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In 1956 and out of work with £11.10.0 in the bank and no prospect of employment, in the corner of a small office near Civic Station in Hunter Street Newcastle the business of R.F.Whitten was established and open for business

With no main street aspect or public view some thought was given to how to let people know where they could get good watch repairs done so it was decided that a one page letter be cut on a Gestetner stencil and produce 100 copies for distribution. Addresses were obtained by random selection from the Newcastle Telephone Directory of addresses of private homes and not businesses.

Two days later a phone call was received from a gentleman who advised that he had received one of the letters and enquired if there was any interest in doing clock repairs.... most watch repairers do not happily do clock repairs due to the fact that due to the time and complexity of the repairs one does not usually receive an amount of money in comparison with the time taken on the repair and one gets much more from watches than clocks, however after consideration that there was no work coming in that clock repairs would be acceptable.

The gentleman then said " I am the Marine Superintendent of the Australian National Line in the Newcastle area and I have some clocks for repair on the MV "River Murray" can you go down the the vessel at Lee Wharf and pick them up". A very long story follows that decision resulting in the fact that R.F.Whitten not only became the clock repairer and supplier to the ANL, but to The NSW State Dockyard B.H.P. Shipping, Whyalla Shipyard, Bundaberg Shipbuilding, Cockatoo Docks, Mount Stromlo Observatory, The Australian Antarctic Research Expeditions, The Ord River Project, The Australian Lighthouse Service, The Bureau of Mineral Resources, The Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force and has equipped 98% of all ships built in Australia since 1956 as well as all ships built by Carrington Slipways since it commenced business.

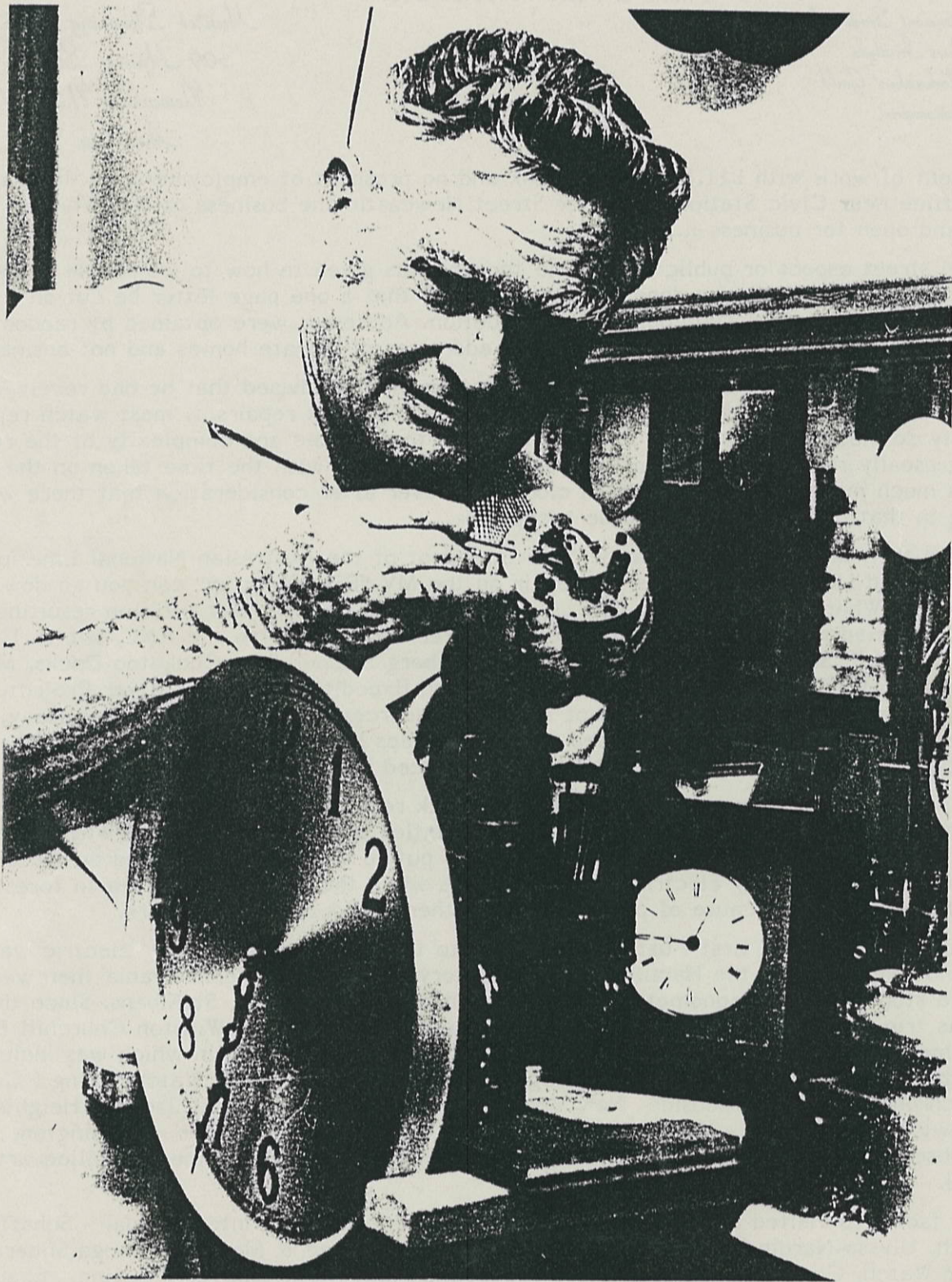
R.F.Whitten is probably the most travelled watch & clock repairer in Australia and has made urgent flights to Brisbane, Melbourne, Gladstone, Fremantle, Sydney, Adelaide and Whyalla on many occasions to carry out urgent repairs to enable ships to put to sea on schedule, and on three occasions signed on as supernumary electrician to do repairs while the ships were at sea to forestal the possibility of crew strikes because of problems with either clocks or chronometers.

