

GMC CCKW 252 2.5-ton SWB 25pdr Gun Tower

**Gun C, Section A, 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery,
Imjin River, Korea, June 1951**



1. History

- a. Canada's army commitment to the Korean War was the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. Artillery support in that group was provided by four detachments of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.
 - i. 2nd Regiment (originally 2nd Field Regt.) 5 May 51 to 6 May 52 Unit sign 43
 - ii. 1st Regiment 3 May 52 to 22 Apr 53 Unit sign 42
 - iii. 4th Regiment (originally 81st Field Regt.) 16 Apr 43 to 9 May 54 Unit sign 42
 - iv. 3rd Regiment 9 May 54 to 27 Nov 54 Unit sign 43

- b. An RCHA regiment fielded 36 guns organized in
 - i. 3 batteries with
 - ii. 2 troops per battery
 - iii. 2 sections per troop
 - iv. 3 guns per section

- c. Gun crew consisted of
 - i. No. 1 - the commander, made large traverses of the gun and normally positioned to the rear.
 - ii. No. 2 - held the rammer, as well as operating the breech lever and stood to the right of the gun.
 - iii. No. 3 - the 'Layer', sat on the wooden seat on the left-hand side of the gun, adjusted the sights, signaled adjustments to the No. 1 in big traverses and fired the gun.
 - iv. No. 4 - the 'Loader'.
 - v. No. 5 - passed ammunition to the No. 4 and checked the fuses.
 - vi. No. 6 - the second-in-command (2IC) who set the fuses and the charges, as well as being responsible for the movement and braking of the trailer.



2. Kits Used

a. GMC 2.5-ton SWB Gun Tractor

- i. Base Kit: Academy WWII Ground Vehicle Set 2 (kit # 13402)
- ii. Cargo box, frame shorten, and drive shafts to SWB length
- iii. Scratch built brass and styrene fuel tanks and spare tire holders
- iv. Scratch built brass box tarp frames, with tissue tarp.
- v. Detail: Eduard GMC 2 1/2 ton 6x6 cargo with accessories (kit # 22 087)

b. 25-pdr Field Gun and Ammo Limber

- i. Base kit: Esci British 25 pdr. Field Gun (kit # 8045)
- ii. Gun shield thinned, and front face details replace with styrene stock and Tiche rivets
- iii. Rod details replaced by brass stock,
- iv. Limber mud guards and support struts replace with brass stock.

c. Gun Crew

- i. Base Kit: 6 figures selected from AB 20mm World War II figure sets British 25pdr. crew RTB05 and RTB06.

3. Color and Markings

- a. All pieces primed with Humbrol 33 Flat Black

b. GMC 2.5-ton SWB Gun Tractor

- i. Base Color: Olive drab (Humbrol 155 adjusted with 33 Flat Black, 70 Brick Red, and 94 Yellow Brown)

c. 25-pdr Field Gun and Ammo Limber

- i. Base Color: S.C.C. 15 Olive Drab (Humbrol mix 150 (5) / 159 (5) / 33 Flat Black (2))

d. Gun Crew

- i. Basic uniform: Canadian Khaki (greenish tint) (Humbrol 75 Bronze Green tinted with 70 Brick Red)

