

## Red & White Services Fleet List 1930-1975

### 3. Double Deck Buses

#### 3.7 1948 Albion Venturer CX19 / W.M.I

Welsh Metal Industries (W.M.I.) of Caerphilly entered the bus bodybuilding industry in 1947 and built ten double deck lowbridge bodies on Albion Venturer chassis for the Red & White group. They were unusual in that the bodies were of all metal construction, mostly aluminium alloy with no timber framing. They were not very robust and were later modified with rubber-mounted windows etc. FWO 626/7 and the EWN bodies were of angular utility appearance and the later FWO 628 and the GWO versions had a more rounded style. The EWN vehicles were initially allocated to United Welsh but were transferred to the main fleet in 1949.

Original Fleet No.	1951-75 No.	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	New / Previous owner; Transfers to or from other Red & White companies	Out
826	L148	FWO 626	3/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019E)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	1/1959
827	L248	FWO 627	4/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019F)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	3/1959
828	L348	FWO 628	10/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019K)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	1/1959
854	L448	GWO 854	9/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019L)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	3/1959
855	L548	GWO 855	11/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60020A)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	11/1959
856	L648	GWO 856	10/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60037F)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	11/1959
857	L748	GWO 857	10/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60037L)	W.M.I. L31/26R	New	11/1959
931	L2448	EWN 856	-/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019D)	W.M.I. L28/26R	New; Transferred from United Welsh 931 8/1949	1/1959
932	L2548	EWN 857	-/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019H)	W.M.I. L28/26R	New; Transferred from United Welsh 932 8/1949	12/1958
933	L2648	EWN 858	-/1948	Albion Venturer CX19 (60019J)	W.M.I. L28/26R	New; Transferred from United Welsh 933 8/1949	1/1959

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The first of the batch FWO 626 (L148).



FWO 627 (L248) at the back of Chepstow Bus Station between 1950 Leyland Tiger HWO 319 and 1939 Albion Valkyrie CWO 409.



ex-United Welsh EWN 857 (L2548) with the earlier angular bodywork after modification with rubber mounted windows.



A nearside view of EWN 857 (L2548).

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GWO 855 (855) with the later rounded style of bodywork. *(Alan B Cross)*



A rear three quarter view of GWO 855 (855) at the same location. *(Alan B Cross)*