



Next meeting:

Sunday, December 14, 2014

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 12:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

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www.omss.ca

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Meeting Dates

- 2014 -

December 14

- 2015 -

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

June 14

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Annual Show
Saturday May 2
2015

December's meeting will be our:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH and Year-End Celebration

December Meeting: Our Christmas Feast

As we did last year, for this meeting we will be in the Legion's Club Room (i.e. the bar). As is also usual we will be starting the meeting earlier.

This meeting will feature our traditional Christmas luncheon. Gail Stone and her family helpers will be handling the catering for us once again.

Tickets are \$5.00 a plate.

If you didn't get a ticket at the last meeting please send Gail Stone an email or telephone her to let her know you are coming to the lunch. She needs to know the numbers attending so there's enough food to go around. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or email her at gstone4@cogeco.ca

If possible, please bring a contribution for the dessert table.

Vendors are welcome at this meeting, but since space is limited you will be limited to one table.

Celebrating Membership Milestones

As is traditional at our last meeting of the year we will be presenting membership pins to members who have completed key milestones of membership service. This year's honorees are:

Bronze Pin (10 years)

Mike Butler

Ronald Lawes

Oleg Sokruto

Silver Pin (20 years)

Gary Durie

Gold Pin (25 years)

Alexander Spalding

2015 Membership Dues—Same Low Price

Membership fees for 2015 aren't due until January, but Gary Lenius will be glad to take your money if you'd like to get it out of the way early. We have held the dues to the same level again this year: \$35 for Regular membership; \$20 for Junior or Family members.

2015 Meeting Dates have been added to the masthead on the left.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at omss@bell.net or 416-261-6494.



President's Column

From the pen of our prez Norm White

As the year draws to an end, and the festive season approaches, all the little OMSS members dream of stockings filled with toy soldiers.

I am sure that you are all eagerly anticipating the sumptuous feast that Gail will be setting on the table at our December 14th meeting. Please remember that everyone is asked to bring a dessert item to share for the meal. I would also remind the members that our event is in the front room on the other side of the legion this year. As space is limited, vendors are asked to use only one table each for this meeting. Your co operation in these matters is much appreciated.

All members that are comfortable doing so, are asked to

wear Highland dress to the Christmas meeting in honour of founding member Carl McTaggart who passed away this summer. Spouses and significant others are specially welcome to attend our Xmas feast.

I hope everyone enjoyed the auction last meeting and that no one has had an attack of buyer's remorse. Remember you can always bring those items back to next year's auction.

As my term as president comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the members of the OMSS executive. They made my term of office easy and enjoyable. I would also like to thank all of you, the members, whose support keeps our society strong.

Have a very merry Christmas, and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

...Norm

Upcoming Book Sale

Jeff Duncan reports...

FYI, I have packed and moved about 10 banker boxes of books that were donated to our club from the estate of an older friend of mine that passed away last year. His name was Steve Revell and lived in Erin Ontario. He was a history teacher at the Mayfield Secondary School in Caledon and was in the profession for 30 years. Donna his wife wanted the books to go to those who would appreciate them. Steve was an avid rail road modeler as well and appreciated the military dioramas and enjoyment of his-

tory and modeling our club represented when he would come over to visit my place and look at my displays etc.

I will be bringing some of the books to the Christmas lunch but due to size limitations of the tables on the "bar" side I will be bring just a few.

In January I will not be having the "draw" but concentrating on a massive Book Sale instead. The books are not old library discards but a fantastic array of almost exclusively WW2 German/Allies and related materials with a good sprinkling of other military topics.

100% of the proceeds are to go to the Club.



OMSS Supports Operation Raise A Flag

The Society participated again this year in Sunnybrook Hospital's Operation Raise A Flag on Remembrance Day November 11. The lawns outside the Veterans' wing at the hospital were carpeted with Canadian flags for the Remembrance Day ceremonies. Each flag represents a donation to Sunnybrook's Veterans Care programs.

