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A word from Michael

Dear Member

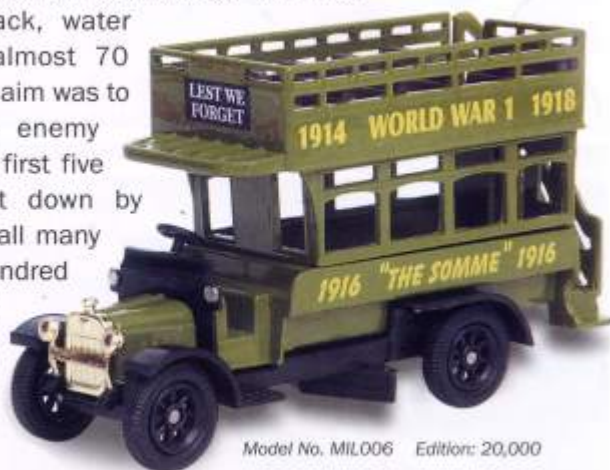
Once again we have supported the British Legion in its fund raising campaigns with a range of vehicles that have appeared across the British Press during November. For those of you who may have missed these, we have included in this months Globe all the vehicles concerned. As well, we include a new selection of models along with your chance of getting hold of the Twin Mini set that we featured last year absolutely free. This is the last Globe you'll receive before Christmas but watch out for your Club model which you'll get over the holiday period.

Have a Good Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Michael

THE SOMME 1916

It was a Saturday morning. The long-prepared British and French offensive on the Western Front was about to begin- the location, the River Somme in Picardy, France. This was the biggest British army yet sent into battle, 26 divisions all volunteers on a 15-mile front. We had expected in addition another 40 French divisions, but less than half of those turned up. At 7.30am the artillery barrage was lifted and the British went over the top. Each man carried entrenching tools, two gas helmets, wire cutters, 220 rounds of ammunition, two sandbags, two Mills bombs, groundsheet, haversack, water bottle and field dressing - almost 70 pounds of equipment each. The aim was to seize some 4,000 yards of enemy territory in the first day. In the first five minutes thousands were cut down by relentless enemy fire. By nightfall many battalions numbered barely a hundred men. On every side there were dead and wounded. The success was limited to a few miles and 2000 prisoners. The British had 60,000 casualties.

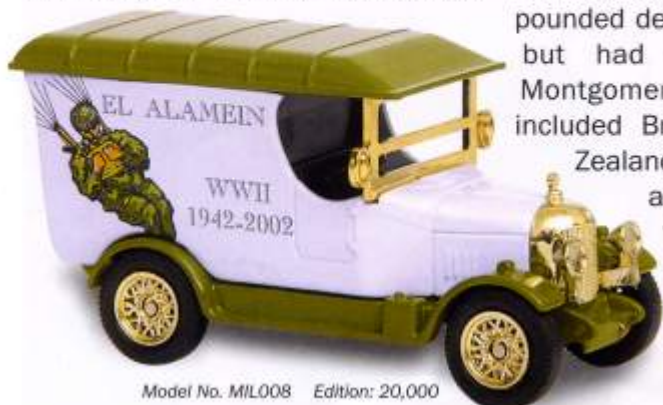


Model No. MIL006 Edition: 20,000

EL ALAMEIN

One thousand guns burst into action as General Montgomery gave the command. The battle of El Alamein had begun. The Eighth Army attacked on two fronts, line after line of steel-

helmeted men with rifles at the ready, bayonets fixed moving steadily forward. Behind them came engineers clearing the minefields and by dawn the infantry had pounded deep into the Afrika Corps, but had not broken through. Montgomery's 200,000 men included Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, Frenchmen and Greeks. Within a week the Eighth Army had broken deep into the German defences taking prisoners and smashing their remaining panzers.



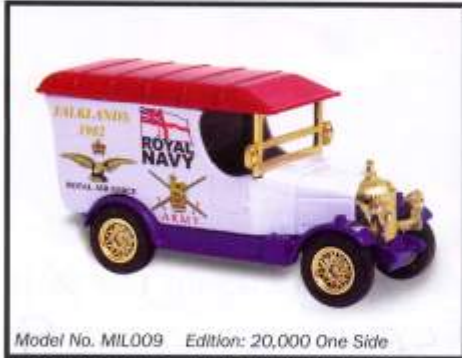
Model No. MIL008 Edition: 20,000



Model No. 145T Edition: 2,000

The DVLA's latest publicity campaign to combat road tax evasion has recently been released - you may have seen the advert on TV -hidden discreetly behind a bush is a Model T van which has been specially fitted out for the commercial. The newly introduced camera teams can move quickly from location to location, and those who previously took the risk of driving whilst unlicensed, will soon realise that there is no place to hide. Our Model T was specially commissioned for the campaign and we have just 500 pieces available from the edition of 2,000 for our members.