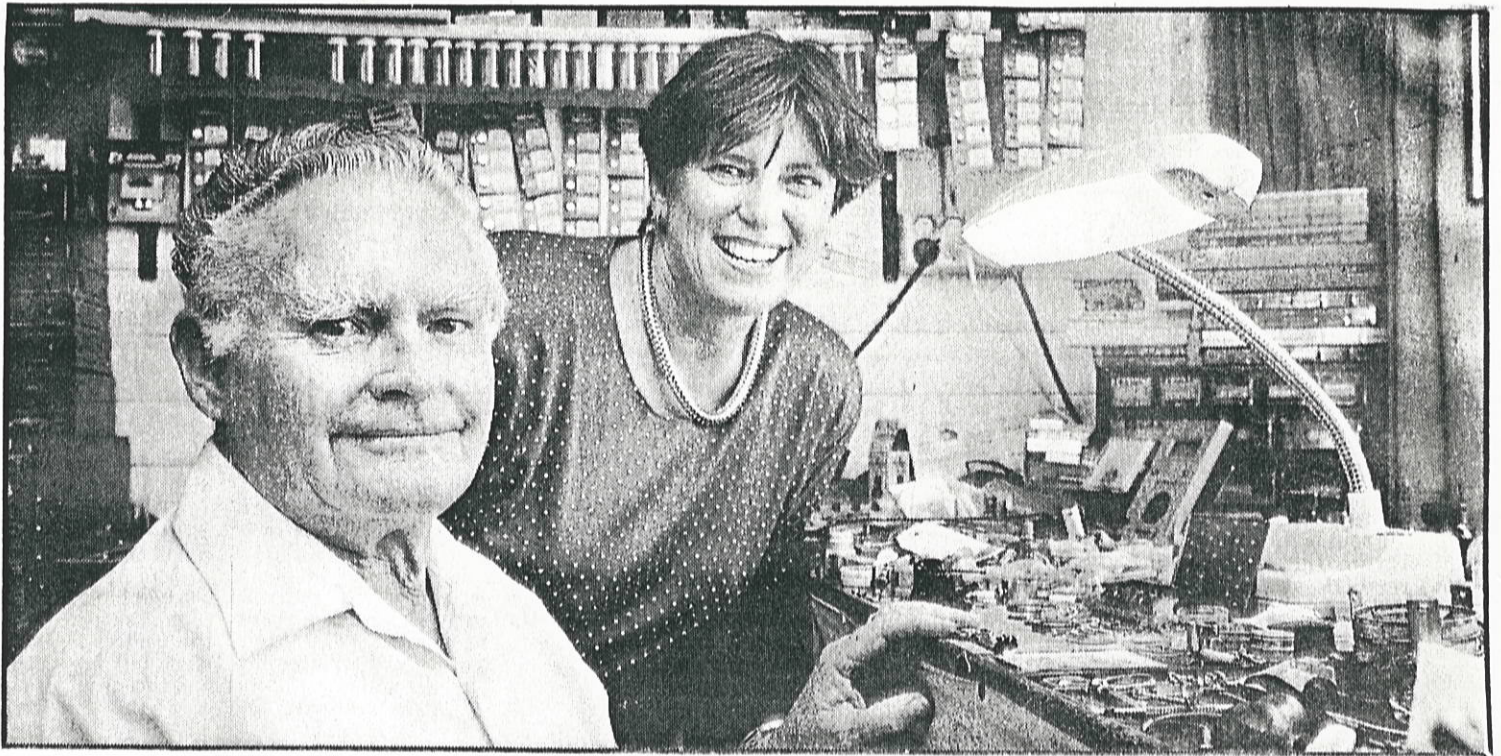
In 1960 R.F.Whitten was the first Australian repairer to travel overseas to study Electric watches when he spend some time at the Hamilton Watch Factory in Lancaster Pennsylvania then went on to England to study marine chronometer repair with Thomas Mercer Ltd., St.Albans. Since that first overseas trip there have been another 18 overseas trips including a Winston Churchill Fellowship for six months study in U.S., England, Switzerland, Germany & Japan in which was included working at the U.S.Naval Observatory - Washington D.C., Bulova School of Watchmaking (Guest lecturer on chronographs) at Woodside New York, Bulova Watch Factory at Jackson Heights NY, Royal Greenwich Observatory - Herstmonceux, National Physical Laboratories - Teddington, Neuchatel Observatory, Horological Laboratory-Neuchatel, Ebauches Department Oscilloquartz also at Neuchatel.

