

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 Richard Edwin Hunton #33748972 Birth Date 12/23/1924
Infantry Private - Co. I, 378th Regiment, 95 Infantry Div. month/day/year
Good example of experience of a replacement troop

3. Recording Format (please check)

VIDEO type: Beta cam VHS 8mm High-8 Digital Other

AUDIO type: Cassette Micro cassette CD Reel Digital (DAT)

If audio, is the cassette or reel recorded on both sides?

Yes No

Is item: Original Copy

4. Date of Recording Telephone Interview -- Spring 2006

Estimated length of recording (in minutes) _____ Approximate 57 minutes

5. Location of recording _____ telephone call from Los Angeles, CA. (Mr. Meyer's home) to Mr. Hunton's home in S.C.

6. Corresponding materials (please check)

Have you included materials other than the recording? Yes a CD history that Mr. Hunton has compiled of the Historial Account of Co. I - 378th

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
00:11	Drafted Oct 9, 1943. 18 yrs old.
	What doing at the time he was drafted. Summer engineering George Washington University and job at the Naval Observatory. Job gave total six month deferment and then had to go. April 1944
	Memories of what doing when heard about Pearl Harbor. Delivering papers. Headlines 4 inches tall.
	Ft. Mead, Maryland to basic at Camp Landing, Fla. 17 weeks. Horrible. Infiltration course, forced marches, combar courses and simulated house to house fighting
04:30	Camp Kilmer for intelligence and recon then transferred to rifleman company
Good story Camp Kilmer	Guys try to tell relatives where they are (Camp Kilmer) by writing a poem "Trees" in their letters ("Trees written by Joyce Kilmer)
	Describes training as a rifleman Describes "infiltration" - where you crawl under barbed wire with machine guns shooting over head. Man sees a snake, stands. "Cut to ribbons." (7:11)

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08:25	Off to New York on Queen Mary. Trip across. Crowded, horrible Slept in hammocks five layers high. li guy on top got seasick, you were in trouble." Landed in Greenoch Scotland (poor people)
	Train to Southampton, England. Then over to Le Havre In middle of the night.
11:24	Still a replacement. Not assigned Climbed down nets on side of boat into landing craft.
12:30	Landing craft Go full tilt toward the shore. Le Havre still burning bombed and devastated.
13:45	<i>Mr. Hunton goes to get notes and Interviewer stops to ID himself and Mr. Hunton for the tape</i>
14:00	From Le Havre onto a 40 and 8 train. (40 men or 8 horses). But we had 42 men Train ride... couldn't sit down, stand up, lie down. Sardine 24 hours to Chevet France near Belgian border to Fort charlemont
14:55	Good story about train ride. French kids run up to side. Want to trade Calvados liquor for cigarettes. Ask where Gi from. If said Chicago, French kid would make sound of a "tommy-gun" like gangsters. From Chevet to Verdun, Nancy. Old World War One towns. ended up in Neufchateau 2 or 3 days.
16:13	With 100 guys waiting to be assigned.
16:30	Nov. 26th, 1944 - Assigned to 1 Co. 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, 95th Infantry at Niedervisse
17:20	Enemy fire next day November 27th, First time. Country side littered with bombed out houses, dead cows. Had been a lot of rain so a lot of mud.
18:00	Liberating town of Dalem in France. Old man at side of road bottle of wine and glass offering it to GIs.
18:45	<i>On 95th infantry web site Gethoffer. "Tribute in his heart is very stirring." On reunions. Remembering.</i>
20:46	Tank Trap at a hill called the Saarsburg (not a mountain but high enough 700-800 ft) Good view of town of Saarlautern across the river. Foggy. Got to top. Blocked by tank trap. Had to dig in. Frozen rocks. Artillery shells coming in. Very little sheep. Artillery shells coming in. Little sleep.
23:00	Climbed down into tank climbed back up. Filled canteen at bottom. Dead German pollute water. Put halazone in water and keep it.
23:30	First sight of German soldiers - many old guys, with Russians and Mongolians and Asian - not real fighting people.
24:20	Into Altforwieler. Attacked by mortar going in. Guys killed. Mr Hunton wounded as was his squad leader..
24:48	Landed 5 yards from me. Mortar tear up his arm.
24:48	Knocked me down. Move fingers but not arm. Taken to a barn. Sulfa powder. Told me to walk back
26:13	to command post. Walking, mortar shell hits roof and roof falls, 2 feet in front of Mr. Hunton. Taken to house. Shell hits house, Roof Falls. Would have killed me two steps away. Walks to HQ. Shells falling all round.
27:00	Screaming "mee mees" makes the sound (great) (if they didn't hit you they'd scare you half to death)
27:40	To evacuation hospital in Metz then tent field hospital near Verdun. Right arm broken. Doctors accidentally paralyze left arm Description of bathroom. In the middle of big room. Put a bedpan on top of a 5 gallon gas can and that was toilet (30:00).
30:27	<i>What was longest w/o bathing until then?</i> Longest time w/o bathing - three weeks
31:00	A few days in tent hospital, then flight 200 feet above the Channel and to 187 General Hospital (Quonset hut) in Tidworth, England.

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33:00	Two months. Made a cook. People complained about food. Quit. Next cook worse. Mr. Hunton comes back as cook
34:15	Learning to do things left-handed when you're right handed
35:00	In Jan. 45 move to army hospital in Bath England 11 or 12 days. Then to Bristol, Southampton. Liberty ship to the states.
35:30	Shipping back to the States
36:36	On ship was in body cast (plaster.) Knew other guy in body cast. "We'd (cover up) go to recreation and throw darts at each other's chests. Scared other.
^WONDERFUL STORY -VISUAL	
38:42	What did you do for relaxation? I read a bit, watch guys play poker. Didn't play myself.
00:00	Land in Hampton Roads Virginia then to Camp Picket Hospital in Camp Patrick Henry. Remove big cast. Took a whole bath (Without a bath from October 1944 to March, 1945)
42:15	Memories of Roosevelt's death, VE day.
43:30	Discharges on August 6th - same day as bomb on Hiroshima.
44:18	Hears about the bomb dropping. Scoffed. When Captain found out discharge and bomb joked "How we going to win the war w/o Hunton" - Truman says "drop the bomb to make up for him."
44:50	How treated when go back Great respect and honor.
45:25	Became a doctor
45:55	Do you remember a time when you were frightened? Anxiety more. chewed gum whenever in a fighting situation
46:30	Recommend people to join the svc now? Talks about changes - now don't know who the enemy is now? Different
47:00	On reunions and respect. Feels guilty about not staying (in combat) longer (only there a few days until wounded) "I guess I'd have been killed if I did (stay)."
48:52	Anything else you want to talk about? No... think it about covers everything.
	Long back and forth about what Mr. Meyer will do with the recording. Grandchildren. Mr. Meyer's father, Earl; how Mr. Hunton feels about his experience now. Wouldn't trade anything for it.
	Were any food you couldn't eat after you came back? You eat C-ration, K-rations, and D-rations you can eat anything