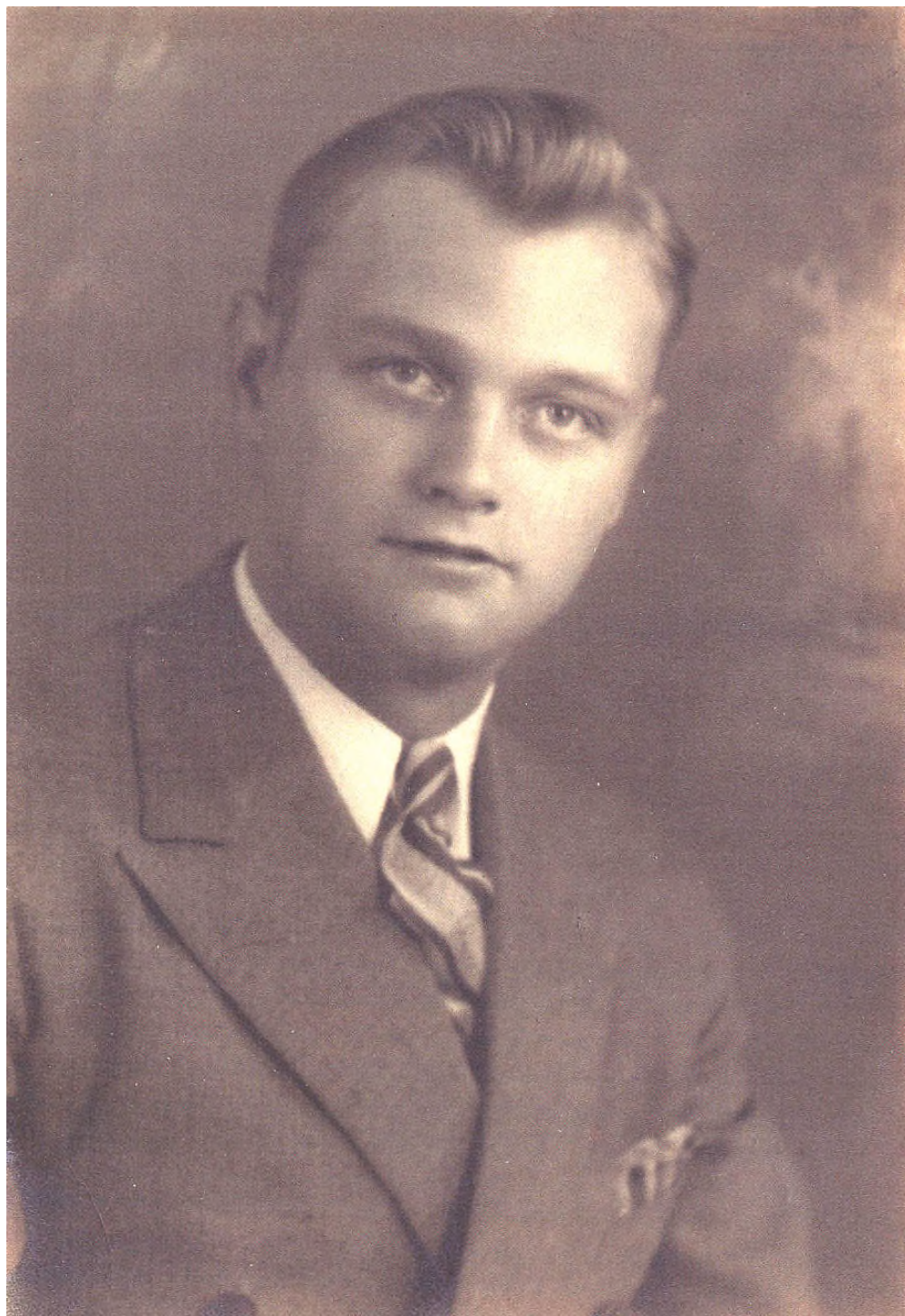


**Edward R. Hudson**  
*Company C, 423rd Regiment*  
*106th Infantry Division*

*The family of Edward Hudson is seeking any information concerning their husband and father. If you can help, please contact the granddaughter, Rosemary Clarke, 207-642-3643, or Deborah Clarke, 207-642-6151*





**THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS**

ACKNOWLEDGES WITH DEEP SYMPATHY  
THE GREAT SACRIFICE MADE BY  
THE FAMILY OF

**Edward R. Hudson**

WHO DIED SERVING  
IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN  
**WORLD WAR II**

*Wm. A. Harrison*

*Maurice J. Tobin*  
GOVERNOR

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1 -- AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of War Department Circular 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the Combat Infantryman Badge is posthumously awarded, effective 16 December 1944, to the following officers and enlisted men of the 423d Infantry for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

1st Lt Weeks, Charles L      01 321 455

Service Company

Tec 5 Bird, Claude A      6 294 350      S Sgt Cole, Gordon M      35 312 193

Antitank Company

Pfc Bethel, Stuart S	39 620 058	Pfc Morris, Karl R	36 421 528
Pfc Cope, William M	34 985 028	Pvt Schmitt, Thomas H	38 683 749
Pfc Gaze, Richard W	39 332 610	Tec 5 Taylor, Russell N	37 663 583
T Sgt Manna, Anthony C	32 772 969	Pfc Weber, Donald G	36 579 831

Cannon Company

Pvt Carpenter, Bruce W	16 123 014	Pfc Moen, Johnnie P	37 125 671
Pfc DeLorenzo, Joseph G	36 807 638	Pfc Muldowney, John W	36 649 628
Capt Manning, James L	0 461 032		

Headquarters Company, First Battalion

Pfc Martin, Dee L      39 927 185

Company "A"

Pfc Combs, Orgeal R	38 692 755	Pfc Leavitt, Ralph H	16 175 187
Tec 4 Kurcz, Jacob	32 808 261	S Sgt Rau, Clarence L	36 579 571

Company "B"

S Sgt Ayres, Charles F      15 010 170      Pvt Richards, Jimmy L      35 901 034

Company "C"

Pfc Bowman, Everett D	37 681 516	T Sgt Lamb, William E	33 247 906
Pfc Bragg, Milford M	33 662 070	Pfc McGlasson, J C	38 424 600
Pfc Heard, Milton L	34 831 486	Pfc Moreno, Angel Y	38 606 358
Pfc Heaton, Edward L	37 737 393	Pvt Papajcik, John T	35 525 194
Pvt Hudson, Edward R	31 459 032	Pfc Rigdon, Paul H	42 085 071
Pfc Jones, Robert L	38 663 065	Pfc Schott, Harold J, Jr	12 208 729
Pfc Klierath, William L	32 892 742	Pfc Signorelli, Casper C	32 196 334
Pfc Kobrynski, Frank	32 159 102	Sgt Wismans, Paul J	36 801 740

Company "D"

Capt Clarkson, James L	0 379 961	Pfc Kruta, Charles	36 440 873
Pvt Giordano, Peter W	33 703 804	Sgt Lompra, Lawrence P	36 579 654
Pvt Hall, Arthur A	36 467 376	Pvt Saragosa, Orasio F	39 716 853
Cpl Higginbotham, William H	33 536 962	Pvt Tellez, Lucio G	38 682 914
Cpl Hoffman, Charles W	20 252 214	Pfc Turner, Alfred O	31 329 282
Pfc Kot, Cossack	11 018 618		

Headquarters Company, Second Battalion

Pfc Connally, John T, Jr	31 358 561	Pfc Sieber, William B	38 539 449
Pfc Dietrich, Edgar L	33 368 719		

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Personalkarte I: Personelle Angaben

Bezeichnung der Erkennungsmarke



Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager: IX B Bad Orb

Nr. ~~26563~~  
Lager: IX B 563

Name: HUDSON  
Vorname: EDWARD  
Geburtsort: Plaistone N.H.  
Religion: Prot.  
Vorname des Vaters: Ralph  
Familienname der Mutter: Smart

Staatsangehörigkeit: U.S.A.  
Dienstgrad: ~~Soldat~~  
Truppenteil: ~~Inf.~~ Komp. usw.: 106  
Zivilberuf: ~~Packer~~ Berufs-Gr.:  
Matrikel Nr. (Stammrolle des Heimatstaates): 31459032  
Befangennahme (Ort und Datum): 19.12.44/Jerm.  
(WELL, SICK, WOUNDED)  
Ob gesund, krank, verwundet eingeliefert: ~~gesund~~ well

Des Kriegsgefangenen

Bild	Nähere Personalbeschreibung		Wann inhaftiert	
	Größe	Haarfarbe		Besondere Kennzeichen:
	1.81	Blond fair		
Fingerabdruck des rechten Zeigefingers	Name und Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person in der Heimat des Kriegsgefangenen		Wenden!	
	Mrs. Edward R. Hudson 12 Mechanic Ct. Orange Mass.			