Some of the factories visited and studied in include; Girard-Perregaux, International - Schaffhausen, Rolex, Zenith, Ulysse-Nardin, Patek Philippe, Sarcar, Piaget, Baume & Mercier, Omega, Minerva, Mido, Jaguar Watch, Consul, Hanowa, Bucherer, Gubelin, Armin Kurz, Bulova, Brietling, Ebauches S.A. Marin, Chopard, Gerald Genta, Itraco, Blancpain... all in Switzerland, Seiko and Citizen-Japan.

The General manager of Patek Philippe has stated "I consider you (R.F.Whitten) to be the most experienced watch repairer in the world"----

This all makes one feel very proud.





Mr Reg Whitten in his Civic premises with Ms Judith Hughes, of the Royal Blind Society.

Keeping in touch with time has its reward

By PAUL GARWOOD
Staff Reporter

REPAIRING timepieces is more than a job for Newcastle watch repairer Mr Reginald Frank Whitten: it is his love.

Mr Whitten has spent much of his life studying horology (the science of watchmaking) and 36 years helping those with sight impairments to be able to keep a track on the time.

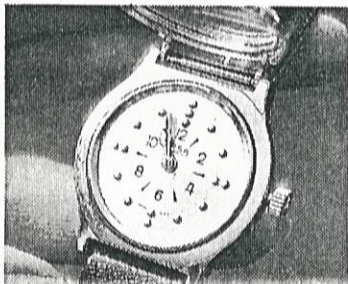
The Royal Blind Society will present him today with a plaque recognising his work repairing visually impaired people's braille and large-print watches for free.

Mr Whitten, who worked the 36 years in the Newcastle Civic area, said yesterday that he was very proud to be recognised for his work in helping the blind but admitted that it was totally unexpected.

'I'm in a job where if you didn't have good eyesight you would be in trouble,' he said.

'That is why I want to help people with defective sight because I know how important your sight is.'

'If they wake up at all hours of the night, they are able to rely on a watch which will tell them the cor-



A braille watch . . . Mr Whitten has repaired thousands.

rect time . . . it is very rewarding.

'And the people who come to have their watches repaired are very appreciative too, they are pleased to see that somebody understands them and they need help.'

'It's something that I take as a personal project; I never consider it as charity work.'

Mr Whitten's interest has led him to all parts of the world.

'You have to be wrapped up in your job if you are to be any good at it,' he said.

'Some people build pools on the weekend and others play golf but I spend most of my holidays in Switzerland working at watch factories.'

