Lawrence d'Arabie et les guerres arabes - 1/35 scale

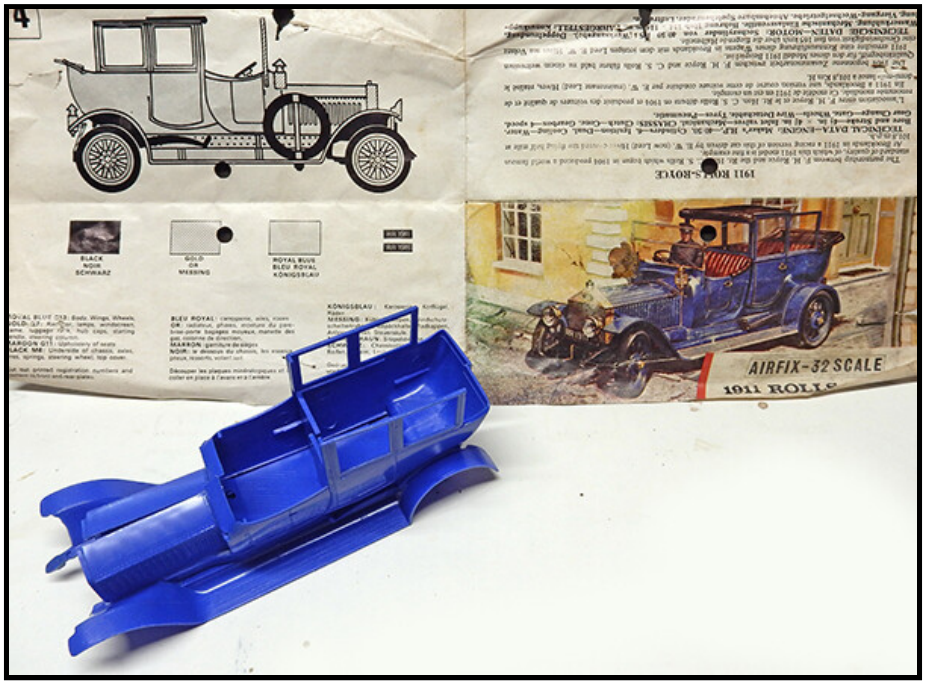
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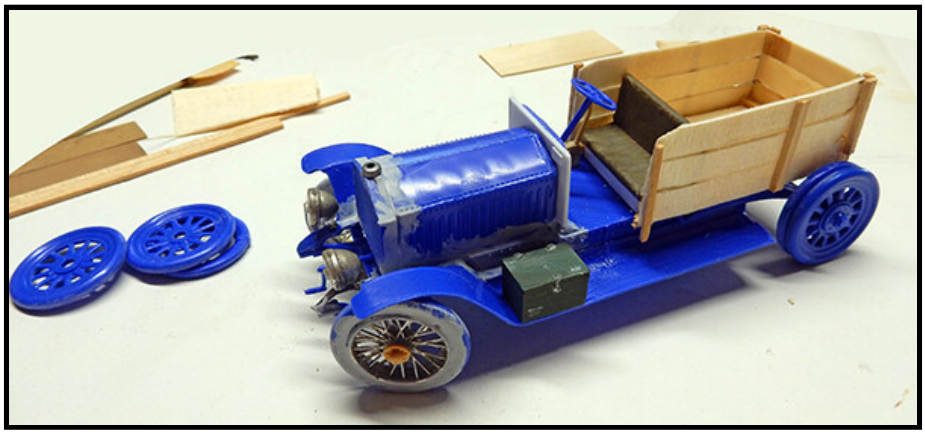




