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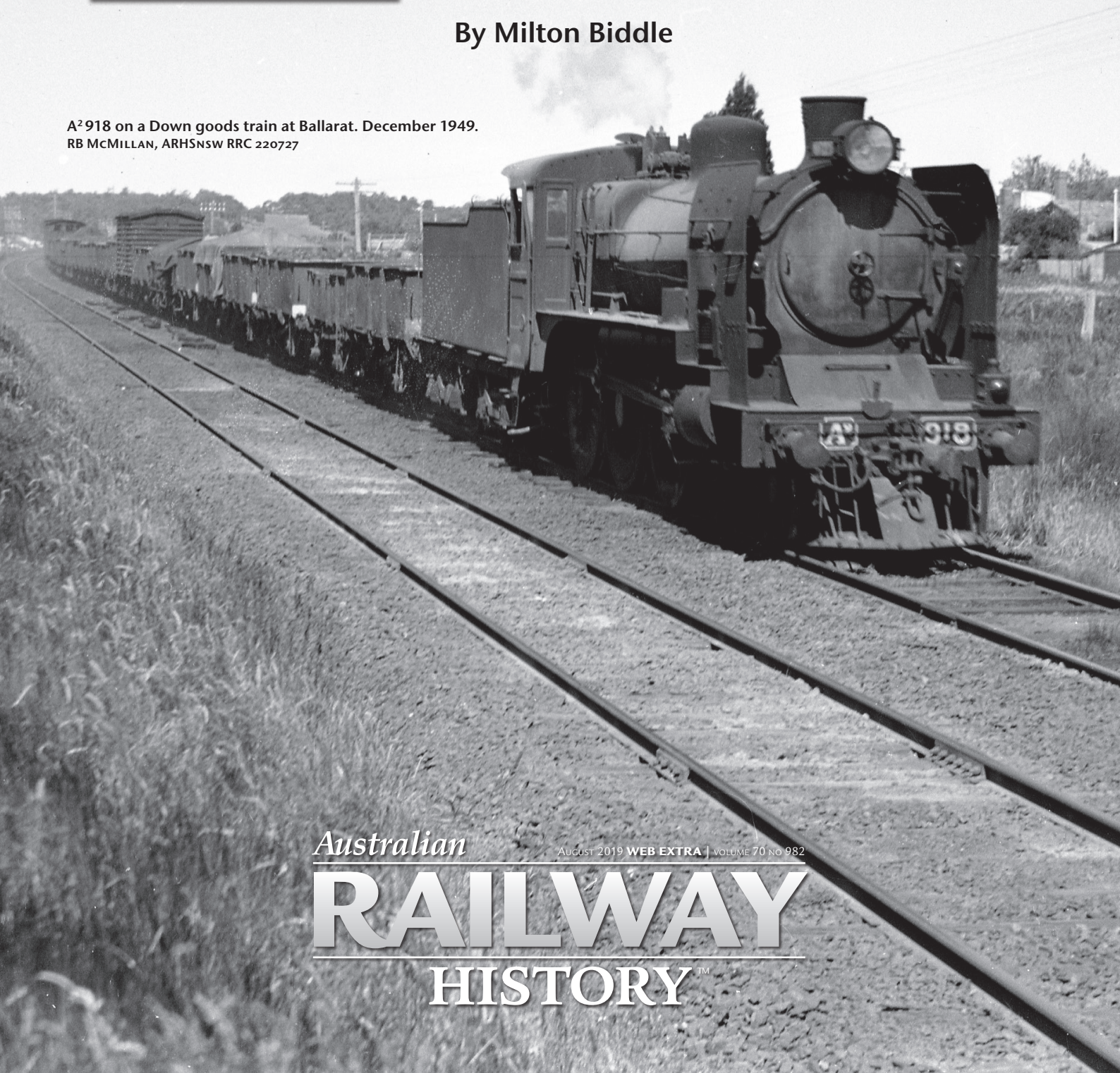
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CLASS

4-6-0 LOCOMOTIVES WEB EXTRA

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A² 918 on a Down goods train at Ballarat. December 1949.
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time of the list's appearance the majority of the locomotives were still in VR service. This listing has been updated to show "Off Register" dates, which have been taken from the publication 'Victorian Railways Locomotives by Number', author Peter N Medlin and published in 2004.

