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## WELCOME to REVELATIONS 4

► 'Tis the Season to be Jolly! Isn't that what we sing in Deck the Halls? Here at the Heritage Centre & Archives we've not so much been 'decking the halls' as having a jolly time gathering our treasures and telling stories about our Territory.

We have just started a heritage project where we are digitising the historical editions of *The War Cry*. Some of the first editions are in a very fragile state; not only do they contain 'our' history but also the social history of our country, therefore we believe that it's important they are preserved. We hope at some point to be able to share them online and of course be able to reproduce them in original form. An exciting project for us!

Following on from our visit by TV3, where they filmed the Brunner Bible, we were visited by Dinghy Pattinson himself. It was a privilege and very moving to reunite him with his great grandfather's Bible.

The Heritage Centre & Archives team would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas with your family and friends and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Sharon Burton | Territorial Archivist ◀

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## THE BRUNNER BIBLE

John Pattinson's Personal Bible Story

► On the morning of Thursday 26 March, 1896, in the Brunner Mine, Westland, John William Pattinson, 36 and Salvationist of the Brunnerton Corps, was reading his Bible during a shift break. At 9:30am an explosion tore through the mine, killing all 65 miners, six of whom were soldiers of the Salvation Army.



A rescue mission began with fellow miners working in shifts alongside clergy, doctors and locals, with police constables keeping the crowds back. Salvation Army Officers, ministering to the families, included Captain Annie McCreddon and Lieutenant Carrie Brooker (Brunnerton Corps) and Captain David Scott (Greymouth Corps).

The following morning nine bodies had been recovered including the body of John William Pattinson, husband of Elizabeth and father of eight. As Junior Soldier Sergeant Major in the Brunnerton Corps, he had been responsible for young people's programmes, using his concertina to accompany singing.

When his body was recovered he was holding a charred Bible. This was donated to The Salvation Army by his daughter Mrs Elizabeth Jennings in 1977, a soldier of Nelson Corps for many years. ◀



Dinghy Pattinson, visiting the Heritage Centre & Archives, is fascinated with his great grandfather's Bible. The charred Bible sits inside its protected cover. His great grandfather, John Pattinson, is illustrated on the right.

Photograph courtesy of Anna Gawn.

# JOHN (LARS JOHAN) HULTQUIST

The Swede who gave 34 years to officership in Australasia

Lars Johan Hultquist was born in Sweden 22 May 1870. He left Sweden in the late 1880s and arrived in New Zealand in the early 1890s after spending five years in Australia. He first came across The Salvation Army in the Lyttleton Corps hall. Referred to as John, he joined The Salvation Army and while at Hastings Corps applied for officer training. He was accepted 17 July 1894 and entered training as a cadet on 16 August 1894 at the Ashburton Training Garrison. His first appointment was in February 1895 at Rangiora Corps followed by appointments/postings in New Zealand, Western Australia and South Australia.

Charlotte Stubley was born in Plymouth, England 28 January 1874 and at some point emigrated to New Zealand. Charlotte was also a salvationist at Hasting Corps from where she too entered officer training round 1898/1899. Her training was probably in Melbourne as her appointments, after being commissioned as an officer in July 1899, were in Australia. Charlotte worked in women's social institutions in Adelaide and Melbourne.



A young John Hultquist in Hastings, New Zealand.

At the end of 1900 Captain John Hultquist applied to The Salvation Army leadership in Melbourne for consent to marry Captain Charlotte Stubley. After two years engagement he was finally able to marry Charlotte, by which time they had both reached the rank of Ensign. Because John was now in appointment in Western Australia they married in Perth 11 February 1903.

John was very highly regarded for his writing and speaking skills, especially around the subject of holiness, and wrote many articles for *The War Cry*.

Two of their children were born in Australia. John and Charlotte were then appointed back to New Zealand where they served until their retirement in 1929. John received The Salvation Army Order of Long Service (25 years) 9 February 1920 and Charlotte 1 July 1924. John completed a total of almost 35 years of service. In their latter years they attended the Eden Corps in Auckland.

**Promoted Comrades.**

JOHANN HULTQUIST, on landing in New Zealand, from Sweden had his first glimpse of The Salvation Army in the old Hall at Lyttelton, and long ere he was a master of English was a full-fledged Salvationist, having been accepted for Officership on the 17th of July, 1894. Thus, for 24 years he has been preaching with great delight and acceptance the glorious gospel of full salvation, and his written messages on Holiness have reached and influenced a wide and influential circle. Logical, thorough and deliberate, with perhaps the argumentativeness of a debater, the Commandant revels in the platform opportunity afforded him in The Salvation Army and



**COMMANDANT HULTQUIST, Hamilton.**

is a loyal Salvationist. His service has been all on the Field, a considerable period of that being spent in Western and South Australia. His capacity for making a wise choice was evidenced when in 1903 he was 'united for war' to Ensign Stubley, one of the most promising of the then young women Social Officers. Mrs. Hultquist has been a tower of strength to her husband, and few can compare with her as a visitor, a 'War Cry' seller and collector, and despite the claims of home and four bonny children, she is over at the battle's front, ever smiling and cheering by the way multitudes of comrades and friends. May many years of increasing usefulness be the lot of our comrades.

The War Cry 21 September 1918.



Charlotte and John Hultquist with children Ronald and Axel (Standing on chair).

# THE WAR CRY UNDER THE LENS

Digitising Salvation Army history

This month, our Digital Archivist has been focusing on creating digital copies of the very first New Zealand *War Cry*, dated June 1883.

Micro fiche copies were made many years ago, but unfortunately the text is difficult to read.

Technology however, has advanced significantly and we now have the ability to not only make a clear, readable copy, but we can generate good OCR (optical character recognition) copies. This means the document becomes word searchable, a huge advantage to researchers and historians.

A very comforting aspect of having these delicate papers digitised, means we no longer need to handle the original, and that we can prevent them from deteriorating even further.

Our aim is to have all the editions from 1883 published and accessible for public use.

The image on the right at top is the only copy at the Heritage Centre of the original *War Cry*, now 138 years old.

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## WEST COAST MINING

The paper-weight from heaven

In keeping with our mining theme this issue; a desk paperweight donated to the Heritage Centre by Commissioners June & Ross Kendrew. The small brass mine trolley carrying coal was presented to the Commissioners whilst they were appointed to the Westport Corps.

The trolley sits on two brass rails on a small wooden plinth; it was presented to commemorate the opening of the Westport Hall extension in 1997.