Mr Whitten had the distinction of being the first Novacastrian to be awarded a Churchill Fellowship, in 1968, which enabled him to travel, study and work for six months in England, Switzerland, Germany, the United States and Japan.

He has the honour of being the only foreigner to have been allowed to work in the US Navy Chronometry facility (where precision marine timepieces are made) in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mr Whitten is a member of various international watch institutes and associations and is a past president and federal secretary of the Horological Guild of Australasia.

'Ninety-five per cent of all ships in Sydney are built with clocks and systems supplied by me,' he said.

'I supply all the Sydney ferries, for example, with their equipment.'

'I've cornered the market.'

Mr Whitten said the major marine timing manufacturers from all over the world supplied him with the equipment, which he then sold.

He also finds time for his involvement in the Salvation Army as its regional coordinator for emergency services in the central NSW division, as well as being the Mayfield branch's hand secretary.

The father of four from Mayfield could not put a figure on the number of braille watches he had repaired but a Royal Blind Society media officer, Ms Judith Hughes, said he had helped more than 2100 people affected by sight loss.

'We feel he has contributed very much to the work we do, he has assisted us by supporting us in keeping people's equipment in good condition,' Ms Hughes said.

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Judith Hughes presents the award to Reg Whitten.

Blind Society gives reward

GRATITUDE is probably the best way to describe the Royal Blind Society's attitude to Reginald Frank Whitten.

Mr Whitten has earned this gratitude by repairing braille and large print watches free of charge for the society for more than 36 years.

Society representative Judith Hughes said a braille or large print watch was important to people who had little or no sight because of the independence it gave them.

From a distance the braille watch looks like a nor-

mal watch because it has a hinged glass panel allowing the blind person to feel the position of the specially strengthened hands.

Instead of numerals, the face has embossed dots to indicate the time.

Large print watches are for people with some remaining vision and as the name suggests, the numerals are larger than normal and are designed to offer the greatest contrast.

As thanks for Mr Whitten's services the Royal Blind Society presented him with an engraved plaque.

Tues.

dear Phyll — as you can see
by the order of service Rex
had a great farewell from
his colleagues. I think I mentioned
to you that David spoke about
Glad. He would have known
her so well. Rex told me about
going to Berley Boys Home.
Glad was housekeeper in
Bathurst for a dentist. One
morning Rex saw the dental
mechanic in bed with the
dentist!! I told his mother so
no doubt alarm bells rang!
On another occasion Rex
was late home from school
and the dentist took off his
belt & gave him several
wacks across the body.
He was about 11. — & so
I think Gladys was forced
really to desperation.

1/ Anyway, anyone who had touched his life would have been so proud of his achievements. Although the service was uplifting I couldn't stop weeping!

Knowing all the players in his early life & circumstances didn't help. David did a wonderful job struggling with the eulogy. It was obvious he & Rex had a loving bond. I am going to write to him. Rex gave me his address (if you want it) I thought I might have been able to see him when I was in Los Angeles but Michael's new baby was 6 weeks old at the time and I'd forgotten how little sleep everyone has so I didn't try to see him

watch chain across chest and all!

3) Getting back to Gladys. When we were all home for Dad's funeral one of us asked her how she told Dad about her pregnancy. She said she told him out the front of Rowntrees (the General Store) she had to sit down in the gutter he got such a shock. Can you imagine my father sitting in the gutter? I can't!! She also told us how for weeks how she'd get out at night to creep over to Lionel's quarters!! I'd read had caught her in the act!!! I - I - I!! She said she was getting fed up with the whole business when she became pregnant. I expect this young fellow ate meals with the family so there would have been other contacts. As Bill used to say there is no accounting for emotions. I did tell you I fell the day before the funeral didn't I? The night Kneel

became infected and has
been slow to heal. I'm hoping
by the time I finish the course
of tablets I'll be ok.

Michael & Sophie have bought
a house at Larosona on the
beach. They are thrilled with
it. Beth & Wes had one in
Larosona too but it was on
a cliff. They, Mrs are looking
forward to the slower pace
in Lassie.

Until the Chrissie letter
dearest love to you & Ross.
Gwynn.

3 these columns

WHITTEN, Reginald (Rex). —

September 25, 1998, passed away suddenly in Hong Kong, formerly of Mayfield (Newcastle, The Watchmaker), dearly loved father, father-in-law and grandfather of David and Holly, Gregory (deceased), Richard and Vicki, Rebecca, Kathy and Michael and their families.

