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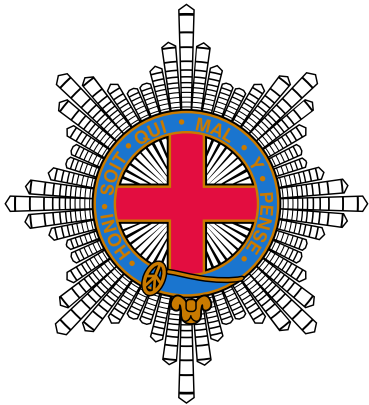
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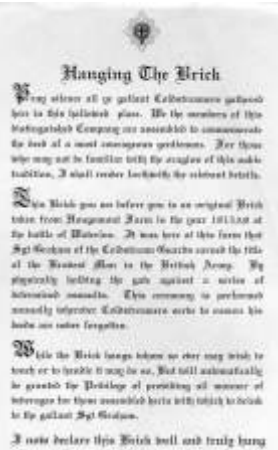
UK & EIRE Guineas (£2.10) USA \$5.00



NEW
RELEASE

GR013 COLDSTREAM GUARDS
EDITION 2,000

COLDSTREAM GUARDS



The Regiment was formed in July and August 1650, and it was officially approved by Parliament on 13th August, 1650. The 'hanging of the brick' is a Sergeants' Mess tradition which dates back to Waterloo in 1815, and always takes place on a date in December prior to Christmas leave. The origins of Hanging the Brick are obscure, but it is a ceremony that has been carried out for a very long time. A large stone from Hougoumont in a special cradle and, for that day only, takes on an importance similar to that of the colours. The day before it is hung, the brick is placed in close arrest in the Guardroom and it is then 'game-on!' Tradition has it that if the Corporals and Guardsmen are able to capture the brick they can ransom it for whatever they want. Consequently it is defended by the Mess 'to the last man!'.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

This years Xmas model will be sent out separately to all Standard and Platinum members - so keep a lookout over Christmas. This is the 11th release and as many of you will know the early editions are now very difficult to get hold of.



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EDITION 9,200

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Motorart _New 1:87 Scale 4



PLUS Caravans



Motorart 1:50 Scale 5



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**THE WORLD OF
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**SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT**

PLUS AVAILABILITY LISTINGS
OF THEMED MODELS IN THE
PRICE LIST

DISCOVER



NEW RELEASE



Norwich City
Football Club

F017 NORWICH CITY
EDITION 2,500

Division One Champions last season, but this season has not been so good as they have found the Premier League a lot tougher, at the time of writing they were still looking for the first win of the season. Playing at Carrow Road the nickname Canaries was adopted because of Norwich's trade in the breeding and export of pet birds, the club's colours were chosen as a result.



NEW RELEASE



F016 HULL CITY AFC
EDITION 1,100

Which came first the colours or Hulls nickname - The Tigers? During their inaugural League season, Hull City wore black and amber striped shirts and black shorts, a trend they continued up until the Second World War with the exception of one season. Since then the shirts have fluctuated between plain and striped. I'm told that they won the Division 3 championship back in 1932/33 in the striped strip, but since then success has been in plain amber shirts. This season they are playing in striped shirts and at the time of writing they are third in League 1, which means they may not make it !!!



NEW RELEASE

CIG062 SPORTSMAN EDITION 1,100

Continuing on from last months sporting theme this months old 'cigi' pack is Sportsman which was an Ogden's brand and came in packs of 10. On the front of the pack is an image of a huntsman and on the rear you would see a horse. These were sold in the thirties and we recently saw a printers proof of the pack for

sale on the internet for £5.00.



The huntsman on the front has a passing resemblance to Taff who claims to be a keen sportsman himself. Who is he trying to kid !



NEW RELEASE



This month we feature the GWR signal which is another nice addition to the railway themed models. A few of you have asked if we would set up a range in this category covering the four main railways and British Railways. We await your comments on this ?

BED007 GWR SIGNAL EDITION 2,000



RM076 CITY SIGHTSEEING
GLASGOW EDITION 2,000

The fifth model in this series this time from Glasgow and with the Scottish flag for all our friends south of the border. These models are available through some of the CitySightseeing outlets.