Part 1

Stephenson Valve Gear Locomotives

All Stephenson valve gear locomotives listed were built by Victorian Railways at Newport Workshops

Original A ² No.	1923 A ² No.	A ¹ Nos.	Final A ² No.	Date in Service	Date Superheated	'Off Register'
572	805	805	825	12/1907	3/1946	17/9/1954
574	807	807	878	10/1908	12/1946	7/5/1954
576	875	806	837	10/1908	3/1944	4/1/1952
578	876	800	869	11/1908	6/1932	13/11/1952
580	877	877; 803	845	11/1908	2/1941	27/10/1954
722	817	817	827	12/1908	12/1944	27/3/1961
724	819	819	854	3/1909	12/1933	20/4/1951
726	820	820	870	3/1909	12/1931	9/2/1962
728	881	804	833	4/1909	5/1944	9/12/1954
730	822	822	861	4/1909	9/1933	13/4/1953
752	823		887	2/1910	9/1926	10/2/1954
754	825		883	2/1910	8/1929	27/6/1962
756	827	827	863	3/1910	2/1933	18/12/1953
758	829	829	867	3/1910	6/1932	30/4/1952
760	831		882	4/1910	10/1929	13/11/1952
762	833	833	849	5/1910	11/1935	13/3/1953
764	835	835	852	5/1910	5/1935	6/8/1954
766	837	837	838	6/1910	7/1942	3/3/1951
768	840	840	875	6/1910	1/1931	25/5/1954
770	841	841; 803	829	6/1910	9/1944	14/5/1952
798	842	842; 808	816	12/1910	10/1949	21/4/1955
799	890		890	9/1912	7/1920	28/9/1950
800	800	800	876	1/1911	12/1929	17/10/1960
801	801	801	842	9/1912	5/1941	26/8/1953
802	802	802	824	2/1911	6/1946	8/12/1950
803	803	803	877	9/1912	2/1930	18/1/1954
804	885	885	885	2/1911	12/1933	30/7/1954
805	891		891	10/1912	12/1919	5/12/1952
806	886		886	3/1911	12/1929	28/2/1956
807	892		892	10/1912	3/1920	13/2/1952
808	808	808	855	3/1911	12/1933	2/7/1956
809	893		893	10/1912	2/1920	14/5/1954
810	810	810	851	3/1911	9/1935	21/12/1955
811	811	811	820	10/1912	7/1948	18/6/1953
812	812	812	856	4/1911	12/1933	30/8/1951
813	894		894	11/1912	3/1920	22/11/1956

Original A² No.	1923 A² No.	A¹ Nos.	Final A² No.	Date in Service	Date Superheated	'Off Register'
814	814		881	4/1911	8/1929	9/10/1959
815	895		895	11/1912	10/1919	4/9/1951
816	816	816	818	5/1911	4/1949	13/2/1953
817	896		896	11/1912	3/1920	20/3/1953
818	818	818	853	6/1911	10/1934	13/4/1953
819	897		897	11/1912	9/1919	15/12/1953
820	898		898	6/1911	5/1918	7/11/1952
821	899		899	12/1912	9/1919	26/9/1951
822	900		900	7/1911	6/1920	3/9/1951
823	901		901	12/1912	8/1920	31/5/1951
824	824	824	826	8/1911	1/1946	1/7/1960
825	902		902	12/1912	10/1919	22/4/1954
826	826	826	871	8/1911	7/1931	25/1/1951
827	903		903	12/1912	7/1920	27/1/1956
828	828	828	873	8/1911	7/1931	27/1/1955
829	904		904	1/1913	8/1919	31/7/1947
830	830	830	864	9/1911	2/1933	2/4/1954
831	905		905	2/1913	6/1920	9/12/1953
832	832	832	872	9/1911	8/1931	18/9/1953
833	906		906	2/1913	12/1919	30/1/1954
834	858	858	858	9/1911	10/1933	30/7/1953
835	907		907	2/1913	9/1920	5/6/1953
836	836	836	865	10/1911	12/1932	29/9/1956
837	908		908	2/1913	12/1920	7/7/1951
838	838	838	841	7/1913	8/1941	19/10/1959
839	839	839	857	3/1913	3/1933	16/1/1953
840	909		909	8/1913	12/1920	12/1/1955
841	910		910	5/1913	5/1920	8/2/1957
842	911		911	8/1913	5/1915	21/2/1950
843	843	843; 812	817	3/1913	4/1949	30/10/1953
844	912		912	8/1913	5/1920	18/9/1953
845	913		913	4/1913	12/1922	6/2/1953
846	846	846; 827	830	8/1913	11/1944	1/7/1953
847	914		914	4/1913	5/1920	26/11/1953
848	848		884	8/1913	7/1929	20/8/1963
849	916		916	9/1913	12/1922	3/8/1946
850	917		917	9/1913	7/1920	7/11/1952
851	851		879	9/1913	10/1929	26/3/1954
852	852	852; 829	846	9/1913	7/1940	23/7/1954
853	918		918	10/1913	12/1920	19/6/1953
854	854	832; 801	821	10/1913	11/1946	9/10/1953
855	855	855; 840; 810	832	10/1913	6/1944	14/9/1953
856	919		919	10/1913	3/1931	19/2/1954

