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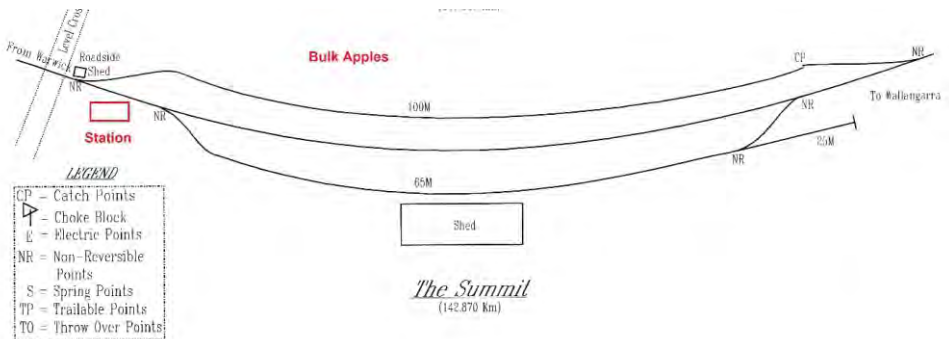
Arthur Hayes

Loading of bulk apples from The Summit for juice commenced in the mid 1990's, VAO class coal was used for this traffic. Other factory fruit in bins was loaded into QLX type wagons. The wagons were conveyed to the Golden Circle cannery at Northgate in Brisbane.



Apples arriving at The Summit. July 1995.

(I just love farm trucks, they are a great project to add realism to the layout).



Sidings at The Summit were not that big, often loaded and empty wagons were conveyed to Wallangarra, some day's 12 wagons came to Brisbane. (100 metre = 6 wagons).



Combined Goods/Cream Shed



Empty VAOA wagons arriving at The Summit



Empty wagons
being placed at
the siding to be
loaded.



**The Summit Yard, cases of Apples being loaded into VAOA wagons.
(Eastern side of the Main Line).**



Apples being loaded.

As much as possible, red and green apples were loaded into separate wagons.

Likewise at the cannery red apples were unloaded first before the green apples to save on cleaning the plant between to two types of apples.



The Summit western side of the main line, loading bank, station and fruit shed.



QLW in the fruit shed for factory fruit.

The wagon has tail light brackets on the end, suggesting it may have been a QLXP and a QLDP before becoming a QLW. That's a long story, I will leave that for another day.



V A O A
Wagons at
Wallangarra



Wagons of apples leaving Acacia Ridge



**Golden Circle Cannery Rail Vehicle Placer shunts a QLX of apples.
(This unit takes first place for me).**

The station building, combined Cream/Goods Shed and the loading bank were all on the Main Line. The location would make a great modelling project.

