

FTER A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO INDUSTRY THE NARROW GAUGE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE IS NOW ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION AND FOR THE FEW THAT ARE LEFT. THE SANDS OF TIME RUN FAST.

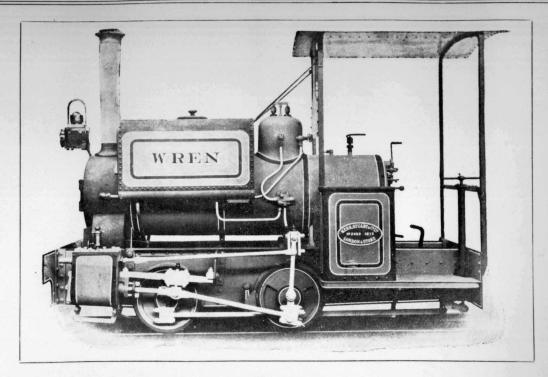
TO INCREASING STANDARDIZATION ON THE MAIN LINES, INTEREST IN THESE ENGINES HAS GROWN, AND WITH IT, A REALIZATION THAT HERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS IN DANGER OF BEING LOST FOR EVER. HAPPILY THIS REALIZATION BECAME MANIFEST IN A SURGE OF ENTHUSIASM AND IN DIRECT CONSEQUENCE THE SAFE KEEPING OF A NUMBER OF THESE ENGINES HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS MUSEUMS, SOCIETIES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, WHO LIKE MYSELF SEEK NOT ONLY TO INDULGE THEIR OWN ENTHUSIASM BUT TO INSURE THE CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF THESE LOCOMOTIVES AS A LASTING MON-UMENT TO AN AGE THAT IS PAST.

Alan Illaund HINDLIP 1961

OF THE MANY NARROW GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES BUILT DURING THE LATER PART OF THE NINE-TEENTH CENTURY AND THE EARLY YEARS OF THE TWENTIETH VERY FEW EMERGED AS STANDARD TYPES . ONE EXCEPTION HOWEVER WAS THE KERR STUART WREN CLASS WHICH WAS PRODUCED IN BASICALLY THE SAME FORM FOR MANY YEARS ALTHOUGH THE TYPE WAS EXTENSIVELY MODIFIED AND IMPROVED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THE MODIFIED ENGINE, OF WHICH DETAILS ARE HERE REPRODUCED FROM THE MAKERS CATALOGUE WAS IN EVERY WAY A SUPERIOR MACHINE TO THE FARLIER VERSION, BEING OF GENERALLY BETTER ARRANGEMENT AND CONSIDERABLY MORE ROBUST CONSTRUCTION . THEIR VITAL STATISTICS HOWEVER REMAINED THE SAME AND MANY OF THE PARTS WERE INTERCHANGEABLE . A NUMBER OF THE OLD TYPE ENGINES RECEIVED NEW TYPE BOILERS.

AND LIKE MANY OF HER SISTERS WAS DESTINED TO HAVE A VARIED AND INTERESTING CAREER. STARTING LIFE WITH THE ARMY AT AN ARMS DUMP IN DRIFFIELD, SHE LATER WORKED ON CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS INCLUDING THE GOYT RESERVOIR IN DERBYSHIRE, SHE SAW SERVICE DN THE ASHOVER LIGHT RAILWAY AND FINALLY CAME TO REST ON A FARM AT BROCKAMIN NEAR WORCESTER WHERE SHE WAS TO LIE DERELICT FOR MORE THAN A DECADE UNTIL MOVED TO HINDLIP WHERE THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION WAS TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

