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PLATINUM GLOBE

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Model Number
MIL0012 comes
with different printing
on each side. The
Edition Size is 1,600



At 4am on June 25th 1950 the North Korean army invaded South Korea. This was the start of a three year war that ended with an armistice signed on the 27th July 1953 - this model is released to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the ceasefire for the British Korean Veterans Association.

Over the summer of 1950 the North Korean forces pushed into the South reducing the United Nations troops, under General MacArthur, into a less than 50 mile perimeter around Pusan. A daring amphibious action at Inchon took place and the UN forces smashed across the Korean Peninsular cutting the North Korean supply lines. Soon the city of Seoul was liberated and the 38th parallel was reached and crossed. This eventually led to the Chinese forces entering the war and in 1951 Seoul fell to the Communists, but not for long and a few months later it was retaken by the Eighth Army. In the hill around the Imjin River, soldiers of the Gloucester regiment, facing vastly superior Chinese numbers displayed great heroism before being almost wiped out as a military force.

Armistice talks began in July 1951, but the war continued and it took a further two years for the cease-fire to take place.

During the war the casualties were very high, the exact numbers we are unsure about, but it is accepted that the Korean casualties were in the region of 4 million. 55,000 Americans lost their lives and in addition, there were about 14000 other casualties recorded, of that over 1000 were British.

DONATION TO THE BRITISH KOREAN VETERAN ASSOCIATION

The British Korean Veterans Association is an organisation which helps Korean War veterans, their family and friends with a wide range of assistance. On July 27th they will remember their comrades who fell during the conflict. If the model is purchased at £4.95 we will be making a donation of £1.75 to the Association. When purchased at 4 for 3 the donation will be £1.25, 6 for 4 - £1.15 and 7 for 4 £1.00. If you wish to make a separate donation then this can be applied on the order form.

PLYMOUTH

The name Plymouth was first used in the Pipe Rolls for 1211 when a shipload of bacon was despatched to Portsmouth and another of wine to Nottingham. Plymouth prospered and grew in the 14th and 15th century although it suffered many attempts at invasion. Several times the French invaded setting fires to homes, but were thwarted by locals who put up a strong resistance. In 1588 it witnessed the defeating of the Spanish Armada and the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620. Today Plymouth is a thriving city with many attractions and is well worth a visit. Our Routemaster RM0/062 is a lovely edition to the range.



Model No. RM0/062 Plymouth Edition: 2,000

Roy Rogers

Born Leonard Franklin Slye in Cincinnati on November 5th 1911 he later became famous as Roy Rogers "King of the Cowboys". He was accompanied by his horse Trigger and Bullet



Model No. CC024 Roy Rodgers Edition: 1,100

the Wonder Dog. From the series came a whole host of spin offs including comic strips and in the UK annuals were released. The first one we've seen came in 1951

(although there may be earlier - does anyone know?) and the last in 1963. Our model is based on the 1955 release and shows Roy Rogers with Trigger. The annual cost 7/6, but today you could pick it up for £10/£12.

Other famous cowboys also appeared in their own comic strips such as Tex Ritter, Bill Elliot and of course Hopalong Cassidy



TAFF'S COLUMN

If you've got sometime to spare this summer why not have a closer inspection of your collection. Over the years we've made a few mistakes and a recent letter from Lee Barrow 153525 reminded me of the CIG019 State Express. Check the spelling carefully. We've left one of the letters out during the printing plate process and it wasn't until some months after that it was noticed. As the models were all released it was too late to change and we waited for the letters to come telling us of our error. I wonder who noticed it?

Keep an eye on the web site as we are (slowly) adding more information about the subjects we've covered on our vehicles - this month there is a feature on State Express based on information released just after the WWII.

See you soon

Taff

Taff can't resist anything Welsh and here he is at it again. This time it's Welsh Brew Tea and he assures me that it's grown on the hillsides of Carmarthenshire - although I'm not so sure! It's available throughout Wales in supermarkets and corner shops and if you are holidaying there this summer why not try a cup. For all of you who aren't (I'm not) then Taff's offering a special deal for £9.95 - the VW, a pack of tea and one of our 10th anniversary T Towels.

Taff says: Before I discovered Welsh Brew I felt tired each day, but one cup a day has transformed me into a youthful 40 year old.



Model No. CS018 Welsh Brew Tea Edition: 2,500



Model No. CS019 Birds Custard Edition: 1,500

The origins of the brand goes back to 1837 when Alfred Bird invented his custard for his wife who was allergic to eggs and couldn't eat homemade egg custard. He later went on to invent Baking Powder which revolutionised home baking. Alfred Bird registered as a pharmacist in 1842. He had served an apprenticeship to Phillip Harris of Birmingham and was a qualified chemist and druggist. Advertising started around 1875 and Bird's Custard quickly became renowned as a wholesome and nutritious food.



Just over a week after the Coronation we all had a chance to relive the moments in colour. For many the event a week earlier had been enjoyed either on the radio or the black and white TV. This was a chance for the excitement to continue and to discuss our favourite moments. For many it was the sight of that gold coach pulled by all those horses, for others the Queen with her crown, orb and sceptre.

Afterwards, everybody made their way to St James Park and watched the Royal Family on the balcony waving to the Fly Past. These moments were all captured for posterity by the Illustrated in their souvenir issue for just 6d.



Model No. MAG009 The Illustrated Edition: 2,000

SUMMER SPECIALS

ONE FOR SCOTLAND

For all our Scottish members here's a set of vehicles to get your mouth watering, but only while stocks last. This month we're offering the set of four vehicles below at a £12.95. The Gavin Hastings van is part of the edition of 10,000 that was released

back in 1997 but comes uncertificated. The I Love Scotland Bus comes in the Acetate box and is uncertificated but is part of the 1,000 edition. We've only 150 sets of these available on a first come first serve basis.



Model No. SH6G Gavin Hastings Edition: 10,000



Model No. MI004 HMS Edinburgh Edition: 2,000



Model No. RM51 I Love Scotland Edition: 1,000



Model No. DR004 The Claymore Edition: 1,500

SPORTING HEROES

These models are also part of the original editions, but are uncertificated. This set of four Sporting Heroes can be yours

for just £12.95, or you can buy them as single vehicles. While stocks last.



Model No. SH1G John Emburey Edition: 5,000



Model No. SH4 Geoff Boycott Edition: 5,000



Model No. SH7 Rob Andrew Edition: 10,000



Model No. SH8G Ieuan Evans Edition: 10,000