Aged 75 years.

The relatives and friends of the Whitten family invite you to attend his funeral service, this Friday (October 23, 1998), commencing at 1 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria Street, Mayfield and thence for cremation in the North Chapel of the Newcastle Crematorium, Anderson Drive, Beresfield, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Your flowers would be appreciated, but a donation made at the Citadel to the Heart Foundation, would be preferred.

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3. WILLIS, Kenneth — Passed away

Salvo saw it all in Soho

SALVATION Army duties in Mayfield seem a long way from London's Soho, but Christine Whitten has taken it all in her stride.

Every Friday night she appeals for donations for the Army's work from drinkers at district pubs and clubs.

But about a decade ago she was involved in a different, rougher world among the pimps, prostitutes and drug addicts on the late-night patrol with a lady officer in sleazy Soho.

But the uniform was the badge of protection along with the Army's reputation on the mid-night patrol.

'We always went in twos, but the Army was so well respected that nothing ever happened to

anybody,' Mrs Whitten said this week.

'I suppose Soho would be a lot tamer today. A showpiece for the tourists. But while I was there I did see a fellow who had been stabbed.

'How long we were out on patrol depending on how long people wanted to talk to you about their problems.'

Mrs Whitten became involved along with friends with the social work of the Army in England while still at school.

She and her husband (also involved with the Army's work) later migrated to Australia and in recent years she has been a member of the Army's Mayfield corps.

And now besides the regular Friday night hotel visits for donations to help the Army continue its work, Christine helps out with corps canteen work.

With the growing drug problem she believed that the back streets of King Cross today may be a lot tougher than her time spent in Soho.

The Salvation Army will spend \$1.6m on social/welfare work in the region in the next 12 months but expects to raise less than \$500,000 on Sunday.

That's the Army's Red Shield Appeal day and more volunteer collectors are still needed for Cardiff, Warners Bay, Mayfield and Newcastle.

Army spokesman Captain Alan Peterson said the doorknock appeal was aiming to raise at least



● Christine Whitten collects for the Salvation Army at the Mayfield Hotel.

\$225,000 in the Newcastle region including \$45,000 from individual homes in the Lake Macquarie area (\$42,000 raised there in 1984) and \$50,000 from Newcastle homes.

In the whole Hunter area (from Macksville down to Gosford and west to Murrurundi) the Army

realistically expects to raise \$465,000.

That, however, still leaves a shortfall of \$612,000 to be found 'somehow' during the rest of the year.

But of the money raised, \$119,000 will be spent on family welfare, about \$360,000 on re-

habilitating drug addicts and on capital works such as the \$100,000 needed to renovate the homeless men's hostel at Wickham.

As their motto says: *Thank God for the Salvos.*

Volunteer collectors are needed to work two to three hours on Sunday. Phone 2-5273.

Achievements Program

ACHIEVEMENTS PROGRAM WINNERS ANNOUNCED....

Digital Information Systems (DIS) is pleased to announce the winners for the first round of the DIS Achievements Program. Twice a year the program will recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding leadership in driving new ways of managing and distributing information in Digital. In addition to recognizing and awarding special MIS contributors, the program serves to publicize, both inside and outside of the corporation, Digital's MIS leadership. Many of the achievements have been showcased to customers, and DIS has been supporting the sales force by serving as a reference account. The achievements program helps to identify special MIS achievements to further support this effort.

A committee of MIS managers has verified and voted on the submissions for the first round of the program. Top winners have been chosen within seven designated categories: Networks; MIS Planning/Management; Data Resource Management; End User Computing/Office Automation; Traditional Application Development; Information Distribution/Access; and Tools. In addition, several Honorable Mentions are being recognized for their achievements. Criteria for the winning submissions included the following: innovation, risk taking, leadership, productivity improvement, and reference account potential for the sales force.

The second round of the program is currently under way. Submission forms have been mailed to MIS personnel. The winners will be announced and recognized in the Fall.

Achievement awards are being presented to the following winners for the first round of the program. These individuals and organizations were recently recognized at the Spring Internal DECUS Symposium.



L to R. Carl Strathmeyer, Joe Megna, David Whitten, Dudley Howe.

