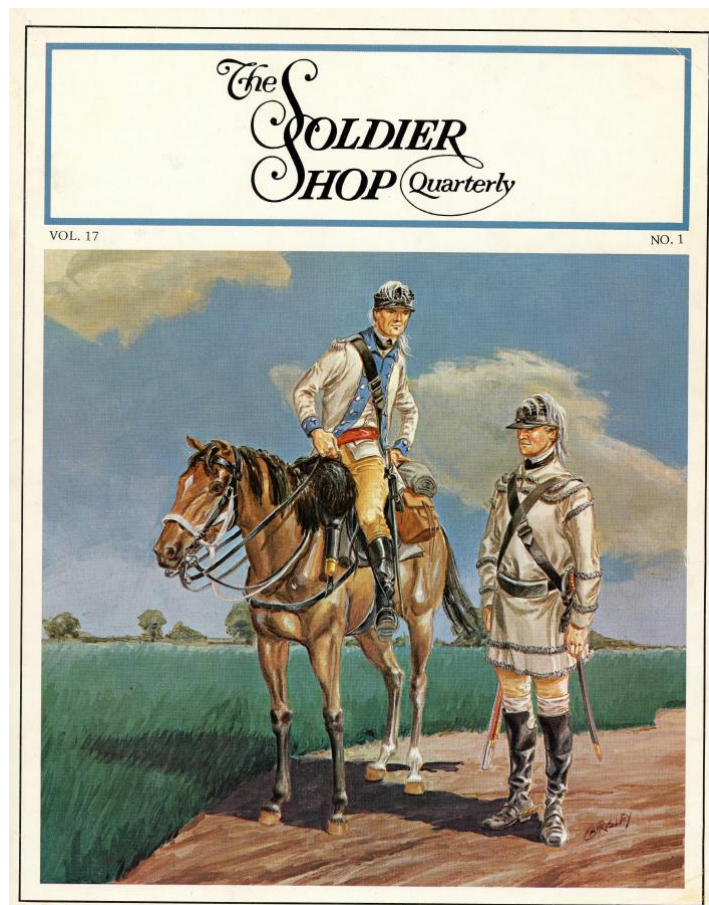


The Soldier Shop Quarterly

A Review by Rich Barbuto

Old-timers may remember The Soldier Shop located on Madison Avenue in New York City. Peter J. Blum, the owner, had built a Mecca for collectors of militaria as well as military history buffs and war gamers. The small shop showcased original and replica headgear, uniforms, edged weapons, prints, medals, old and new books and hundreds of collectable miniatures. To me it appeared to be a cross of museum and wargame store. On my infrequent forays into the Big Apple, I stopped in to marvel at all that was available to people with larger budgets than my own. It was here in the late sixties and early seventies that I acquired my Featherstone wargaming books, glossy wargaming journals, and 25mm lead (yes, lead) figures and paints.

Blum, aided by the redoubtable trio of William Imrie, Clyde Risley, and Richard Riehn, produced a quarterly that was part catalog and part magazine. (Think *White Dwarf* for historical miniatures.) This thick, colorful, magazine was available for only \$4 annually! Single copies were available in the store for \$2, \$2.50, or \$3 depending on the year of the issue. Below are the covers and pages I have retained after multiple purges of my collection of wargaming stuff. Many of the covers were Risley's artwork. Enjoy.





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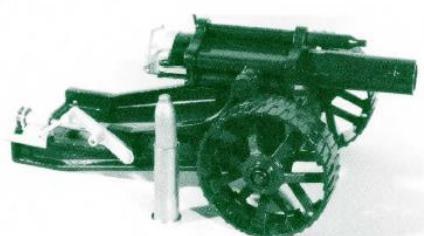


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