Happy to report, there was no recurrence of last year's disgraceful vandalism at this year's ceremony.



Harold's Corner

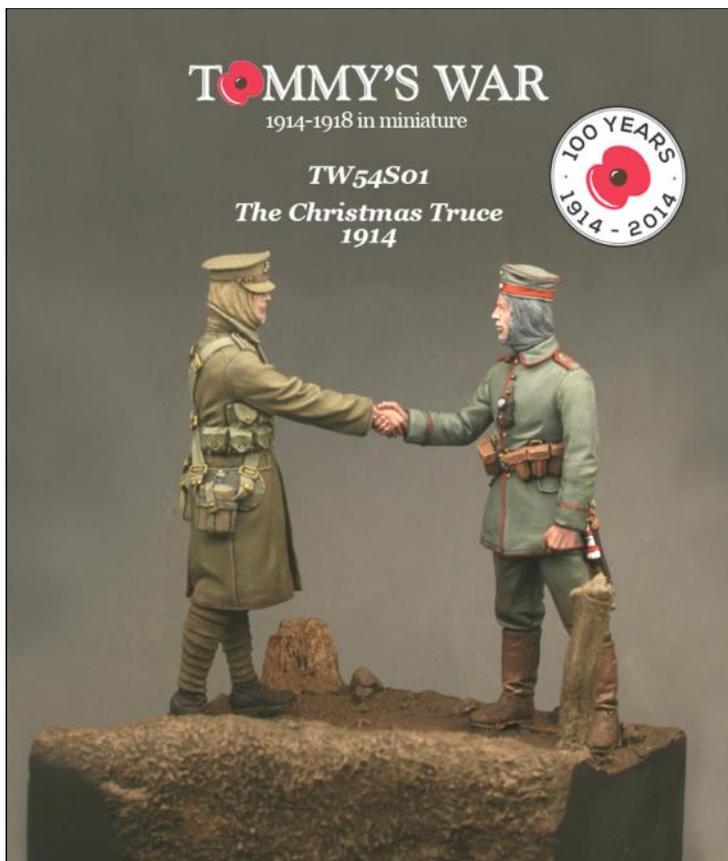
Tidbits from Harold Morrison

aitchrwm@bell.net

Tradition of London have started to produce a series of figures based on the Indian Mutiny of 1857 (aka the Sepoy Rebellion). First up are a couple of sets of the Black Watch firing in either standing or kneeling position.

www.traditionoflondonshop.com





The 1914 Christmas Truce

This year will be the 100th anniversary of a famous incident of the Great War's Western Front. That would be the Christmas Truce of 1914. It was a spontaneous happening along sectors of the front in which soldiers from both sides ventured out into No-Man's Land to sing Christmas carols, exchange greetings and a few simple gifts. They took a few hours' break from trying to kill each other to be a little bit human.

A British company called Tommy's War, which specializes in figures of the Great War, has brought out a two figure vignette to commemorate this incident. The figures are 54 mm in scale, cast in resin and available at unpainted kits. Visit the company's website at tommyswar.co.uk for more info and ordering details.

The UK chain Sainsbury's has produced a video recreating the Christmas Truce. Check it out at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWF2jBbIbvM

Welcome to New Members

It's been a while since we welcomed our newest members in the newsletter. We have gained a few new recruits over the summer and fall:

Robert Ross of Dundas

Tino Augurusa of Toronto (a returning member)

Sean Gallaway of Toronto

Mark Johnston of London.

(Don't have a photo of Sean or Mark yet as they joined by mail.)

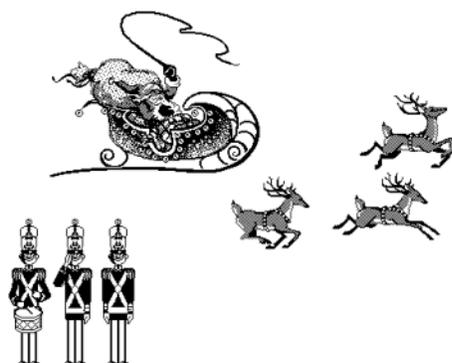
Glad to have you all with us.