NEW RELEASE



RECENT RELEASES

GR012 ROYAL ARTILLERY
EDITION 2,000



P005 GWR AMBULANCE
EDITION 1,500



RM075 CITYSIGHTSEEING
STRATFORD
EDITION 2,000

CIG061
POLO
EDITION
2,000



A word from Michael

Last months Globe drew a lot of responses, a lot of orders and many new members to the club - so welcome to you all. This is the last Globe of 2004, so by the time the next Globe hits you in the New Year all Standard and Platinum members should have received their Free Xmas vehicle.

Also listed on the price list are some past items where we have stock availability - at the time of going to press so if you've a gap in your collection maybe there is something here for you.

This year Oxford Diecast has spent a lot of time with charitable offers and we intend to continue this throughout 2005. We will release a new bodyshell in Quarter 3 and we are scheduling a new range in April - May depending on Taffs ability to juggle everything - so quite a bit to look forward to.

Some of our product ended up in Cairo last month thanks to British Airways, hence a little delay on the despatches - our apologies.

Have a lovely Christmas and take care.

Michael



F015 ROTHERHAM
Edition 1,100

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2004

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LEST WE FORGET



BED008 LEST WE FORGET
Edition 7,500



BED011 AT THE GOING DOWN
Edition 7,500



BED010 FLANDERS FIELDS
Edition 7,500



BED009 REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 2004
Edition 7,500



On behalf of all those who gave contributions for this years Poppy Appeal we give our thanks. We will have the finalised total for the donations raised in our next Globe.

Buy the A40D and the EC210 1:87 Scale and get the V70 Taxi below absolutely FREE



£11.95

1:87 Scale

MODEL NO 13042

This A40D is a new release in the 1:87 scale range and is 13 cm long and has an opening front showing the full engine detail. It really needs to be seen to be appreciated. If your new to the construction scene then this is the model to start your collection. You will be very impressed with it.



1:87 Scale

£11.95

MODEL NO 13043

The EC210 was the first release in the range and is very detailed. There will be further releases over the coming months which will allow you to build up your collection into a superb range.

V70 Taxi free when you order any two of the caravan sets listed below



1:43 Scale

£11.95

MODEL NO 13157
FORD CORSAIR
AND CARAVAN



1:43 Scale

MODEL NO 13156
POLAR CARAVAN
& VOLVO V70

£11.95

These are lovely caravans sets in 1:43rd scale and at this time of year I'm sure many of you are looking forward to a break next summer - so I guess they may be the next best thing. Each caravan comes with a car



1:43 Scale

£14.95

MODEL NO 13155 POLAR CARAVAN & VOLVO S80



1:43 Scale

MODEL NO 1219
VOLVO V70

£3.95

STOCKHOLM TAXI

What other car would you expect to find in Stockholm liveried as a Taxi. It has to be a Volvo and this is a V70 and is 1:43rd scale with opening doors. This month she's yours at a special price of £3.95 - a snip.

VOLVO 8700 BUS

1:43 Scale

£28.95

MODEL NO 10501

Detachable chassis with engine details and luggage compartment

These models are highly detailed diecast models and not for children. They are some of the finest construction models that you will find and are 1:50 scale. Just released also we have a 1:87 scale EC210 with further release in this scale

A25D ARTICULATED HAULER

1:50 SCALE

KALMAR

1:50 SCALE

L35B

1:50 SCALE

ROTTNE

1:50 SCALE

Detailed model with fully moveable log crane and ball-race mounted bogies.

EC45

1:50 SCALE



VOLVO

1:50 SCALE

Fully functional boom and bucket open hood with detailed visible engine.

G740B MOTORGRADER

1:50 SCALE

Detailed model with functional blade in all angles. Articulated chassis and steering wheels.

180 HIGH LIFT

1:50 SCALE

High quality diecast metal log loader with authentic functions.

150E

1:50 SCALE

BL71 BACKHOE LOADER

1:50 SCALE

Triple-function front bucket and a backhoe arm, sliding left to right stabilising legs, steering wheels.

