

14 April 1937, Castle class No 4037 'Queen Philippa' was renamed as 'The South Wales Borderers'. This loco had been built as a Star class 4-6-0 in December 1910 and was converted from a Star to a Castle in June 1926. No 4037 achieved nearly 52 years of service, running over 2,400,000 miles, believed to be the highest mileage of any Great Western Railway engine. The loco was withdrawn in September 1962.

The ceremony on 14 April 1937 took place on Platform 4 at Paddington where Major-General L I G Morgan-Owen, Colonel in Chief of the South Wales Borderers unveiled the flag-draped nameplate and the regimental plaque on the centre splasher. He then presented the driver and fireman each with a silver mug to mark the occasion. The newly-named engine then took the 3.55 pm South Wales express.



At Shrewsbury station c. 1960



Philip D. Hawkins painting with 4037 seen under the skew bridge and hauling 'The Torbay Express'.