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SADDLE TANK LOCOMOTIVE

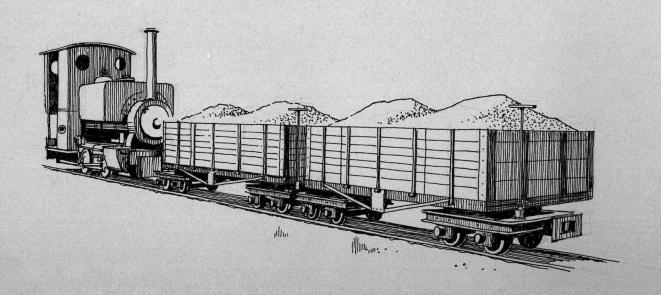
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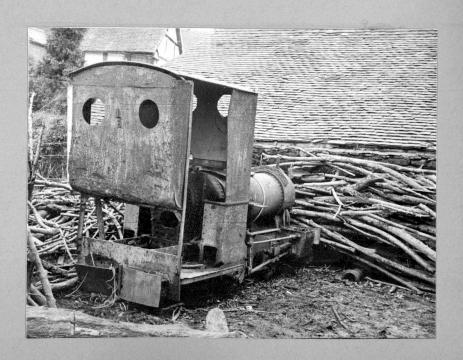
THE WORKING LIFE OF 3114 HAD BEEN A HARD ONE . SHE WAS EMPLOYED ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY FOR THIRTY YEARS AND HER WELL WORN TYRES BEAR TESTIMONY TO A CONSIDERABLE MILEAGE . THE YEARS OF RETIREMENT AT BROCKAMIN HAD DONE NOTHING TO IMPROVE HER CONDITION AND IN 1959 THE PROSPECT OF RESTORING HER TO WORKING ORDER WAS NOT GOOD.

DESPITE HER ADVERSE CONDITION HOWEVER IT WAS RESOLVED THAT AT LEAST
AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE AND PLANS
WERE AT ONCE PUT INTO EFFECT. HER
OWNER MR.R.P. BEARD AGREED IMMEDIATELY
TO THE IDEA OF PRESERVATION AND WAS TO
RENDER EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN
THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED DURING WHICH
TIME THE ENGINE WAS PREPARED FOR REMOVAL TO HINDLIP.





DOWN ON THE FARM . JANUARY 1959 AND 3114 WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE FINALLY COME TO THE END OF THE LINE



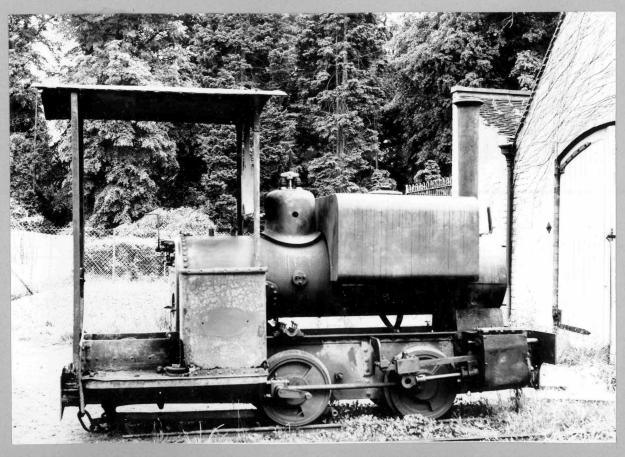




WITH THE ACQUISITION OF 3114 WORK ON PREPARING HER FOR THE MOVE TO HINDLIP WAS COMMENCED AT ONCE AND WAS TO CONTINUE FOR MANY WEEKS. VARIOUS BITS AND PIECES INCLUDING THE CHIMNEY AND TANK WERE RESTORED TO THEIR CORRECT POSITION, THE CONNECTING RODS AND VALVE GEAR WERE DISCONNECTED AND CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF OIL WERE APPLIED TO AXLE BOXES.

SHE COULD BE LOADED, THIS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH THE AID OF SEVERAL LENGTHS OF PREFABRICATED TRACK AND A CASE OF BEST BURTON BREW . AS THE TRACK WAS ALL 30 RADIUS THIS INVOLVED A SOMEWHAT DEVIOUS ROUTE, FORTUNATELY ON A FAVOURING GRADIENT.

HINDLIP. JUNE 1959 AND THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION STARTS. THE COAL BUNKERS GIVE A GOOD INDICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH.



C. KNIGHT

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL MORE TO A LOCOMOTIVE THAN JUST FOUR WHEELS AND A BOILER, APART FROM A FRACTURED LEFT HAND CYLINDER AND BROKEN SPRINGS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED 3114 HAD TO BE EQUIPED WITH A FULL SET OF SPARE PARTS FROM REGULATOR HANDLE TO CYLINDER COCKS.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGH COST OF REPLACEMENTS AND LOW FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECOURSE WAS MADE TO THE SECOND HAND MARKET, A COURSE OF ACTION NOT WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THE WORLD OF NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS. THE TRANSACTIONS WHICH FOLLOWED ARE EXTREMELY INVOLVED AND LARGELY IRRELEVANT TO OUR STORY. THEY WERE TO RESULT HOWEVER IN SOLVING THE SPARES PROBLEM AND AT THE SAME TIME SAVING A FURTHER SEVEN ENGINES FROM THE HANDS OF DESTRUCTION. A SUMMARY OF THESE ENGINES IS GIVEN BELOW.

