

# A VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES...

Andy's first design sketch for "Little John"  
... As you can see he lost his wooden  
staff and adopted a less aggressive  
pose in the final figure.



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THE MANY DIFFERENT ways and means of displaying toy soldier collections are as diverse as the amazing styles and varieties of toy soldiers available today!

As readers of "COLLECTOR" already know here at KING & COUNTRY we are incredibly fortunate to have my younger brother Gordon designing and building a whole host of different displays and dioramas for both individual collectors and K&C on a very regular basis.

In addition to Gordon and his "K&C Diorama Workshop" we have also, from time to time, utilized the skills and talents of other 'master builders' to help us tell a story in miniature with our figures and fighting vehicles (and sometimes even our ships and aircraft too.) In the dim and distant past we first worked with Gerard Prime and the late Howard Swales (who became "FRONTLINE MODELS").

For more than seven years we also collaborated with the "Welsh Wizard", John Jenkins, later to become JJD. Just last year my good friend Chris Munro of "The Toy Soldier Gallery" in California played a major role in helping us construct the huge "Battle of San Jacinto" museum model in Galveston, Texas that featured prominently in the last Yuletide edition of "COLLECTOR".

In this issue we welcome David Marshall of TM Terrain who converted our own 2-dimensional designs into a massive 3-dimensional "Berlin'45" diorama that appears in this Summer Edition.

Elsewhere in "COLLECTOR" you will see WWI trench warfare at its fiercest on a "Lone Pine" battlefield as well a lonely desert oasis and even part of a quiet German village that is about to have the war come to its very own doorstep!

As if that's not enough you will also encounter a beleaguered U.S. Cavalry patrol that's just been ambushed by marauding Apaches... A pair of dueling Napoleonic Hussars... A gigantic "Wooden Horse" (courtesy of those wily Ancient Greeks)... A U.S. Navy F4U Corsair about to take off... And a land-based Japanese "Zero"... PLUS some very colourful bodyguards for the Pope... and even one of his most famous Cardinals!

I'm sure there's a lot more too... but I'll let you discover that all by yourself in this very special Summer Edition of "COLLECTOR".

Best wishes and...  
Happy Collecting!

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"Little John"

One of K&C's mounted statues sitting atop another of our stone plinths.



WWI French Cuirassiers stop to ask directions from an Infantry 'Poilu' as they escort a small group of German Prisoners of War.