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Thomas,

Further to your e-mail of early August, I forward some further information on your Grandfather.

I have been away on hols in NZ for the last three weeks. Our Historian has been unable to find anything on the employee register as he could not access a fiche reader.

I had a look at the actual book today and found the following:

Thomas Horsfield, employed as a casual motorman (driver) on 27/9/1912. Was made permanent on 1/10/1913. His address at the time was 10 Pispah St. Ballarat. The register shows him as a labourer prior to engagement. Unfortunately the register also shows him as being dismissed on 8 May 1919 for "Colliding with another car (tramcar), and causing serious damage thru running beyond Car Sheds Loop without a staff."

Car sheds loop was near the depot in Wendouree Parade, not far from where we run our tramway today. The reference to the staff is that at the time, the tramway system used a Staff (or token) to ensure that trams did not meet on single link sections. It is similar to staff working on single line railways in the old days.

I have attached digital photographs of the relevant part of the register. They may print up well in a printer. They are quite large files to get the definition. I placed a receipt request in the mail in order to check that you received this, just in case your system baulks at large files.

At this stage I will not be in Ballarat when you propose to visit.

I will also check with the Ballarat Genealogical Society if they have any record of your Grandfather in their records.

Warren Doubleday
Manager Museum Services

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Best regards,
Warren

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Badge No.	Name in Full.	Address.	Date Engaged.	Engaged as.	Trade (if any) and rate of pay
	Turner J.B.	Allert St	24 Sept 1912	Uniforms	Conductor
	Horsfield J.H.	10 Pissal St	27 Sept 1912	casual Uniforms off permanent before 1/10/13	Laborer
	Willet J.S.	10 Baverly St	20 th Oct 1912 114	casual uniform	Laborer

Rate of Wages Commencing.	Date Wages Increased and Increase.	Date of Leaving.	Reason for Leaving	Record of Conduct	Remarks.
		5 th May 1913	Resigned		Good to go to Queensland
		8 th May 1919	Dismissed		Colliding with another car causing serious damage to wrecking beyond repair of car and driver's car
	appointed permanent from leave 27 July 1915	8/7/20	Resigned 8/7/20	Exp	30 days probation & 10 days leave

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Dear Warren,

Thanks for your e-mails and attachments which I have just read on my return to the UK. We had already left home before you sent the information.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to meet when we were in Ballarat and also that the Museum was closed. However we did visit the museum in Bendigo which presumably has similar cars to those in Ballarat.

I was quite amused to read of my grandfather's misdemeanour (assuming no-one was injured) as in later life he was the most upright law-abiding gentleman you could wish to meet! Perhaps his quick return to England later that year was a form of transportation in reverse! As a child I remember him showing me the controls of a tramcar in Blackburn England which had an extensive tramway system. I don't recall him mentioning the rules for single track lines!

Thanks again for the trouble you have taken on my behalf.

Best wishes,

Tom Wilson