ONE OF THE MOST USEFULL SOURCES OF SPARE PARTS WAS TO BE THE ENGINE AT CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE THE NUMBER OF WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN SOME DOUBT. WHILST PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS ENGINE EXIST SHOWING THE NUMBER 4255 THE LEFT HAND CYLINDER WHICH WAS USED AS A REPLACEMENT ON 3114 BEARS THE NUMBER 4292 AND ON THE VALVE GEAR WAS TO BE FOUND THE NUMBER 4297. UNFORTUNATELY THE NUMBER ON



CROMHALL MAY 1959

THE BOILER BACK PLATE WAS NOT DECIPHERABLE BUT AS THERE WERE MUDHOLES OVER THE FIREBOX IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN 4255. AS THESE WERE INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 4273. THE ENGINE, OR WHAT WAS LEFT OF HER WAS FINALLY BROKEN UP EARLY IN 1961.



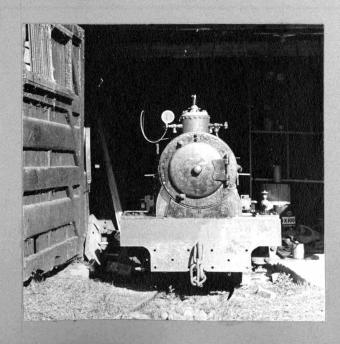
BUILDERS	YEAR	NO.	NAME	PRESERVED BY
KERR STUART	1918	3//4		A. J. MAUND HINDLIP, WORCESTER.
KERR STUART	1922	4256	PETER PAN	J. HARDY. BROMSGROVE.
KERR STUART	1918	3/28		A. MATHEWS LANGSTAFF, ONTARIO.
KERR STUART	1922	4250	LORNH DOONE	BIRMINGHAM SCIENCE MUSEUM.
PECKET	1923	1632		A. MATHEWS LANGSTAFF ONTARIO.
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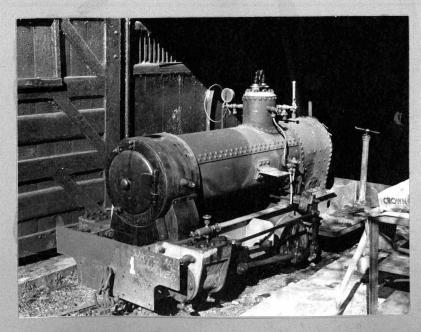
THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION PROCEEDED STEADILY THROUGH 1959 AND 1960. THE EXISTING RIGHT HAND CYLINDER WHICH WAS TO BE REUSED WAS SENT AWAY FOR TREATMENT TO THE VALVE FACE WHILST THE REPLACEMENT CYLINDER RECEIVED MANY HOURS OF ATTENTION WITH AN EMERY BLOCK AND CUTTING PASTE.

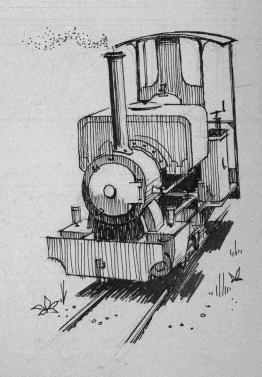
BOTH CYLINDER'S WERE READY FOR REFITTING EARLY IN AUGUST 1960 AND THE DAY FOR TESTING WAS NOW CLOSE AT HAND. THE BOILER HAD ALREADY BEEN TESTED SUCCESSFULLY IN STEAM AND ALTHOUGH THE BOTTOM ROW OF TUBES APPEARED TO BE IN POOR CONDITION THERE WERE NO LEAKS AND IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEMPT RETUBING AT THIS STAGE. VALVES WERE SET BY TRIAL AND ERROR THE ENGINE BEING MOVED BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS WHILST MINUET ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE SETTING.

