

Audio and Video Recording Log

1. Name and address of collector or interviewer.

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2. Full name and birth date of the veteran or civilian being interviewed as it appears on the recording label and Biographical Data Form

Name of Veteran Vincent A DeMartino Birth Date _____
378th HQ, 3rd Battalion 95th Inf. - WWII month/day/year
rejoins and returns for Korea and Vietnam but not for this CD

3. Recording Format (please check)

VIDEO type: Beta cam VHS 8mm High-8 Digital Other _____
 AUDIO type: Cassette Micro cassette CD Reel Digital
 If audio, is the cassette or reel recorded on both sides? Yes No
 Is item: Original Copy _xxx

4. Date of Recording August 26, 2006

Estimated length of recording (in minutes) 38 Minutes

5. Location of recording 95th Infantry 2005 Reunion - Holiday Inn, Hampton Va. - Halfway outside of dinner (explains noise from party)

6. Corresponding materials (please check)

Have you included materials other than the recording?
 If so, please complete the Photograph Log and/or the Manuscript Data Sheet

7. Please summarize the topics discussed in the interview in their order of appearance on the recording

Meter Reading or Minute Mark	Topics presented in order of discussion on recording
00:00	Intro - Outside the dance room. Crown
00:29	<u>Where were you when you heard about Pearl Harbor attack?</u> Watching a minor league football game. 15 yr. old. Ran all the way home.
00:55	<u>Knew where Pearl Harbor was because "the army was in my blood even when I was a kid.</u>
01:03	<u>When 17 1/2 enlisted to reserves but wouldn't take until 18. When 18, took and sent to Indiantown Gap. PA</u>
01:33	<u>Quick basic training. Sgt. giving it us had just been busted for something he did in California so he was put in charge of 15 of us.</u>
02:32	<u>I wound up in anti-tank platoon. Knew about the new guns before the platoon because I had just trained on them.</u>
02:50	<u>Was HQ 3rd Battalion and anti-tank - How does that work? There were 3 squads in the anti-tank platoon. When got to Europe, each one of the squads went to a different rifle company and we followed them in case any tanks came by or they needed us.</u>

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	You remember funny things and some thing that weren't funny.
03:45	<i>What is a funny things that you remember?</i>
03:57	In W. Va. maneuvers turn trucks around at ht no lights, knocked over a latrine in front of schoolhouse.
04:22	Another WVA story, early training. Pitching pup tents, Rained. Flooded, Couldn't sleep in them so tried sleeping on truck and officers chased us off. Soaking wet and so build a bonfire. Officer yelled this was a tactical manouver.
05:45	15 of us in basic. I was only 18 only son, I didn't have to go but I stayed with them. Sending home for birth certificate to prove he was 18. Chowline discipline story.
07:15	Goes overseas on the boat, Mariposa. Other boat goes at same time, SS America (AKA the West Point.) No convoy, just the two boats The ride over to England. Disembarking every one runs to one side of ship. They yelled at us to move over because thought it would tip
09:00	Stays in a house in England 500 years old that was in the back of a bar. Didn't mind if confined to quarters because got all the beer we wanted at the saloon. On to France
09:50	<i>What did the beach look like? (Omaha)</i> Pretty well cleared by this time Clearing hedgerows. Get to apple orchard. Eat a bunch of green apples Stomach- ache
10:30	Put on the "40 and 8 boxcars" (40 men or 8 horses) taken across France to outskirts of Metz
11:25	They said we were going through Paris. Everyone had to shave (look clean). Waited. Went through at night. Didn't even know.
11:50	Go outside of Metz. Relieve 5th Division Life on the front line Combat stories:
12:51	Squad hit at crossroad. Lose men there Shelled. Runs. Afterward says, you start to get use to it
14:00	Gets thrown out of a boat ferrying supplies across Moselle. Soaking wet. Has to sleep like that. Learns to sleep anywhere. One time sleeps in a baby crib because he's the shortest in the company
15:30	When took Metz and go into the city, sleeps at the Hotel Royale -- still has the key
16:00	Quick summary of next place go - Saarlautern, Fraulautern End of Bulge. Then 95th assigned to 9th Army Comes back home on same ship - Mariposa . Sees names scratched into bulkhead. Some of the names from people who weren't coming back. Upsetting. Lost two from his platoon. One was Pinar our driver. Went home, Camp Shelby. Then Camp Attelboro in Indiana. Discharged
18:20	<i>Did you ever get to use those new weapons you trained with?</i> At Moselle, fired the "57" 3 times a Metz.. but had dug in the trails and somehow bent them so never was able to put gun back together again
19:00	In Ruhr pocket, we somehow passed the infantry. Got into town. White flags hanging. Then infantry catches up with us. Story of being strafed. Company knocks down some Piper Cubs When look back ...sometimes start to laugh but it Ann's ... when it's not really funny. You say well we made it back."

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20:39	<i>How did war change you?</i> Got in at 18 out at 20. Never did grow up. Youngest in my company and youngest at this reunion.
21:15	Went back into the service in 1948. Mechanic in Tokyo, Singapore. Korea. War.
21:35	Korea... worse than it was in Europe. Said we'd only be there 30 days. 13 months later going home. Maggots in water. Flea bites couldn't buckle boots from the flea bites. Dirty country Fertilize human waste.
23:15	Went over in summertime. Winter comes. No winter clothing. Couldn't get.
23:25	Go to black market to buy long underwear. Wear two uniforms to keep warm. Stayed in 10 men tents (like in MASH). Became a driver for colonel. Got to Menyang, N. Korea when Chinese came through. Got out.
24:26	Met a lot of guys from the 95th in Korea in the 1st Cav and in Second Division. don't know how many got through.
24:48	Became a West Point Instructor of Combat Engineer equipment. Only a 15 minute class but best student because they couldn't talk. If they did, they got punished.
26:00	Intended on staying but father gets sick and leaves because "we had a family business." Mom and Pop Grocery store. Queens village. Springfield and Jamaica Blvd. in Queens.
26:38	Went into reserves 4 year. Told mother "I had it" Reenlist. To Fort Bragg. NCO Academy Okinawa. then Europe. Get married. Two kids. Had to retire in 1970. Wife got sick Had already gone to Vietnam for 9 months. Doctor says stay home take care of the kids
28:00	Adjusted. Now.. work at VFW post., chaplain 4 years, two days a week volunteer at VA hospital More pressure at home then when I'm away
28:45	Rank when left - Buck Sgt. (WWII_ then return as PFC, Corporal..Korea Sgt. Then reenlist E-5 and retired as E-7 - Sgt 1st Class
30:07	<i>Do you recommend military service to young people today?</i> Yes. Recommends.draft Military would teach high school graduates a few things. Love to go back myself
31:05	Imbedded in my mind. First soldier I ever saw was drunk and I said if I'd never be like that Only drunk once. Got high but never drunk .. never disgraced the uniform
31:40	Memories of VE day/VJ day/Roosevelt's death. Politics. Brainwashing
32:50	Kids today are disrespectful (Interviewer tells story about substitute teaching in L.A.)
34:45	Jobs after service - department store then auto dealership parts then air-condition part mgr. Knew how to make files from the service. Set up friends filing system. Worked w him 10 years until computer chased me out. That's enough. (36:59)
37:00	Now volunteer at Northport VA Hospital Upset with Washington D.C. about treatment of veterans. Don't know the whole picture. "Get off our backs." Too much red tape and paper.
38:13	End of interview