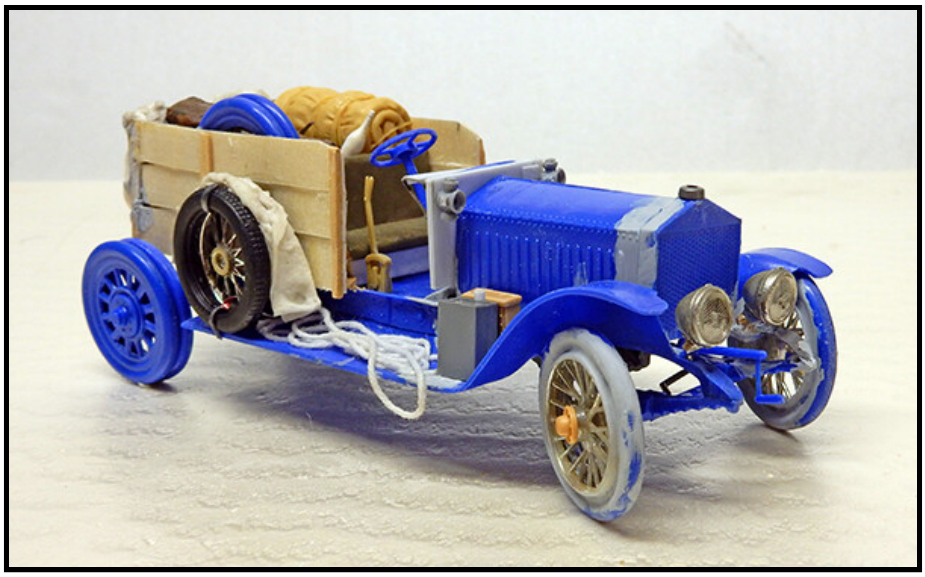
The model used to build a "Tender." The other kits are either very rare or sold for far more than they're worth. The vehicle consists of just about ten simple parts...

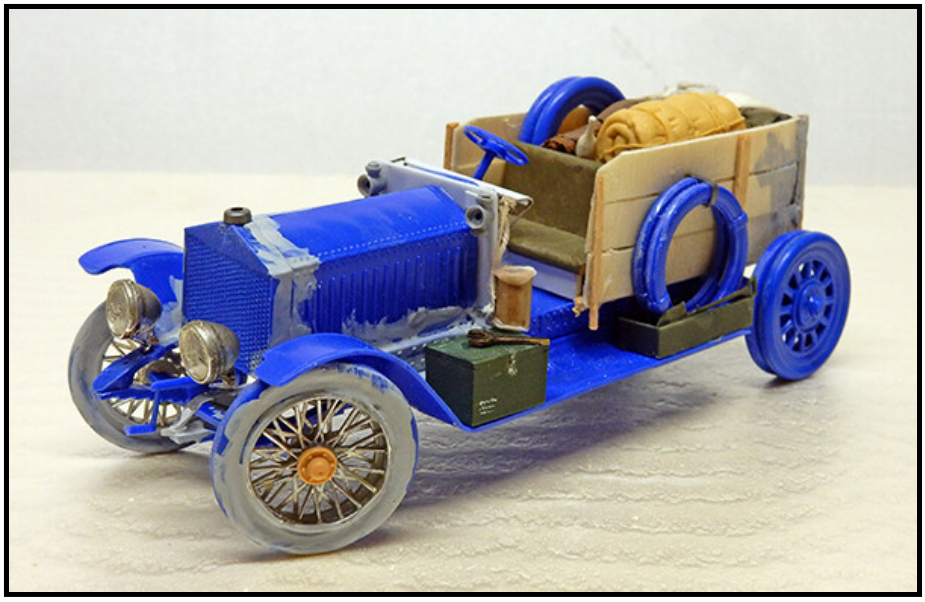


Time to strip it down! We're only keeping the hood. The passenger compartment and trunk are being cut out...



A wooden body—like the original—replaces the passenger compartment, which features a bench seat. The dashboard has been upgraded, and the unusable headlights have been replaced. A gearshift lever has been added. The (twin) artillery wheels remain on the rear, while the front features wheels with thinner spokes. The fuel cap has also been replaced...

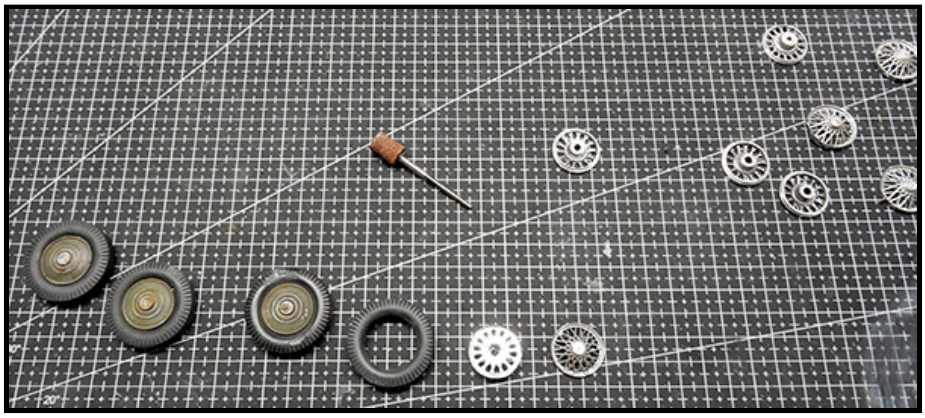




The vehicle is fully assembled, complete with its accessories, and ready for painting...



