



How to Use This Catalog

Think of this catalog as your "hobby pantry". All in one place, at one time, it lays out the items we nearly always have in stock. Of course we sometimes are back-ordered on certain items or discontinue something....but most of what you see here you can get most of the time. **So hang onto this issue.....**it only comes out every year or two.

Now, about how we've organized all this "stuff": For the most part, we have categorized everything by country. There's a table of contents below.

Expand This Catalog Via Our Web Page: www.elitebrigade.com

Believe it or not, we even have some additional items, or variations of items pictured here, that you can see on our web page or ask us about. So for instance, you can often buy just the knife from a knife and scabbard set or part of something you see in a uniform set. In addition to our web page, you can call our friendly staff using our toll-free number. They are happy to help you try to get what you need in the way you need it (we call it our "have it your way" philosophy!).

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Plus we add new Elite Brigade items as we make them. You'll see those in our newsletters and you can see them on the web. Plus we have lots of vintage GI Joe parts and figures, Dragon loose pieces, and assorted uniform sets and parts from other small companies like ours.

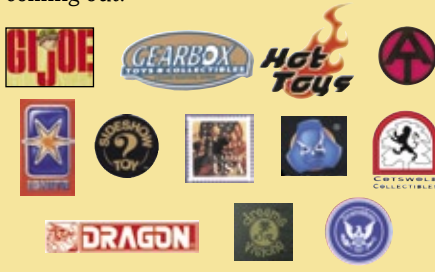
What's The Elite Brigade?

That's Cotswold's own brand. We design and manufacture items or uniform sets and dressed figures on a small scale to expand on other products in the hobby. One of our trademarks is offering parts as well as full sets..... **Have it Your Way!**



What Else We Sell

We are all about having fun with 12" figures, so we carry all the leading brands as well as figures from the smallest companies.....including our own Elite Brigade figure line. This Supply Depot is dedicated mostly to our Elite Brigade products. Our regular news updates keep our customers filled in on all of the other new products coming out.



Our Newsletter

We have published regular newsletters since 1989. That's a lot of action figure news!

Over the years we've had all kinds of formats for our news. With transformations in information technology, we're working on the best ways to keep you up-to-date as well as bring you the broadest selection possible. Today that's the combination of:

- This catalog
- Color updates mailed every few weeks
- Our web page that's regularly updated
- Weekly news via email

We mail our newsletters to our regular customers at no charge. Other readers can subscribe for just \$12 per year (US addresses. \$20 for international).

Elite Discounts: Buy More, Pay Less

We give quantity discounts on items we manufacture. A few, like display boxes and display stands are based on the carton pack, but most follow this formula:

Any 3 of the same item number: Take off 10%
Any 12 of the same item number: Take off 25%

Any 3 (or 12+) complete nude figures
 Any 3 (or 12+) dressed figures or
 Any 3 (or 12+) uniform sets are treated as "the same item number"



Cotswold Elite Brigade Armor Series

Real steel, hand hammered a piece at a time, then painstakingly fitted together onto an Elite figure body....that's how Cotswold's Elite Armor series is made.



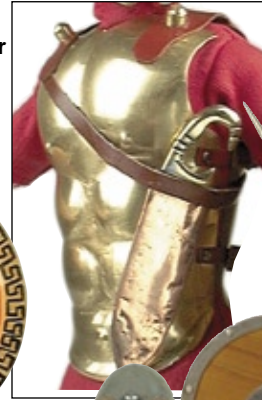
Roman Legionaire
GIEARM-04 \$119.99



Italian Knight with Chainmail
c. 1500
GIEARM-39 \$149.99



Roman First
Class Warrior
GIEARM-11
\$119.99
(Chest detail
at right)



Saxon Housecarl
c. 11th c.
GIEARM-30 \$89.99



(Detail of scales and
cross bow shown)

German Cross Bowman
c. 14th c.
GIEARM-31 \$89.99



Spanish Man at Arms
GIEARM-15 \$149.99



Albrecht von Hohenloe
c. 1325
GIEARM-32 \$89.99

Who We Are

No kidding. Cotswold got started in the mid 1980's as an antique auction in Seattle, importing fine British antiques (hence, our name....based on that lovely region in the southwest of England).

As you might guess, it wasn't a straight path from armoires and dining tables to the Cotswold you see in this catalog. But by 1989 we had branched out into lots of English collectibles including Action Man (the brand name for GI Joe in England), and we sent out a sales list of vintage Joe parts we'd found in a warehouse in Uruguay (true story). Our GI Joe/Action Figure mail order service for collectors was born!

Fast forward to the mid-nineties. We were knee-deep in the US Vintage Joe as well as Action Man and began manufacturing replacement parts and figures to complete and use all of the vintage gear that was around. We named our line **The Elite Brigade**. Before long we started to expand on Joe's legacy by adding additional uniforms and periods of history and expanding the hobby past vintage Joe. By the late nineties several other large manufacturers joined us and together the 12" figure hobby that spans interests from the earlier 60's figures right up to the most incredibly detailed figures we see today, evolved.



Today there's not a stick of antique furniture to be seen anywhere in our business and we've dedicated ourselves entirely to the creative fun of the 12" action figure hobby. Military figures form the core of what we do....but following our customers' creative leads.....we offer all kinds of 12" figures....to collect complete in their boxes, to display or to "morph" into whole new combinations.