

	Joseph Bertony interviewed by Richard Raxworthy MLOH 182/1-96	
	Tape No. 53 Joseph Bertony Side A	
001	Born 1922 in Corsica lived there until four. Grew up in France. Early influences from family. Lived near French Navy Torpedo Station and School of Engineers. Attended Naval School. Schools retained Napoleonic ethos, run on military lines, students worked in naval and military establishments during holidays.	
101	Influenced by uncle who was wharfie before the 1 <sup>st</sup> world war, attended night school, was ship's captain during the war, became director of the Naval Academy. Transferred to airforce in Algiers during W.W.2 worked as spy for the Allies, decorated. Captured and escaped from Vienna with microfiche of German jet plane. Comments on bombing of French fleet.	
209	After W.W.2 went into petrochemical industry. Discusses attitude to Germans during the war.	
	Went to Madagascar to work in sugar industry, decided to come to Australia because it was a long way from Europe. Arrived by cargo boat in 1952. Did not speak English.	
355	Worked in Perth as labourer for a power station designed circuit breakers and helped with manufacture. Went brass manufacturer doing engineering and designed a blast furnace and rock crusher which was manufactured, this opportunity not available in Europe. Discusses asbestos during and after the war.	
477	End of tape	
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	Tape No.53 Joseph Bertony Side B.	
001	1956 Darwin. Did not like life style. Moved to Townsville. Worked for ? and Norman, Consulting Engineers until moving to Sydney in 1958. Difficult to get formal qualifications as training had been done in Intelligence School in	
	Algier, made application to the Institute of Engineers about 15 years ago and was accepted. Worked for Hornibrook, chief	George Bolton Dr. John Watt ?Obow

	engineer, George Bolton, arch for opera house roof. ?Obow.Dr. John Watt. Talks of designing and building of shell of roof. On film. Design by Utzon irregular. ? was in charge of the project.	Utzon
174	?Hornibrook's chief engineer Ken Griffith formed own company and JB joined him. Then on to Roseville Bridge. Most engineering cost oriented, including Opera House. Jindabine Pumping Station. Discusses problems. Shows photo.	Ken Griffith
310	New Caledonia, nickel, Australian company. White Industries copper mine out of Cairns, bridge. Left White to join ? started their engineering from scratch. Made bids for material handling, won Bayswater Power Station.	
380	Talks about computers. Discussion on Westgate bridge. Freeman's office in London also involved in the Harbour bridge ?Korenski, Sir Hubert Shirley-Smith.	
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	Joseph Bertony interviewed by Richard Raxworthy. MLOH/182/1-96 Tape 54 Side A	
011	Working with White Industries with Anthony Steel. Launch ? Engineering, very successful, left after disagreement with new owner. Started own business. Worked for several companies including Transfield, worked in New Guinea, Indonesia. Transmission towers launched by helicopter. Talks about slurry pumps and his design.	A. Steel
137	Working on new designs which are confidential.	
153	Building a library of small engineering programs and discusses computer use in engineering and problems arising.	
293	Talks about his attitude to on going learning and current engineering education.	
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