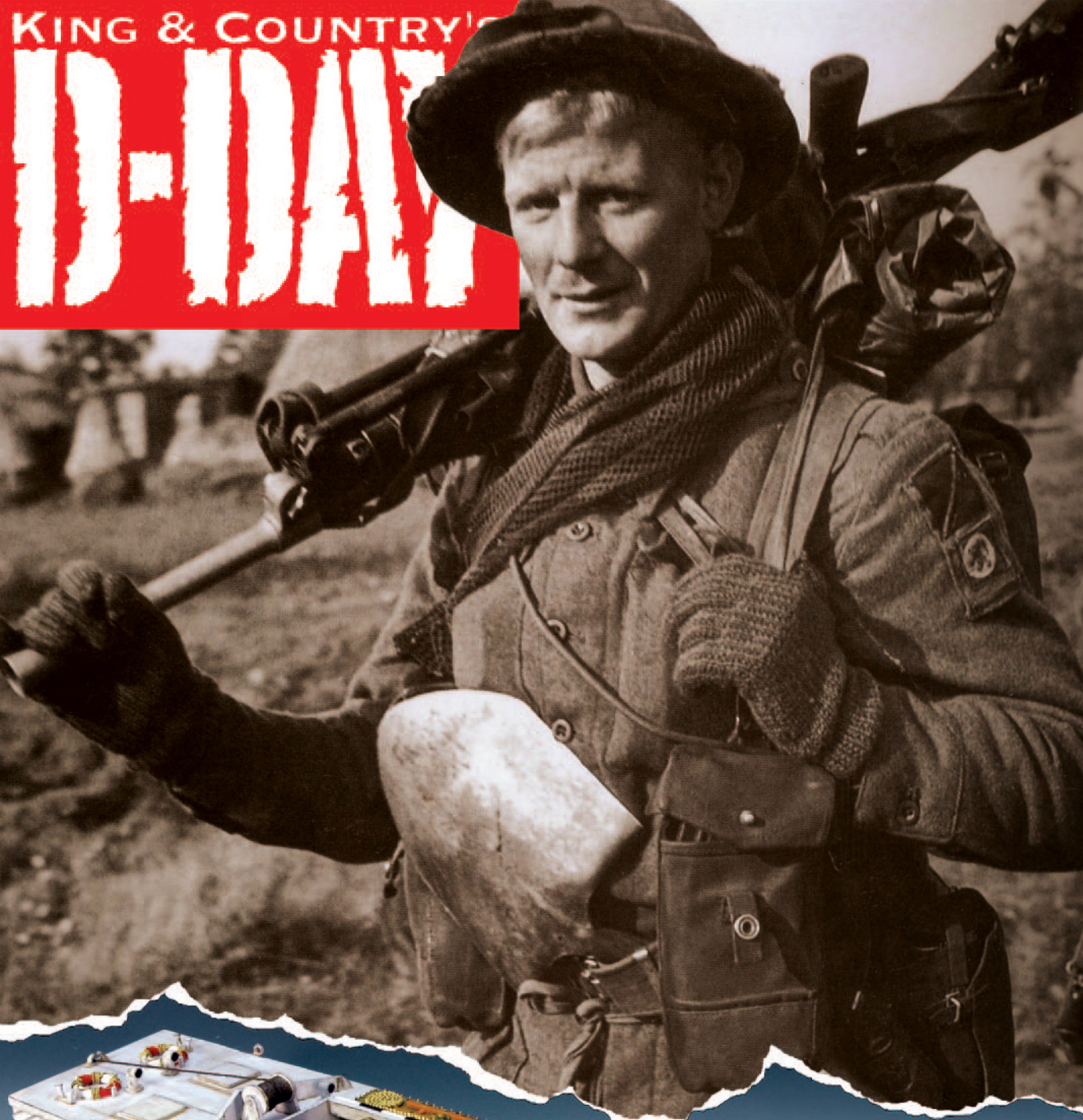


KING & COUNTRY'S D-DAY



**"YOU are about
to embark upon the
great crusade toward
which WE have striven
these many months..."**

GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

"This morning, Allied Expeditionary Forces began landing on the coast of Northern France..."

