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MAIL CALL

DATE: Thursday, 2 July 98 06:27:29 obs

FROM: alan@poulter.demon.co.uk

CC: grognard@grognard.com

I hope the link from Web-Grognards brings you plenty of visitors. You have an excellent site!

Alan Poulter

DATE: Wednesday, 1 July 1998 02:04:27 EDT and

DATE: Sunday, 28 June 1998 14:55:31 EDT

FROM: WJHupp@aol.com

Great Site!!

Love your use of Playmobil. Will be back to your site often. My kids really enjoyed the pictures. They spend 2-3 hours everyday playing with their Playmobil figures.

I have a copy of Little Wars that was reprinted a few years ago.

I am very interested in making the cannons fire and even more interested in info on the figure conversions. Any suggestions on doing Roark's Drift?

Bill Hupp

DATE: Tuesday, 23 June 1998 09:19:57 PDT

FROM: ["Charles Christy" <cwcii@hotmail.com>](mailto:cwcii@hotmail.com)

I'm real curious how you got those nifty sun helmets... headgear is always the hardest item to come by... and the kerchiefs for your naval brigade. Also a decent fire arm... the bearskinned guardsmen from the Guardbox set have lovely mausers, but they are few and far between... the musket like things in the gun crew /pirate set is not real impressive, but at least have nice socket bayonets.... but I'm always interested in some source for headgear and weapons of a more martial nature. I made a lancer or two out of some medieval types from their earliest set, but need sun helmets to finish them off properly...

best,

Charles

DATE: Monday, 08 June 1998 23:45:11 +0200

FROM: "Phil Dutre" Philip.Dutre@cs.kuleuven.ac.be

Hi, I really like your site about Garden Wargaming, especially the use of Playmobil figures. I almost want to throw out all my lead and dig up my old toys.

Anyway, here's another site that also uses Playmobil for wargaming (or maybe you knew about this already):

<http://www.gamecabinet.com/editorials/EditorialMay98.html>

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<http://www.cs.kuleuven.ac.be/~philipd/>

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DATE: Wednesday, 3 June 1998 23:53:43 EDT

FROM: "Adrian" AMandzy@aol.com

Great site - keep up the good work. I always knew Macintosh people were always making cool things and this proves it.

Adrian

DATE: Wednesday, 27 May 1998 16:36:07 +0000

FROM: "Nick Nascati" NNascati@aol.com

Richard;

This is getting dangerous. Where exactly do you get the sort of Playmobil figures you use? I get Jamie Delson's Toy Soldier Company Catalog, but have never noticed any extensive line of military sets in his Playmobil pages.

Nick Nascati

DATE: Monday, 25 May 1998 23:59:21 -0400

FROM: Jim Regan "Geraldine Toland"
tamura@voicenet.com

Dear Richard [if you will allow the informality];

I am tremendously interested in your ideas and have about a thousand questions. I will resist bombarding you with nine hundred and ninety nine at the moment and confine myself to just one. How in the heck do you make those little Playmobil guys into Highlanders, gunners, Hodson`s Horse etc.? I have just received a flash from the Foreign Secretary at Whitehall "Richard is to put the rest of his life on hold and work exclusively on his web-site. stop. The future of

the Empire could well depend upon it, stop. There could be a KCB in his future if he plays the game. Best Salaams to Richard and the memsahib, stop." There it is Richard, the rest is up to you. Thanks for the kind and courteous reply to my signal of recent date.

Jim [Tamura] Regan

DATE: Friday, 15 May 1998 05:09:31 -0400

FROM: Jim Regan "Geraldine Toland"
tamura@voicenet.com

Dear Sir and Madam: I can't express how charmed I was to find your clever, imaginative and completely captivating web site. I can't wait to learn how to create those really original little figures and to finally try my hand at H.G.'s "Little Wars". I have owned and loved the book these many years and I must admit I could use a change from the "sophisticated" and rather humourless modern wargame. I long to return to.... the pleasant land of make-believe sprawled on the floor (or grass) surrounded by my stalwart red-coats in a "square that broke". Please, keep up this important work.

Best Regards,

Jim Regan

DATE: Monday, 04 May 1998 12:29:09 -0400

FROM: Holly Henry-Pilkington hollyhp@one.net

What a wonderful idea. I found your website through the [Major General's website](#). I am just astonished. I have heard of Playmobil but never realised they made toy soldiers. Of course I realize you are converting some of them, but still, just wonderful. I look forward to seeing your site grow. Take care and I'll be stopping back often.

Best,

Gary R. Pilkington

DATE: Thursday, 30 Apr 1998 10:00:08 PDT

FROM: "Dennis George Lennox II" dlennox@hotmail.com

It's nice..... Need more pictures (a little bigger too). Also you should put a counter and guestbook on the page. Free guestbook at: www.guestworld.com Maybe even Background sound would make it a good site. Besides that, bravo!

Denny

DATE: Thursday, 30 Apr 1998 07:23:10 PDT

FROM: "jon paulson" jepaulson@hotmail.com

Keep up the great work! With playmobil figures, you could pretty much play any era. 1/32 is a good scale for the garden, too! Lots of cool British trains and such. I'd love updates. We haven't put in a garden RR since we live in Minnesota (and its 6 week outdoor RR season), but the large scale is neat, especially after being confined to 4X8 tables all winter.

