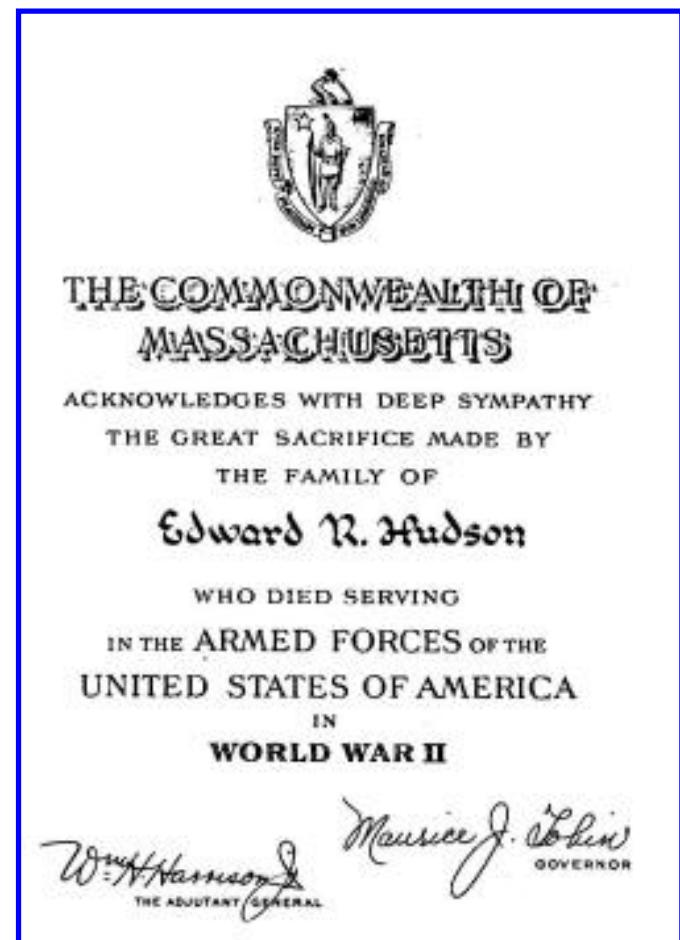


Edward R. Hudson

**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 grand-daughter, Rosemary Clarke, 207-642-3643, or Deborah Clarke, 207-642-6151

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE PRISONER OF WAR DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

25 March 1945

To: Mrs. Edith Hudson
12 Mechanic Court
Orange, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

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

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

The parcel label and the telegram below 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.

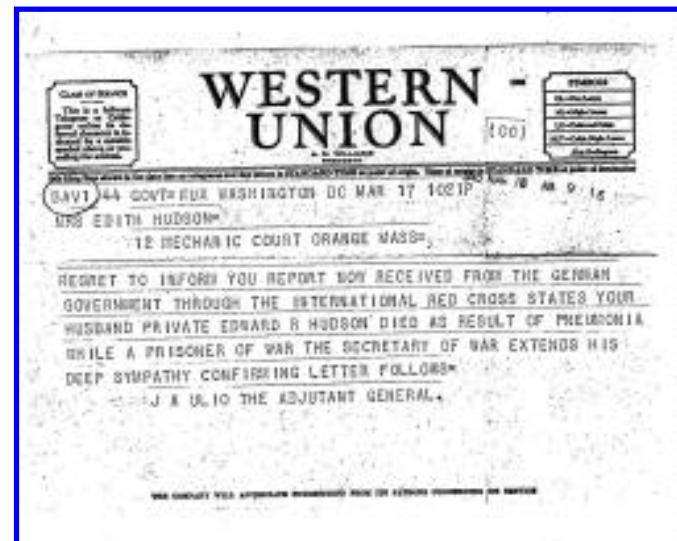
Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,

Howard P. Hudson

Howard P. Hudson
Colonel, USA
Director, American Prisoner of War
Information Agency

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Bell Davis
Letter Clerk



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

REPORT OF DEATH
DATE: 4 Apr 45

PRISONER	(Name)	UNIT NUMBER	GRADE
Hudson, Edward R.	(None)	31,459,008	Pvt
DEATH ADDRESS	ARMED SERVICES	DEATH DATE	
Orange, Mass.	Infantry	25 Oct 44	
PLACE OF DEATH	ARMED SERVICES	DATE REPORT	
Stalingrad, Germany	Pneumonia	25 Jan 45	
PLACE OF DEATH	ARMED SERVICES	DATE REPORT	
Europeana Army	Infantry	25 Mar 44	

REMARKS CONCERNING DEATH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE:
Mrs. Edith Hudson, 12 Mechanic Court, Franklin, Mass. *Copy to her*
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REMARKS CONCERNING DEATH
Edward Hudson (Husband) and Beverly Hudson (Daughter) Name as above.
James E. Hudson (Mother) South Braintree, Braintree, Mass. *Copy to her*
Ralph E. Hudson (Father) Name as above.

