THIS POTTED HISTORY OF THE GE-225 ONLY COVERS THE PERIOD FROM ITS INSTALLATION TO ITS DECOMMISSIONING AND TRANSFER TO THE QUEENSLAND MUSEUM.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE IS IN FACT A LONG PRE-HISTORY DATING BACK TO 1957 WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SELECTION OF THIS COMPUTER AND ITS INSTALLATION.

NOT THE LEAST PROBLEM THEN WAS TO CONVINCE THE UNIVERSITY AND THE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY THAT THE COMPUTER WAS GOING TO BECOME A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL IN PRACTICALLY EVERY AREA OF ENDEAVOUR.

WE QUOTE FROM A MEMORANDUM DATED 29TH APRIL, 1957

THIS RAISES THE MATTER OF SETTING UP A COMPUTER CENTRE IN THE UNIVERSITY. I SUGGEST A FULL INVESTIGATION BY A COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS. THE CENTRE SHOULD PROBABLY BE ATTACHED TO ONE DEPARTMENT AND, IN VIEW OF THE HIGH CAPITAL AND RUNNING COSTS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ONE SUCH CENTRE ONLY WOULD BE PRACTICABLE.

S.A. PRENTICE
16TH FEBRUARY, 1977
PRENTICE COMPUTER CENTRE
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

1962
1ST MARCH, 1962
PREMISES COMPLETED
1ST AUGUST, 1962
CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

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1963

MAY, 1963
HIGH SPEED PRINTER INSTALLED
CPU AUGMENTATION

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1964

MAY, 1964
MAGNETIC TAPES INSTALLED
CPU AUGMENTATION

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16th February, 1977

Prentice Computer Centre

University of Queensland

1965

Small computer provided for

Townsville University College

University of Queensland

Prentice Computer Centre

16th February, 1977
16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

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1967

AUGMENTATION OF SYSTEM

HARDWARE BY CENTRE STAFF

LOAD INCREASES NEED 3RD SHIFT

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1968

EXTENSION OF THE CENTRE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

POP10 COMPUTER INSTALLED

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1969
HEAVY USAGE CONTINUES WHILE
THE PDP10 WAS BEING BROUGHT UP
FOR BATCH USE

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1979

LOAD DECREASES AS BATCH WORK
IS TRANSFERRED TO THE PDP10

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University of Queensland

1971

The availability of remote terminals on the PDP-10 causes the load to decrease still further.

University of Queensland
Prentice Computer Centre

16th February, 1977
16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

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1972

LOAD DECREASES YET FURTHER AS

MORE GOES TO THE PDP10

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1973

MOST APPLICATIONS REMAINING
ON THE GE225 ARE THOSE
WHICH ARE NOT EASILY CONVERTED
TO THE PDP10

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1974

STILL A FEW JOBS STILL USING
THE GE225
WORK STARTING ON TRANSFER OF
UNIVERSITY PAYROLL SYSTEM

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1975

THE REMAINING WORK IS CERTAIN
GAP AND MIZ WRITTEN PROGRAMS
AND THE UNIVERSITY PAYROLL

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1976

FINAL CONVERSION OF THE

UNIVERSITY PAYROLL

REMOVES ALMOST ALL WORK

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

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16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

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1977

NO PRODUCTION USE MADE

OF THE GE225

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

PRENTICE COMPUTER CENTRE

16TH FEBRUARY, 1977
ON THIS DAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

THIS GE225 COMPUTER HAS RETIRED FROM HONOURABLE AND LONG
SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND.
MY RECORD HAS BEEN PRINTED AND PUNCHED FOR ALL TO SEE.

THANKS ARE GRATEFULLY OFFERED TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE
THIS LONG SERVICE POSSIBLE: TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED
FINANCIALLY FOR MY ORIGINAL PURCHASE, TO THOSE WHO
MAINTAINED AND RAN ME AND USED ME ALL THESE YEARS,
BUT PARTICULARLY TO PROFESSOR PRESTICE WHO DID SO MUCH
TO BRING ME TO THIS PLACE AND WHO HAS BEEN HERE AT THE
START AND FINISH OF MY TIME HERE.

I TRUST THAT MY STAY WITH MY FUTURE OWNERS WILL ALSO BE
LONG AND PROSPEROUS.

THIS REALLY IS THE END.