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From Joseph Burns

Re Captain Joseph F. Johnson Espinosa

My Grandfather Captain Joseph F. Johnson (The Captain was his rank in Maritime language Namely He had Captain papers allowing him to act as a ships Captain on all seas as well as a Captain on any ship on the Great Lakes.

During WWII he worked for the Maritime Commission as an Head Inspector in the Building Liberty ships at that time he was a Retired Ships Captain

While working in Baltimore (I believe) due to time of early WWII.

He told me a Liberty ship was being readied for sea. He was curious about the Rafts on Board. He told me they were made by a firm that was near water, i.e. ocean or River.

He requested the raft be cut loose after a commotion I was told loose it broke up on hitting the water. Thus they had to get another builder of Rafts, a firm that was not near any Harbor supplied a raft that worked perfectly. They were selected to supply.

I've read that thanks to Rafts crewmen were saved as their ships sank



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As always

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P.S. A few years ago there was a TV Series on The Liberty ships. I haven't found copies of this series Hopefully it's out there somewhere

Any way there was a statement on a program talking about how ships were made Kaiser in California believed in Helixing the ships and one broke apart when it was floated.

On the program it was stated a retired ships Captain on the East Coast working for the Maritime Comm. Believed the only way to build a ship was by Riveting it together. That was my Grandfather and he often told me Riveting was the only way to build ships

[Signature]

Cliff -

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Notes on Film

I had Trailer put on DVD First, Then Film 50
I have extra copies

This copy has ad for Guy I had do the
DVD's.

Trailer shows the house I grew up in it's on the
Right side coming Down the hill.

At the Beginning it shows the Catholic Church
There is no garage at the house ^{now} as it was burned
In video it shows an open Door on Garage and you
can see The Back of a 1937 Terraplane Hudson that
belonged to my Grandfather Capdon Johnson, I drove
this car until I had an accident coming home from
D.C. in 1955 I believe.

The the video at the bar the Sheriff goes over to
a pin ball machine which was probably owned by
Russ Carpenter of Chester.

I hope everything works out well

Cliff Joseph Burns

P.S. In the near future I hope to send
My scout uniform for the Museum as I believe
I also have the 3rd Eagle Scout ~~Treasurer~~ badge
Sash is modernized due to my Grandson
Berry in Scouts now. It amounts to an Explorer shirt
& Modern Badge Sash.



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