



THE GREAT WAR

LIVING ARCHIVE MILTON KEYNES

Remembered



The Khaki Train Song (Ambulance Train)

This song was based on the words of interviewees from the 1980s, that were made into the *Days of Pride: The story of Wolverton and New Bradwell 1913-18* musical documentary play by Roy Nevitt and Roger Kitchen.

Verse 1: Now people who know about Wolverton
May ask what we've done for the War
Well, many of our lads are over in France
And we haven't been asleep on the floor.

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train
Latest invention of the engineer's brain
There's a cross on the roof and it's painted in Kha...ki
They only missed one thing and that was a bar.

Verse 2: The train has sixteen long vehicles
It measures some nine hundred feet
It's three hundred and sixty patients and staff
Will enjoy 'lectric light and steam heat.

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train
Latest invention of the engineer's brain
To keep down infection the seats are all hard
Cross on the roof and it's painted in Kha...ki
They only missed one thing and that was a bar.

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train
Latest invention of the engineer's brain
There's a cooler to freeze, cheese for the guard
To keep down infection the seats are all hard
Cross on the roof and it's painted in Kha...ki
They only missed one thing and that was a bar.

Verse 4: The inside is of white enamel
So dirt won't collect anywhere,
And there's not one corner in the length of the train
So a spider would die of despair

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train
Latest invention of the engineer's brain
Somewhere to sit and stub out your cigar
Cheese for the guard but the seats are all hard
Cross on the roof and it's painted in Kha...ki
They only missed one thing and that was a bar.

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