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THE FIRST MOTOR AMBULANCE

THIS IS NUMBER 2 OF THE FIRST BATCH OF MOTOR AMBULANCES EVER TO BE ISSUED TO THE BRITISH ARMY.

IT WAS A WOLESLEY-SIDDELY WITH SOLID RUBBER TYRES. TWO COILS WERE FIXED TO THE DASHBOARD AND TWO ACCUMULATORS ON THE OFF SIDE RUNNING BOARD. THERE WAS NO MAGNETO.

WHEN MOTOR VEHICLES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED INTO THE ARMY IN 1904 THEY CAME UNDER THE ROYAL ENGINEERS. THEY WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS IN 1907.

THE R.A.S.C., THE R.A.F., AND THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS ALL BEGAN AS BRANCHES OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.

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