

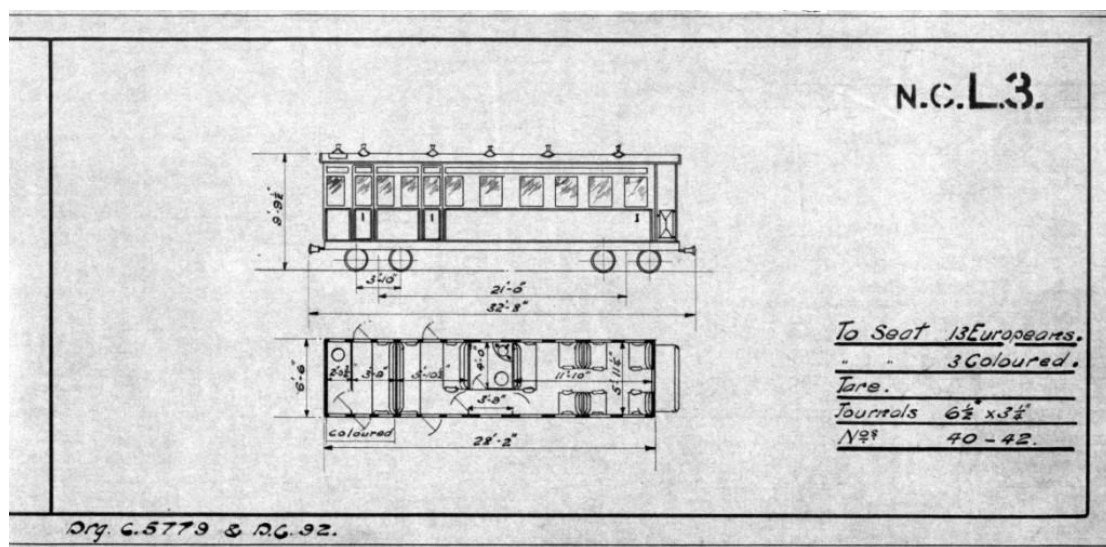
NARROW GAUGE COACHES OF THE SAR

Part 5.

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In this edition we complete our review of narrow gauge coaches intended for use in Natal, the NG.L-3, NG.N-4 and NG.S-4.

NG.L-3. Three of these 1st class coaches were built in Durban in 1915 for the Mid Illovo and Alfred County lines. Very little is known about their further use and no photos have emerged of them as built. All we have to go by is the attached diagram and a photo of No.41 which was rebuilt as a BDV NG.887. Nos. 40 and 42 were scrapped in Usakos in 1962, which may say something of their secrecy.