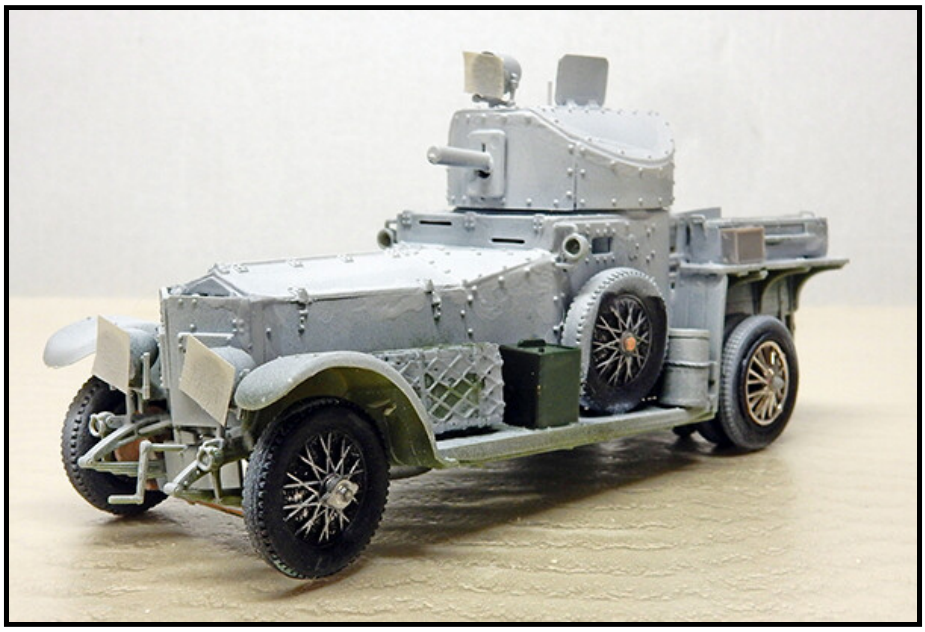
The British Army's Rolls-Royce Pattern MK I...

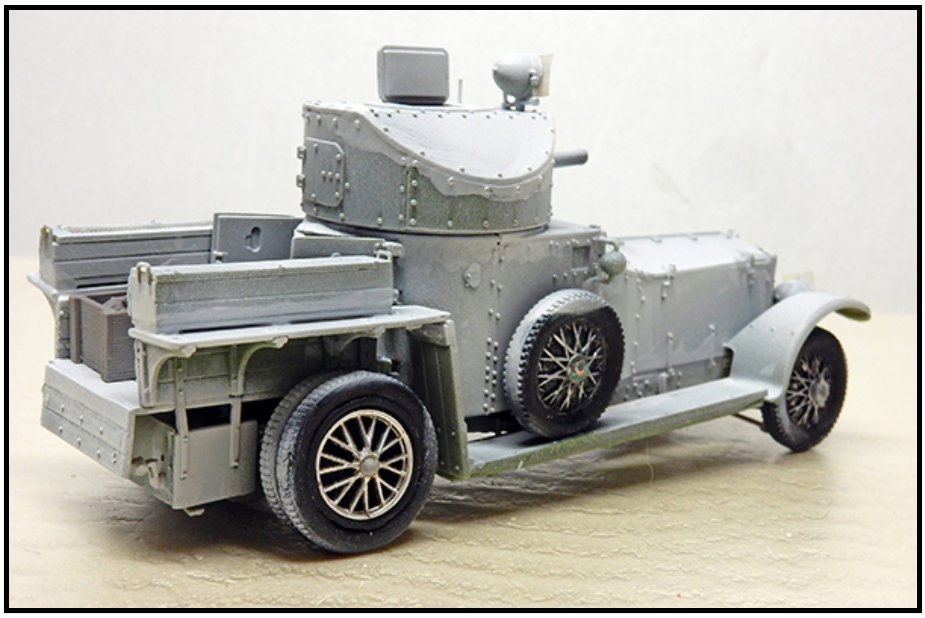


Solid rims are being replaced with spoked rims across the entire model line...



