



Newsletter

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DRISA in short

DRISA plans to present, on the internet, a searchable catalogue of the Transnet Image collection, with thumbnails of each image, freely accessible to railway and history researchers all over the world.

Since January 2017 ...

The major milestones since our previous communication:

- Two new interns have been hired to continue with the processing of the catalogues and the scanning of images. Another two are lined up to be employed soon, depending on the availability of funds.
- The LS Collection of lantern slides is now catalogued thanks to the work of three volunteers and will be scanned and posted to the internet soon.
- A new volunteer, Jean Dulez, helped us to survey the diverse video materials and all items have now been reshelved in an orderly fashion. Cataloguing will start soon to screen the materials which should be digitised first.

More South African Railway Magazines online!

In the previous newsletter, some background was given about the early Railway Magazines. This short newsletter has the primary aim to let you know that a major new part of this collection has been published on 24 March. Previously we had the NGR Magazine 1905 to 1907 (707 pages) and the SAR Magazine 1906 to 1910 (4101 pages) on the website. The latest section to be published is the SAR Magazine 1911 to 1915 (6338 pages), to bring the total to 11 146 pages. As we are now remembering the First World War everywhere, readers may be interested to see how the War influenced the working of the South African Railways through the lens of its magazine. Scanning of the 1916 to 1920 section has just commenced.

The DRISA website

The magazine collection can be accessed through the DRISA website at www.drisa.co.za – see you there!