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Ambulance trains

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More titles and information available on our library catalogue:

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Engineering drawings

These lists contain reference to ambulance train drawings held at the NRM

- Derby Carriage and Wagon Drawing Collection
- Great Western Railway Carriage and Wagon Drawing Collection
- London Midland & Scottish Railway Carriage and Wagon Drawing Collection

- Stratford Works Drawing Collection (especially bench hole copies)

The lists for these collections can be browsed on our website:

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/research-and-archive/research-help/catalogues>

Archive material

- Booklet entitled Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Exhibition of Ambulance Train, illustrated with pictures of the interior and exterior of the train and facts and figures of the composition and make up of the train. 16 pages, 1914-1918 (Ref: 1995-7793)
- Booklet entitled ambulance train for use of the American armies in France constructed at the companies carriage and wagon works at Eastleigh, 1918. Issued by H.A. Walker. With black and white photographs of the train. Front cover has the British, American and red cross flags (Ref: 2008-7759)
- NRM Technical Archive - Diagram books (DIAG/AMB)
- Papers, drawings and photographs concerning ambulance trains, c1939-1952. 1 box. Received from British Railways Board Residuary (Ref:1994-8512)
- Wolverton Works archive collection
The Wolverton Works archive contains drawings and other papers such as photograph albums, correspondence, reports. You can search the catalogue on our website:
<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/research-and-archive/research-help/catalogues>

Sounds

Oral history recordings:

- Tom King NAROH Transcript 2000-39/1. Describes driving a World War Two ambulance train, mentions overloaded trains, ambulance train drivers

Photographs

The following provide links to lists of photographs

- NRM photograph binder number 126 Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway: First World War - ambulance trains (photos taken from Horwich Works Collection)
- NRM photograph binder number 423 Ambulance Trains (other than LYR) (photos taken from BTC; NRM; Derby; Doncaster; North British; York collections)
- NRM photograph album collection
- Wolverton works archive contains photograph albums showing ambulance trains

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Objects



Carriage plaque, Midland Railway, 'Midland Railway 1914-1919. This carriage formed part of ambulance train No 34 in service in France during the Great War'. Brass rectangle with red inlay in cross. Overall: 74 mm x 100 mm. (Ref:1979-7384)



Flag, cotton, Union Jack, printed with lettering "Souvenir of Ambulance Train constructed by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway for use on the Continent, November 1917", 137 x 87 mm (ref: 1994-8832)



Flag, cotton, Stars & Stripes, printed with lettering "Souvenir of Ambulance Train constructed by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway for use on the Continent, November 1917" , 150 x 111 mm (Ref: 1994-8833)

Ladder, London North Western Railway, wooden, from war time ambulance train, marked "Ambulance Train No 19, LNWR, 15/11/15", 1915. (Ref: 1981-7407)