This kit isn't always easy to assemble due to fitting issues with the plastic parts. The Vickers machine gun has been replaced with a more accurate one from Tamiya. Liquid putty was applied to all the seams to perfect the finish...

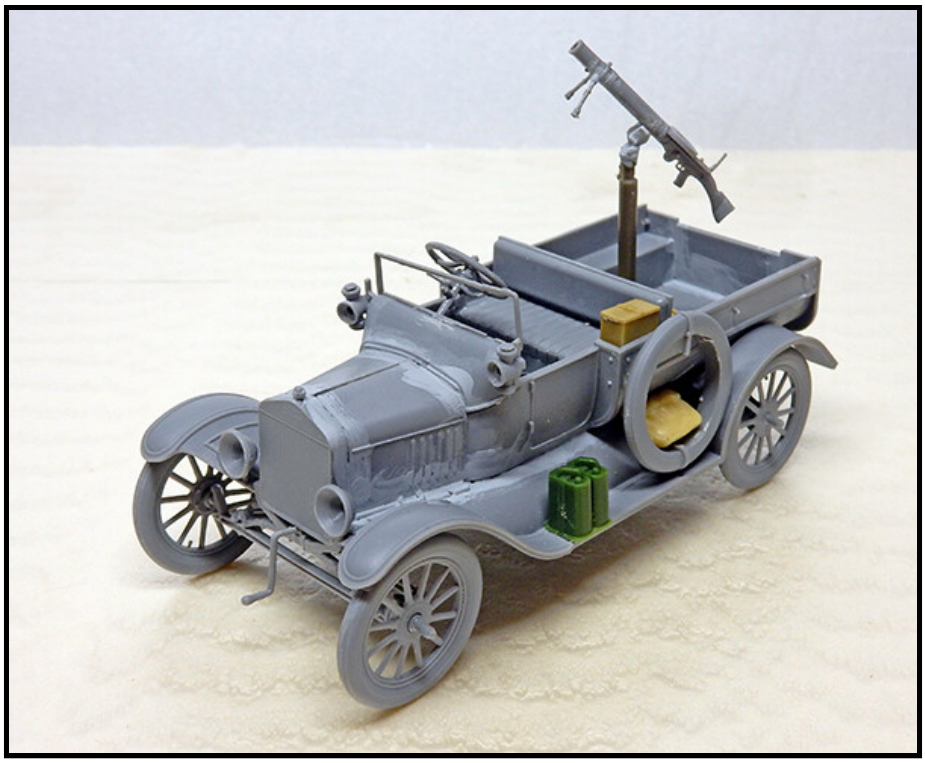


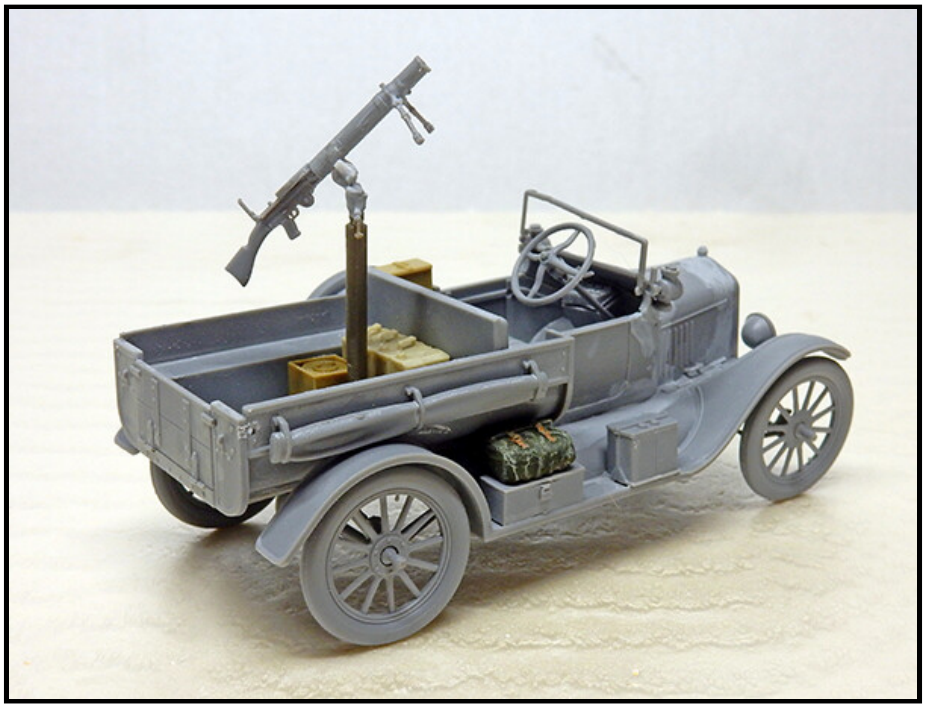