Robert Ross



Tino Augurusa



Merry Christmas and Best Wishes of the Season to all our members and their families.

From your OMSS Executive

OMSS On Parade 2015

We have signed our contract with Fort York for our 2015 Annual Show, which will be held **Saturday May 2nd**. **Scott Dummitt** and **Gary Lenius** have designed our show postcard and flyer and we will have these at the meeting so we can start getting them out to hobby shops and other sites.

The 2015 Show theme will be the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, which should be fertile ground for displays and competition figures. But, of course, you're not limited to the theme when it comes to subject and period. Start painting!

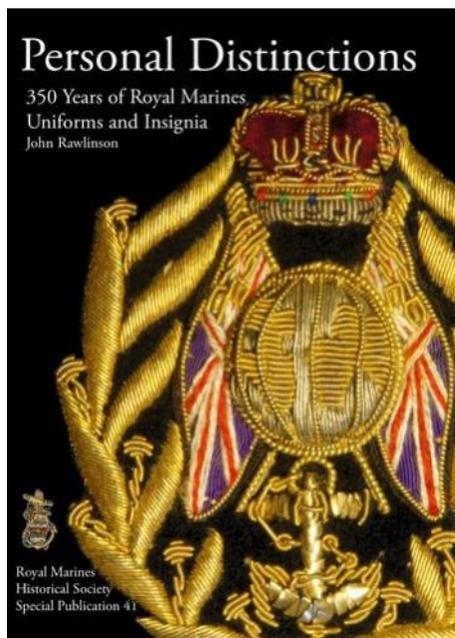
New Publication on Royal Marines

One of our past guest speakers, Alexander Craig, wrote to tell us about a new book just published by the Royal Marines Historical Society. It's titled "Personal Distinctions 350 Years of Royal Marines Uniforms and Insignia". The author is John Rawlinson RMHS.

This book has numerous photographs in black and white as well as color. It has a number of full page color illustrations of uniforms throughout the past 350 years. It has comprehensive illustrations of metal and cloth badges, headgear, gorgets, rank and qualification insignia of all periods. This book is an excellent source for collectors of insignia, and for anyone interested in uniforms. It is ideal for those wishing to paint or construct models of Royal Marines.

The book sells for 35 pounds and is available from the Royal Navy museum shop website:

shop.nmrn.org.uk/products/personal-distinctions-350-years-of-royal-marines-uniforms-insignia



— UPCOMING SHOWS —

Florida Toy Soldier, Action Figure, Toy And Collectibles Show, January 25, 2015

Something for the snowbirds. 9am to 3 pm at The Scottish Rites Masonic Hall, 2000 North D Street, Lake Worth, Florida 33460

www.southfloridatoysoldier.com

Atlanta Model Figure Show, Feb 13-15, 2015

Major connoisseur figure show.

Atlanta Marriott Century Center. 2000 Century Boulevard N, Atlanta, GA 30345

www.atlantafigures.org/show-information.html

HeritageCon 2015, March 22, 2015

Model show and competition put on by the IPMS Hamilton group. 9 am to 4 pm, \$7 admission. At the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton.

www.ipmshamilton.ca

Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show, April 26, 2015

10 am to 3 pm. \$6 admission. At the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg PA.

www.toysoldiershowpromo.com/annual_gettysburg_show

On Parade 2015, May 2, 2015

Our own annual show.

Other Collectible Shows

Check out www.collectorshows.ca for some other locally hosted toy, train, and nostalgia shows.

Looking out for each other

Know of a member who's been ill or in hospital? Let Gail Stone know so that we can send them the Society's best wishes. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or by email at gstone4@cogeco.ca