DIPLOMA-RELATED

DNB 25 Jan 45  
Johnson 2 July

Gene. no. 26. No. 999 des Stütz IX B Bad Orb - 27. II 45  
Reported from No. 999 Stalag IX B - at Bad Orb - Feb. 27-1945. ?  
died in hospital at

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AG 201 Hudson, Edward R.  
PC-N ETO 004

13 January 1945

Mrs. Edith Hudson  
12 Mechanic Court  
Orange, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your husband, Private Edward R. Hudson, 31,459,032, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in Germany since 21 December 1944.

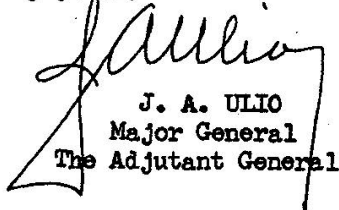
I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports.

The personal effects of an individual missing overseas are held by his unit for a period of time and are then sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, for disposition as designated by the soldier.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. A. ULLO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

1 Inclosure  
Bulletin of Information



HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



15 March 1945

RE: Pvt. Edward R. Hudson  
United States Prisoner of War #26563  
Stalag 9 B, Germany  
Via: New York, New York

Mrs. Edith Hudson  
12 Mechanic Court  
Orange, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to inform you that the above-named prisoner of war has been reported interned at the place indicated.

You may communicate with him by following instructions in the inclosed circular.

One parcel label and two tobacco labels will be forwarded to you every sixty days without application on your part. Labels for the current period will be forwarded under separate cover with the least practicable delay.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incls  
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HOWARD F. BREESE  
Colonel, CMP  
Director, American Prisoner of War  
Information Bureau

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A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

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MRS EDITH HUDSON=

12 MECHANIC COURT ORANGE MASS=

REGRET TO INFORM YOU REPORT NOW RECEIVED FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS STATES YOUR HUSBAND PRIVATE EDWARD R HUDSON DIED AS RESULT OF PNEUMONIA WHILE A PRISONER OF WAR THE SECRETARY OF WAR EXTENDS HIS DEEP SYMPATHY CONFIRMING LETTER FOLLOWS=

J A ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 4 Apr 45

**REPORT OF DEATH**

FULL NAME Hudson, Edward R;		(German) (POW)	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 31 459 032	GRADE Pvt									
HOME ADDRESS Orange, Mass.		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 29 Oct 12										
PLACE OF DEATH Stalag 9B, Germany		CAUSE OF DEATH Pneumonia		DATE OF DEATH 25 Jan 45									
STATION OF DECEASED European Area.		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 29 Mar 44	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Edith Hudson (Wife) 12 Mechanic Court, Franklin, Mass <i>Comp to her N/6031520</i>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Edith Hudson (Wife) Natalie and Beverly Hudson (Daughters) Same as above. Annie E. Hudson (Mother) South Main St., Plaistow, N.H. <i>no report of death</i> Ralph E. Hudson (Father) Same as above. <i>11/1/45</i>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
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**ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT**

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 21 Dec 44 until such absence was terminated by a report from the German Government the International Red Cross of a prisoner of War status on 15 Feb 45. The prisoner of War Status was terminated on 9 Mar 45. ~~XXXXXX~~ died on 25 Jan 45, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was rec'd by the Secretary of War from the German Government through the International Red Cross.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

*J. C. Curl*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYG 293

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Hudson, Edward R.  
31 459 032

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention : Memorial Division

30 November 1945

Mrs. Edward R. Hudson  
349 Groveland Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Your letter requesting information concerning your husband, the late Private Edward R. Hudson, has been referred to this office for reply.