Applying a coat of primer to the model, which is now ready for the final coat of paint. We're covering the headlights...



The Ford Model T from ICM. Unlike the previous two, this is a model that’s full of finesse and a pleasure to assemble...

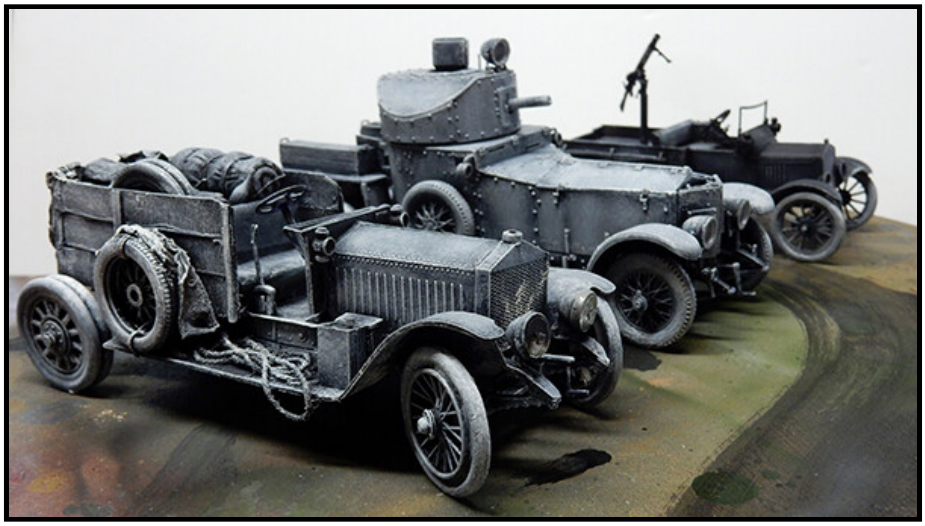


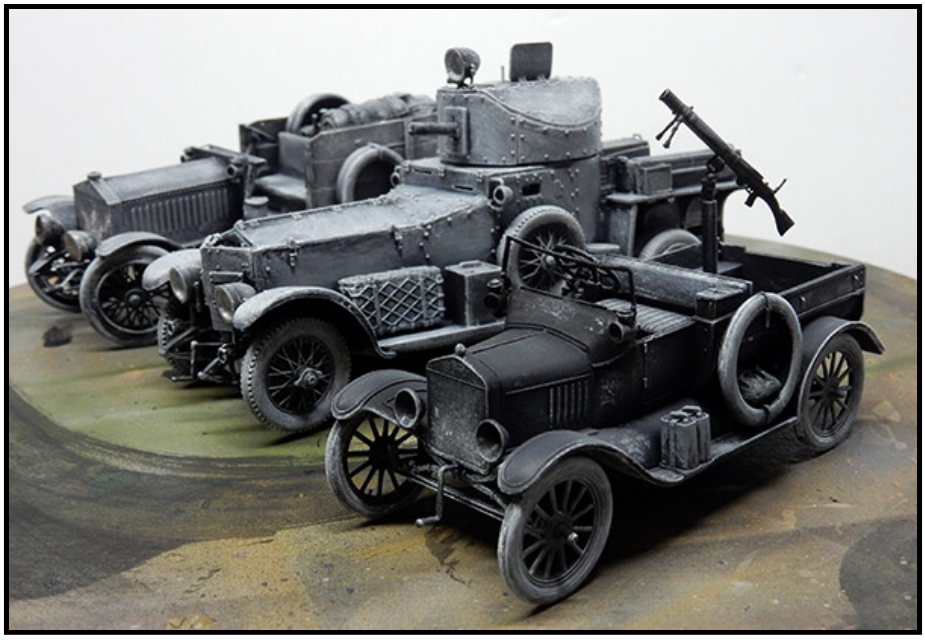


Very little touch-up work is needed on this very delicate model...

