Hongria 1945 - 1/35 scale

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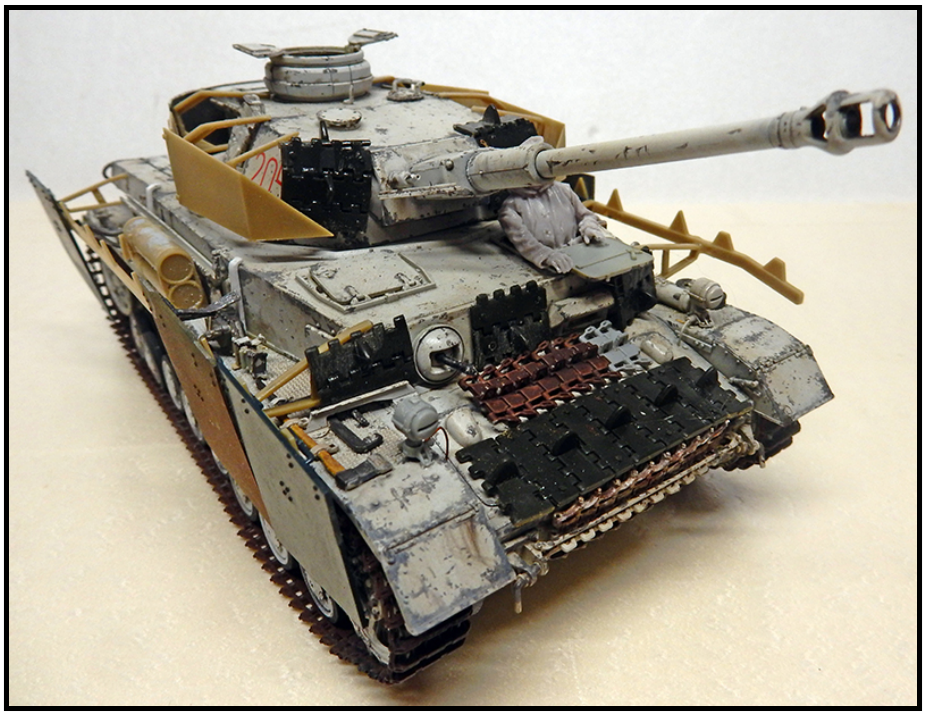
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Ce diorama sur la retraite allemande du front de l'Est va présenter trois chars et un nombre conséquent de figurines - 78 au total... Le premier char est un Panzer IV ausf G modifié en Panzer IV ausf H avec entre autres l'ajout de schürzen (plaques de blindage)... Une photo du véhicule repeint e...







This diorama depicting the German retreat from the Eastern Front will feature three tanks and a substantial number of figures—78 in all...

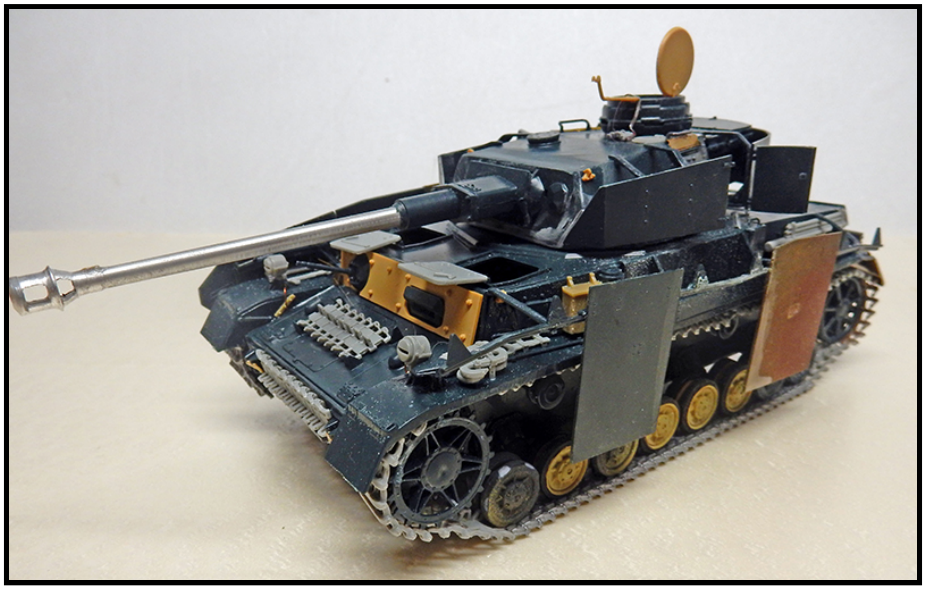
The first tank is a Panzer IV Ausf. G modified into a Panzer IV Ausf. H, with, among other things, the addition of schürzen (armor plates)...