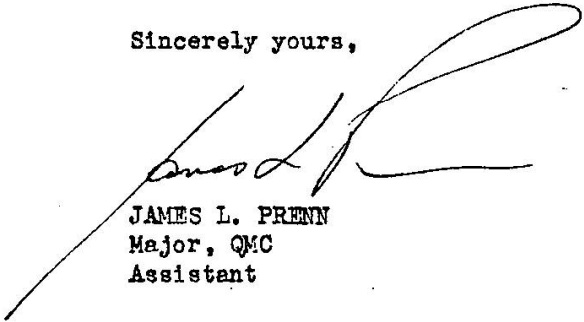
The official report of interment received in this office from the German Government through the Senior British Medical Officer shows that the remains of your husband were interred at Bad Soden--Salmunster, Germany. This burial information has not been verified by our Armed Forces, but you will be notified when such verification is made and the remains removed to an established American Cemetery.

It is anticipated by the War Department that the return at Government expense of the remains of those who have died overseas in the service of their country to a final resting place as selected by the next of kin will be authorized in the near future. Upon receipt of such authority, the War Department, through this office, will furnish full information to the proper next of kin and solicit their desires. However, it should be realized that this mission as a whole is world-wide in scope and of necessity time-consuming, but you may rest assured that this office fully appreciates your desires and will do everything in its power to fulfill them at the earliest possible date.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,



JAMES L. PREHN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMF 293  
Hudson, Edward R.  
SN 31 459 032

19 December 1951

Mrs. Edward R. Hudson  
349 Groveland Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

This Office is desirous that you be furnished information concerning your husband, the late Private Edward R. Hudson.

An official report of burial has now been received from our overseas Command and discloses that the remains of your husband were originally buried in the Prisoner of War Cemetery at Bad-Soden, Salmuenster, Germany, but were later disinterred by our American Graves Registration personnel, and removed to the United States Military Cemetery St. Avold, located twenty-three miles east of Metz, France.

The remains have been properly identified, casketed and are now being held in an overseas mortuary, pending disposition instructions from the next of kin, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an overseas cemetery.

According to the records of this Office, identification of your husband's remains was based upon the favorable comparison of dental and physical characteristics of the remains with corresponding data for your husband as shown on his Army records. In addition, these remains were recovered from the Prisoner of War Cemetery where captured German military records and a statement from the senior British Medical Officer at the Prisoner of War Hospital indicate your husband was buried.

There are inclosed informational pamphlets regarding the Return of World War II Dead Program and a Disposition Form normally required by this Office to effect disposition of remains. However, inasmuch as the expiration date of the Public Law that authorized the disposition of World War II Dead has been set by Congress as 31 December 1951, the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form should be used as a guide only in arriving at a decision and not be sent to this Office.

You should forward instructions by collect telegram to The Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C., Attention:

TIME LINE  
February 1944 to Spring 1952

Based on information available as of 12/02

- 2/18/44 Edward Hudson is told to report for pre-induction physical at Turner Falls, Mass.
- 3/29/44 Reports for induction at Turner Falls, Mass.  
3/30/44 Ed takes out a \$10,000.00 life insurance policy
- 4/10/44 Three month of infantry basic training start at Camp Blanding, Florida with the 222 Inf. Training Battalion.
- 8/5/44 Completes 17 weeks of Anti-Tank training and leaves Camp Blanding.  
8/44 Probably sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana for unit training with 106<sup>th</sup> Div., 423<sup>rd</sup> Combat Infantry Regiment. The Regiment was broken down into 3 Battalions and we don't know which Battalion he was in but he was in Co. C.
- 10/10/44 Arrives at staging area at Camp Myles Standish, Boston, Mass.  
10/16/44 Leaves Camp Standish for N.Y.  
10/17/44 Board transports and sail for the E. T. O.  
10/22/44 Arrives in Glasgow, Scotland.  
10/24/44 Leaves Scotland by troop train.  
10/25/44 Arrives in Cheltenham, England . Field training and drill. Sandwell Park Race Track.
- 11/25/44 Issued winter field-gear.  
11/28/44 Leaves Cheltenham for South Hampton.  
11/29/44 Arrives So. Hampton and boards transport ship.  
11/30/44 Arrives port of LaHavre, France in a heavy rain and is marched 9 miles to waiting transport trucks. Approx. 12,000 men in the 106<sup>th</sup>.
- 12/01/44 Arrives Rouen, France in pouring rain.  
12/07/44 Leaves Rouen in trucks headed for Belgium Front Line. Still pouring.  
12/09/44 Arrives at St. Vith, Belgium near the German border.  
12/11/44 Deployed on the Schnee Eifel (Snow Mountain), 12 miles East of St. Vith facing the German Siegfried Line.. Little village of Schonberg is 3 miles West of them. 423<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Tank Co. near Bleiaf on the south edge of the Schnee Eifel.
- 12/16-17/44 Battle of the Bulge begins. Three German Army Groups consisting of 19 Divisions including the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> Panzer Div.'s pour through the Prum Corridor toward the Schnee Eifel and St. Vith.