Thanks again

DATE: Thursday, 30 Apr 1998 09:38:33 +0200

FROM: "Stallwitz" stallwitz@playmobil.com

Hi Richard,

Lets communicate in English. We will integrate a Fan-link-site in our [PLAYMOBIL-web-site](#). Our site relaunch is ready in fall. So - we will use your link.

Freundliche Grüße / Kind Regards

Silke Stallwitz

PLAYMOBIL

DATE: Tuesday, 14 Apr 1998 16:58:03 -0600

FROM: "James D. (Jim) Parmenter" jasdpar@rmii.com

Richard,

I was hoping that maybe early-on you could give some examples of the kind of scales that might be suitable from your smallest on up. I know that it has to stop somewhere short of the "pink flamingo" lawn decoration or "servant boy" horse hitching post size.

Best regards,

Jim

DATE: Tuesday, 14 Apr 1998 07:28:21 -0400

FROM: saj@kali.psyc.virginia.edu (Steve Jacquot)

Pretty cool. I've heard about Little Wars, but never read it. I always assumed it was probably ok for 19th Century rules, but outdated by modern technology. Do you adapt it for modern rules (tanks and planes and helicopters and rockets and whatnot) or do you just do classical battles? I've bookmarked the page. As you update it, I'd appreciate a notification. Also, I forwarded the mountie picture you sent me on to Gail Meagher, a Canadian r.t.l regular who is into mounties in a big way. She might be getting in touch with you for more info.

Steve

DATE: Monday, 13 Apr 1998 17:21:53 -0600

FROM: James D. "Jim" Parmenter jasdpar@rmii.com

Hi,

Now I've got to get into figures. As soon as I can figure out the scale, I can start the landscaping. If I can't get to Waterloo, Waterloo can come to me. Northern Italy will be hard to fit in, I'm afraid. My wife is looking over my shoulder and wants to know where's the terrain? All the little trees, the bushes (bocage?), walls around the fields, roads, streams, - eh?

With best regards,

Jim

<http://www.rmi.net/~jasdpar/>

"Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something." -
Last words of Pancho Villa.

DATE: Monday, 13 Apr 1998 21:34:59 EDT

FROM: "Gordon" Spcglider Spcglider@aol.com

Cool! I just heard that Playmobil Germany is going to be releasing a set of "adventurer" stuff. It is like an Indiana Jones theme with a [Mayan temple](#) and all!

Gotta fly! Talk later!

-G

DATE: Sunday, 5 Apr 1998 11:05:58 -0700

FROM: "Barry L. Geipel" bgeipel@primenet.com

Very nice! Do you know where I can get a copy of Little Wars? I have not built my pull tool yet because I do not have any extra figures right now (Patrick would notice one being missing...) I am planning on heading down to the store that carries them sometime this week. Just in case you had not seen my pages:

<http://www.primenet.com/~bgeipel/cdmailer.html>

Barry

DATE: Saturday, 28 Mar 1998 19:43:55 +0100

FROM: "The Oyerbides" oyerbides@wiesbaden.netsurf.de

I am interested in the Playmobil wargaming idea. I am living in Germany right now and I see the figures everywhere but never thought about gaming with them.

John

DATE: Friday, 27 Mar 1998 15:54:17 -0500

FROM: beattie@umich.edu ("Bob Beattie")

Ann Arbor Historical Miniatures Gaming Group

I got into Lego gaming with pirates before I saw the beautiful Playmobil sets available for about the same price.

Thanks

Bob

DATE: Friday, 27 Mar 1998

FROM: John Marron jmarron@care.health.ufl.edu

Project Care, UF Dept of Pediatrics

Richard,

I've often considered doing a miniatures project with Playmobil figures. I have a recent catalog from the company, but did not see any Victorian figures. No shops in my area carry the figures, so I have little idea of their cost, availability, etc. I'm also interested in what rules you use with them. In short, I'm a convert waiting to happen! I'd appreciate any info you'd care to share.

Thanks,

John Marron

DATE: Thursday, 26 Mar 1998 23:32:17 -0800

FROM: "Barry L. Geipel" bgeipel@primenet.com

Great! Thanks for the info. I could not get the whole thing apart, so I will make one of your pull tools. Patrick (my boy) and I will head down to the toy store on Saturday and I will pick up a few "extras" to play with myself. I love spoiling my kids!

Barry

DATE: Thursday, 26 Mar 1998 16:33:22 -0800

FROM: "Barry L. Geipel" bgeipel@primenet.com

I have been casting my own 20mm WWII stuff and I have thought about making some playmobil compatible pieces as well. Could you send me some info? Also, have you tried to take a figure apart? Are they hard to put back together? I want to do some head swapping (I don't want all the archers to have eye patches :)

Barry

DATE: Monday, 29 Dec 1997 19:15:08 +0000

FROM: "James D. (Jim) Parmenter" jasdpar@rmii.com

Hi,

I picked up your message from the news group and reposted

it to "Bouting" listserv. I hope you don't mind too terribly. "Bouting" is a small mailing list for all forms of Napoleonic wargaming. I thought some of us need to get outdoors more. Besides, it expands the scope of the kinds of games the list covers.

With best regards,

Jim

"It's all very well in practice, but it will never work in theory."

- French management saying

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