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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CRESCENT LIMITED 6 Inch LETTERBOARD

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Southern Railway's Crescent Limited, the all Pullman luxury train, operated from the 1920s until the middle 1930s. During this period of time, the passenger cars were lettered with the 6 inch "Crescent Limited" letterboard. I am convinced that the lettering was 6 inches basic height, but since Pullman used 7" lettering, some skeptics maintain that the Crescent lettering would have also been 7 inches. But, I found that a careful examination of the Pullman Builder photos and other photos plus a comparison to other SR lettering, suggest that Southern used the same Roman Style and height as their general purpose passenger cars, which was 6 inches. Note, that the letters that come flat to the line, such as the R, I, M & D, are exactly 6 inches tall. The other lettering have serifs that do not come flat to the line and therefore, are greater than 6 inches due to the extension of the serifs. Crescent Limited lettering was always Gold Leaf. After the Crescent Limited was renamed in the middle 1930s, the cars were once again given the standard 6 inch SOUTHERN Letterboard, but the color was changed to Immitation Gold Paint.

The above graphics are not to model railroad scale, but I have provided separate drawings that are to scale. These graphics, can be scaled up or down to any size as long as dimensions of height & width are maintained.