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Bibliography


Rowledge, J.W.P. *Heavy goods engines of the War Department Volume 1: ROD 2-8-0*. Poole: Springmead Railway, 1977-1978. Shelfmark B4-7/85/1


More titles and information are available on our library catalogue, please ask Search Engine staff for details or access it online at: [www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/librarycatalogue](http://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/librarycatalogue)

**Staff magazines:**

The National Railway Museum is undertaking a project to create an online list of the railway workers who fell in the First World War. This list is based on railway company staff magazines and information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. New entries and images were available are being added on an ongoing basis. You can search the database at: [http://firstworldwar.nrm.org.uk/fallen-railwaymen/](http://firstworldwar.nrm.org.uk/fallen-railwaymen/).

- Great Eastern Magazine, 1911-1926 Shelfmark: 1.0250 and CD/1
- London and North Western Railway Gazette, 1912-1922. Shelfmark: 1.0350
- North Eastern Railway Magazine, 1911-1926. Shelfmark: 1.0420, 1.0430 and CD/75
- South Western Railway Gazette, 1881-1921. Shelfmark: CD/76/1-2
Archive Collections

- Papers of the Military Forwarding Services Old Comrades Association including minutes, accounts, correspondence, reports and photographs. MFS/1-5. Object no. 1997-7182

- Report written by Mr F. H. Fisher to Mr R. T. Morcom, District Superintendent of the London & North Western Railway, November 1918, regarding the establishment of locomotive works in France during the First World War. Object no. 2002-7302

- Tommy Hornbuckle Archive - contains documents relating to the supervising of general and electrical engineering works of the locomotive department, World War One and the re-organisation of the fleet of ships. HORN/1. Object no. 2002-7482

- Railway Operating Division booklet "Extract from General Regulations for Signals on the Northern Railway of France," printed circa 1917. Object no. 2006-7122

- Exemption and Release cards, Great Northern Railway, issued during the 1914-1918 War. Object no. 2000-7567

- Wolverton Archive - Reports to the Locomotive Committee contain lists of men serving in wartime in the Boer War and World War One. (WOLV1/5) A works book from 1918 describes how the works disinfected Chinese labour trains. (WOLV 4/5/1/1).


- Papers, paper, card, career papers of Thomas Henry Hollingsworth, circa 1916 to circa 1956. Hollingsworth began his career with the Cardiff Railway as cleaner on Cardiff Station. He subsequently worked for the GWR and BR and progressed through several posts to become Traffic Adviser to the BTC in 1956. He died in 1981. The papers include certificates, photographs, articles, cuttings, permits etc. etc. and include some references to his WW1 service as a stretcher bearer. Object no. 2016-7059
Engineering Drawings

Great Central Railway/Railway Operating Division Class 8K 2-8-0 (Colour - E1)

Great Western Railway / Railway Operating Division Class 4300 (E2)

Reproductions of these two drawings are kept in stock as part of the Railways on the Drawing Board selection; please ask Search Engine staff for details.

- Gorton Works Contractor Drawing Sets for the Railway Operating Division 2-8-0 Locomotives - Boxes 30 and 31.
- Swindon Carriage & Wagon collections including rail-mounted guns and armoured wagon drawings.
- Crewe Works Collection - armoured train drawings including internal fittings.
- Wolverton Carriage & Wagon Works Archive - Drawings of stock built during wartime throughout the main series drawings. (WOLV 3/2)

Reproductions can be ordered through our copying, please ask staff for details or see www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/research-and-archive/research-help/copying-and-copyright
Sounds
A selection of oral history recordings about the Second World War:

- Harrison, Douglas **NAROH2007-55**
  National Service; First World War; Second World War

- Stretch, Edith **NAROH2003-15**
  War work call up; working in a mans world

Pictorial Collections

- Great Northern Railway: Doncaster Works Munitions Manufacture 1914-1918 War. Photo binder no. 88

- Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway: First World War, manufacturing, munitions, etc
  Photo binder no. 125

- Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway: First World War - ambulance trains
  Photo binder no. 126

- War and Railways Photo binders no. 581 – 583

- Ink drawing by Helen McKie. Series of sketches showing soldiers at a London (South Eastern & Chatham Railway, possibly Cannon Street) terminus during the First World War. Object no. **1977-5855**

- PHA003 BTC 2495/60 Great Northern Railway Doncaster Carriage & Wagon Works 1916 Photographs of staff in posed groups and in workshops taken during the Great War at the Doncaster Carriage & Wagon workshops 1916. Object no. **1996-7896**

- PHA007 BTC 123/1/51 War Material manufactured at Horwich Works during the First World War Photographs of war material manufactured at the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway works at Horwich during the Great War, with diagrams, drawings and an index. c. 1920. Object no. **1997-7241**

- PHA105 York Carriage Works, First World War Photographs from York Carriage Works during the Great War showing women workers and products made 1914-1919

- Photographs, an album of 48 prints, possibly carbon prints, captioned, featuring tools and appliances, equipment and munitions manufactured for the government at the North Eastern Railway Greensfield Locomotive Works, Gateshead-on-Tyne, during the First World War, December 1916. Photographer: North Eastern Railway
official photographer. Album: brown hardback covers, 290 x 230 mm, front inside cover inscribed with details, 24 pp, prints 6¼ x 4½ ins, print on final page is hand watercoloured to show locomotive camouflage scheme. Object no. 1997-7072

Additional images can be found on www.ssplprints.com, where you can also buy reproductions.