Category: Networks

Winning Submission: Integration of Corporate Messaging System (Corporate Telecommunications)

The MTS (Message Transport Service) network was developed as the solution to Digital's electronic mail expansion requirements. The network uses standard Digital products and provides electronic mail access to many more employees than the EMS network could support, at less cost with faster message delivery between nodes. MTS was implemented with a connection to EMS to allow for inter-network communication during the migration period.

MTS evolved through three fairly distinct stages with various Corporate Telecommunications Groups and individuals contributing to either one, or each, stage. Several individuals have since transferred to new assignments, and group names and structures have subsequently changed through re-organization.

The following individuals participated in each stage:
Strategy Formulation and Network Design

Claire Messier (former Manager,

Network Design and Implementation, since transferred to Office Systems Marketing in MKO), Carl Strathmeyer (Manager, Message Network Design-Project Leader MTS)

Project Team: Joyce Graff, Don Reinke (since transferred to WMO MIS), Ken Mayers (Staff Consultant ND&I), Debbie Christopher (Network Engineering-Gateway Development), Stan Foster (European IS-Gateway Development), Clay Crommett (Network Engineering-EMS Technical Support)

Pilot Implementation

Project Team: Chris Corey, Dave Emerson, Sherry Costello

CNS Operations: Dudley Howe (Manager), Jim Glenn

Remote Site Support

Production Implementation

Dave Cedrone (Manager Corporate Network Services), David Whitten

(Message Switching Networks Business Manager), Al Albano (Message Switching Networks Service Manager)

CNS Operations: Tim Cronin (Message Switching Networks Operations Manager), Bill Ziminsky



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Tuesday, December 4, 1984

4:00-5:45 P.M. — Arrival and registration at Conference Site (See Arrival Information), time to unpack and familiarize yourself with the site and its surroundings.

5:45 P.M. — Cocktails

7:00 P.M. — Dinner

8:30 P.M. — Introductory session, including a brief orientation on IGC; general introduction of conference participants and subject matter; outline of conference objectives.

9:00 P.M. — SESSION 1

Overview of Electronic Document Filing and Distribution Systems

George M. Stamps — GMS Consulting

- Background
- Key technologies
- Impact of standards
- The latent demand
- The communications environment
- The office environment
- Outlook for growth

Wednesday, December 5, 1984

7:30-8:45 A.M. — Breakfast served

9:00 A.M. — SESSION 2

(Coffee breaks midway through each session)

Electronic Mail in Digital's Evolving Office Environment

David Whitten — Digital Equipment Corporation

Why EMS within Digital?

- The EMS pilot (single node) — lessons learned
- Initial production (multi-node) — lessons learned
- Current status — millions of sessions of experience
 - Network topology
 - Significant metrics
 - Costs and benefits: measurable and unmeasurable
 - Business use
- Continuing evolution: the next stages of integration

Opportunities for High Speed Document Imaging Distribution Systems

Denis A. Rose — DARCOM Consultants, Inc.

- High speed communication systems
 - Satellite systems advantages
 - Alternate uses of bandwidth
 - Intra-city systems: digital termination systems (DTS)
 - Intra-site systems: local area networks (LAN)
- Impact of changing cost/value environment
 - Rising costs of staying the same
 - Movement of systems toward electronics
 - Increasing flexibility of communications
- Evolving equipment for high resolution imaging systems
 - Scanners
 - Printers
 - Communicating copiers
 - System requirements for copy quality, compression, and scanning, printing transmission
- Electronic publishing and demand printing opportunities
 - New centralized mass storage systems
 - Output at decentralized or user location
 - Description of technical document system from publishers
 - Intra-company system opportunities

12:30 P.M. — Luncheon

1:45 P.M. — SESSION 3

Electronic Document Filing: 1984-1989

Franklyn E. Dailey, Jr. — Image Technology and Application

- Words and their meanings
- Storage and retrieval

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: I-140 - David R. Whitten, File No. A24-587-295

We are returning the previously submitted application on the above case. You have requested that it be shown that Mr. Whitten have the equivalent of a Business Administration degree in order to be accorded third preference classification.

Mr. Whitten admits that the education he has is probably not equivalent to a bachelors degree. In fact he is currently enrolled in an accelerated degree program at Boston University.

