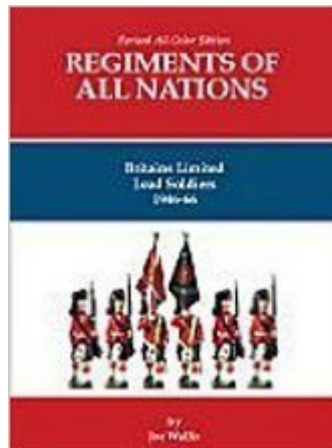


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# Regiments Of All Nations: Britains Limited Lead Soldiers, 1946-66: All-color Edition



## Synopsis

The definitive history of Britains Limited lead soldiers between 1946 and 1966, *Regiments of All Nations*, was originally published in 1981 as a 258 page paperback. Over 6,000 copies sold before going out-of-print. A revised 415 page hardcover edition (ISBN 9780983837800) is now available. Joe Wallis, the author, is a noted authority who has published over 150 articles on Britains Limited lead soldiers in *The Old Toy Soldier* magazine, as well as a second book entitled *Armies of the World* that covers Britains Limited production from 1925 to 1941. The revised hardcover edition of *Regiments of All Nations* contains 500 color photographs with identifying captions, places photos in numerical order throughout the text facing the corresponding set descriptions, and contains detailed descriptions of color schemes, changes in the composition of sets, and the years in which each set or item appeared postwar. The book includes a Glossary, a chapter of Basic Identification Hints, and Appendices cross-referencing the 9000 Series set numbers, and listing all prewar sets.

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This excellent volume covers the metal toy soldier production of Britains limited from the end of World War II (and the resumption of toy soldier production by the company) to the end of the lead toy soldier in 1966. In short, this is an excellent book and a very handy reference guide for collectors. The volume is completely illustrated by set, and the book is organized by set number. While many collectors and Britains' authorities believe that the heyday of Britains toy soldier production was before War II (usually referred to in the Britains' collectors' world as `pre-war'), as a collector myself I prefer the postwar production if forced to make a choice between the two. These

are the figures and sets that I saw in the shops and stores while growing up and I spent many hours in Buffums' Department Store in downtown Long Beach California looking at the rows of boxes of the lead works of art and continued as their ranks were depleted and finally overcome by the equally enchanting plastic output of Herald and Swoppet figures produced by Britains in the 1960s and early 1970s (interestingly, there was a considerable Britains section sold at Disneyland in California in the Tinkerbell Toyshop at the Cinderella Castle for many years-unfortunately, Britains new production is no longer carried there). Britains toy soldiers have long, and still do, carry a great fascination for me and my collection of them continues to grow from second-hand sources, such as the auctions on Ebay. This volume, along with its companion book, *Armies of the World*, by the same author allow the collector of Old Britains lead toy soldiers (produced from 1893-1966) to continue collecting the huge output of that pioneering toy company.

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