

The Missing Sprue

The quarterly gazette of Coventry and Warwickshire IPMS



Welcome to the first edition of the Missing Sprue!

This quarterly Gazette is for Coventry and Warwickshire club members to show off recent builds, share techniques, and inform the club of forthcoming shows etc.

I will be asking for show reports and photos, don't worry you don't have to write "war and peace" and you'll get a credit for the article.

The gazette will be every quarter, the next one will be published around April time.

This is **your** gazette, if you wish to submit an article or share photos, please send them to the editor.



Paul "Red" Redfern – editor and part time disciplinarian.

Club Member Builds

Last Judgement – 1/35 German Uhlan during Kaiserschlacht 1918

By Marcus White



Source: Marcus White

In 1918 the Germans threw everything into their Kaiserschlacht (spring offensive), using over half a million men returned from the collapsed Russian front, following the Bolshevik revolution at the end of 1917. Ultimately the offensive resulted in failure but the experienced Uhlan sent mostly to that Eastern front played a small part as protection battalions; at a time when Mustard Gas was in use by all sides, where men and animals were regularly seen in protective gear, including gas masks and gas capes.

Mustard Gas was particularly noxious, lingering around the battlefield held suspended in the soil; when new explosions

churned that soil, it would release the gas to lethal effect.

For the purist modeller, whilst accounts of actual engagement of Uhlan during Kaiserschlacht are scarce in English history books the scene I have created is plausible if not wholly verifiable.

Having seen images of the Uhlan horses and men in gas protection from 1918 they look like a vision of hell to me, making for a war fought by faceless combatants in a form of combat seen as far back as the middle ages, where knights in armour would clash hand to hand, fighting in the most brutal warfare known to man.

For anyone who knows me I don't shy away from depicting the brutality of war, not for its glory but to remind us all what man can do to man, Lest We Forget.

In thinking about and developing the scene it reminded me of the Bible story, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, having looked at the Albrecht Durer image of the same, as described in the last book of the New Testament (Bible). In that book of revelations, the Ashen or pale horse (Revelations 6-7-8) is depicted as Death, followed by Hades (skull the resting place of the dead) where authority was given to kill. Taking this idea, I depicted the Uhlan lancer striking the French soldier in this way bringing death to this noble soldier, incorporating the bible reference as the numbering on the gas cape of that pale horse and faceless rider.

The other horse is created as a Red Bay, where in revelations the Red horse is identified as War (revelations 6-3-4) granted to take peace from the earth and men, depicted with the rider holding aloft a great sword.

Whilst not being particularly religious, the Four Horsemen bringing "Last Judgment" on the earth has been identified by scholars as an analogy and warning of the fall of the Holy Roman Empire, similarly pre-empting the fall of the German Empire and end of WW1 later that year in my scene some 2000yrs later.



Source: Internet

The Build

Having used the galloping horses of the Master box US 8th Cavalry, I find them a good base model to adapt and convert, I wanted to do a small compact scene where the charge and Brutal Lance attack would be the focus.

The Master box 1/35 horses were built, then the mane removed and flattened, I reconfigured the head of the Red Horse to depict the rider and horse falling to gunfire showing their vulnerability in modern warfare.

The Head and neck of the red horse were filled and sanded so the basic horse construction was complete. Using a mix of Green stuff putty and Magic Sculpt roughly 70/30 mix this was rolled, cut and draped over the horse. I did this in several steps (allowing to cure and harden) teasing the cloth to flow with the gallop of the horse.

The Pale Horse had a rear leg reconfigured to be touching the ground, I have found that with the Master box plastic model horses, with the weight of dried putty you need to have to points of contact on the base, this reduces the loading of the fixture points in the resting legs.

Other details like lacing were also added with putty, the gas masks for the horses were scratch built from plastic card and tube with clear lenses and mesh for the mask as a basic gas filter.

The Horses were Painted in a foundation of Tamiya matt black, then painted using a combination of Life colour and Tamiya

acrylics. Dust was airbrushed around the lower area of the capes to help with flow and movement.



Source Marcus White

The riders

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The Uhlan riders (ICM converted WW1 figures) are depicted in late war gear and weapons, scratch building the lance from some styrene rod. Adding stick grenades, personal gear and attaching gas mask cases slung with foil cut from wine bottle tops.

The French Soldier (Poilu) is another converted ICM figure, re-pinned and filled with Green stuff putty showing him recoiling from the impact of the lance.

The figures are painted using Life colour and Tamiya acrylic paints.

The skull on the ground (Hades) is same scale as the figures from the spares box.



Source Marcus White

The Ground works

The grass comes as a matt sheet, cut to shape and glued in place. The wooden base being made for me by my uncle on his lathe.

Conclusion

The total build from idea to completion was less than 1 month, so a quick enjoyable build to both research and make, no real issues with the modelling, getting the drape for the cloth was a challenge but think it looks good.

Marcus White

Bolton IPMS Show 20th January 2019

The Bolton show was attended by 13 club members on three different stands, Coventry and Warwickshire IPMS, Modern British armour SIG, and the “what if” SIG. The club stand had lots of good comments from people from loads of clubs. There were lots of traders and plenty of bargains. There were so many big boxes, some of the members couldn't go back in the cars they came in, due to no room left after the purchases. Car parking is good at the University of Bolton Arena, and all in a great show.

Steve Lockhart



Source IPMS website



Source Facebook



Source Facebook/Trevor Williams

Recent Builds

Airfix 1/48 SEAFIRE 17 built out of the box with Eduard belts, painted in Hataka red line acrylics with a watercolour panel line wash and a small amount of oil weathering and sealed with Windsor and Newton Galeria satin varnish.