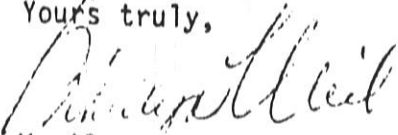
We submit, however, that Mr. Whitten is a professional manager and as such should be entitled to third preference classification. He has five years management experience. He is responsible for a Mail Services function comprised of approximately 400 employees. He sets corporate policies and guidelines for this function which has a budget of \$12 million. At least five of the mailroom managers in the greater Maynard area possess bachelors degrees; and the position of mailroom manager is five salary grade levels below Mr. Whitten.

We further point out that Digital cannot discriminate in our hiring practices by refusing to hire someone without a degree, if they are otherwise qualified, regardless of the type or level of the position. We, as a reputable company do and have in the past, hired many "professional" employees at various levels of management who do not possess a college degree.

We have found that Mr. Whitten is not only qualified for his present position, but would be capable of the added responsibility of developing a worldwide facsimile network. This network will allow more rapid communication of information between countries. Digital already has the 2nd largest mail distribution system in New England (after the U.S. Post Office) plus extensive electronic mail systems.

Digital would not give Mr. Whitten responsibility for a \$12 million budget, 400 employees, and a 76 office distribution network if he was not considered a professional. We respectfully request your consideration of these facts and ask that he be accorded the third preference category.

Yours truly,


Marilyn Weil
Immigration Specialist

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Meeting members

*Son of Gladys
Grandson of Fred*

Ship's time

When we asked Newcastle member Mr Reg Whitten about Flight Deck, he was quick to point out that he was a founding member. Among the numerous advantages he enjoys is the frequent use of the meeting rooms in the lounges for such events as the annual meeting of the Horological Guild of Australasia, of which he is chairman.

"We'd also booked a room for the annual federal conference this year, but alas there are more people coming than we anticipated. We've changed the venue, but I'll use a lot of guest passes

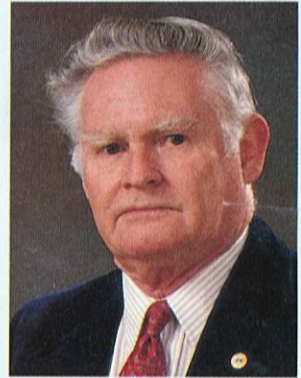
when I meet them at the airport or see them off", he said.

Mr Whitten is one of the most travelled watch and clock repairers in Australia and is regarded by the Swiss industry as the most experienced watchmaker in the world. Newcastle being a maritime city, it was natural that he would become involved in timepieces for ships—indeed, he has supplied more than 150 Australian-built vessels with chronometers, barometers, clocks, binoculars and electric clock systems.

He got into ships' clocks out of necessity and now specialises in this area. "I set

up business in 1956 with £11.10 in the bank, and my first caller was from the Australian National Line", he recalls. He recently provided navy supply ship HMAS *Tobruk* with a range of clocks, and as we went to press, he has just tendered for the supply to the *Sandra Maree* (Australia's new Antarctic research vessel) master clocks and 50 other timepieces.

Mr Whitten is often introduced as a Doctor of Horology ("There's no such thing, but it sounds nice", he says). He figures he has not done badly for a kid turned out of a boys' home when he was 13 and left to support



Mr Reg Whitten.

himself. He is proud of having won a Churchill Fellowship to study in Europe and America and of his membership of many international bodies.

66 Scholey Street,
Mayfield 2304

Ph. (02) 49671930 (Silent)

6th November, 1998

Dear Ross & Phyl,

How are you both?

I did try to ring you when I heard when Rex's funeral was but you must have been away as I could never reach you.

After such a long wait it really was a relief, I think for everyone to finally be able to get on with it. The day went very well and fortunately the weather was nice as there were about 40 people who could not get in., I would think there were about 200 people there, and as far as funerals go it was very nice and Beccy had done a great job. All in all though it was hard to believe it had really happened and in some ways it still seems a bit unreal as Rex seems to have been around for ever and I think I still keep expecting him to pop up somewhere..

As you were unable to come I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of the Funeral and also a cutting from the local paper for you both.

Well I guess that's about it but if you would still like to keep in touch I'd like that.

Best wishes

Chris W.

Prominent watchmaker dies



Community volunteer: Newcastle West identity Mr Reg Whitten, who died recently aged 75.

PROMINENT Newcastle watchmaker Mr Reg Whitten has died.