Painting







Since the diorama is intended to be in black and white—there are no period color photos—the painting will be very simple, focusing on subtle shades. We'll start with a medium gray for the base layers, followed by lighter grays, adding white sparingly. For the Ford Model T, the base coat for the body is black...

In black-and-white, compared to color, certain shades appear lighter or darker. It's important to keep this in mind to avoid painting a model that looks uniform...

Please note that not all the headlight lenses have been installed yet...

The figurines



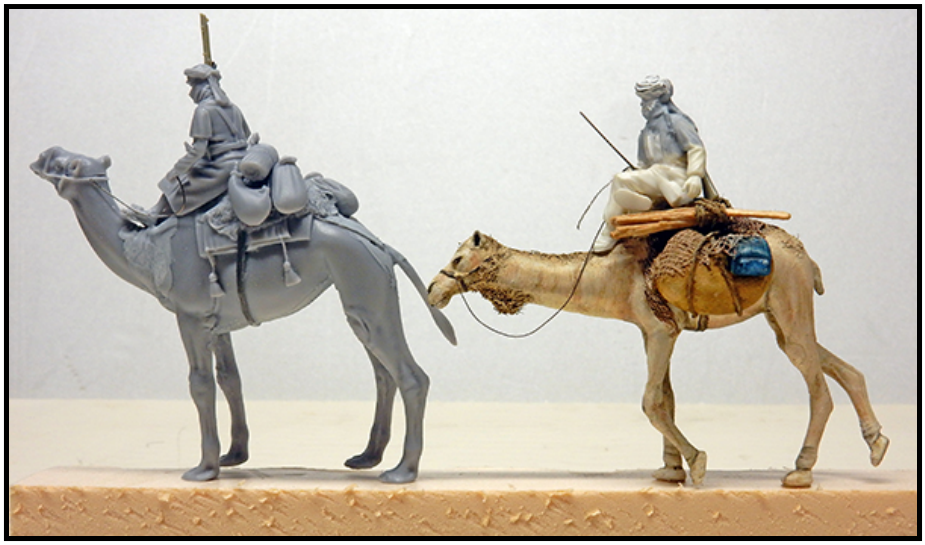
Here are some Tuareg figurines from the Nemrod brand, made of resin...





Soldiers from the British Army of 1914–1918 and various other figurines...