D-DAY 6TH OF JUNE

OPERATION OVERLORD

THIS WAS THE CODENAME for the invasion of occupied Europe by Allied Forces during World War II.

The operation began with the landings on the north-west coast of France (in Normandy) in the early hours of June 6, 1944 by British and American paratroopers.

More commonly known as... D. DAY, this was the largest (and most complex) amphibious invasion ever mounted in the annals of military

BB064



*Advancing Tommies...
A few of these are still available.*

history. On the morning of June 6, over 160,000 primarily British, Canadian and American troops crossed the English Channel and landed on 5

separate beaches codenamed... GOLD and SWORD (both British)... JUNO (Canadian) and OMAHA and UTAH (both American).



Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Offshore huge flotillas of British and American warships provided close-in gun support whilst overhead mighty armadas of fighters and bombers supplied the air cover.

Four of the five beaches were captured relatively quickly with minimal casualties. Only one... OMAHA... seriously disrupted the Allied plan and timetable.

At OMAHA fierce and skillful enemy resistance held up and halted the American advance for most of the morning. Over 2,000 GI's were killed (and many more wounded) on this beach alone.

The U.S. forces landing elsewhere on the other American beach "UTAH" established themselves quickly and with minimal casualties.

On the British and Canadian beaches progress was slow but steady with many of their early objectives taken with relatively light casualties.

It is on these British and Canadian beaches that this new D. DAY collection begins...

British infantry coming ashore from an LCA (Landing Craft Assault) near Ver-sur-Mer on Gold Beach on the morning of D-Day.





DD107
LCA (Landing Craft Assault)

DIMENSIONS:
LENGTH: 16.5"
WIDTH: 4.5"

"SWORD & GOLD"

DD106
Bren Gun Team



OUT OF A GRAY MORNING
mist hundreds of landing

craft came... Inside them, standing, sitting or crouching were thousands of British, Canadian and American infantrymen. They were about to assault Hitler's much-vaunted "Festung Europa"... Fortress Europe.

Among KING & COUNTRY's most recent releases are this all-new British-designed LCA (Landing Craft Assault) complete with a Royal Navy Cox'n and a Bren Gunner in action.

DD110
Attacking



To help press forward the attack are four 2 and 3 men sets of British infantry in dramatic combat poses.

All our soldiers are from the 2nd.Btn.

DD111



Moving Inland

DD109



Medic & Wounded

of the East Yorkshire Regt. of the 3rd. British Infantry Division which landed on Sword Beach on the morning of June 6, 1944.



D. DAY FACT:

Although the majority of LCA's carried British and Canadian troops onto the D. Day beaches some were used to ferry GI's into battle. Most memorably, the U.S. Rangers who scaled the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc.

KING & COUNTRY'S

JUNO BEACH



DD197
LCA (Landing Craft Assault)



DD120

MONTY & CROMWELL

DD119 "Monty in Normandy", Commander-in-Chief of all Allied ground forces on D. Day.

This figure is based on several photos of General Montgomery as he appeared during the Normandy Campaign.

DD116 "Cromwell Mk. IV". The most numerous British tank of the war and one of the best. Our model is in the markings of the Welsh Guards of the Guards Armoured Division. Although this division did not land on D. Day it took part in much of the fiercest fighting in Normandy.



DD113

CANADIANS UNDER FIRE

These latest K&C releases show men of the "Canadian Scottish Regiment" just as they get off their LCA's and go into action.

A 3-man "Command Set" **DD112** take cover as the officer tries to accurately assess the situation.

DD113 "Attack" shows two Canadians returning fire on the German defenders.

