

Audio and Video Recording Log (Required)

1. Name and address of contributor or interviewer.

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2. Name and birth date of the veteran being interviewed as it appears on the Biographical Data Form.

Name of Veteran: EDWARD HUTCHINS

Birth Date: 01/17/1922

3. Recording format (please check)

Video type

Audio type

Digital Video (MiniDV, DVCAM, DVPRO)

Cassette

DVD-R Video

CD-R

USB (thumb/flash) drive

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OTHER (identify):

4. Digital File type (please check)

WAV

MPEG2/MPG

MOV

MPEG4/MP4

OTHER (identify):

5. Estimated length of recording (in minutes): 39:14

Recordings must be at least 30 minutes in length and unedited

6. Date of recording:

August, 2007 95th Infantry Reunion

7. Location of recording (City, State): OKC, OK

8. Please log the topics discussed in the interview in sequence. You may estimate the minute marks. Providing this information ensures that key interview topics are readily identifiable and will greatly increase access to the collections for researchers (see next page).

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Edward Hutchins audio log

Veteran's Name: Edward Hutchins

Meyer: David Meyer (O'Shea)

Date of Interview: August, 2007

Transcriber: Carol Slezak

Transcribed: April 16, 2022

Log compiled by: Teresa Bergen, September 3-4, 2022

Track 1

- 00:00 Hutchins was with 6th Artillery Battalion, Battery B, 920th Field Artillery
- 00:22 at mountain maneuvers in West Virginia, he was punished with kitchen patrol [KP] for laughing when a trainer got kicked by a mule and broke his leg
- 01:36 got in trouble for losing a mule on a nighttime march up a mountain—general mule melee after mules fell off the mountain, Hutchins spent the night hiding behind a tree
- 03:35 Hutchins was born January 17, 1922 in New York; family lived in Maryland
- 04:40 heat of training in Louisiana
- 05:39 his sergeant hated New Yorkers; Hutchins did six weeks of KP
- 07:12 got a pass from Camp Coxcomb to visit Los Angeles, where he drank with people who were sure he was a cook because he spent so much time on KP
- 07:52 advantages of kitchen work—always something good to eat, not just K-rations
- 08:27 description of KP duties
- 09:05 Hutchins refused to be promoted to corporal because he'd be ostracized by the other men who had been there longer; assigned more KP
- 12:20 the other men thought he was a hero when they found out he refused the promotion
- 13:02 his nickname was Hutch
- 13:05 after Camp Coxcomb, went to Indiantown Gap and to mountain maneuvers in West Virginia
- 13:40 3,000 college guys were added to Hutchins' division; "I felt so sorry for the guys. Everybody picked on them."

- 15:17 at Indiantown Gap, the college kids had to undergo a training exercise at midnight in the snow with live ammunition fired over their heads
- 16:18 Hutchins didn't think he'd get accepted into military because he's blind in his left eye; joined up with friend after several failures
- 17:40 friend he joined with became a B-17 navigator, shot down in northern Italy on his fourth-ninth mission; captured but survived
- 18:34 after his sixth try, a sympathetic 73-year-old volunteer army recruiter passed let him pass his eye exam
- 20:35 sent to Virginia, where more troubles passing eye exam
- 21:40 at Fort Bragg, Hutchins picked for extra training and promotion to lieutenant
- 24:10 after yet another eye exam, thrown out of that program and put on train from Fort Bragg to undisclosed location
- 28:22 ended up at Fort Houston in San Antonio
- 29:25 a colonel sent a letter with him saying he was assigned to limited duty, stateside service only; Hutchins disposed of the letter
- 30:02 assigned to B Battery
- 30:31 he kept his vision problem a secret, but he did wear thick glasses; once a buddy lit a cigarette off Hutchins' glasses
- 31:19 Hutchins went oversea on the SS America, wonderful journey, zigzag course; Hutchins didn't get seasick
- 33:18 the mule pack training in West Virginia was to prepare them for transporting Pack Howitzers; more about the event when the mules fell off the mountain
- 34:21 after driving a truck once around a parking lot, Hutchins deemed a qualified driver; refused to drive a truck at night downhill in West Virginia carrying a large gun and nine men
- 37:05 At Barton Stacey Camp in Winchester, England, soldiers were fenced in, had little contact with locals; race trouble there and prostitution
- 39:14 recording ends abruptly