Source Lawrence Cramer

Lawrence Cramer

Recent Pictures From the club Facebook page



Source Facebook

Scale Model World 2018



Source Facebook



Source Facebook

Journalist's Guide to Tank Identification

Military		Journalists
Tank		Tank
BMP		Tank
MT-LB		Tank
SAU		Tank
BTR-T		Tank
ZSU		Tank
AT-T		Tank
IMR		Tank
Volvo 740		Tank

Advantages and Disadvantages of building your own dust covers / show cases

Advantages =

1. Size Build it to your own requirements [they are, 5.5"x7"x5" high]
2. Colour pick your own
3. Cost ... these cost me about £6 each



Source Denis Jones

Disadvantages =

1. Cutting Styrene pants
2. Gluing Styrene pants
3. Clamping Styrene ... pants
4. Keeping it square pants
5. Time involved pants
6. Space taken up pants
7. Keeping it Clean pants



Source Denis Jones

Conclusion =

If you want a few and you want to keep the price down ... if you have the time and space and if you are ok with ok ... then have a crack at building your own.

if you only want a couple and can pay £30/40 then buy the computer aided, laser cut, pressure glued, factory produced plastic box.

me? I've got enough offcuts to do a couple more after that? ... we will see.



Source Denis Jones

Denis Jones

Articles required



Source: internet

If you would like to add/write an article, write a review of a Show, Model shop, modelling Techniques, Articles or even submit photos for the next edition of the Missing Sprue, please contact **Paul** via e-mail rdfrn_pl@yahoo.co.uk

Photographs from Shows

It has become apparent that photos from the shows we attend, and our own shows are being lost into the ether of the internet, I have created a Dropbox account to try and keep the photos in one place, albeit the Cloud.

please contact me on my private e-mail address or on Facebook messenger.



Local shops



Kits and Bits: <http://kitsandbitsmodels.shop/>



The Paint Rack: <https://thepaintrack.com/>

Local area interest - Museums



Coventry Air Museum: <http://www.midlandairmuseum.co.uk/>



Coventry Transport Museum: <https://www.transport-museum.com/>



British Motor Museum: <https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/>

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IPMS UK <https://ipmsuk.org/>

IPMS Work bench <https://www.facebook.com/groups/154243277932214/>

Great War SIG <https://sites.google.com/site/greatwarsig/>

“What if” SIG <http://www.whatifmodellers.com/index.php>

Modern British Armour SIG

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/modernbritisharmoursig/>

Russian/Soviet Military Modelling

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1476745009291224/>

IDF SIG <https://www.facebook.com/groups/472664806256973/>

Bomb Disposal Model interest group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293347344594784/>

Sutton Spartans

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/103320443753676/>

Russian Wheels and tracks

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1539132379672734/>

MODEL KIT INSTRUCTION SHEETS LIBRARY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1214026292028249/>

The Bundeswehr Sig

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337998709864855/>

Show List 2019 Quarter 1

Date	Show Name	Size of Show	Show Organiser	Status at time of publishing	Required/ Recommended/ Optional	Web link
Feb 10 th	Halifax Show	Medium	IPMS Wakefield and district Branch	Active	Optional	http://huddersfieldscalemodelshow.co.uk
Feb 16 th 17 th	South west Model Show	Medium/Large	The Tank Museum	Active	Optional	http://www.tankmuseum.org/home
Feb 17 th	Shuttleworth Scale Model Exhibition 2019	Medium	IPMS Bedfordshire	Active	Optional	http://www.shuttleworth.org/
Feb 23 rd	On Track	Medium	IPMS Folkstone	Active	Optional	http://www.ontrackshow.co.uk/
Feb 24 th	South Cheshire Militaire	Medium	IPMS South Cheshire	Active	Optional	www.scmmc.co.uk
March 3 rd	Peterborough Show	Medium /Large	Peterborough scale model club	Active	Recommended	http://www.peterboroughscalemodels.co.uk/default.php?page=27
March 17 th	Southern Expo	Medium/Large	Southern Expo	Active	Optional	www.southernexpo.co.uk/
March 23 rd	Yeovil Model show	Small/Medium	Yeovil	Active	Optional	yeovilmodelshow@gmail.com
March 24 th	Stoke on Trent Figure world	Medium	Stoke model club	Active	Optional	www.stokemodelclub.co.uk
April 7 th	Shropshire Model show (Cosford)	Medium	Shropshire Scale Modellers	Active	Recommended	www.shropmodels.org.uk www.rafmuseum.org
April 13 th	Poole Viking Show	Medium	IPMS Dorset	Active	Optional	https://poolevikingsblog.wordpress.com/
April 13 th	West Suffolk Open day	Open day	IPMS West Suffolk	Active	Optional	ipmswestsuffolk@zoho.com
April 18 th to 20 th	Display and build weekend	Open days	C&W	Active	Recommended/Required	Display and build days in Argosy
April 28 th	Milton Keynes IPMS show	Large	Milton Keynes IPMS	TBC	Recommended	
May 4 th	IPMS AGM	AGM	IPMS	Active	Club Secretary's only	BDAC Museum, Old Sarum Airfield
May 5 th & 6 th	Display and build weekend	Open Day	C&W	Active	Recommended/Required	Display and build days in Argosy

Please Note:

Definitions

Required- Club Show members required

Recommended- regular shows attended by the club, with a table(s)

Optional- shows not attended by club, but optional to club members