A40D ARTICULATED HAULER

1:50 SCALE

Open engine hood, detailed engine articulated steering and moving bogie.

180E

1:50 SCALE

EC210 EXCAVATOR

1:50 SCALE

220E

1:50 SCALE

FM9 DISTRIBUTION

1:50 SCALE



Diecast metal model with tiltable cabin and detailed engine. Super structure with openable rear doors.

FM9 CONSTRUCTION

1:50 SCALE

Fully diecast metal model with tiltable cabin, detailed engine and a vertically adjustable tipper body.

A25C ARTICULATED HAULER

1:50 SCALE

EC240B EXCAVATOR

BS001

Captain Jacob 8 inch
Joseph 8 inch
Katie 6 inch
Benjamin 4 inch
Benjamin Pirate 4 inch
Free 4 inch bear

THE WORLD OF BENJAMIN SMITH

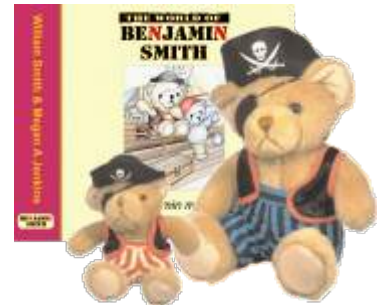


In his first adventure Benjamin is sent the key and meets Captain Jacob Smith. These are all of the bears currently released and the set of bears BS001 allows the story to be told - in each of the pictures there is a key to be found.

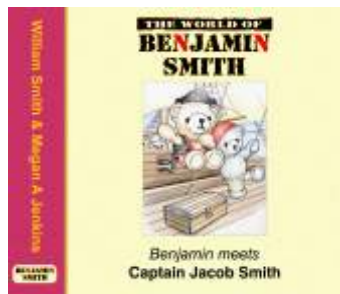


BS011

Joseph 8 inch
Katie 6 inch



BS002 Benjamin 4 inch Captain Jacob 8 inch & The Book



BS003 The Book
34 pages

BEN002

Joseph 8 inch
Katie 6 inch
Benjamin 4 inch



BS006

Royal Navy Bear

BEN008

Benjamin Pirate Bear 4 inch

BS011

Captain Jacob 8 inch

BS008

Benjamin Poppy Bear 4 inch

BS007



Royal Air Force Bear

BEN004

Benjamin Scottish Bear 4 inch

BS004



Set of legion bears for just £14.95 BS004



BEN001

Benjamin 4 inch



BS005

Army Bear

DESIGN CELL

These have continued to be quite popular possibly for they rarity. Anyway this month we have The Royal British Legion van on offer. All proceeds from the sale of these will go the Legion. An edition size of 25 and the code reference is DC005.

MISSING



In the first 4/5 years of Oxford Diecast we would regularly make samples for potential customers, but then never receive an order. Very often we wouldn't receive the sample back - so out there somewhere are quite a lot of hand made models. I presume some were just lost or thrown away whilst other could be sitting on a shelf somewhere, sometimes we gave them away as gifts to visitors or to our employees in the factory. We would take pictures of some of the samples for reference. The above is one made for Manchester City in 1998/1999. I'm hoping somebody out there knows where some of them are. Maybe some of old employees who are still members can have a look in their collections - just in case they have one hidden away!

Model No BED008	Description ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	OXFORD DIECAST LTD 39 Westbury St Swansea SA1 4JW Tel: 44 (0) 1792 643000 Fax: 44 (0) 1792 469144 E Mail: sales@oxforddiecast.co.uk	OXFORD DESIGN CELL																																
			<p>In Flanders Fields</p> <p>In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.</p> <p>We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.</p> <p>Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.</p> <p>JOHN McCRAE</p>																																
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THE HISTORY OF TAPP AND OXFORD DIECAST

I walked through the doors of the Mettoy factory in September 1977 and the first thing that hit me was the smell, a mixture of zinc, plastic and solvents from the paint - a smell that was to become so familiar over the years. It lingered throughout the factory and with practise each time you entered the factory you could detect the slight changes, sometime as a result of production problems. Week smells of solvents meant the paint machine wasn't running correctly, a strong smell of PVC usually meant that a plastic machine was being purged.

