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DUNKIRK LANDING

The Dunkirk set of 4 vehicles consists of the:-

'Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Services'

In memory of the gallant ladies who stayed on the beaches nursing the wounded till the end, refusing to leave the doctors. Many were captured and others managed to escape after driving their old ambulances into the sea - then wading to the rescue boats.

Beach Marshall

This division were responsible for the evacuation, ensuring that the troops were assembled, sorting the wounded out and calling for medical attention where needed. They also made sure every evacuating craft was full to capacity.

HMS Wild Swan

Built in 1918/19 and returned to service in 1939 from the reserve. On the evacuation of Dunkirk she came under heavy fire and was involved in supporting gunfire. She was eventually sunk off Gibraltar in 1942 by a squadron of bombers.

Dunkirk 1940

One of the lowest points of the war, this vehicle commemorates the day when over 300,000 men were taken off the beaches of France - the day the Royal and Merchant Navy combined along with every small private vessel available to undertake the dramatic rescue and named 'Operation Dynamo' with 22 naval and 800 civilian crafts involved.



You may purchase a set of 4 vehicles or individually and as part of 4-3 - 6-4 or 7-4 purchasing.

Set No. 6 Edition: 1500 Available sets: 360

Eagle, Girl, Robin, Swift

The 'Eagle' was the flagship comic for boys along with 'Girl' which was naturally aimed at girls.

But for younger readers the publications were 'Swift' and 'Robin'.

Swift our 'Comic Cuts' release was first published in 1954 with 'Eagle' 1950 'Girl' 1951 and 'Robin' 1953, so in the four years since the 'Eagle' first appeared four publications aimed across children's ages were launched.

Our Bullnose features "Tarna Jungle Boy" (reeks of Tarzan doesn't it?) who appeared in the first issue No. 1 on 30th March 1954. Funnily enough, Tarzan - sorry Tarna also had a chimpanzee called Toto (the names original though) as his companion - where's Jane - I mean June? Tarna was Dr. Dolittle of his day and talked to the animals.

Interestingly, Frank Bellamy was one of the main cartoonists who did comic strips for 'Swift' and 'Micky Mouse Weekly' in 1953 before moving over to 'Eagle' in 1957. He eventually became lead artist on 'Dan Dare'. Frank was never extremely comfortable working on 'Eagle' and agreed only to illustrate Dan Dare for one year. However, in that time he produced such superb artwork that he became acknowledged as it's creator!

After 'Eagle' Bellamy went on to run other cartoon strips including illustrating 'Dr. Who' for Radio Two and 'Thunderbird' comics, eventually taking over 'Garth' in the 'Daily Mirror' (now there's a fine fellow!).

Frank Bellamy was born in Northampton in 1917 and died of a heart attack in 1976. He received the

coveted 'Foreign Comics' award from the American Academy for strip art (I'm sure they mean strip in the cartoon sense).

Back to 'Swift', this vehicle is the sixth in the series.



Model No. CC006
Edition: 1500

PLATINUM MEMBERS 7 FOR 4 THIS ISSUE

Our thoughts are with our American members at this sad time.

A word from *Michael*

We are getting asked more and more why our editions are relatively low. The reasons are basically:-

We can only manufacture so many vehicles per month and these need to be spread across all releases. However, as the new moulds go into place for new style vehicles, the capacity will not diminish on existing models, but new capacity for each new mould will be available, approximately the same as current vehicles for some while, so get your orders in quick! You can always telephone your list and request them held, pending your cheque arriving or of course put them onto a credit card if you prefer.

Next Globe No. 29 sees our first new model released for over almost two years and I'm sure you'll all be delighted with it. The only hint I'll give is that it's a 50/60's style vehicle to go with the RM's, though it's definitely not a bus!

Do you like the Cigi vans? I just love them and only wish we could bring out more each Globe. The three on offer today are the most we've brought out in one go! I can see it being the biggest range of all time, as there's just hundreds of packs we haven't yet done and the more you send in, the more we release. How many fag brands are there?

You might also like to know that as well as the 'Cigis', the 'Corner Shop' and the 'Comic Cuts' are all doing well, plus the latest release in the magazine series got off to a good start.

Sales of both the 'Jubilee' and 'Festival of Britain' buses attracted great excitement, especially from outside of the Club, but no stock was available due to the high Club ordering.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that there is yet one more new vehicle planned this year as well as the above! Enough said!

You all take good care.



'State Express'

The address is '210 Piccadilly' and the manufacturer is currently B.A.T./Rothmans, though we believe the company was originally called 'State Express'

'Three Threes' 'Three Sevens' cork tipped and the most famous of the brand 'Three Fives' which can still be purchased today, now in three versions - 'State Express 555', 'State Express 555 International' and 'State Express Lights'.

'State Express' was very popular in the 50's and 60's but it is unclear when it actually originated. We believe the 30's. Does anybody know?

