



Wabash Valley Railroaders Museum Pullman Troop Sleeper Project

*Help our museum acquire and restore this
unique piece of railroad and military history*

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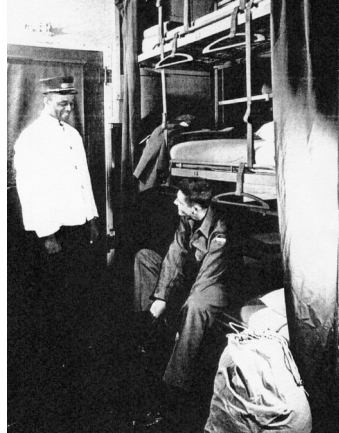
The WVRM is excited to announce its plans to acquire a rare World War II vintage Pullman troop sleeper car.

Pullman-Standard built 2400 troop sleeper cars for the US government between 1943 and 1946 and ran them as part of the Pullman sleeper pool. When mobilized, these trains could move hundreds of troops to anywhere in the country in a matter of hours. Each car held 29 enlisted personnel and a Pullman porter. Troops slept in bunks stacked three high.

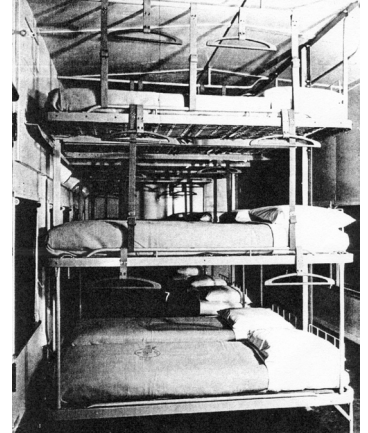
In 1947, the government offered the cars for sale as war surplus. 45 cars, with trap doors and step wells in the middle, were purchased by the C&EI railroad, which ran through Terre Haute and the heart of the Wabash Valley. The car we wish to acquire is the only C&EI railroad car like it known to still exist.

While not what most people associate with Pullman sleeper cars, their unique place in military and railroad history make them something that should definitely be preserved.

Although the car we are acquiring is in excellent condition considering its age and history, the projected cost of moving the car is \$10,000 and the restoration will be a considerable amount as well. We are actively soliciting donations toward this project. If you or your organization would like to help, please contact us! You can call us at (812) 238-9958 or use the form below to send us your contribution. Your contribution may be tax deductible.



(Left) A Pullman porter helps a mobilized soldier get settled in.



(Right) The troop sleepers were a model of efficiency: not a square foot of usable space was wasted in their design.



One of the troop cars in maintenance service on the C&EI. Most cars were heavily modified by the railroads, but the car we plan to acquire is unmodified and nearly complete. *Photo courtesy of JD Santucci*

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