FALKLANDS 1982



Model No. MIL009 Edition: 20,000 One Side



Model No. MIL009 Reverse Side

It was on April 2nd 1982 that Argentina invaded the Falkland Isles overwhelming the single company of Royal Marines guarding the islands capital. Only three days later The Royal Navy Task Force set sail including frigates, destroyers, troop carriers, landing ships and supply vessels. On June 14th the white flag was flying over Port Stanley and British forces took back control of the islands. During this two month period many British lives were lost and this model is dedicated to our forces who twenty years ago fought

for their country and gave their lives.

This is the 4th year that Oxford Die-cast has teamed up with the Royal British Legion to raise funds. It is the UK's leading charity safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who served in the Armed Forces and their dependants. It provides financial, social and emotional support to millions and its benevolence spans all age groups from the oldest to the very young.

TAFF'S COLUMN

A few conversations the other day started a bit of a debate with a couple of members, it was all about the 012G Macaroni. Well here's the story for the record. The model was released in 1994 and we were under a lot of pressure from the client to get the product released for a promotion on Macaroni Pasta. The printing plate arrived and we had a registration problem in producing the word Macaroni. The word was to be formed from the colour of the body, but it was wrong and could not be read correctly. We needed another printing plate but this would take a couple of days so we waited patiently despite frantic calls from the customer. To our horror the next plate arrived and it to was incorrect - although a little better and after consultation we produced 1250 pieces with a black wheel. After this we changed the way we printed the word Macaroni - we printed the full tartan effect and overprinted the area with the words Macaroni instead - these were produced with the Gold wheel. Its worth looking closely at your model as you could also get odd variations with the black wheels !!!

Taff

Thanks Taff now we are confused.



Model No. DR04 Edition: 1,500



Taff tells me that Dusty likes a bit of the hard stuff and he's been sampling a bottle of Claymore for the last month to ensure it's a suitable product to be featured in our Globe. This popular brand is owned by Whyte and Mackay - the blending and bottling began in 1882 by whisky merchants James Whyte and Charles McKay. This whisky is very popular in the export markets as well as in the UK. Dusty comments - "a nicely rounded blend with a mellow aroma and a well balanced smooth and rich taste". I wonder how many bottles it took him to come up with that conclusion!

LONDON TRANSPORT

Here's another little cracker our RT carrying the London Transport colours as requested by so many of our members. The advertising on this bus is for Golden Wonder crisps that were so much part of our diet - like so many of our loved brands its been lost during 'globalisation'. I did a bit of research into the brand as I was trying to find out who the character on the side of the bus was , Dusty assures me that he was known as Sid but I'm not so sure - perhaps some of our members will remember. Anyway back in 1947, Baker William Alexander founded Golden Wonder. The company was the first to introduce "Ready Salted" crisps, that didn't require the customer to add his own flavour. Later, Golden Wonder pioneered other flavours, starting in 1962 with Cheese And Onion, and further diversifying a decade afterwards with the cheesy Wotsit, the most orange of all the snacks. This is an authentic livery as seen on the buses around London in the 50's.



Model No. RT005 Edition: 2,000

ARNHEM

As part of the Remembrance day services this year a special derivative Bullnose was produced -



Model No. MIL005 Edition: 1,500

Arnhem. The First British Airborne Division had to capture the farthest bridge over the Rhine at Arnhem. They would then wait for the arrival of the British Guards Armoured Division who would force their way through enemy lines to relieve the airborne forces. British Paratroopers captured the northern end of the Arnhem bridge, but the enemy held on to the town, and bad weather prevented the flying in of reinforcements and supplies. The Armoured Division was unable to break through to Arnhem and after eight days battle against overwhelming odds, the British pulled back across the Rhine; of the original 10,000, 2400 returned.

FREEDOM.....

LEST WE FORGET THE OLD SOLDIER SAID AS HE PLACED HIS CENOTAPH WREATH FOR THE DEAD.