Nothing seems consistent with the brand, apart from the number themes and the State Express logo. Perhaps there were even more than the three brands we know of.

If you note, the crown on all three packs is different, the layout and style differs on each, the side panel is also totally different. For example, on 333 it refers to 'Three Threes', on 777 as 20 cigarettes and on 555 as 'State Express 555'. Nonetheless, a fascinating brand and one that depicted a class society.

These beautiful 'State Express' vehicles are available individually, but would also make a nice little set.

State Express 333 No. CIG018 (Model T)
State Express 555 No. CIG019 (Bullnose)
State Express 777 No. CIG020 (Model A)
All have an edition of 2000



GOLD FLAKE AND AIRMAN

One of the tins I picked up at a junk shop Gold Flake - a bit battered but a reminder of the 50 cigarette packs - us old smokers got at Christmas!

The other one sent in by member J. Mellor is 'Airman'. Nobody this end knew a loose tobacco as well as the cigi was available.



SUNLIGHT SOAP



Model No. CS010 Edition: 5000

William Lever, the son of a wholesale grocer, was born in Bolton in 1851. He joined the family business when he was sixteen and five years later his father made him his partner.

In the 1880's Lever became bored with grocery and began exploring the possibility of expanding into other areas. Young Lever eventually decided on soap and after leasing a chemical works in Warrington, he started experimenting with different ingredients. He eventually settled on the formula of palm kernel oil, resin and tallow. Lever called it Sunlight Soap and it was an immediate success.

The Warrington factory was not large enough to supply the demand and so

Lever built a new one by the River Mersey in Cheshire. The place was named Port Sunlight after the soap it was to produce. He also built a model town to house his workers.

By 1895 Port Sunlight was producing 40,000 tons of soap a year. Other products produced at Port Sunlight included Lifebuoy Carbolic Soap, Sunlight Soap Flakes and Vim. Lever gave a considerable amount of money to charity and his contribution to society was recognised by granting him the title of Viscount Leverhulme. William Lever died in 1925.

Our Sunlight vehicle features the bus and comes in the 'Corner Shop' range.

Taff's Column

Well, we are just one Globe away from the launch of our new vehicle and we're sure your all going to enjoy it and the many liveries that will be featured on it over the coming months.

Indeed this starts a period over the next six months when further new tooling gets released to add more detail and body shapes to our range.

As always, we have concentrated on producing vehicles that have been requested from our members, but we still do need your feedback, so if there is a particular body shell or livery you feel you'd like, write to me and let me know.

During my research recently for new models, I have been picking up various old comics and magazines from the 1950's. It's surprising how many titles were around, some are easier to get than others. I am particularly keen to get site of Rocket, but have been unable to find one. It only lasted for approximately a year, but if anyone finds one, then let me know as I'm desperate for a copy.

You're beginning to worry us Taff - last Globe it was hand grenades - this one rockets. A scud missile next issue perhaps?

On the subject of new style vehicles - there's been many letters favouring a tram.

Now there's a challenge Taff!

The Golden Mile

Nowhere in England can you capture an era long past like Blackpool. With it's clanging trams still running just

like they were 50 years before. Old now but just as enchanting as ever.

Also for a while, Blackpool Transport saw the R.M. gracing it's streets. In fact, Blackpool Transport ran R.M.'s for over 10 years whereupon their fleet was sold in it's entirety to Reading Mainline. (Guess what, R.M. looks like it's coming our way).

Our featured bus (again in split colours) is on the St. Annes-on-Sea route in April 1990.

*The edition is 2500
Model No. RM31*



TURNBULL HARWICK

This old brewery dates back to the mid 19th century and they brewed in Scotland to appease the English visitors to Scotland's palate.

Naturally, one thinks of whiskey as the only drink to come from north of the border, but Turnbull Harwick enjoyed considerable success with their ale.

Whilst being targeted at the English visitors (and we guess Welsh, so as not to leave you out Taff) it had a big following in Scotland too.

Our delightful dray has a large edition and is delightfully liveried with the barrels stamped 'stout' and the logo on the doors says 'London Stout'.

Model No. C054 Edition: 5000



Kiveton Park Coal (South Yorkshire)

The Domesday Book of 1086 recorded the name Cientone (with the C pronounced as a K). From 1080 to 1868 Kiveton was a hamlet of the parish of Harthill-with-Woodall, after which it was transferred to Wales Parish Council.

Kiveton was once the site of a stately home - Keaton Hall, home of the first Duke of Leeds.

(A bit of Taff's info and as clear as mud).

The name Kiveton goes back at least 1,000 years with Kiveton being the last of a variety of spellings of the name Keveton, Kyveton, Keton, Kneton, Keeton etc., being previous ones!