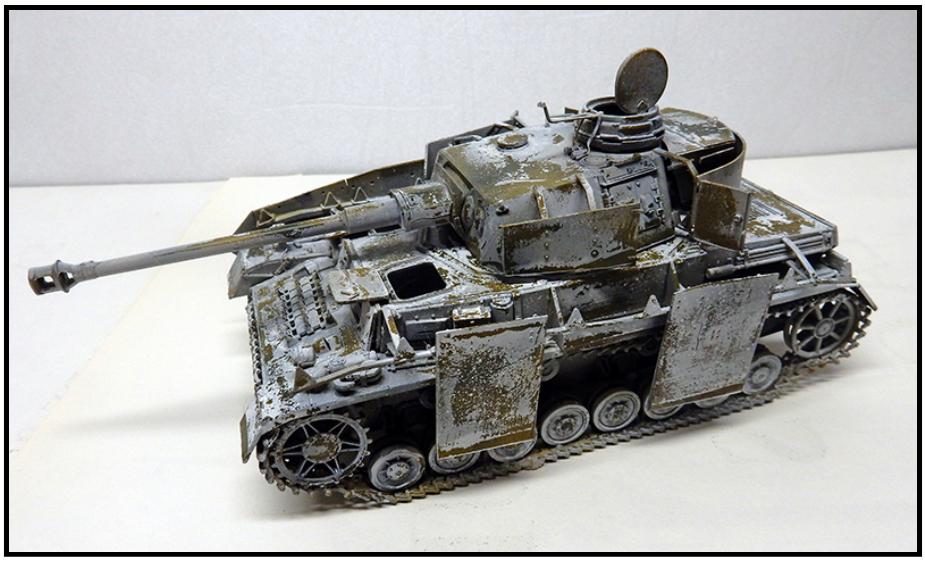
A photo of the vehicle, which was repainted and treated with hairspray to achieve the white finish...



The second tank is the old Italeri kit...



...It has been significantly improved with a metal barrel, track pads, photo-etched parts, and new separate armor plates...



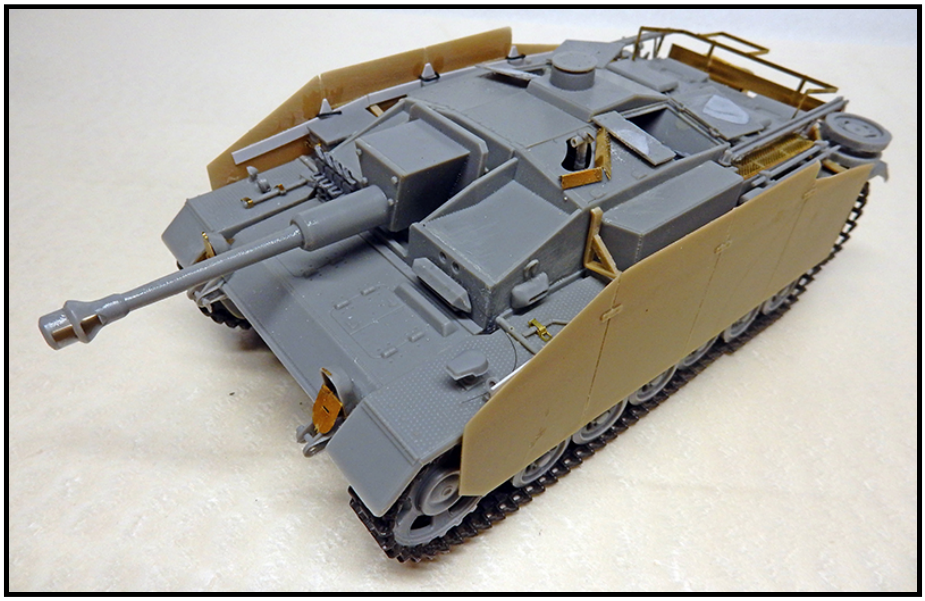
It was painted in a sand-yellow and green camouflage pattern and then treated with hairspray to achieve the white color...



