

## **LNER 12 Ton GOODS VAN E 775832 (fictitious)**

The history of this vehicle is more than a little vague. It is believed to have been built by the London & North Eastern Railway Carriage & Wagon Works at Faverdale, Darlington. It was a standard 10T Ventilated Van with Planked Sides and Ends and weighing 7 Tons 18 cwt empty.

Apparently it was purchased by the Ministry of Defence for use in one of their depots and allocated Army number AD 47711. Whilst in this service it had many overhauls over a long period of time which had changed/removed several original fittings such as chassis wagon plates.

It ended its service career at the MoD Explosives Supplies Division at Yardley Chase near Northampton which had been built by McAlpine Ltd during World War 2, in 1942, for the storage of bombs and other ordnance.

Two similar Vans were purchased (AD 47711 and AD 47726) and, after arrival at Swanage, the former was renumbered with a fictitious Eastern Region number of E 775832.

AD47726 remained unrestored and was been sold to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. It was moved to their Havenstreet base in June 2017.

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