Original A² No.	1923 A² No.	A¹ Nos.	Final A² No.	Date in Service	Date Superheated	'Off Register'
857	921		921	10/1913	6/1920	24/3/1953
858	925		925	11/1913	3/1919	2/10/1953
859	859	828	831	11/1913	9/1944	2/10/1953
860	860	860	860	11/1913	2/1933	13/4/1953
861	926		926	11/1913	10/1920	19/2/1951
862	927		927	12/1913	2/1921	15/11/1954
863	863		878	12/1913	10/1929	25/3/1946
864	930		930	12/1913	9/1919	4/12/1953
865	865	865; 825	828	12/1913	10/1944	11/10/1960
866	932		932	12/1913	9/1919	27/3/1962
867	867	867; 823	836	1/1914	2/1944	21/3/1956
868	868	868	868	2/1914	3/1931	12/5/1953
869	869	869; 821; 814	819	2/1914	11/1948	8/7/1953
870	870	870; 815	839	2/1914	2/1942	12/2/1954
871	871	871; 814	834	7/1914	3/1944	20/5/1960
872	933		933	2/1914	5/1919	27/11/1953
913	845	845; 809	823	7/1914	5/1946	13/7/1959
914	847		874	8/1914	12/1929	8/2/1963
915	915		915	8/1914	9/1924	20/1/1955
916	849	849; 822	848	8/1914	5/1936	24/11/1953
917	850	850	850	8/1914	3/1933	15/5/1953
918	853	853	862	9/1914	5/1933	29/8/1952
919	856	856; 844	844	10/1914	12/1933	5/6/1956
920	920		920	10/1914	6/1919	22/5/1953
921	888		888	10/1914	11/1925	22/11/1955
922	922		922	10/1914	5/1921	31/3/1954
923	923		923	10/1914	5/1922	5/10/1960
924	924		924	11/1914	2/1919	10/4/1953
925	858	826	847	11/1914	5/1936	23/1/1953
926	861	861; 820	843	11/1914	3/1941	11/6/1953
927	862	862; 800	835	11/1914	3/1944	13/1/1951
928	928		928	12/1914	12/1924	1/6/1956
929	929		929	12/1914	11/1919	21/10/1955
930	864	831	840	12/1914	3/1941	4/12/1953
931	931		931	12/1914	3/1924	12/10/1953
932	866	866	866	12/1914	3/1932	12/5/1953
933	872	813	822	1/1915	8/1946	27/2/1961
934	934		934	1/1915	8/1920	8/10/1954
935	935		935	2/1915	6/1919	24/11/1955
936	936		936	2/1915	10/1922	3/5/1954
937	937		937	2/1915	5/1922	19/1/1955
938	873	809	859	2/1915	9/1933	9/4/1951

Original A² No.	1923 A² No.	A¹ Nos.	Final A² No.	Date in Service	Date Superheated	'Off Register'
939	874		880	2/1915	8/1929	19/1/1953
940	938		938	3/1915	10/1922	27/1/1961
941	939		939	3/1915	7/1924	16/6/1959
942	902		889	3/1915	11/1925	12/6/1956