What shaped modern Kiveton though, is the fact that coal is close to the surface around here (some stream beds are made of coal) and as early as 1598 local coal

output was 2,000 tons a year. Deep mining of coal in Kiveton started in 1866 in one of the oldest deep mines in the world (with the canal and the railway to

transport it).
A small



shaft in Anston was used as a ventilation shaft for Kiveton pit. In 1861 the population

was around 300. By 1871 it was 1,400. The Dukes of Leeds who owned the mineral rights became even wealthier. Peak population was reached in 1971 at 6,300 but fell to 5,900 in 1991.

Kiveton and Wales have seen many radical changes in the last 15 years, due in large part to the miner's strike (1984) and the subsequent closure of the colliery (1994) with the loss of 1,000 local jobs - a huge blow given the population.

There is plenty of near surface coal around though and applications are still being made to open cast large tracts of open countryside.

This delightful Model T. Open Coal Truck is the first Model T. released in the normal range for some time.

Model No. 139T Edition: 5,000

Guest Vehicle No. 3



So popular have been the Volvo Construction vehicles that we have decided to continue with them.

The vehicle we are featuring this time is the A25 articulated, however, being a smaller version of the A40D and in the style of vehicles so typical in the 80's and 90's. A fully detailed model at 1:50 scale featuring a moving rear section and full cab details. The price for this vehicle is £24.99 (\$44.99 U.S.).

Our second vehicle features the Volvo 180 'Compactort'. This vehicle again has a scale of 1:50 with plenty of accurate detail. The rear machine would be used in areas where grip was particularly difficult, with the special wheels able to cut their way through the surface for maximum stability.

If purchasing vehicle no. 1 above, you may also then order vehicle no. 2 for the special price of £7.99 (\$12.99 U.S.).

COFFEE MILK CHOCOLATE

The launch and success of Fry's Milk chocolate in the 19th Century led to a whole variety of other brands being introduced.

The Spanish conqueror of Cortez brought back cocoa and the chocolate drink to Spain in the 16th century, but it wasn't until 1657 that the first shop to sell drinking chocolate was opened in London, to be followed by many more. The competition for customers was great and they soon diversified to sell tea, coffee and cocoa. Much later some of these shops began the process of grinding their own cocoa beans, and soon the availability of chocolate became widespread with some shops being more successful than others. Initially the chocolates were popular with the wealthy, but when import taxes on cocoa fell, cheaper products became available.

Each locality developed its own favourite flavour but competition, mechanisation and better distribution led to the gradual realisation of all the products available. Many of the early firms were started by the Quakers whose clean living made them prefer cocoa to alcohol with names such as Fry, Cadbury, Rowntree, Terry and Mackintosh.

Other companies infiltrated the British market which soon became established as the biggest chocolate eaters of all!

Tablerone from Switzerland -
Ritter from Germany - Van Houten from Holland to name but a few.

Originally it was chocolate - plain chocolate, be it in drinks or bars, but gradually other flavours were introduced Caramel, Nuts & Raisins, Coffee etc etc., with almost any other product wrapped in chocolate - even ice cream!



Model No. CS009
Edition: 5000

Platinum Purchasing

All Platinum Members orders are available at 7-4 in this issue of *Globe*.

Any member wishing to transfer their membership to Platinum may do so today and take advantage of Platinum Membership which for just £4.00 extra on Standard Membership, gives you extra - 'The Platinum' annual vehicle depicting the year (like the Christmas one but logoed Platinum).

Please note, if you join today though, the Platinum Membership will expire with your normal memberships date.

However, the benefits are just great - Platinum membership Card - Free Annual Vehicle, for which you will qualify irrespective of your membership date, and of course 7-4 purchasing from two Globes per annum. One in the Spring and one in the Autumn (normally February/March and August/September time). Plus you may order today at 7-4! *Go for it - it's a great deal.*

HOME GUARD

Set No. 4 Edition: 3500 Available 370 sets

The lovely Home Guard set of 4 vehicles launched two years ago comes in a presentation box or can be purchased singularly.

The set consists of **Model T. Platoon Truck** which was normally given by a local business or

it could have been an old disused vehicle, but quickly restored and given to the Regional Platoon.

Bullnose Air Raid Warden - The feared Air Raid patrol "put them lights out" vehicle was again dependant on donations or even given by the warden or to the warden themselves. Used mainly to carry emergency equipment and black-out supplies.

Chevrolet A.R.P. - This vehicle was supplied by the local authority to be used for rescue as First Aid Posts Warden Patrols. The vehicle came

with the U.S. Army but was also shipped before this and assembled in the U.K. by Bedford.

Morris Bullnose Ambulance - Any old van would do. Grocers - Butchers - anything. Just as long as it could be easily converted to carry a couple of stretchers.

As was the norm, all Home Guard Vehicles were roughly painted in drab brown or grey.

The set can be purchased at the 4-3 vehicles price or 6-4, or Platinum members can count it as part of 7-4 purchasing, or any one single vehicle price.

