

Audio and Video Recording Log

Madden CD1 of 2

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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/Civilian Paul Hilton Madden Jr. Birth Date 06/12/1925
Co. A, 379th 95th Infantry month/day/year

Recording Format (please check)

VIDEO type: Betacam VHS 8mm High-8 Digital Other _____
identify

AUDIO type: CD - Marantz CD player and Sony MZNH-1 Minidisc

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

Is item: Original Copy _xxx

Date of Recording August 26, 2005

Estimated length of recording (in minutes) 78 minutes seven seconds (1 hr 18 minutes 7 seconds) CD 2 follows

Location of recording Holiday Inn, Hampton Virginia

Corresponding materials (please check)

Have you included materials other than the recording? Yes No Sketch of Bunker

If so, please complete the Photograph Log and/or the Manuscript Data Sheet

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
<u>00:00</u>	<u>Introduction of interview and introduction of Paul H. Madden Jr.</u> <u>Still goes by Jr. tells why.</u>
<u>01:18</u>	<u>Where and circumstances of volunteering for the draft. August 1943</u> <u>Couldn't enlist but could volunteer for the draft.</u>
<u>02:37</u>	<u>Camp Beauregard. The Army General Classification Test. Scores. And ASTP</u>
<u>04:46</u>	<u>ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program). Make up of ASTP.</u> <u>How it worked.</u>
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06:20	First, Fort Benning for basic. Description of physical training.
07:41	Film series - "Why We Fight"
08:41	Great description of riflery and learning to shoot. The 03 Springfield (WWI gun), the M1 and 30 caliber carbine, and machine guns. Basic was 17 weeks
14:34	Finish Basic January 1944, then assignment to Carnegie Tech through ASTP. started out with 200 men and 128 to Carnegie Tech. January 1944 from
15:42	6 day leave when got to Carnegie (between semesters) - 2 days to get to LA. two days at home two days back. Didn't have a seat Talked to train attendant
17:17	Female train attendant took them to Observation Car to wait. Then got them seats Paid but only \$15.00. (Nr Maddens memory)
19:31	ASTP life at Carnegie Tech
20:56	goodbye ASTP Went with 4000 others (from many schools) to Indiantown Gap, PA. out of 4,000 Paul heard 2,000 were like him, assigned to the 95th ID
22:15	Fine history of 95th from activation in July 15, 1942 through time Paul joins them in March, 1944
24:35	The 95th in maneuvers (before Paul) - Louisiana maneuvers, desert training in Camp Coxcomb, Ca.)
30:25	Paul joins the 95th. Interviewer asked "How did the veterans treat you guys coming in from college." Whiz kids and other names. Paul got along. Good description of how some of old infantry were uneducated. Not their fault. 95th ranked low in IQ ASTP students joining raised test scores of infantry above those of Air Force.
31:21	Description of ASTP friend who said he was too good for the infantry too smart Was disliked
31:53	Paul liked infantry. Was an adventure
32:29	First inspection. Story of the company commander inspecting rifles. Inspected Paul's rifle. Then asked him the serial number, backwards. Paul had prepared and knew the answer. Commander never asked him again.