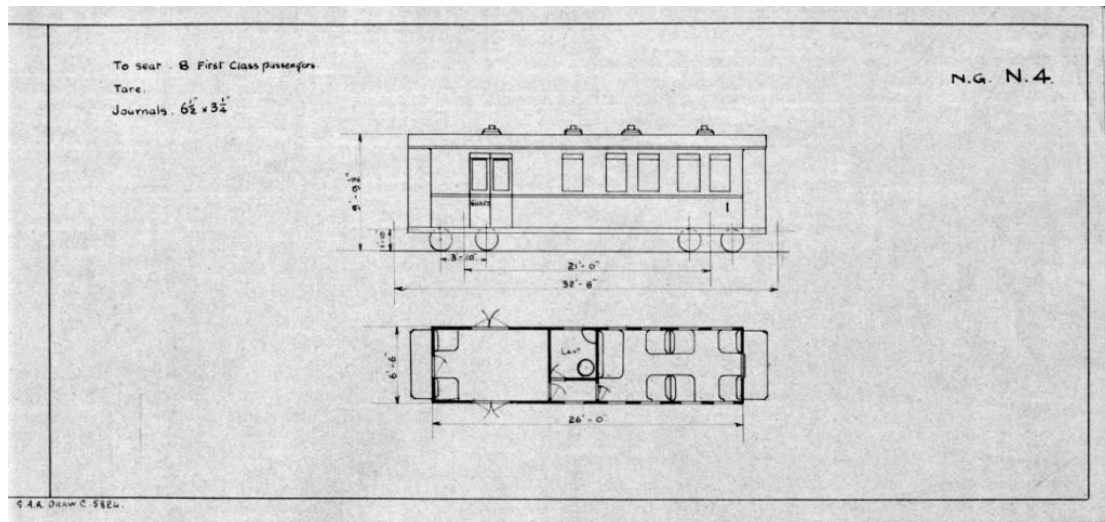


(Diagram) NG.L-3 No.40-42

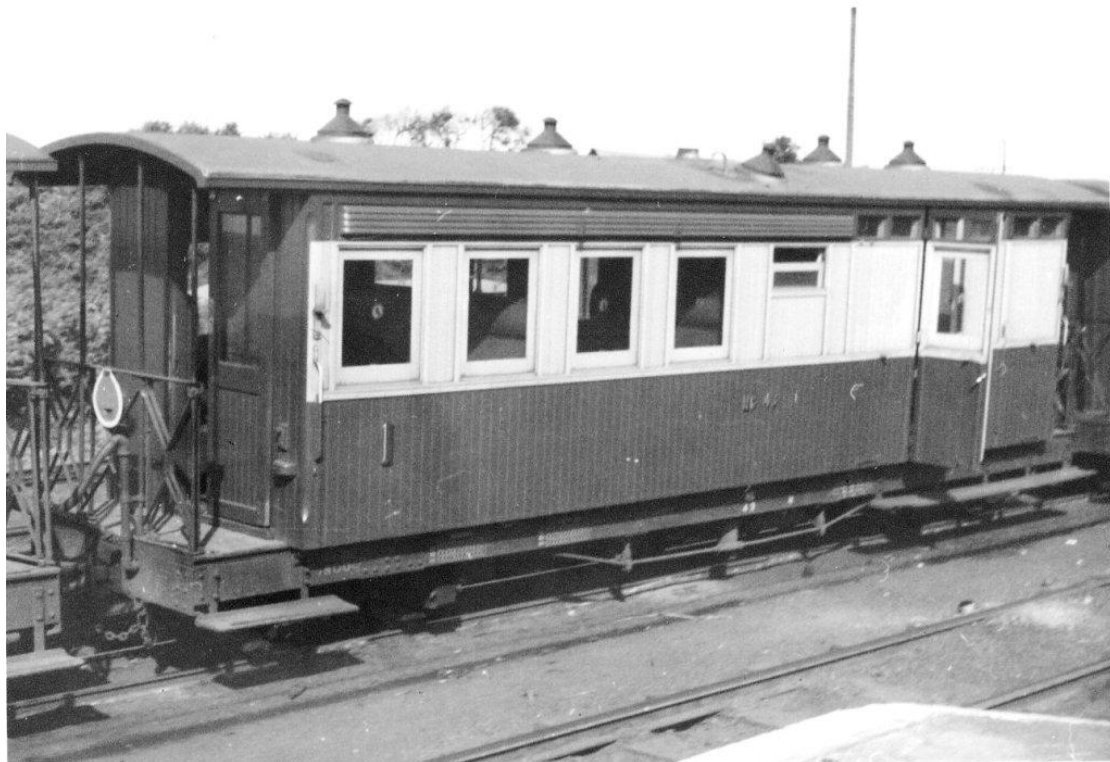


BDV 887

NG.N-4. This solitary 1st class compo van was built in Durban in 1916 and was very similar to the two type NG.N-1 built for Weenen line. She spent her entire life working in Natal and was scrapped in Durban in 1967.

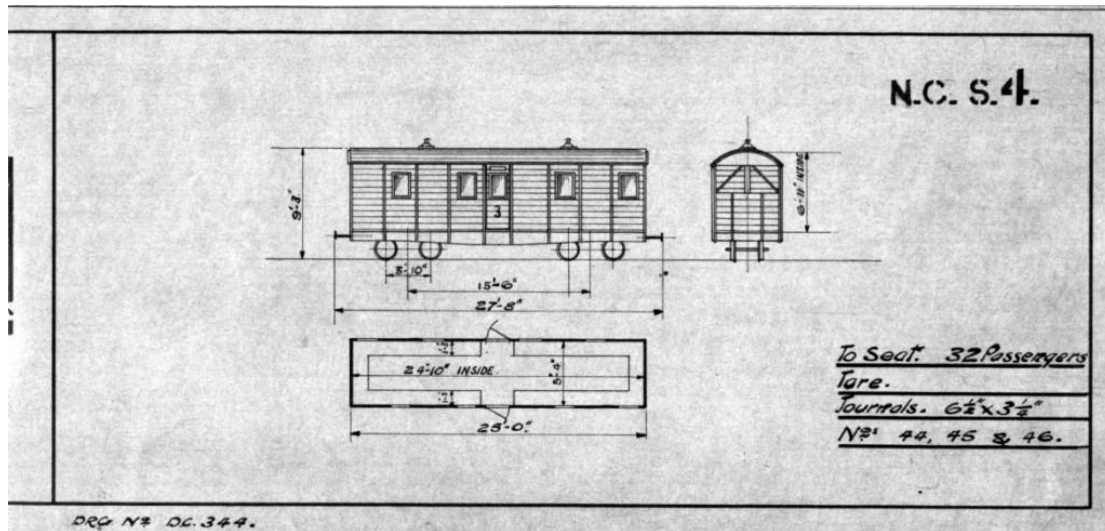


(Diagram) NG.N-4 No.43



NG.N-4

NG.S-4. These 3 'coaches' were built on existing wagon underframes and it now clear where and for what they were built. They are similar to the 3'-6" type 'J' coaches 'Native coaches' used on the Reef. In 1931 they were rebuilt to NG.TZ-2 Dairy wagons. Observant readers will notice this is the second use of the type NG.S-4. The first was the NG.S-4 No.26-28, these would have rebuilt by the time these were modified, and the 'type' was re-used. No photographs survive of them.



(Diagram) NG.S-4 No.44-46