Rolls of Honour

- Roll of Honour bearing the names of those connected with the Barry Railway Company who responded to the call of duty to serve in the European War of 1914-1918, presented to A.H. Cook. Object no. 2004-7430

- Letter dated 28 January 1920 from the Barry Railway Company to A.H. Cook presenting a copy of the Roll of Honour containing the names of all the men from the Company who served in the Great War. Object no. 2004-7429

- Roll of honour, colour printed, Great Eastern Railway staff members from Whittlesea station joining H.M. Forces 1914-1915, in glazed frame, 530mm x 685mm. Object no. 2004-7316

- War Memorial, Great Western Railway Roll of Honour, 1914-1918, complete listing, in glazed frame, 1780mm x 1210mm. Object no. 2004-7396

- Roll of Honour, World War I, staff on active service, Great Western Railway Sheet Department, Worcester, illuminated, with photographs of deceased, by A. Parry. Object no. 2005-7681

- Roll of Honour, First World War 1914 - 1918, Great Western Railway Employees killed (2,524), printed, dated October 1922, from Exeter (St. Davids) Station. Conserved and mounted on board. (1498 x 1010 mm). Object no. 2006-7196


- Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway 'Roll of Honour for Lancashire and Yorkshire Railwaymen who gave their lives for their King and country in the Great War 1914-1919. Printed by Charles Sever. With illustration. Object no. 2008-8475

- Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway 'Roll of Honour for Lancashire and Yorkshire Railwaymen who gave their lives for their King and country in
the Great War 1914-1919. Printed by Charles Sever. Object no. 2008-8476


- Poster, paper, printed in red and blue inks, Roll of Honour, 19th edition, London Brighton and South Coast Railway, 1919, listing those railwaymen serving in the armed forces who had died since the commencement of the war, First World War. Object no. 2009-7189

- Roll of Honour, World War I, decorations awarded to staff on active service, London Brighton & South Coast Railway, printed by Waterlow & Sons Limited. Object no. 2005-7629


- London & North Western Railway hardback volume "Roll of Honour - London & North Western Railwaymen who lost their lives whilst serving with His Majesty's Forces during the Great War 1914-19." Lists men killed, names of men awarded military honours, facsimile of roll of honour poster, illustration of the war memorial at Euston, record of war work. Personal copy presented to the family of Private P. Toole, Porter from Edge Hill. Object no. 2005-7541


- Roll of Honour, World War I, staff on active service, London & North Western Railway Engineer’s Office, Crewe, handwritten. Object no. 2005-7680


- Midland Railway roll of honour book "In Remembrance of the Brave Men of the Midland Railway who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919," published in 1921 on the unveiling of the Midland Railway War Memorial on 15 December 1915. Lists men killed, numbers of employees who joined the Forces, numbers of men killed, numbers of men wounded or invalided, numbers of men taken prisoner, list of decorations, summary of work in the company's workshops. 72pp. Object no. **2005-7538**

- Midland Railway roll of honour book "In Remembrance of the Brave Men of the Midland Railway who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919," published in 1921 on the unveiling of the Midland Railway War Memorial on 15 December 1915. Lists men killed, numbers of employees who joined the Forces, numbers of men killed, numbers of men wounded or invalided, numbers of men taken prisoner, list of decorations, summary of work in the company's workshops. 72pp. Object no. **2005-7539**

- Roll of Honour, employees of Midland & South Western Junction Railway serving with the Armed Forces, c. 1918, printed & coloured, fragile. Object no. **1999-8138**

- NER printed book "Roll of Honour and List of N.E.R. Men serving in the Navy and Army," 1 May 1915. Contains Roll of Honour, men who have gained decorations and distinctions, a list of men holding commissions, a list of Warrant / Petty Officers in the Navy and Warrant / NCOs in the Army, and complete list of all serving NER employees. Object no. **2005-7532**

- Roll of Honour, framed, North Eastern Railway, Chief Engineers Office York, listing the members of staff who served with His Majesty's Forces during the European War 1914-1919. Object no. **2006-7596**
o Stand, carved "Lest We Forget 1914-1919 1939-1945" with display case containing 1914-1919 North Eastern Railway Engineer’s Office Staff York, Roll of Honour and Records of Annual Re-Unions. Object no. 2006-7597


o Roll of Honour, of employees of North Staffordshire Railway Co., in European War 1914-1916, designed by Hughes & Harber Ltd, Longton, Stoke on Trent, printed & coloured, fragile. Object no. 1999-8136


o Roll of Honour, World War 1, North Staffordshire Railway Employees serving with the colours, 1917 version, polychrome, in glazed frame, 593 x 688 mm. Object no. 2006-7151

**Objects**

o Carriage key, T-key type, square head, made from aluminium wreckage of a German Zeppelin brought down during WW1 at Potters Bar. Object no. 1987-8294