DD114 illustrates only too well a "Casualty of War". Elsewhere on the beach another "CANUCK" lobs a grenade at an enemy position.

In the midst of all this battlefield chaos **DD118** shows a Canadian Military Policeman pointing the way.



DD114



DD116
Cromwell Mk. IV Tank

DD115

DD118

JUNO BEACH, like its British counterparts, **SWORD** and **GOLD** was made up of gentle sloping sands, bordered in some places by a low sea wall behind which sheltered rows of small holiday cottages.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, this was the destination for Canada's 3rd. Infantry Division and its supporting forces.



DD112

As the early morning bombardment lifted the first landing craft headed towards the shore. Initially the only sign of the enemy was an occasional shell or mortar burst in the sea with little or no results.

Once the craft beached it was a different story... accurate machine gun and rifle fire began to inflict casualties on the Canadians.



DD117

DD119

DD057**Commando Attack**

IN ADDITION to the newer sets of British and Canadian forces landing on JUNO, GOLD and SWORD beaches there are some older KING & COUNTRY figures and fighting vehicles that are the perfect reinforcements...

On the infantry side are DD064 "Tommy Patrol"... a Bren

**FOB042 Bedford OYD Truck**

REINFORCEMENTS

Gun section, led by a sergeant with a Sten Gun from the 2nd. East Yorks. moving forward off the landing beach.

Extra fire support is provided by DD057 a set of four British Commandos in action taking on the enemy.

DD058 "Taking Prisoners" has another Commando taking two captured Germans back to a Prison-of-War cage as a British Military Police motorcyclist looks on.

TRANSPORT

Two "classic" British military vehicles from our "Fields of Battle" series are also ideal for any British or Canadian D. Day display or diorama...

FOB042 "Bedford OYD Truck"... Seen on every British battlefield from Belgium to Benghazi and on to the

**DD058 Taking Prisoners****FOB040 Austin K2 Ambulance**

Berlin the trusty Bedford was a familiar sight. More of this army transport were built than any other in the British and Commonwealth inventory.

Just as famous and familiar as the Bedford was the "Austin K2 Ambulance" FOB040. First seen in the Battle of France in May and June 1940, the "Katy" served the British Army well into the 1950's. Our model is also in the markings of the British 3rd. Infantry Division...

D. DAY FACT:

The British 3rd. Infantry Division had the distinction of being one of the last units to be evacuated from France at Dunkirk in 1940 and one of the first to land back in France on June 6, 1944.

SOMEWHERE IN NORMANDY a British Cromwell Tank has hit a land-mine... Luckily for them an American M26 Armoured Recovery Vehicle is nearby and offers some very welcome assistance...

Three main Western armies came together during the Normandy landings to become the 21st. Army Group—the British, American and Canadian.

Together with their Free French comrades they would liberate first, Normandy and then all of France.

The campaign they fought would be brutal and bloody but together

they would triumph over an enemy that was both skillful and determined to throw them back into the sea.

King & Country is honoured and proud to salute the heroes of the Battle for Normandy with these unique sets of military miniatures and fighting vehicles... Journey back to the summer of 1944 and remember...

BROTHERS-IN-ARMS





OMAHA & UTAH



DD076
Combat
Photographer

AS THE AMERICAN landing craft wallowed through the swell on their way to the Normandy coast none of the men on board were quite sure of what would greet them as they stormed ashore on June 6, 1944...

At the two U.S. designated beaches "OMAHA" and "UTAH" they were destined to find out at exactly 0630 hours.

OMAHA was the responsibility of one of America's most famous and battle-experienced divisions... The 1st. Infantry, better known as "The Big Red One".

UTAH in turn was to be assaulted by the men of the 4th. Infantry Division.

DD077
War Correspondent



DD075
US Patrol Jeep



Weather conditions over both beaches was so poor that the bombers sent from southern England to "soften-up" the German defences at the last minute were largely ineffective.