There were several factories situated on 14 acres of land, each built at different times to deal with the expansion of the company, the site was originally a railway siding. About half of the factory on the Swansea site was dedicated to the production of Corgi diecast products with the rest making a whole variety of items from record players to plastic railway sets and movie viewers. One of the factories was making Fisher Price toys under contract and ten miles down the road was a smaller unit helping in the assembly of these items. The first Mettoy factory in the UK was in Northampton and this now produced Wembley footballs, kites, plastic based items and contract diecasting for a whole range of companies. This was an engineering based company with many skilled people.

It was 7.30am in the morning and my first departmental training was in the Industrial Engineering Department with Ken (he's still with us at Oxford). I was given a clipboard and a stop watch and each day for the next two months I carried out the cycle checks in the Plastic department monitoring the efficiency of the machines. There were 50 in total and each had to be timed after which I would check the condition of the plastic components to ensure all the pieces were coming off correctly. The setting of the machine was so important and with over 10,000 moulds a very skilled job. Through these first few months I was able to build up an understanding of the workings of the machine and some of the problems involved with plastics.

“The beginning of the end”

OXFORD DIECAST proudly presents a series of LIMITED EDITION collectable sets remembering the events leading up to the end of WORLD WAR II.



After four years of preparation the greatest seaborne invasion took place on June 6th 1944. Operation Overlord was the allied invasion of Normandy and it marked the beginning of the end of World War II. From Arnhem to Ardennes, the crossing of the Rhine and the final days of Hitler before the German surrender. These key events led up to the end of the War in

Europe. It was the signal for the release of years of pent-up feelings - “Advance Britannia” - “Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!” Soon it would be over.



TO SAVE MONEY SEE APPLICATION

Limited Edition
2500 SETS WORLDWIDE



SC001 Edition 2,500
FROM OUR
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

VINTAGE DIE-CAST VEHICLE & NEWS REPORTS



SC002 Edition 2,500



The sets build up month by month to form a complete collection of the events leading up to the end of World War II



SC003 Edition 2,500

Oxford Diecast present a series of twelve limited die-cast vehicles and news reports leading up to the end of World War II. Each special collectors box contains a limited edition vintage vehicle, a news report and certificate of authenticity - each sets covers a month in the period June 1944 to May 1945. The news report contains details of events as they unfolded, the first starting with the D Day landings . The set builds up into a fantastic collection of twelve that will be cherished for generations. You can choose to order individual sets or alternatively you can order the set of twelve today (Set code is SCSET). If you do we will send you the first five (SC001 to SC005) in the range and an additional set will be sent to you each month building up your collection to twelve.

Our Special Correspondent has sent back his latest reports detailing the current situation on the front line. For security reasons his identity must remain anonymous. His monthly newsletter has now become restricted due to the difficulties of the time. The paper famine has now profoundly changed the complexion of British publishing. We are hopeful that his reports will continue.

NEW RELEASE



FROM OUR
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SC005 Edition 2,500

OCTOBER 1944



SC004 Edition 2,500

On 18 October the USAAF attacked Leyte Island, followed two days later by troop landings in strength, the biggest amphibious operation in the Pacific to date. A great battle ensued at sea and in the air, and by 25 October the Japanese Navy had been virtually destroyed in Leyte Gulf by the US 7th Fleet. The US Sixth Army fought the Japanese on the island, taking the east coast by the following day, and all organised resistance ceased by the end of the month. This is the first of the Philippine Islands to be captured, a great achievement when one considers that it is nearly 5000 miles from the nearest US Naval dockyard at Pearl Harbor.

RAF ATTACK DAMS

The RAF has been attacking dams which supply the power for the Nazi war machine, successfully breaching the Kembs dam near Mulhouse, but on 15 October an attack by Lancasters on the Sorpe Dam in the Ruhr proved no more successful than the famous assault by the ‘Dambusters’ in May 1943.