Part 2

Walschaerts Valve Gear Locomotives

Original A² No.	Final A² No.	Built By	Date in service	Date Superheated	Date Oil Fired	'Off Register'
983	983	VR, Newport	10/1915	8/1917	7/1946	14/6/1955
984	984	VR, Newport	11/1915	7/1917	8/1946	12/5/1954
985	985	VR, Newport	11/1915	9/1917	6/1946	29/5/1953
986	986	VR, Newport	11/1915	10/1917	8/1946	15/1/1964
987	987	VR, Newport	11/1915	11/1917	7/1947	26/11/1954
988	988	VR, Newport	12/1915	6/1917	7/1946	1/3/1957
989	989	VR, Newport	12/1915	9/1917	8/1946	25/11/1954
990	990	VR, Newport	1/1916	11/1917	8/1946	21/3/1962
991	991	VR, Newport	3/1916	as built	6/1946	15/6/1953
992	992	VR, Newport	3/1916	as built	8/1946	7/8/1953
993	993	VR, Newport	4/1916	10/1917	7/1946	12/6/1959
994	994	VR, Newport	5/1916	1/1918	7/1946	9/2/1962
995	995	VR, Newport	5/1916	3/1918	7/1946	13/9/1963
996	996	VR, Newport	6/1916	8/1918	6/1946	22/11/1963
997	997	VR, Newport	6/1916	6/1917	8/1946	12/1/1953
998	998	VR, Newport	5/1918	as built	-	4/8/1947
999	999	VR, Newport	6/1918	as built	8/1946	15/4/1954
1000	940	VR, Newport	7/1918	as built	7/1946	23/9/1954
1001	941	VR, Newport	8/1918	as built	7/1946	1/11/1959
1002	942	VR, Newport	9/1918	as built	3/1946	24/1/1957
1003	943	VR, Newport	10/1918	as built	10/1946	27/8/1956
1004	944	VR, Newport	11/1918	as built	7/1946	12/11/1954
1005	945	VR, Newport	12/1918	as built	7/1946	31/10/1958
1006	946	VR, Newport	2/1919	as built	7/1946	9/10/1953
1007	947	VR, Newport	3/1919	as built	7/1946	9/4/1962
1008	948	VR, Newport	4/1919	as built	6/1946	18/9/1952
1009	949	VR, Newport	5/1919	as built	9/1946	15/10/1954
1010	950	VR, Newport	6/1919	as built	8/1946	17/2/1955
1011	951	VR, Newport	6/1919	as built	6/1946	5/5/1954
1012	952	VR, Newport	8/1919	as built	6/1946	30/4/1956
1053	953	VR, Newport	5/1920	as built	11/1946	4/1/1952
1054	954	VR, Newport	7/1920	as built	8/1946	6/4/1955
1055	955	VR, Newport	8/1920	as built	6/1946	9/3/1961
1056	956	VR, Newport	8/1920	as built	-	3/8/1946
1057	957	VR, Newport	9/1820	as built	7/1946	10/7/1953

Original A ² No.	Final A ² No.	Built By	Date in service	Date Superheated	Date Oil Fired	'Off Register'
1058	958	VR, Newport	10/1920	as built	9/1946	4/1/1952
1059	959	VR, Newport	10/1920	as built	9/1946	22/10/1954
1060	960	VR, Newport	11/1920	as built	9/1946	24/6/1954
1061	961	VR, Newport	12/1920	as built	7/1946	27/2/1953
1062	962	VR, Newport	12/1920	as built	7/1946	3/2/1956
1063	963	VR, Newport	3/1921	as built	6/1946	22/3/1956
1064	964	VR, Newport	4/1921	as built	7/1946	15/1/1964
1065	965	VR, Newport	5/1921	as built	7/1946	26/3/1954
1066	966	VR, Newport	5/1921	as built	6/1946	19/3/1954
1067	967	VR, Newport	6/1921	as built	9/1946	18/7/1955
1068	968	VR, Newport	7/1921	as built	8/1946	7/10/1955
1069	969	VR, Newport	7/1921	as built	7/1946	6/1/1953
1070	970	VR, Newport	8/1921	as built	-	3/8/1946
1072	972	VR, Newport	9/1921	as built	6/1946	5/3/1954
1073	973	VR, Ballarat	9/1921	as built	7/1946	22/2/1957
1073	973	VR, Ballarat	9/1921	as built	7/1946	22/2/1957
1074	974	VR, Ballarat	11/1921	as built	7/1946	25/9/1958
1075	975	VR, Ballarat	2/1922	as built		24/1/1950
1076	976	VR, Ballarat	4/1922	as built	2/1947	19/2/1957
1077	977	VR, Ballarat	6/1922	as built	6/1946	4/1/1952
1078	978	VR, Bendigo	11/1921	as built	12/1946	19/9/1958
1079	979	VR, Bendigo	11/1921	as built	7/1946	20/11/1953
1080	980	VR, Bendigo	3/1922	as built	10/1946	5/11/1954
1081	981	VR, Bendigo	6/1922	as built	9/1946	10/9/1954
1082	982	VR, Bendigo	6/1922	as built	9/1946	17/5/1957

Notes:

The following locomotives were fitted with shunter's boards for use as heavy duty yard shunters:
(Final numbers are shown in every instance)

- 826** 17/5/1954;
- 827** 14/9/1956;
- 834** 17/5/1954;
- 876** 31/8/1956
- 894** At an unknown date;
- 923** 7/9/1956.

The following locomotives were fitted with Boxpok wheel centres in 1947-48.
(Final numbers are shown in every instance):
Nos. 944; 948; 964; 986; 992

A² 972 is seen on a Up goods train at Serviceton. 1953.
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