At the same time enemy coastal batteries spotted the approaching armada and began to open fire... just

15 minutes before Allied ships started their own bombardment.

THE LONG INVASION

For over 10 years, since 1998, KING & COUNTRY has been designing and manufacturing a wide range U.S.-themed soldiers, fighting vehicles and even landing craft for D. Day collectors.

At present we have a compact collection of single figures... small sets... and several great jeeps and other American hardware that works well on any D. Day display or diorama. Among them are figures of "General Omar Bradley" DD079, the U.S. Ground Forces commander.

American Ambulance Jeep Set DD068



DD079





DD099
"I Need
More Ammo!"

DD095
"The Rescue"

DD097
2-Man Patrol

'BIG RED ONE'

In addition we even have an "American Combat Photographer" **DD076** and a "War



DD096

Correspondent" **DD077** typing out a dispatch.

And, of course, there are the jeeps... **DD068** "The Ambulance Jeep

Set". A specially-fitted out jeep complete with a special frame that can support 3 stretcher cases. Our model comes with a Medic driver... and another medic tending a wounded G.I.

DD075 "Patrol Jeep" is just that... mounting a .30 cal. machine gun these three GI's of 1st. Infantry Division are already moving inland, off the beach, and on the lookout for the enemy.

ARMOUR SUPPORT

Providing some heavy backup is our M4 "Classic Sherman"

DD093. This tank



DD098
Alive & Dead

model comes with two crew figures and two detachable "back packs" of extra supplies that can fit onto the rear of the tank.

M4 Shermans usually carried a crew of five and here's the other three... **DD088** "GI Tank Crew". Watched over by a standing sergeant, two tankers prepare to inspect their "armoured chariot" for any battle damage or oil leaks!



DD088
GI Tank Crew



DD093
Classic Sherman

AMONG THE ALLIED ARMIES who landed in France following D. Day none were more dedicated to liberating their country than General De Gaulle's Free French.

Foremost among them were the men of General Philippe Leclerc's 2nd Armoured Division. After taking part in the breakout from the Normandy beachhead Leclerc's division fought across France until they were just 50 km. from Paris itself.

"On to Paris!"

By August 20, 1944 the whole of Paris was in revolt against the hated "Boches" occupiers.

DD100
General Philippe Leclerc



DD101
Free French Marine
M10 Tank Destroyer



DD102
Fusilier Marins
Officer



'LIBERATION!'

DD101 "Free French M10 Tank Destroyer"

This armoured unit was equipped and uniformed by American Forces however they still retained their distinctive French naval head gear and badges.

In command of the 2nd Armoured Division... **DD100** "General Philippe Leclerc", one of France's finest fighting officers.

DD104(SL) "The M26 Armoured Recovery Vehicle"

K&C's latest "Strictly Limited" set is a necessity for any collector who is "serious" about armour. These battlefield giants saw service both during and after World War Two. This unique set comes with a crew of 4 and a specially designed box and certificate brochure.

DD103
Free French
Scout Car



General De Gaulle, fearing a bloodbath, was determined that French forces should race to the help of their compatriots. He ordered Leclerc and his 2nd Armoured Division fight its way into the French capitol.

Among the Free French troops liberating the city were the Marines of the Fusilier Marins.

DD104(SL)
M26 Armoured
Recovery Vehicle



"Vive la France!"



FRANCE 1940 after the armistice... a country defeated and divided... and a proud nation humbled. Against this forlorn back-drop the first small sparks of resistance begin to appear. Over the next four dark years these tiny flames will grow and unite into a mighty fire that will burn ever more fiercely... and defiantly.

Behind these flames are the brave men and women of the Resistance... the "Maquis". Their battle is often lonely but always dangerous... Their enemies, both occupiers and local collaborators, are cruel... cunning... and ruthless. If captured, 'Resistants' can expect no mercy... only torture and death.

