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This figure set is aimed at the modeller who has some experience of building and detailing plastic scale model kits. We have been as careful as we can during the design and manufacture of these parts so you should not have any extra difficulty when using them, but please test the fit before using any glue! You will need adhesives suitable for joining resin to plastic such as fast or gel isocyanate glue.

Normal modelling tools such as a craft knife, files and tweezers will all be very handy.

Carefully use a sharp scalpel or fine file to remove any moulding seams or flash. The separate head and arm parts should be checked for fit before glueing into position. We suggest you clean the figures thoroughly with a detergent solution, rinse and dry to remove any mould release agent. An old tooth brush is very useful for scrubbing into the fine detail without damaging the casting. The release agents are oily and if not removed effectively your paint will not adhere to the figure.

For some excellent advice on painting figures, particularly with acrylic paints, visit www.acrylicosvallejo.com and look at the Model Color page.



These crew would be dressed in khaki coloured blouse, shirt and trousers, black berets and black leather boots. Gloves and sleeveless jerkin would be brown leather, and belt and pistol holster in khaki webbing material. Neckerchiefs were personal items, and cap badges usually white metal. Belt buckles were brass. For some very useful colour photos, we can certainly recommend 'The World War II Tommy' by Brayley and Ingram, published by Crowood.

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www.track48.com as an excellent source of information specifically for the modeller in 1:48 scale, with plenty of reviews, hints and tips and a lively forum.

www.missing-lynx.com is another site aimed at the armour modeller, with a forum especially for 1:48 fans. Don't limit your visit to the forum though, there is plenty of valuable information elsewhere on the site.

We can also recommend several museums, the Tank Museum in Dorset, the Imperial War Museums in London and Duxford, as well as numerous regimental museums across the UK which have period uniforms on display. There are also several re-enactment societies who collect and display period uniforms, and who publish photos and information on the web and in various publications.

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If we have missed anything in these instructions, or you have a suggestion as to how this kit might be improved, do drop us a line. We will endeavor to incorporate these into the next production runs, as well as future kit projects.

If you have ANY problems, let us know immediately. We will always replace missing or broken parts. All of our products are backed with a money back guarantee. Provided the kit has not been started, send it back to us for a full refund.

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