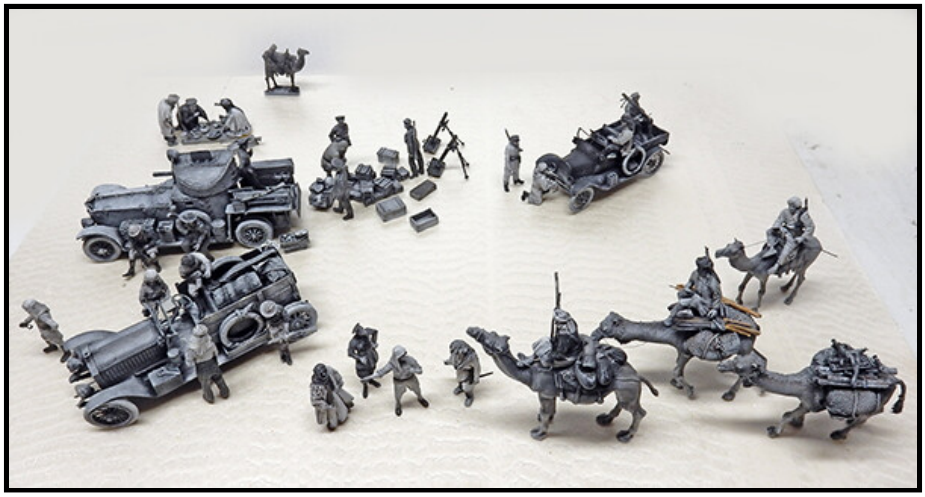




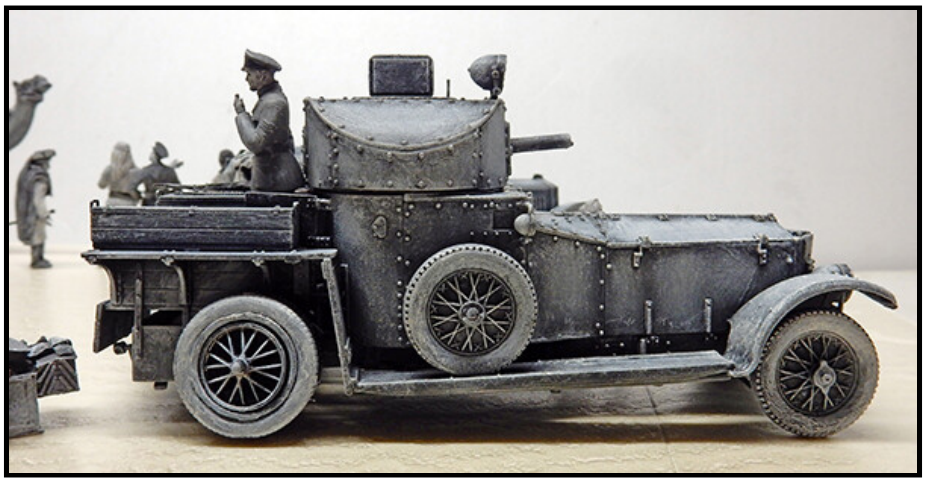


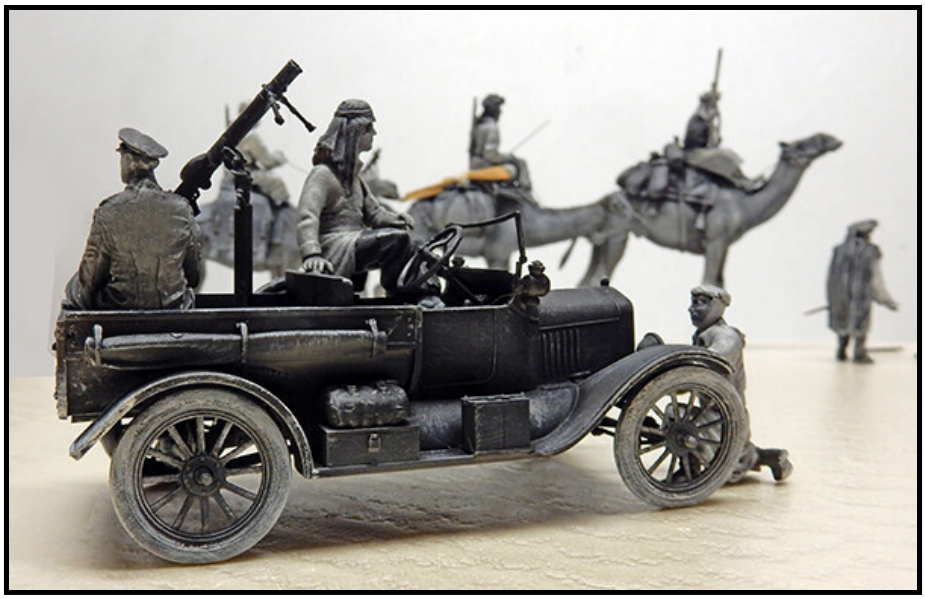
Let's not forget the camels... Resin models and modified camels from the Heller brand...

They will be treated in the same way as vehicles when it comes to painting...



