleaned of any 'flash' or mould joint lines before assembly, using a fine file or by scraping with a small knife blade.

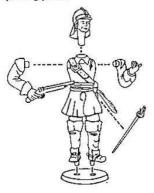
 Fit base by locating pegs on feet through holes in base and applying hot soldering iron to ends of pegs to achieve a 'rivetted' effect.

(Alternatively the pegs may be filed down until flush with the underside of the base and then attached with a suitable fast-curing Epoxy cement)

Drill out arm and head sockets with drill
of equivalent size to pegs and fix parts
with adhesive, using plasticene to retain
parts in position required until adhesive
has hardened.

 It is advisable to wash the assembled figure in liquid detergent and warm water and allow to dry thoroughly before painting.

 Before painting we recommend the application of one coat of a good quality white or light grey undercoat or metal priming paint.

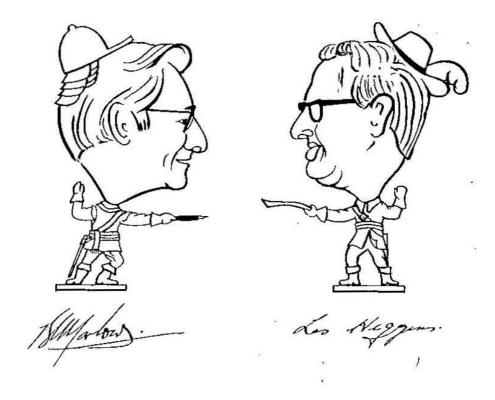


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Uniforms of Marlborough's Wars	Cf	narles Knight & Co. Ltd.
Edgehill 1642	Re	oundwood Press Ltd.
Marlborough ('Jackdaw' series) English Civil War ('Jackdaw' series)	Jo	mathan Cape Ltd. mathan Cape Ltd.
Battles of the English Civil War	Pa	ın Books Ltd.
A History of the Uniforms of the British Army	(Vols I & II) Ni	lcholas Vane Ltd.
Le Costume et les armes des soldats de tous les	temps Ca	asterman Ltd.
Military Uniforms of the World	BI	andford Press Ltd.
Military Uniforms 1686-1918	На	amlyn Press Ltd.
Collecting Model Soldiers	Pa	trick Stephens Ltd.
A Dictionary of Battles	АІ	llen & Unwin
British Infantry Regiments 1660-1914	A1	lmark Pub. Co. Ltd.
Introduction to Buttlegaming	M	.A.P. Ltd.
Buttles with model soldiers	Da	avid & Charles.

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Military Modelling	Monthly, from your newsagent.
Airfix Magazine	Monthly, from your newsagent,
Scale Models	Monthly, from your newsagent.
Miniature Warfare	Monthly, from your newsagent.
Wargamers Newsletter	Monthly, direct only from 69, Hill Lane, Southampton.
Tradition	Direct only from Belmont-Maitland Publishers Ltd., 188 Piccadilly, London W.1.
The Bulletin	Bi Monthly to members only of the British Model Soldier Society, c/o 12, The Mead, Clevelands, Ealing, London, W.13.



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