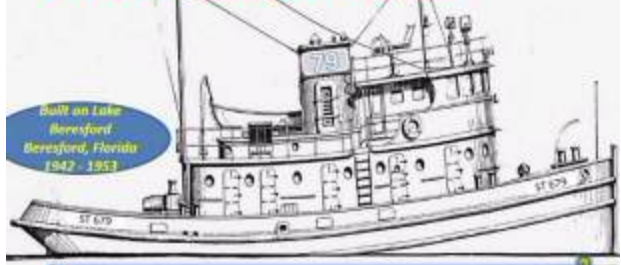


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**A DeLand Tug Engineer is Alive and  
Well in Costa Rica**

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Once again the website has brought interesting results and a DeLand warboat update. I was contacted by Alejandro Esquivel Hernandez from down in Costa Rica. His father, Milton Esquivel, a native of Manhattan, New York City, was assigned to ST 845 as 2<sup>nd</sup> engineer from 6/15/1946 until 3/7/1947. He also served on ST 843 & ST 844 during this same period in Panama. I

had wondered where those boats went right at the end of WW2, and now we know: to the Panama Canal Zone!

Milton reports that the tug was assigned to the 160<sup>th</sup> Harbor Craft Company in the Panama Canal Zone at Fort Clayton, Balboa, near the end

**ST 845 in her WW2**



**grey paint**

of WW2. The captain's name at that time was Lipschultz. 87-year old Milton Esquivel lives today in Heredia, Costa Rica, and is the only known living crew member of *any* DeLand WW2 built tug! Mr. Esquivel and his son were kind enough to send photos, and a copy of an Army letter thanking him for service on ST 843, 844 & 845 for my records. If you've been following along, you will remember that we already have a model of ST 845 built by an unknown person. Here's another photo of it; *along with one that Mr. Esquivel has made as well:*



Made by unknown person



Made by Milton Esquivel

**Thanks for your service, Milton...Live Long and Prosper**