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Ambulance trains

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Books

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- Fairman, J.R. “Netley Hospital and its railways” Southampton : Kingfisher Railway, 1984
- Friends Ambulance Unit “A train errant: being the experiences of a voluntary unit in France, and an anthology from their magazine” Hertford, Simson, 1919 (rare book)
- Great Britain War Office “Railway manual (war) 1911 (reprinted with amendments, 1914)” Uckfield: Naval & Military Press I association with the Imperial War Museum

- Great Central Railway Company “63 ambulance train constructed for the United States Army Medical Department at the Great Central Railway Company's carriage works” Westminster : Knapp, Drewett, 1918


- Harris, Michael "Great Western Coaches 1890-1954" Nairn : David St John Thomas, 1993


- Jenkinson, David "LNWR Carriages: a Concise History", york, Pendragon, 1995

- Lacy, R.E. (Raph Edwin) & Dow, George "Midland Railway Carriages" [Upper Bucklebury]: Wild Swan 1984-1986

- Langham Rob “The North Eastern Railway in the First World War” Fonthill Media


- Moore, George Abraham “The birth and early days of our ambulance trains in France, August 1914” London : John Bale, Sons & Danielsson, 1992

- North Eastern Railway Company (Great Britain) “North Eastern Railway ambulance train” York : North Eastern Railway, 1917


- Pratt, Edwin A. “British railways and the Great War : organisation, efforts, difficulties and achievements” London : Selwyn and Blount, 1921
Articles

- Railway News “Records of railway interests in the War” London: Railway News 1915-1917

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  - “Ambulance trains on the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway” 1992.06 p.324
  - “The Caledonian Railway’s Continental Ambulance Train” 2002.1 p.41
  - “Wandering on a foreign strand- US Army Ambulance Train in Britain” 1999.10 p 525

  - “Great Eastern Locomotives in the Oxford area (B12/3 to Fairford on ambulance train trial) 1997.04 p 42
  - “Great Eastern Railway Hospital Ambulance Train” 1996.02 p.20

- Great Western Echo: Journal of the Great Western Society, Didcot: Great Western Society
  - “It has been revealed – 1. Casualty evacuation trains and ambulance trains” 1997.01 p. 5

- The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Society Magazine, Thorpe Bay: Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Society
  - “A rake’s progress – an ambulance train of the Great War in 7mm scale – prototype information 2005.03 p.6
  - “Ambulance train formation” 2006.02 p. 14

- Locomotives & Railways, Manchester: Locomotives & Railways
  - “Eastleigh has constructed an ambulance train for returning wounded soldiers to Netley Hospital” 1900.05 p53

  - “Ambulance train under construction at Stratford for Service on the Continent” 1915.04 p 93
  - “Great Eastern Railway Hospital Ambulance Train” 1914.10 p247
  - “Indian Ambulance Trains” 1915.02 p 30
  - “Indian notes: Military manoeuvres to test Army Medical Service under wartime conditions at Poona – details of an ambulance train” 1914.07 p 188
  - “North Eastern Company’s Ambulance Train for the Continent”1917.12 p.527

- Model Railway Constructor, Weybridge: Ian Allen
  - “LNER Sleeping cars (in ambulance trains) (letters) 1973.05 p.197

Created May 2014.
Platform, Wakefield: Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Society

Ambulance train No.6” 2000.1 p.40

“Ambulance train No.2” 1981.3 p 1

“L&Y ambulance trains 1914-1924” p.16

“Lancashire & Yorkshire ambulance trains (open for inspection 29 January 1916) 1995.01 p 26

The Railway Gazette and Railway News, London: Railway Gazette

“Military Ambulance Trains” 08/12 /1940

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“Disposal of R.O.D. rolling stock (GWR ambulance train in France 7 Midland Railway Coach)” 1933.10 p306

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The Lancashire and Yorkshire Ambulance Train 1985.02 p.29

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“British Ambulance Trains” 1997.06 p.31

“Number 23 British Ambulance Train” 1996.02

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Archive collections

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)

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 through the link above

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


Related Objects

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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)
o 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)

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

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