HAVING FINALLY SATISFIED MYSELF THAT ALL WAS IN ORDER THE GREAT MOMENT HAD COME. EARLY ONE SATURDAY MORNING THE FIRE WAS LIT AND WITH ALMOST UNBEARABLE SUSPENCE I WAITED FOR PRESSURE TO RISE. AS THE BOILER WAS NOT LAGGED AT THIS TIME ALMOST TWO HOURS ELAPSED BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENED AND THEN QUITE SUDDENLY LIKE SOME CREATURE AWAKENING FROM A DEEP SLUMBER SHE BEGAN TO STIR AND AS THE BLOWER PICKED UP THE NEEDLE CREPT SLOWLY ACROSS THE FACE OF THE PRESSURE GAUGE.

WHEN 3516S HAD BEEN REACHED I DECIDED THAT THE MOMENT HAD COME, TREMBLING WITH ANTICIPATION AND HALF EXPECTING DISSAPOINTMENT I MOVED THE GEAR LEVER FORWARD AND EASED THE REGULATOR. THERE WAS A RUSH OF STEAM FROM THE CYLINDER COCKS WHICH LOOKED AND SOUNDED MOST IMPRESSIVE BUT MOVEMENT WAS CONFINED TO THE SMALL GROUP OF SPECTATORS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO AVOID A SHOWER OF BLACK OILY WATER AND SMUTTS. IN MY EXCITEMENT I HAD OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT THE HAND BRAKE WAS SCREWED HARD DOWN. THIS WAS QUICKLY PUT RIGHT AND CLOSING THE CYLINDER COCKS WE TRIED AGAIN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS 3114 MOVED UNDER HER OWN STEAM.



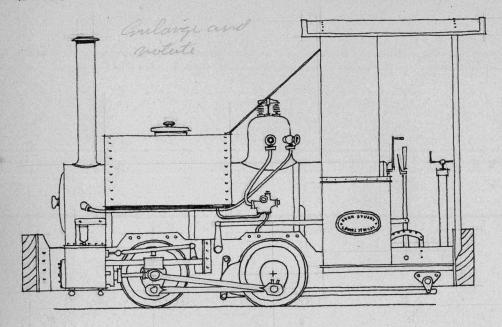




READY FOR LAGGING . JANUARY 61.

HAVING REACHED A POINT WHERE WE MAY CONVENIENTLY DIGRESS LET US CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT CENERAL DETAILS OF THE WREN CLASS.

AS HAS ALREADY BEEN DESCRIBED THE CLASS FELL INTO TWO DISTINCT GROUPS, NAMELY THE EARLIER TYPE BUILT FROM 1907 TO 1915 AND THE LATER IMPROVED TYPE BUILT FROM 1915 TO 1928. OF THE FORMER FEW DETAILS APPEAR TO HAVE SURVIVED BUT, AS WILL BE SEEN FROM THE DRAWING, CHARACTERISTICS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN VERY SIMILAR AND THAT VARIATIONS IN DESIGN WERE CONFINED LARGELY TO THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT.



FEATURES WORTH NOTING HOWEVER ARE THE LOW PITCHED BOILER. CENTRE LINE 2'71/2"

ABOVE RAIL LEVEL, HORIZONTAL CYLINDERS AND LEFT-HAND DRIVE WITH THE BRAKE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT. THE POSITION OF THE REVERSING LEVER MUST HAVE PROVED MOST INCONVENIENT TO THE CREW. THEY WERE FITTED WITH INSIDE MOTION WHICH ACTUATED THE VALVES THROUGH A ROCKING SHAFT, AN ARRANGEMENT SIMILAR IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PRICE-BAGULEY PATENT GEAR USED EXTENSIVELY BY W.G. BAGNALL. POSSIBLY STIMULATED BY THE FIRST WORLD WAR WHEN LARGE NUMBER S OF NARROW

CAUGE LOCOS WERE REQUIRED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES THE CLASS WAS REDESIGNED AND MUCH IMPROVED.