Mr Whitten, who owned a store in Newcastle West, died in Hong Kong on September 25.

He was 75.

Although best-known for his watch-making Mr Whitten was also community-minded, his daughter, Mrs Kathy Stajkowski, said.

He was involved in the volunteer emergency services, and Mrs Stajkowski said that when an emergency occurred he worked tirelessly until the

job was completed.

'I worked with him in the emergency services during the bushfires and he didn't stop the whole day, that's what he was like,' Mrs Stajkowski said.

Born in Sydney, Mr Whitten moved to Newcastle to learn his watchmaking trade shortly after serving in World War II.

Although divorced from his wife Marcia, the couple remained close until her death two years ago.

'He was always involved with our lives, even Mum's,' Mrs Stajkowski said.

'They were divorced but they always got on.'

Mr Whitten is survived by Mrs Stajkowski, another daughter, Rebecca Harvey, sons David and Richard, and their children.

Due to a mix-up with Chinese authorities, Mr Whitten's family was unable to bring his body back from Hong Kong until last week.

His funeral will be held at 1pm today at the Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria St, Mayfield.

Funeral Service

of

Reginald Frank Whitten

"Rex"

30 May, 1923 - 25 September, 1998

held at

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Mayfield Corps

23 October, 1998 - 1.00 pm

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God's soldier marches as to war,
A soldier on an alien shore,
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Will keep the highest aims in view.
God's soldier goes where sin is found;
Where evil reigns, his battleground;
A cunning foe to overthrow
And strike for truth a telling blow.

*We're going to fill, fill, fill the world with glory;
We're going to smile, smile, smile and not frown;
We're going to sing, sing, sing the gospel story;
We're going to turn the world upside down.*

God's soldier has to stand alone,
Accepting burdens not his own;
A lonely work he cannot shirk,
Where dark and deadly dangers lurk.
God's soldier must courageous be,
And from his duties never flee,
For millions wait, whose need is great,
And he must not God's plan frustrate.

Words: Harry Read
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PRAYER (Major James Ferguson)

FAMILY TRIBUTE (David Whitten)

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (Male Voice Party)

CORPS TRIBUTE (Ken Cocking)

JOHN 11: 17 - 27 (Major Eric Hopkins)

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

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you ask."

Jesus said t

Martha ans
last day."

Jesus said
in me will
in me will

"Yes, Lord,
God, who

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

MESSAGE (Major Norm Beckett)

PRAYER

IN THE SWEET BY-AND-BY

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling-place there.

*In the sweet by-and-by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer the tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of his love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

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*This
was
sung
at
Glad's
service*

Service of Committal
Beresfield Crematorium

2.30 pm

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

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PRAYER

JOHN 14: 1 - 6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

"B" HEAVY BATTERY BATTALION (Des Dowling)

TIME OF REFLECTION

R.S.L. SERVICE

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL



Afternoon tea will be served in the Community Centre adjacent to the Citadel following the committal service.

Reginald Frank Whitten
known as "Rex"

Rex had his earliest connection with The Salvation Army, when at an early age, he was cared for in the Army's Bexley Boys Home. Whilst at the Boys Home, Rex learnt to play a brass instrument.

Up until his death, Rex took an active role in the musical and vocal sections of Salvation Army life as a bandsperson, songster and male voice party member.

Rex served as a Salvation Army soldier at Manly, Newcastle and Mayfield Corps. He held positions of responsibility in each of these Corps (churches), including Songster Leader, Band Secretary and Welcome Sergeant. For many years he was The Emergency Service Co-ordinator for The Salvation Army in the Hunter region.

His occupational profession saw him become recognised internationally as a gifted scientific instrument and watch repairer. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in this regard.

During World War II, Rex saw service in Papua New Guinea with the "B" Heavy Battery Battalion.

An important interest for Rex was ten pin bowling. He was President of the Newcastle Ten Pin Bowling Association. Recently he was granted life membership of the Australian Ten Pin Bowling Congress.

Rex was a life member in the Horological Guild.

Rex is survived by David, Richard, Rebecca, Kathy and nine grandchildren.

*To Those I Love
and
Those Who Love Me.*

When I am gone, release me.
Let me go I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
be happy that we had so many beautiful years.

I gave to you my love,
You can only guess how much you gave to me in
happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I travelled alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories in your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say -
"Welcome Home".