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35:21	Paul talks about finding people after he got out. His nature "They were my family. Still are... some might not feel like that... look out for each other."
36:09	Long time before went to a reunion. In 1946 saw that divisions were trying to contact members. Give address and if association was being formed you'd be noticed.
37:12	Got invitation to go to reunion in 1974. (Though reunions began in the 50s) Paul didn't go. Missed seeing Co. Commander. Regrets
37:47	Interviewer explains that he starts many tracks to stop a CD error from ruining a long track.
38:54	Back to Indiantown Gap. Paul has 17 weeks of basic. Other people came in and only had 8 weeks of basic. Assigned to companies.
40:23	Would train with companies. In May, West Va mountain training. Then regimental problem. on June 6, 1944 Told of D-Day.
42:00	Regimental problem. Firing real bullets. Pretend enemy on top. Not real mountain climbing. Some rapelling but mostly on trails.
43:40	Three day pass on July 1. Missed the Regimental official picture. Got a copy though not in. Most went by last name. Wrote names on back of picture
44:40	Carried copy of picture with him. First reunion attended 17 members of Pauls Co attended. (First attended was 1976). Have ten this time. On Clinton Anderson.
47:50	<i>Did you leave the army as soon as you could?</i> Yes. Wanted to finish school. Had been in pre-med but changed mine Greatest thing Congress did was pass the GI Bill of Rights. Education. Chance to get a home. Went to small school Many veterans.
49:52	Alerted for overseas shipment. To Camp Miles Standish (near Taunton, Mass.) Camp for Boston P.O.E. (Point of Embarkation)
50:30	On Miles Standish. Tar paper shacks. Like barracks at Ft Benning in basic. When first at Benning. Huts from WWI. Square plywood. First experience with coal. After six weeks then moved
52:27	<i>What was it like going from living at home to no privacy? Big adjustment?</i> No. No aversions Had been boy scout.
53:26	On toilets. Indiantown Gap latrines. Describes. Showers takes four at a time (maybe eight if on both sides). Might have to week.
54:29	Backtracks. Remembers Normandy in September. The Red Ball Express. Then when moving up were with 9th Army but transferred to 3rd Army so instead of
55:29	cross Moselle. Had showers back in Normandy. Supplies priority not troops. Took three to five days to get across France.
56:20	From copy of 1st Battalion Journal. Read that each day six men were sent back for showers. Eight men a day. So 20 days for all men so Paul misses his day. First shower was December from September -- everyone in same boat - so didn't notice. Took off clothes. Two or three en in. Whistle. Water soap up. Whistle rinse. Whistle out.
58:55	On pants. Given pants too small so kept old one. Stood up.
59:06	Interviewer asks about the mix of people. Paul likes the mix

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60:18	At induction center you got uniform and they mailed your civilian clothes back home Liked that "we were all the same... so nobody stood out... all equal.)
61:06	On patches. In basic no patches. Caps - blue was infantry. Yellow cavalry, etc. So piping around the cap denotes branch
62:01	In ASTP Lamp of Knowledge ("flaming Piss Pot") When assigned to 95th ordinary so went to military store in town to get nicer one. Began collecting patches. Got last division patch have all the infantry and army patches from WWII
63:01	So laundry mark was first initial of Last Name and last four of serial number When in line to get serial number saw man giving out would give him a number with four 9s Didn't want 32519999. So Paul talks to guy behind him and lets him in front so Paul gets 38520000 and Paul's laundry mark is "M - 0000" - or "Moooo"
65:48	Back to Camp Miles Standish. Loaded onto ship. Day early. Named as .MPS. Stand at the base of the entrance to officers deck. Stop enlisted men from entering. Got on early so was a stateroom -- maybe 12 by 10 -- 18 men triple bumps
66:40	Most troops on lower decks. We were same deck as dining room. Description of ship. Barbed wire near dining room.
67:32	Paul's ship was USS West Point (early Name was SS America. Luxury liner taken over Had taken British soldiers from Singapore Took most of 95th. Thinks the artillery went on Mariposa Not in a convoy. Crossed in five/six days.. Went east to Azores then North to Ireland and over to Liverpool
69:05	On the seas. Going over Paul didn't notice. Coming back smaller ship. Stayed prone because woozy. Ate Babe Ruths from Le Havre to US
70:09	On food on ship How did you eat with so many people? Description ate standing. Coming back didn't go to eat. Came back on USS Robert Blackford
71:00	Land in Liverpool. On a train. Mother saves letter and Paul reads first letter he sent from England
72:44	England first place saw damage. Remember Buzz bombs when in France (not England)
73:14	From Liverpool Went to Camp Barton Stacey (had been English army camp) Quansit huts
75:00	On KP. Peeling potatoes when on KP in US by hand with paring knives. In England, automatic potato peelers. Description. "Great."
75:20	Lucky to get a pass to London from Barton Stacey. Into Victoria Station then on your own. Sight see. Remember statue of Eros in Piccadilly Square covered to keep from damage
76:48	People friendly. Saw Damage. When going back to Barton Stacey. Asked where to go but didn't understand what he said. Ended up 15 miles from Barton Stacey. Got off and was lucky and got a ride to Barton Stacey just in time
78:10	English ship across the channel Bad food. On to a landing craft to Omaha Beach D plus 100.
78:07	End CD1 Proceed to CD2