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WE DO NOT RETREAT

5th ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS

When we started research for this model we looked up the motto for the regiment and read *Vestigia nulla retrorsum*, which translated means - we do not retreat - very powerful and very thought provoking. The history of the regiment, like all of the regiments, goes back many hundreds of years with several amalgamations. In 1922 the 5th Dragoon Guards (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) and 6th Dragoon Guards (The Inniskillings) joined together to form the **5th/6th Dragoons**. The name was changed to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in 1927 and a few years later to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. In 1992 the last amalgamation took place which combined the 5th Inniskilling with the 4th and 7th Dragoon Guards to form The Royal Dragoon Guards. I'm sure that the 4/7th Dragoon will be celebrated on one of our future vehicles, but this Bullnose focuses on the 5th Royal. There are many stories to be told but below we tell of their involvement in the Second Battle of the Hook.

The Second Battle of the Hook started at about 7pm on 18th November 1952 when two companies of Chinese infantry were spotted by a standing patrol 500 yards below the forward positions on the Hook. They radioed a warning back, but the patrol was quickly attacked and silenced by the Chinese. Half an hour later the company deployed on the Hook was attacked from three different directions. The battle relied mainly on the forward platoons. The Dukes watched the battle from their positions on Yong Dong, two thousand five hundred yards away, and laid into the Chinese with their machine guns firing on fixed lines over the Samichon valley and across the Black Watch for over eleven hours. At the end, over 50,000 rounds had been expended. A lull in the battle came shortly before midnight as the Chinese appeared to have withdrawn, but a half hour later a bugle announced their return and the crump of grenades punctuated the din of exploding shells and machine gun fire. The Chinese were plainly visible.

The Chinese managed to get a footing on the hook under the pressure of repeated attack on a very narrow front. Despite heroic counter-attacks by the Scots the Black Watch was forced back by sheer weight of numbers. A counter-attack was called and using the Centurion tanks of the B Squadron, The Royal Inniskilling Dragoons and the Black Watch started to clear the Hook of the Chinese. Dawn broke about 4.30 am and the fighting was still going on. The push forward continued, and having failed to consolidate their positions the Chinese were not prepared to carry on the fight in daylight and they retreated. A few of the Scots had been captured

when the forward platoons were overrun, but most had stayed safe in their tunnels and dugouts when their positions were known to be lost and occupied or overrun by the Chinese.

Daylight brought the battle to an end, this was just another day in the life of the 'Skins'.



The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards



Model No. GR02 Edition: 1,500

THE HOOK

The 'Hook' is a crescent shaped ridge which was selected as a feature of tactical importance in the Commonwealth divisional sector of the united Nations line south of the 38th Parallel. The Hook was a key position, where the UN Main Line of Resistance turned sharply south-west away from the natural line of the Samichon Valley. The central ridge of the Hook inside the 100-metre contour which gave this precariously held piece of real estate its name was only 120 meter's above sea level. On the right it was connected to another ridge known as 'Sausage' and on the left rear to PT 121. Both Sausage and PT 121 were set back from the Hook and less vulnerable. The Hook dominated the approaches to the two vital Imjin crossings. A breakthrough at the Hook made possible the systematic roll-up of virtually the whole west sector of the American Eighth Army Front. The nearest next line of defense for the UN was five to ten miles south of the Imjin. The Korean terrain is a rolling mass of mountains and valleys, rendering tanks virtually useless and degenerating the ground war in Korea to World War One style artillery bombardments and infantry attacks.

A word from *Michael*

Dear Members

Some gorgeous new liveries this month and what's better than seeing the end to another Winter.

Next month we release our 10 year anniversary model and it will be in a special presentation box - not to be missed if you want a complete collection.

Keep the ideas coming in especially the cigs - we've got about a years production in the pipeline and hope to keep the range expanding. I've heard a whisper from Taff that he's got something new planned for September/October so keep watching. Don't forget that this month is a Platinum Globe and therefore all Platinum members buy at 7 for the price of 4. If you wish to upgrade from Standard Membership then it costs just £4.00.

Many of you enjoyed the latest theme that started last month and we've another this month. The theming of models help the collector to better categorise their vehicles and although models will continue in the standard coding many will fall naturally into our new ranges.

Take good care



Michael



Model No. CIG44 Edition: 2,000

Another great model to add to our range and this time from Mitchells which over the years we believe was swallowed up by the American Tobacco Company. This is number 44 in our range and like so many is a naval theme. Maybe Taff should get a compass to find his way out of Wales??



Model No. P001 Edition: 1,500

The constabulary was formed on 14th January 1857. The first Chief Constable was John Henry Hay RUXTON, an ex-army Captain. He had joined the Kings Own Regiment in 1834, as an ensign, and was concerned with the military control of convicts transported to Australia. His experience of the convict ships, and the hard life in trying to colonise the harsh wilderness of the Australian countryside, set him in good stead when appointed as the Chief Constable of Kent. He has been described as the 'perfect English Gentleman', as he used to more often than not wear his tweeds and plus fours, instead of his uniform. At the time of his appointment

his salary was £400 per annum. His first constables were awarded just 18 shillings (80 new pence) a week. By the time Mr Ruxton retired on 14th August 1894, the 222 officers and men he had employed, had either resigned, retired or died. Today Kent has a resident population of approximately 1.5 million people, a quarter of people living in rural areas. Kent County Constabulary polices an area of 1,442 square miles in the south-east corner of the United Kingdom.