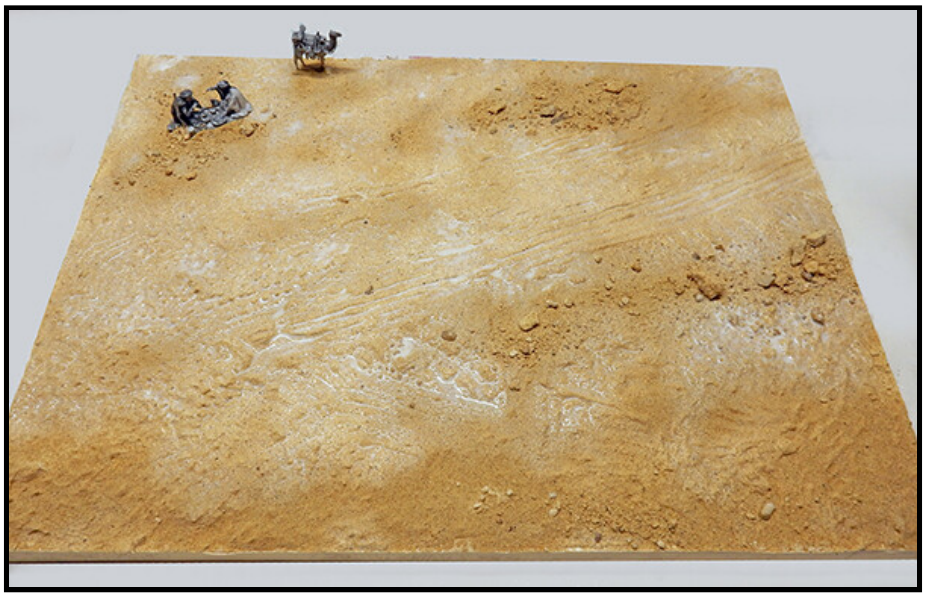
Overview with accessories...





Details...

The Setting



The scenery is created on a piece of extruded polystyrene covered with spackling compound, into which sand, dust, and gravel are embedded. Before it dries, wheel tracks, footprints, and animal paw prints are added...

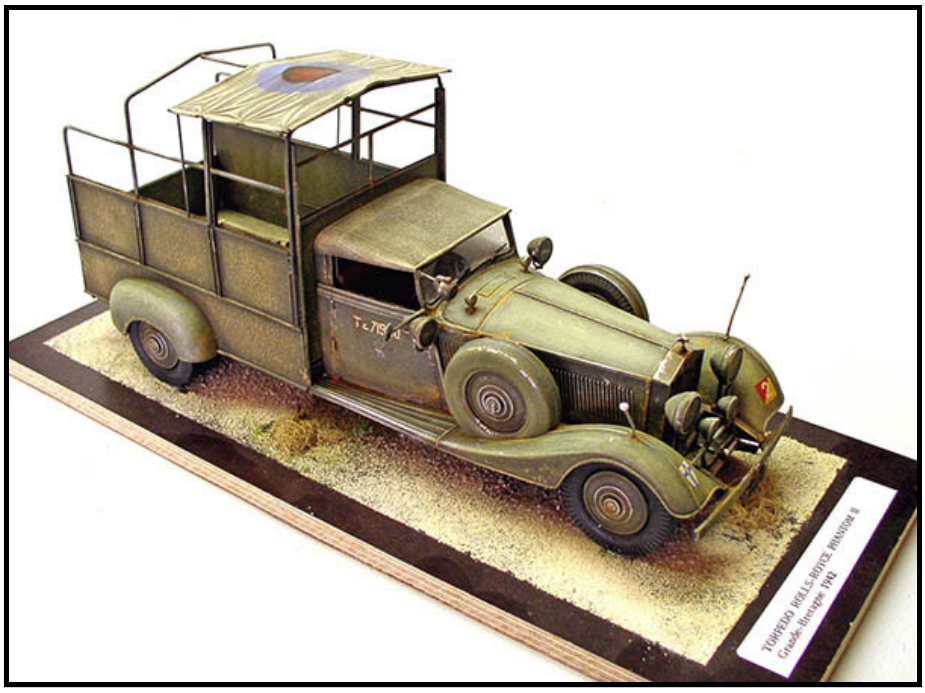
A few scattered bushes will be added....



The black-and-white background depicts the area surrounding the campsite, with the mountain that still stands there today...



Rolls-Royce "Blue Tender Mist"



The base model will be the Italeri 1/24-scale Rolls-Royce "Phantom II," which was first converted into an RAF pickup truck and has now been taken apart again—all for a good cause...







Basically the same modifications as on the previous models. Spoked rims; we kept part of the windshield and the headlights. The bench seat is made of genuine leather...

The Setting





The diorama will feature a few "pebbles" and a boulder, along with a painted background. The figure is a lead pilot in desert fatigues whose head has been modified...



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