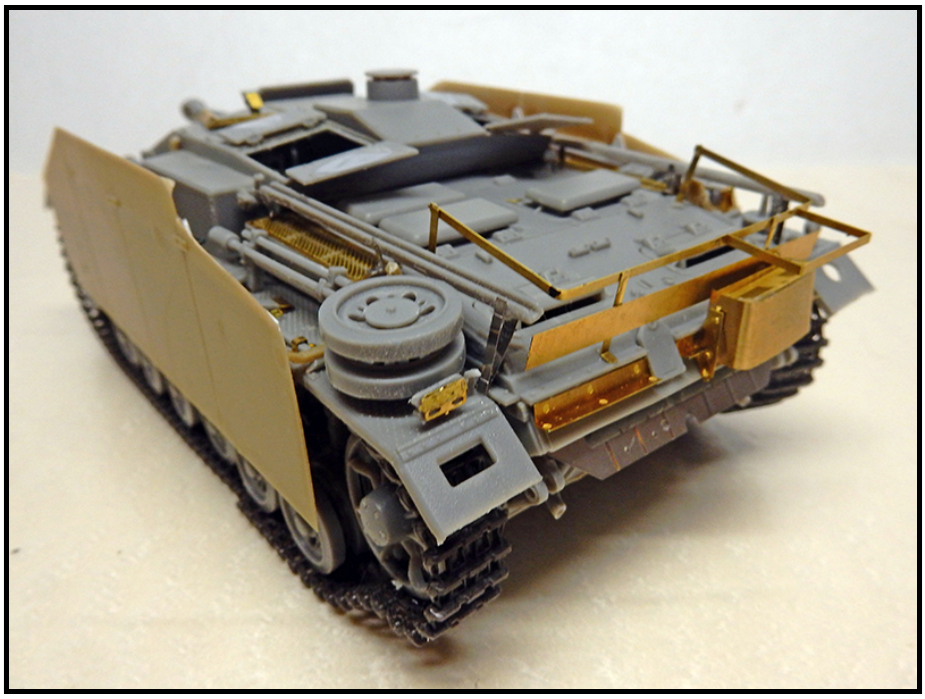
A view of the scenery...



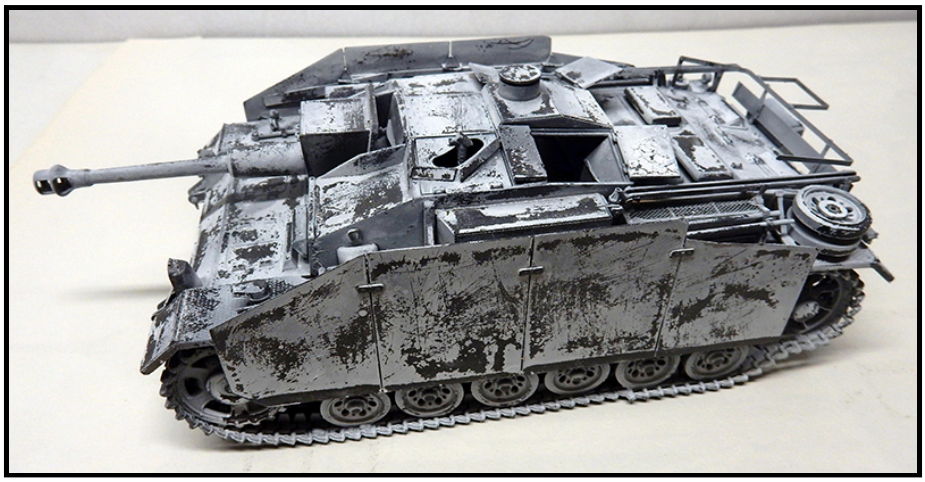
The third model is an assault gun—a Stug III Ausf. F...



This one will also be equipped with schürzen, although generally speaking, most Stug III ausf Gs were equipped with them...



Rear view - It comes with a nearly complete photo-etched kit...



A photo after painting...



...And as for the scenery, it was finished with the usual washes and weathering, and finally accented with pastel powders...



Aerial view showing the future placement of the tanks in the set...

The figurines





Infantry troops. They’re made from resin miniatures and boxed plastic kits; some have been modified. The weapons on the resin versions have almost all been replaced because the resin warps the small parts, rendering them unusable. All the straps are added using thin sheets of lead...



The soldiers' positions on the tank are based on a real vintage photograph...

