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*Long allied in service to the nation, British  
Railways are now united in national ownership.  
They will do their best to preserve the fine  
traditions they inherit and, in spite of the  
difficulties of the times, to provide a standard  
of service worthy of the rising national effort.*

**BRITISH RAILWAYS INAUGURAL MESSAGE**



# BRITISH RAILWAYS

On January 1st, 1948, the four main-line railways and nearly all the smaller railway undertakings in Great Britain were vested in the British Transport Commission. The Commission are the owners of the undertakings and are responsible for the direction of policy.

The management, operation and maintenance of the railways are delegated to the Railway Executive, who also become the employers of all railway staff. There are seven full-time members of the Railway Executive, each responsible for certain departmental functions, and two part-time members.

For the purposes of administration and contact with the public the railway system has been divided into six regions. Each region is controlled by a Chief Regional Officer.

Joint lines are being merged into one or other of the Regions or into the London Transport Executive (London Transport is a separate Executive under the British Transport Commission).

# **THE REGIONS**

## **The Eastern Region**

*Headquarters :*

**Liverpool Street Station, LONDON, E.C. 2**

**Telephone : BISHopsgate 7600**

## **The London Midland Region**

*Headquarters :*

**Euston Station, LONDON, N.W. 1**

**Telephone : EUSton 1234**

## **The North Eastern Region**

*Headquarters :*

**YORK**

**Telephone : York 2001**

## **The Scottish Region**

*Headquarters :*

**302 Buchanan Street, GLASGOW, C. 2**

**Telephone : DOUGlas 2900**

## **The Southern Region**

*Headquarters :*

**Waterloo Station, LONDON, S.E. 1**

**Telephone : WATerloo 5151**

## **The Western Region**

*Headquarters :*

**Paddington Station, LONDON, W. 2**

**Telephone : PADdington 7000**



**BRITISH RAILWAYS**

**BROAD  
OUTLINE  
OF REGIONS**



## THE PRESENT

British Railways form the world's most important transport system under one management. They employ 635,000 men and women and operate 20,000 route miles of line. The total length of track, including sidings, is no less than 52,000 miles ; there are 6,700 passenger stations and 6,900 goods stations.

Steam locomotives exceed 20,000, electric motor coaches number 2,250 and diesel units over 100. Passenger stock includes 40,000 passenger coaches and 16,000 vans for parcels and other traffic. There are over 1,200,000 goods and mineral wagons and 19,000 road-rail containers.

More than 11,000 motors and 25,000 horse vehicles are engaged in the collection and delivery of goods and parcels.

British Railways continue to operate 70 steamers and train ferries in their Continental and Irish services.

## THE FUTURE

The enormous burdens of the war have left their mark on track and rolling stock, but in spite of arrears of repairs and replacements British Railways are still putting forth a greater transport effort than before the war. Freight ton-miles are 20% higher and passenger miles no less than 30% more than in pre-war years.

Plans for modernisation and improvements are ready and are being carried into effect as materials become available. Difficulties will be overcome ; the aim is to make British Railways the best in the world.

Changes in organisation will not be allowed to interfere with the close relationship already existing between the travelling public, traders, manufacturers and railwaymen of all ranks. Stationmasters, Goods Agents and other railway representatives are always ready to help with information and advice. Take your travel and transport problems to them.

## THE FUTURE

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