



N.C. Hibbett Train Collection

Military Train



Introduction

The military uses lots of equipment and supplies, the use of trains to move this equipment has been common since the civil war. Taking or destroying the enemies rail centers has always been a priority in war. Mr. Hibbett repainted several cars while assembling this set. Most of the equipment in this consist is painted the olive drab color used by the US army.

The Consist

Lionel 711 2-4-2 Columbia Locomotive:



This Lionel locomotive is one of the items that were repainted in Olive drab for an army set. It is a repainted Lionel 8141 from the Pennsylvania Flyer Set. It would have been made in 1971 - 1972. This would be a very early Modern-MPC production. This plastic shell mold has been used by Lionel since the 1950s.

This engine has a plastic body painted olive drab with 771 stickers on the side and a circled star on the cab roof. This is a 2-4-2 wheel arrangement with spoked driving wheels, two position reverse unit with control lever on top of the boiler, slot and tab coupler, head light, and a smoke unit with a bellows to match engine speed (triggered from driver rods). The engine is paired with #285 streamlined tender.

Lionel 26413 Operating Box car:



This is a modern era operational U S Army mail delivery box car. Using the uncoupling track, opens the door and the mailman “throws” out a mail sack. The car has a plastic body, sheet metal chassis, end brake wheel, and die cast sprung trucks with magnetic disk / tab couplers. Last catalogued in 2000. The Lionel catalog number is 6-26776

Lionel 6338 Single Dome Water Tank Car:



This is a modern era single dome tank car with a US Army livery and is labeled “Water”. It is olive drab with black tank ends and dome top. It has frame steps on the corners and wire hand rails (one end is missing). The top hatch on the dome is missing.

Lionel 6424 Type Flat Car with Missile Load



This is a girder sided type flat car. This style of car was the most common flat car that Lionel produced. It came with many kinds of loads. This car has been repainted to fit the Army theme of this set.

Lionel 6401 Truss Rod Flat Car with Tank.



This car was normally sold with no load. Sold in 1965, it had no truss rods, no labeling, and one operating and one fixed coupler. The tank was made by Payton Products and was included in some uncatalogued military sets. It has a part number of 958-75. The MJ collection has version A which was light grey.

Lionel USMC Work Caboose



Modern era USMC work caboose with rear guard rail and ladder. Plastic body, chassis, and trucks. Couplers on both ends, no smoke stack.