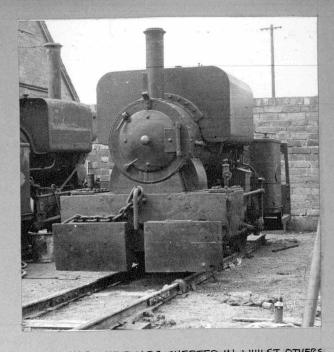
THESE LATER ENGINES HAD THEIR BOILERS PITCHED AT 314" ABOVE RAIL LEVEL MOUNTED ON STRAIGHT FRAMES STRENGTHENED WITH ANGLE IRON ALONG THE TOP EDGE. THE CYLINDERS ARE NOW INCLINED AND MODIFIED HACKWORTH VALVE GEAR HAS REPLACED THE INSIDE MOTION. CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION RODS WERE RETAINED BUT THE EARLIER TYPE BIG ENDS WERE REPLACED BY MARINE PATTERN BEARINGS. THE DRIVE WAS ALTERED TO RIGHT-HAND AND THE REVERSING LEVER TUCKED AWAY BETWEEN BUNKER AND FIREBOX. THE ONLY RETROGRADE STEP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN RESPECT OF PROTECTION FOR THE CREW AS THE CAB WAS REDUCED

TO A CANOPY AND SIMPLE WEATHER—BOARD. BOTH THE EARLIER AND LATER TYPES OF ENGINE WERE FITTED WITH COMBINATION INJECTORS WHICH ON 3114 WORK AT ABOUT 5016s.

GRAVITY FEED SANDING EQUIPMENT WAS PROVIDED AS AN OPTIONAL EXTRA.THE SANDBOXES WERE FITTED TO THE FRONT OF THE SADDLE-TANK AND THE FEED PIPE WAS POSITIONED BETWEEN THE COUPLED WHEELS ON THE LATER ENGINES AND IN FRONT ON THE OLDER TYPE WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN VERY USEFULL WHEN RUNING CAB FIRST.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBERS 2472, 4154 AND 4328 ALL WREN CLASS LOCOS WERE BUILT TO 2 GAUGE

IN LATER YEARS A NUMBER OF ENGINES WERE MODIFIED BY THEIR



OWNERS TO SUIT THEIR REQUIREMENTS. MANY HAD THEIR CARS SHEETED IN WHILST OTHERS LIKE 3128 ILLUSTRATED HERE, HAD THEM REMOVED ALTOGETHER. 3128 ALSO RECEIVED A SHORT CHIMNEY AND STEPPED FOOTPLATE. 3114 RAN FOR MANY YEARS WITH CAB SIDE AND BACK SHEETS BUT HAS NOW BEEN RESTORED TO HER ORIGINAL CONDITION.

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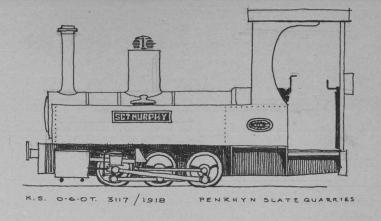


3105 LEIGHTON BUZZARD BRICK CO. POTSGROVE JUNE 1949 FITTED WITH EALIER TYPE CAB.

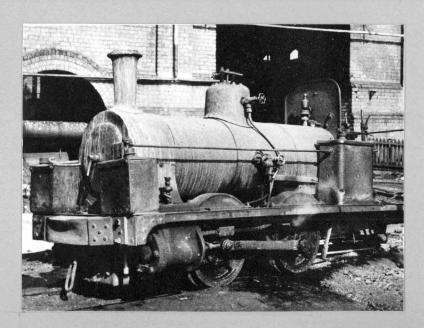


4256 PETER PAN DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL PARRACOMBE AUG. 1951. NOTE SANDING GEAR.

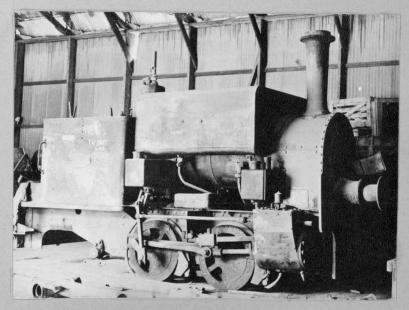
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PREDECESSOR TO THE WREN . DUNDEE GAS COMPANY KERR STUART 720 OF 1896 . PHOTOGRAPHED MARCH 46. CERTAIN CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES BEGIN TO EMERGE



SUPER WREN'. A KERR STUART STANDARD GAUGE 0-4-2T WITH STRIKING SIMILARITIES TO THE WREN CLASS. WARDS, TITAN WORKS, GRAVS. JULY 1952

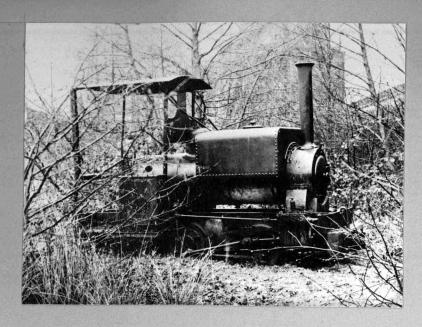


CITY & SOUTH LONDON ?