GRANDDAD I KNOW, SAID THE YOUNG MAN WITH STEEL BLUE EYES, WE LIVE BECAUSE THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES.

IN THE AIR, ON THE LAND AND SEA THESE MEN AND WOMEN FELL, SO THAT WE WOULD SURVIVE AND CONTINUE TO TELL.

THAT TYRANNY AND EVIL WILL NEVER PREVAIL, AND WHEN YOU'RE GONE I'LL PASS ON THIS TALE.

WITH THAT THE TEARS FLOWED FROM THE OLD MAN'S EYES HE'D LOST HIS SON IN BATTLE OF BRITAIN SKIES.

HIS SON'S WIFE HAD GONE TOO, A VICTIM OF FATE AND HE'D RAISED HIS GRANDSON SINCE THAT DATE.

NOW HERE HE STOOD IN AIR FORCE BLUE, HIS DAD WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD HIS MOTHER TOO.

SO ALWAYS REMEMBER WE FORGET AT OUR COST FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY - YES ALL WILL BE LOST.

GERRY SAVAGE MAY 18TH 2002

BLUE TRIANGLE



This bus shouldn't be confused with an operator of the same name found in London. This was Blue Triangle in Bootle Merseyside. The actual bus was coded RMA58 with a front entry door, previously the same bus had been used by BEA. Our Routemaster RM055 would have been seen during the early 1990's



Model No. RM055 Edition: 2,000

We released a limited edition Bullnose for the anniversary of the Falklands. The edition is 1500 and we have available to members a limited quantity of 400 pieces.



Model No. MIL007 Edition: 1,500



Model No. C061 Edition: 1,500

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



This is the fourth year that Oxford Diecast has supported the British Legion in its fund raising campaign centred around Remembrance Sunday. This year as part of the offer in the national newspapers we released the C061 Lest We Forget Chevrolet. Various members are now looking out for the series of vehicles carrying this livery - they were released as follows:

2001 215G Bullnose
2000 A017G Model A
1999 114TG Model T Van

Guest Vehicle

Cliff Richard's Summer Holiday



Here she is the lovely RT that played a starring role in that sixties film Summer Holiday. We've once again teamed up with Richmond Toys to bring you this beautifully decorated RT - Taff must have been working overtime on this one as it has a lovely finish with printing all over the back section. It also comes in a special Summer Holiday window box which has been designed for this release. For those of you who don't remember the film let me remind you. Garage mechanic Don (Cliff Richard) persuades London Transport to loan him an old double-decker bus, which he and his mates transform into a hotel on wheels for a road trip across Europe. But when a beautiful runaway American pop star stows away on board, the boys are off on an international adventure of singing girl groups, French mimes and even a Yugoslavian bullwhip wedding. It's a singing and dancing race against time as Cliff and Co find friends, fun and maybe even love, all on a Summer Holiday! Upon its release in 1963, Summer Holiday broke all British box office records and sealed Cliff Richard's reputation as England's best-loved entertainer. It features Cliff's classic hits "Summer Holiday", "Bachelor Boy", "Dancing Shoes" and "The Next Time", as well as the number one instrumental smash "Toe Tapper" by his virtuoso backing band The Shadows.



Model No. RT006 Edition: No Edition

Due to the licensing and packaging costs associated with this vehicle the price will be £5.95 and it can't be used in our special purchasing arrangements.



Taff's Special Finishing

Goodbye to the old and hello to the new.



Following last years Christmas offer when we released the Twin Mini set at a special offer price we have had many requests to repeat this as they make such lovely gifts.

So here it is again and this year you can have it free for every 6 vehicles you purchase on the order form enclosed - if you purchase 12 vehicles you get 2 Mini Sets etc. All we ask is you pay the postage and packing of £2.00 per set. The Mini Cooper was more successful than anyone would have dreamed when it was launched in the 1960's and became the first car to win the European Rally Championships while taking the chequered flag at Monte Carlo three times. The new Mini Cooper has just been launched and like its predecessor has been widely praised for its design and styling. This special gift set celebrates the history of the Mini Cooper featuring both the old and the new.

BLUE BOY



Model No. CIG040 Edition: 2,000

A further edition to our Cigi's range Blue Boy - numbered 40 in our range. This naval variety was available in the 1950's and marketed by Stevens, who we believe started life in the 1920's. Like many brands it was popular amongst sailors and we've featured it on our Model T. Are there any members out there who have an original pack? We hear that they are difficult to get hold of.