- 423<sup>rd</sup> held it's position under intense enemy attack despite lack of ammunition, machine guns, and artillery support. Brig. Gen. Bruce Clarke with 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Div. unable to break through to St. Vith with reinforcement's. 106<sup>th</sup> Div. doomed. "In the cold world of the Eifel, the two lost regiments of the 106<sup>th</sup> fought their last fight."
- 12/18/44 Surrounded, the 106<sup>th</sup> is told to retreat to St. Vith if possible. Retreat impossible. 415 killed, 1246 wounded, 7,001 being captured. Division command and 423<sup>rd</sup> lose radio contact.
- 12/19/44 Col. Cavander formally surrenders remaining elements of the 423<sup>rd</sup> now trapped in the Ardennes southwest of Schonberg. Tell his men to make a run for it if they want to after they destroy all gasoline, ammunition and supplies. All we either captured or killed.
- 12/19/44 Am. POWs marched to Bleialf.
- 12/20/44 POW's marched out of Bleialf toward Prum, Germany. Slept in open fields at Gerolstein, Ger. Then marched to Dockweiler Dries where they were fed with potato soup and given two blankets apiece. Kept at Dockweiler Dries for 3 ½ days.
- 12/23/44 Jonh Bladen, friend of Ed Hudson, states they were in box cars on this date at Limburg and were bombed by British bombers
- 12/25/44 Marched East all day. John Bladen states they arrived at Bad Orb on this Christmas Day. Other sources don't agree.
- 12/26/44 Now 8 miles North of Mayen. No food since leaving Dockweiler Dries. Eating snow for water.
- 12/27/44 Arrive at Koblenz, fed bread, and slept in 3 story brick barracks. No beds. No heat.
- 12/28/44 Translated German document from Bad Orb states that Ed Hudson was "Neusugang" 12/28/44 meaning New into Camp and New Patient at 9B. This may or may not be correct. It does not jive with information that follows.
- 12/29/44 Left Koblenz marching East deeper into Germany.
- 12/30/44 Arrived at Stalag 12, Limburg which was as POW transition camp. Men were sent to different Stalags by rail from here. Edward Hudson was sent to Stalag 9-B near Bad Orb, Germany which is East of Frankfurt
- 1/2/45 Edith sends letter to Ed saying she has not heard from him in two weeks, afraid he is in combat and hopes he is safe.
- 1/5/45 Ed sends his first letter from Stalag 9 saying he is a POW, is safe, eating well and in a heated barracks. No date as to when Edith received it Requests tobacco and food and sends his love.
- 1/9/45 Ed mails Post Card from Stalag 9 saying he is feeling OK and would like to be home in time to plant a garden. Sends love to the girls and all.
- 1/12/45 Telegram from War Dept. stating Ed is M.I.A.
- 1/13/44 Letter to Edith confirming Ed is POW in Germany.

- 5/26/46      Memorial Service for Ed and Stanley Chadwick at First Baptist Church in Plaistow, N.H.
- 12/19/51      Letter from the Dept. of the Army informing Edith that Ed's remains have been officially identified and that he has been moved from the POW cemetery in Bad Soden, Germany to the American Cemetery at St. Avoird, France. Since Congress had set a time limit on having soldier's remains shipped home (by Dec.31,1951) she is advised to send a telegram to the Quartermaster advising him of her decision before 12/31/51.
- 3/5/52      Pfc. Edward R. Hudson comes home and is buried in the North Parish Cemetery in Plaistow, New Hampshire. Remains bought home aboard USNS Kingsport Victory to NY
- Fall 2001      Formal request by granddaughter, Deborah Ingalls Clarke (mother - Natalie Ingalls nee; Hudson) to Army Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO., for military records of Edward R. Hudson, and reissuance of: World War 11 Victory Medal, European Theater of Operations Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and POW Medal.
- March 2002      Medals arrived, including the Bronze Star. The Bronze Star is awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement of service against an opposing armed force. The Good conduct Medal is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity while on active duty.