DD089
FFI Resistance
Command Group



ARMY OF THE SHADOWS

As D. Day approached the men and women of the Resistance increased their attacks on the enemy... when and where they least expected it! Simultaneously they disrupted road and rail networks and severed major lines of communication.

Across the length and breadth of France they gathered vital intelligence on the Germans' troop dispositions... fortifications... movements and passed



them on to the Allies. Their assistance was vital to the Allied success on the morning of June 6, 1944.

THE OPENING SHOTS...

DD091
FFI Demolition Team Our first French Resistance release comprise three small groups of "Maquis" in action...

DD089 "FFI Command Set". A local Commandant with pistol and grenade leads two of his men into battle.

DD090 "FFI Ambush Group". Using a mix of Allied and German weapons this 3-man section mount a surprise attack.

DD091 "FFI Demolition Team". As one "Resistant" fires his Sten the other prepares to detonate an explosive charge.

All of our men are dressed in a typical combination of civilian and old French Army uniforms. Each of them proudly wears the armband of the FFI (*Forces Francaise de l'Interieur or French Forces of the Interior*).

Their military equipment and weaponry comes from a wide variety of sources – French... German... British... and American. They intend to make every bullet... and bomb count... This is their battle... their country! *And this is our tribute to them.*



DD090
FFI Resistance
Ambush Group

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Available around the world wherever fine quality military miniatures are sold.



BY EARLY 1944 the Germans knew that

the Allies were preparing to launch an invasion of Western Europe either in the Spring or early Summer... just one big problem... *where?*

Hitler and most of his commanders believed the blow would probably fall on France... specifically the *Pas-de-Calais*, the area closest to the south east coast of England. A few generals however dissented and thought the long, low flat beaches of Normandy would provide more room for an invading army to establish itself and gain a foothold.

Feldmarschal *Erwin Rommel* was one of them. Since the fall of 1943 the "Desert Fox" was given the task of organizing and improving the coastal defences of Hitler's "Festung Europa" - Fortress Europe.

From the fjords of Norway in the north to the borders of Franco's Spain in the south the famed General was put in charge of building and strengthening all German defences along the length of Western Europe.

"ON INSPECTION"

KING & COUNTRY's newest releases focus on this important period immediately prior to the invasion... Rommel and three of the best known Wehrmacht generals are on an inspection tour of the defences.

WS126 "Normandy Rommel"

Although K&C has produced several figures of the Feldmarschal before in "Afrika Korps" field dress this is our first of him wearing his greatcoat and regular army uniform.



WS127

in "Afrika Korps" field dress this is our first of him wearing his greatcoat and regular army uniform.

KING & COUNTRY'S

'ROMMEL IN NORMANDY'



WS126



WS127 "General Oberst Heinz Guderian"

The originator of "Blitzkrieg" tank tactics. Here, Guderian is seen wearing the distinctive black uniform of the German tank corps.

WS128 "General Oberst Eduard Dietl"

Dietl was a close friend and military contemporary of Rommel and commanded the 20th. Mountain Army. A skilled mountaineer himself he was killed in a plane crash later in the war.

WS129 "General Lieutenant Fritz Bayerlein"

Bayerlein had already served with Rommel in North Africa as his Chief-of-Staff before being promoted to commander of the tough and experienced "Panzer Lehr" division which was involved in some of the heaviest fighting of the Normandy campaign.

"SECURITY DETAIL"

Providing some additional security for the General's inspection tour is WS125 our "German Panhard". After the Fall of France in June 1940 large quantities

WS130 German Guard Box

Figure included only for scale.



of weapons and vehicles fell into German hands. Anything useful was readily and speedily utilized... This original French armoured car has been repainted and issued to the notorious Waffen SS "Das Reich" Division then stationed in occupied France.

Another functional display item is our

WS129



WS128



new "German Guard Box" WS130.

This can be used with any German figure guarding a key area, roadblock or strong point.

So, if you're ready to meet some of the "Third Reich's top brass" ... they're all here!

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