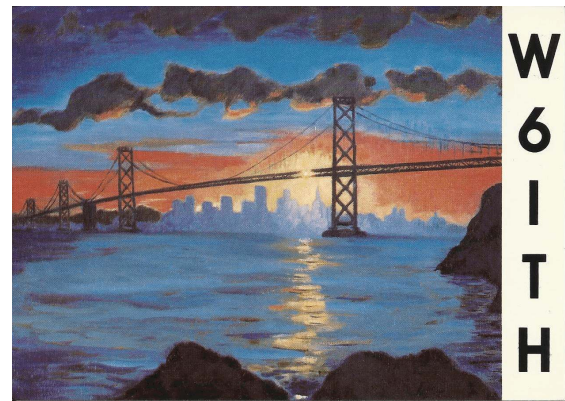
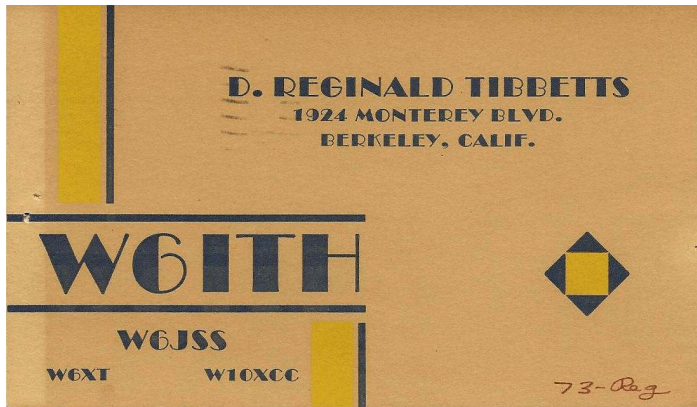


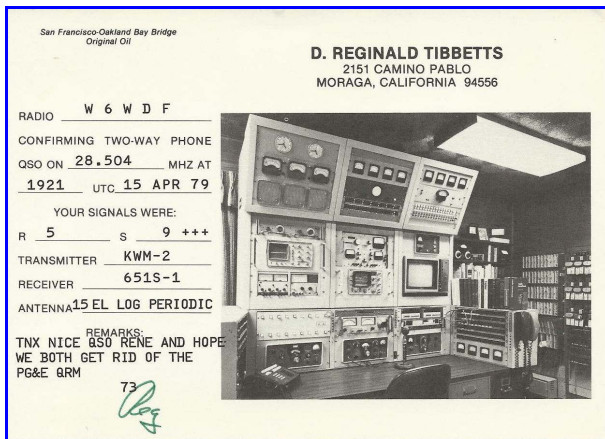
D. Reginald Tibbetts - W6ITH *1911-1996* Our 85 year old Reg had a good run with life. He had been a resident of Moraga, Calif for 57 years. In his youth he was an Eagle Scout who received every merit badge available. Reg was a 1934 graduate of the Univ. Of California at Berkeley.

During our subjects college years he designed the 5 Meter walkie talkies used during the construction of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Reg designed the first communications system used by the Berkeley police department. He was chief engineer for United Press International for over 30 years and was responsible for installing 100KW shortwave stations in Central and South America, Africa and Asia. Reg was also an avid radio ham who graduated from using an antenna farm of rhombics to a multi based log periodic for his station, W6ITH.



Mr. Tibbetts operated many years from Sint Maarten in the Dutch Netherlands West Indies using the call sign PJ2MC. His QTH there was considered one of the very finest. Prior to the adoption of Part 68, the State of

California established a registration program for telephone terminal equipment. Reg operated one of the first labs established for clients who wanted their equipment approved for sale in that state. He had a good background in this field as he had operated a small independent telephone company for many years in and around Moraga.



When the FCC established Part 68 of its rules, it was an easy transition for Reg. For many years he was a workaholic, turning out 350 to 400 applications annually. That was significantly more than any other compliance lab and dropping to 75 applications during the past years as his health failed. Reg's daughter, Barbara Workinger said her father died from a heart attack on Sunday November 24th 1996. Our electrical engineer is truly missed by the radio gang.



With help from Morton Bardfield files and statements by Barbara Workinger about her father Mr. Tibbetts. QSL's by the W8JYZ Bob Green collection. Our external cover page contains Regs' QSL card and SF Bay oil painting, probably one of the very best I've seen. His station layout is one of a kind and no thought about expense.

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