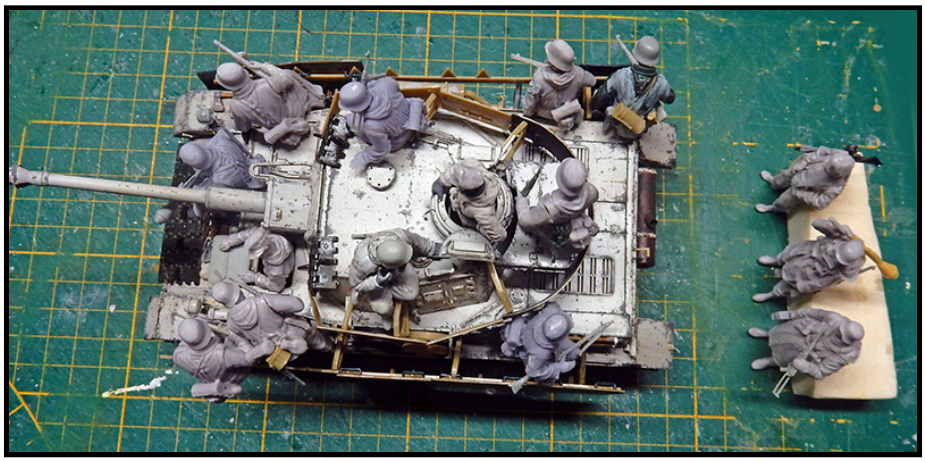


After painting... The miniatures are painted using Humbrol oil-based paints and Winsor & Newton artist paints...





More views...



The crew of the second Panzer IV...





Rear view with the soldiers standing on the hood...


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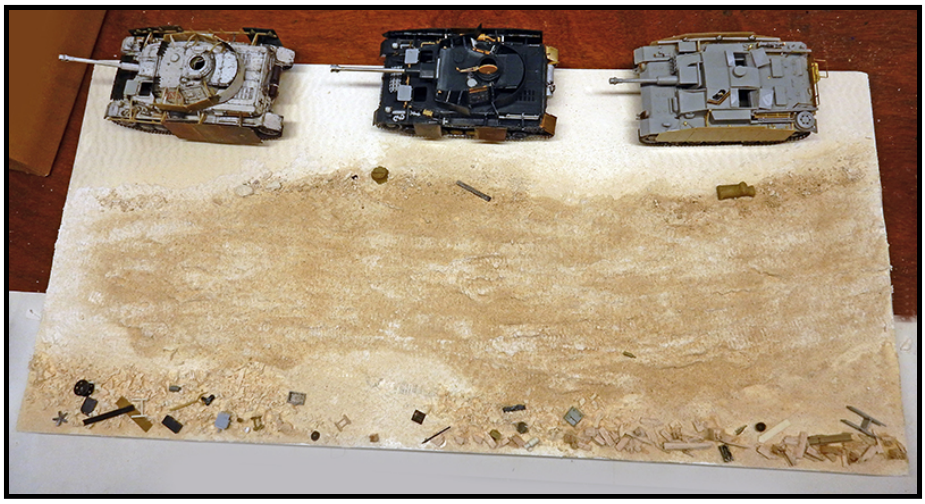

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Five photos of the completed Stug III on its display base...

The Setting



It consists of an extruded polystyrene panel glued to a 41 cm x 78 cm MDF board...

Various objects and debris are scattered in the foreground. The whole scene is sprinkled with fine sand...



Then I painted the background with acrylic paint—from large tubes meant for artists—using winter mud as my inspiration...



White powder is added to simulate snow. The final shot will depict a snow-covered field. We also apply thick, glossy, clear acrylic gel to the water holes and track marks...

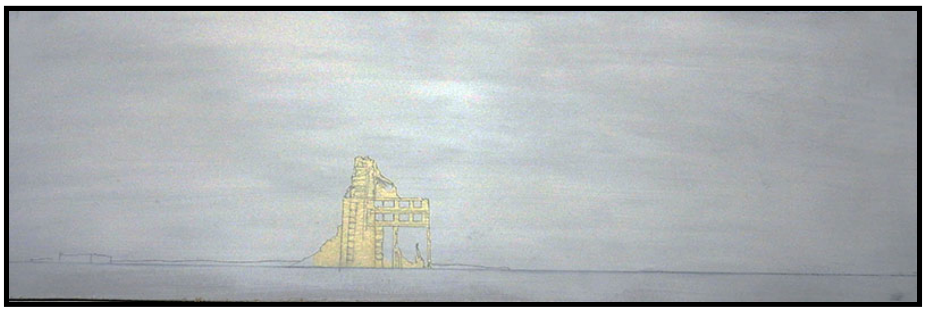


The tanks are glued to the diorama in their final positions using fast-setting wood glue...



The figures in position with the troops and crews...

The Background Set



It's very simple: a desolate winter landscape and a few ruins...

We cover up the damage before painting the background...



A few clouds in an overcast sky. We paint and add details to the ruin, and add a few trees...



Add some snow and fog to the mix...



The diorama is finished...

Sepia-toned diorama of exhausted German soldiers gathered around a tank, Hungary

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