This is the first in the series of vehicles categorised as Emergency



Model No. RM058 Edition: 2,000

The Stevenson Bus makes a lovely addition to the range - but where's it from and what's its history - we know, but do you? We're giving you the chance to tell us and we'll publish the best report in Globe 44. So for now you'll have to just make do with the model. Oh and by the way the published report will get Certificate Serial Number 1 for this vehicle signed by no other than Taff.

Editors Note - doesn't that devalue it ????



Who's the lucky winner???

You'd better get back up the attic and check your Christmas 2002 Thornycroft Bus. Certificate number 2638 will win a special chrome plated model - a John West Bullnose. Simply take a photocopy of the certificate and drop us a line giving us your details and the model will be yours. There'll be more winners next month so keep your eyes open.

Winners membership number will be published in Globe 44.



Model No. RM0/059 Edition: 800

I'm sure you'll remember the RM24 closed top we released a few years ago - well here's an open top to add to the range and it goes well with our other drinks models already released (despite being coded as RM). This is a small promotional releases for Australia, but we've secured 400 which will be available for club members. So don't leave it too late as I'm sure they'll fly off the shelf. This beautiful Gin is sure to leave a 'nice' taste in the mouth.

FREE GRAPEFRUIT WITH ALL OUR DRINKS



Model No. DR003 Edition: 1,200



Model No. DR002 Edition: 2,000

The drinks range has been very well received and next month we release the 6th model in the range. This month we give you a chance to get a free Grapefruit vehicle (while stocks last) when you purchase any two vehicles from the four pictured. (DR001 - DR004)

Next months we release the 'zna lcn0' - a hint for all you anagram fans!



Model No. DR001 Edition: 2,000



Model No. DR004 Edition: 1,500

We've just a few of these commemorative sets left so if you want one then you should buy it now. They were a limited edition of 2,500 produced for the Golden Jubilee celebrations last year. This month you can count them as two vehicles that can be used in the 7 for 4, 6 for 4 and 4 for 3 orders. Any stock left after this Globe will be shipped to Australia - so there'll be none left. Taff said they look nice with the Royalty vehicles coming later this year!

What royalty vehicles Taff - what are you up to???



Model No. Set 13

TAFF'S COLUMN

What an interesting Globe 41 we had last month. Hidden away on the letters page we offered a collection on behalf of a member - I don't recall the post bag being so high in terms of letters for a long time. I was surprised at the value that it fetched and it just goes to show how out of touch I've become with the market. The price I believe was fare as quite a few members offered similar amounts. It is true to say that many of the models were early releases with one or two models that we know are difficult to obtain. I'm often asked by people what their collection is worth and I always answer - 'what someone will pay'.

Thanks to Mr Watkins (10248) for the STAR cigarette packs they are safe and they will be returned.

Taff

See you soon

GRAPEFRUIT

Who remembers our early Mobile Orange which we produced for Outspan, well we also produced a Grapefruit which we've never made available. For all you older members you'll remember that we originally coded it Number 004 in our catalogue, but we later changed this and replaced it with the 004G Quality Street. The catalogue page was reprinted, and we replaced the page, but here's your chance to get hold of the second variation

(Made in UK)



Model No. M02 Outspan Grapefruit

Railway Life

After last months Butlin offer we thought we'd give you some more to add to your collection. These also come in Mailer boxes and if you buy the LNER set for £9.95 we'll give you the GWR set absolutely FREE. Each set consists of three Bedford models

Delivery Van

Delivery Truck

Coach



Model No. Set 12 LNER



Model No. Set 10 GWR

DOWN ON THE FARM



Model No. TR01



Model No. TR02

Watch out for this offer that you'll see in Supermarkets across the country over the next few months. We've teamed up with the British Farm Standard to produce 'The Little Red Tractor' which is the logo that identifies food produced in Britain under the farm assurance scheme. Food carrying the logo is independently inspected. I was amazed when I started looking in my local supermarket and saw so many items carrying the logo - here's just a few of the items that you'll find it on - beef, lamb, pork, chicken, vegetables, fruit, salads, dairy products, milk, cream, bread and frozen products. As part of their promotional activity by collecting the logos you can get the little red tractor at £1.95 or the whole set for £5.95, however you can buy them at full price through the Globe.

A few reminders for our platinum members buying 7 for 4

Here are just a few of the models that we think you should have in your collection particularly Platinum members who this month can buy 7 for the price of 4. All are from Globe 38 and we anticipate that we'll be running out of stock shortly. So don't blame Taff when their not available.



Model No. VW008 Edition: 2,000



Model No. MAG007 Edition: 2,000



Model No. CS016 Edition: 1,500



Model No. CC017 Edition: 1,500