

U.S.O. TO EXHIBIT PRICE'S MODELS

War Displays of Columbus Boy to Be Featured at Center.

Some of the work of Hugh Price, 15-year-old Columbus school boy, who has carved hundreds of miniature models of soldiers and military equipment, will be on exhibit Sunday at the local U.S.O. club and is expected to prove of interest to the soldier visitors at the center.

The exhibit will consist of four displays: a village battle during the Italian campaign, an amphibious operation in the Pacific, a combat scene after the invasion of Normandy, and miscellaneous pieces in Hugh's collection.

Price has exhibited his work to the public only once before, in an exhibit sponsored by the Red Cross three years ago before he had attained his present degree of skill. Servicemen's centers in Indianapolis have expressed an interest in his hobby, and it is hoped that a good attendance at the exhibit will lead to bookings for the boy in Indianapolis.

Military personnel in the Camp Atterbury area are invited to attend the U.S.O. war exhibit. Members of the 106th Division, in particular, are asked to turn out from the bivouac area to the program. Civilians are welcome at the U.S.O. club at all times.

During the past four years Price has carved out of balsa wood over 500 models of infantrymen, tanks, LST boats, guns, and other materials of war. Although young Price constructs his models to relative scale, he makes them diminutive, the average size of his typical infantrymen being three-quarters of an inch. In order to make his replicas exact, Hugh has read over 6,800 pages in army manuals on strategy and tactics, and has studied innumerable pictures. As an example, Price constructed his German 88 millimeter gun only after a painstaking study of 11 different pictures of the piece. Lately, Hugh's mother has found her household store of spaghetti being depleted, for in building models of Italian houses for battle scenes in Italy he has been using spaghetti for the tile roofs.

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