

KING & COUNTRY'S
IMPORTANT NEW SERIES

STORM OVER THE YANGTSE

中國壹玖貳陸

CHINA 1926... A time of great unrest for the fragile young republic. Founded just fifteen years earlier by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Nationalists had thrown out

enjoyed special trading privileges granted to them by individual warlords throughout the country. China was no longer "master in its own house".

Still, doing business there was not without risk... To safeguard their

a weak and decadent Emperor and his Imperial Court. Alas, after forty-six centuries of dynastic rule, many of the "new guard" fell prey to the very same schisms and corruption as the old regime.

The country was being torn apart by rapacious warlords who were a law unto themselves... oblivious to the wishes and dictates of the central government far away in Peking.

At the same time, foreign powers also profited greatly from this turbulence and

own commercial and political interests. Britain, France, Japan and America sent troops and gunboats to protect their "Treaty-Ports" and patrol the rivers, canals and sea lanes connecting them.

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"ANCHORS AWEIGH"

This first release features the officers and men of the U.S.S. SAN PUEBLO, an ancient river gunboat that came into U.S. hands after the Spanish-American War of 1898.

All of our figures are dressed and ready for action. Most of them in their tropical "whites" with just a few in their winter blue service uniforms.

Officers and Chief Petty Officers are also carrying side arms while enlisted sailors wear the standard army pattern ammunition belt and gaiters and carry .03 "Springfield" rifles. One of our



sailors even has the "Browning Automatic Rifle"... better known by its users as the "BAR".



"SHIP AHOY!"

Forming the perfect setting for our "YANGTSE PATROL" sailors is our hand-built model of the U.S.S. SAN PUEBLO. Thirty inches long and two feet high, this waterline model was constructed especially for the Chicago Old Toy Soldier Show. It is our intention to produce a limited number of replicas for dedicated collectors in the near future.

In addition, forming a colourful and exotic background for our sailors are figures and buildings from K&C's very own "Streets of Old Hong Kong" series. This huge range of Chinese characters and facades provide the ideal contrast to the officers and men of our "YANGTSE PATROL"...