WHEELS 2'6"

EYLS 9"× 15"

WEIGHT 12 TONS



4255 AT CROMHALL C.1950 . NOTE THE MUDHOLES



4250 'LORNA DOONE' AT TAVISTOCK AUGUST 1951.

WITH 3114 A WORKING PROPOSITION THE MAJOR WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE AND SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH REMARKABLE EASE, THERE REMAINED HOWEVER A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE.

DURING THE WINTER OF 1960 THE BOILER WAS LAGGED AND NEW COVERING SHEETS WERE CUT AND FITTED. AS THE EXISTING BUNKERS WERE IN POOR CONDITION IT WAS DECIDED TO FIT NEW ONES TOGETHER WITH NEW FOOTPLATES. PAINTING WAS BEING CARRIED OUT IN STAGES AND NUMEROUS COATS OF GREY LEAD PRIMER WERE USED PARTICULARLY ON THE WATER TANK WHERE THE PLATES HAD BECOME PITTED. A GREEN LIVERY WAS ADOPTED WITH DEEP MAROON FRAMES, BLACK AND YELLOW LINING ON THE GREEN, VERMILLION ON THE MAROON. SMOKE BOX AND CHIMNEY WERE OF COURSE BLACK.

NOT THE LEAST DIFFICULT PROBLEM WAS THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NUMBER PLATES THE ORIGINAL ONES HAVING DISAPPEARED DURING THE YEARS AT BROCKAMIN. SO THAT WE MIGHT ACHIEVE AUTHENTICITY AN ORIGINAL PLATE WAS REQUIRED FOR A PATTERN AND IF POSSIBLE WAS TO BE OF 1918 VINTAGE. THE VERY THING WAS FOUND IN NORTH WALES ON THE PENRHYN SLATE QUARRIES ENGINE. SGT MURPHY K.S. 3117. THIS PLATE WAS KINDLY LENT TO US AND BY SIMPLY CHANGING THE SEVEN TO A FOUR THE NEW PLATES WERE QUICKLY PRODUCED. IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CAUSE SGT. MURPHY WAS ALSO TO GIVE UP ONE OF HER TWO WATER LEVEL GAUGES.











OF ALL MANS INVENTIONS NONE HAS SERVED HIM MORE FAITHFULLY OR FOUND A MORE SECURE PLACE IN HIS HEART THAN HAS THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE. IT MAY BE ARGUED THAT THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES THAT HAVE COME TO TAKE ITS PLACE IS MORE POWERFUL AND GENERALLY MORE EFFICIENT AND AS SUCH MUST BE ACCEPTED AS THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF PROGRESS. IT IS UNLIKELY HOWEVER THAT THEY WILL EVER ENJOY THE UNIQUE AFFECTION THAT THE ENTHUSIAST HAS ALWAYS HAD FOR THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS MADE TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO BY THEIR INTEREST AND GENEROSITY HAVE DONE MUCH TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE RESTORATION OF 3114



TO MR. R.P. BEARD BUT FOR WHOM THIS STORY MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN WRITTEN

TO MR. R.M. SINCLAIR FOR A GREAT DEAL OF HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM

TO MR. L. LAMBE FOR HIS GENEROUS ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORT

TO MR. A CARTWRIGHT FOR WHOM I WAS UNABLE TO FIND A PROBLEM TOO
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE.

TO QUARTZITE QUARRIES LTD FOR THE SPARE PARTS FROM 4255

TO MY FATHER WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN READY TO LEND A HAND.

TO PENRHYN QUARRIES LTD. FOR THEIR HELP ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION WITH SPARE PARTS.

TO MANY FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS FOR THEIR HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

AND FINALLY TO WENDY FOR PUTTING UP WITH IT ALL.