



# 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. \ continued

Verse 5: The pharmacy car will impress you  
With its medical comforts store  
An office for the officer, and a drawer for his drawers  
A treatment compartment next door

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train  
Latest invention of the engineer's brain  
There's an operating table in the pharmacy car  
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.

Verse 6: The staff car's reserved for the doctors  
And nurses who sleep in there too  
But their beds are set at each end of the coach  
Fraternisation won't do

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train  
Latest invention of the engineer's brain  
There's separate quarters for nurses - don't laugh!

In the pharmacy car 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.

Verse 7: So our wounded will be treated in comfort  
In this field hospital upon rails  
No more jolting and jumping, and lurching and bumping  
This is luxury in every detail.

Chorus: Come and see our new ambulance train  
Latest invention of the engineer's brain  
It's as good as the Ritz for the patients and staff  
Separate quarters for nurses - don't laugh!  
In the pharmacy car stub out your cigar  
There's cheese for the guard and the seats are all hard  
Cross on the roof and it's painted in Khaki  
They only missed one thing and that was a bar.

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