REMARKS CONCERNING DEATH
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 status was terminated by a report from the German Government to the International Red Cross of a prisoner of war deceased on 25 Mar 44. The prisoner of war status was terminated on 9 May 45.
REMARKS: Died on 25 Jan 45, on which date evidence gathered 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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C.I.C. - C.I.C.P. - C.I.C.P.O.

J. A. Ullo

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

REPLY MADE TO:
ADPC 201 Hudson, Edward R.
12 Apr 45 31,459,008

11 May 1945

Mrs. Edward R. Hudson
12 Mechanic Court
Orange, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

I have your recent letter regarding your husband, Private Edward R. Hudson, in which you asked if any details of his death had been received.

The records of this office show that Private Hudson died on 25 January 1945 in a German hospital at Stalingrad, Red Corp., Germany, of pneumonia and severe malnutrition. Since the report states that all who witnessed his death were Germans, I am sorry to say that it is not believed further details will be received.

The telegram in which the error was made giving your husband's relationship to you as son was corrected before it was transmitted to you.

Permit me to extend to you my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have been called upon to bear.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Ullo
J. A. ULLO
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
21 459 032

Address Reply To: 26 December 1948
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
ATTENTION: Memorial Division.

Mrs. Edward S. Hudson
249 Crossland Street
Haverhill, Massachusetts
Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Your letter requesting information concerning your husband, the late Private Edward S. 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 Salzungen-Salmünster, Germany. This burial information has not been verified by our Army Forces, but you will be satisfied when such verification is made and the remains returned to an established American Cemetery.

It is anticipated by the War Department that the return to the 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 assist them in securing the remains. It should be realized that this service as a whole is worldwide 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:

Haverhill yours,

[Signature]

JAMES L. PRYCE
Major, QM
Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
21 459 032

26 December 1948
Mrs. Edward S. Hudson
249 Crossland Street
Haverhill, Massachusetts
Dear Mrs. Hudson:

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

An official report of burial has now been received from our nearest Cousen and indicates that the remains of your husband were originally buried in the Princess of War Cemetery at Bad Salzungen, Salmünster, Germany, but were later disinterred by our American Graves Registration personnel, and reburied in the United States Military Cemetery St. Avold, located twenty-three miles east of Metz, France.

The remains have been properly identified, exhumed and are now being held in an overseas cemetery, 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 Princess of War Cemetery where captured German military records and a statement from the senior British medical officer at the Princess of War Hospital indicate your husband was buried.

There are scattered informational pamphlets regarding the return of World War II Dead Persons 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 30 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 airmail 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 12/8/2006.

- 2/28/44 Edward Hudson is told to report for pre-induction physical at Turner Falls, Mass.
- 3/29/44 Reports for induction at Turner Falls, Mass.
Ed takes out a \$10,000.00 life insurance policy
- 4/10/44 Three weeks 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. Probably sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana for unit training with 106th Div., 42nd 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.
Leaves Camp Standish for N.Y.
- 10/16/44 Board transports and sail for the E.T.O.
- 10/23/44 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 at Southampton and boards transport ship.
- 11/30/44 Arrives port of La Havre, France in a heavy rain and is marched 9 miles in waiting transport trucks. Approx. 12,000 men in the 106th.
- 12/01/44 Arrives Rouen, France in pouring rain.
- 12/07/44 Leaves Rouen in trucks headed for Belgian 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 Scheerberg is 3 miles West of them. 42nd Anti-Tank Co. was billeted on the south edge of the Schnee Eifel.
- 12/16-17/44 Bands of the Bulge begins. Three German Army Groups consisting of 19 Divisions including the 5th, 7th and 116th Panzer Div.'s pour through the Prism Corridor toward the Schnee Eifel and St. Vith.

- 42nd held it's position under intense enemy attack despite lack of ammunition, machine guns, and artillery support. Brig. Gen. Bruce Clarke with 7th Armored Div. makes a break through to St. Vith with reinforcements. 106th Div. chooses "In the cold world of the Eifel, the two last regiments of the 106th fought their last fight." Surrounded, the 106th is told to retreat to St. Vith if possible. Roman impossible. 415 killed, 1246 wounded, 7,000 being captured. Division command and 42nd lose radio contact.
- 12/18/44 Col. Cavalier formally surrenders remaining elements of the 42nd now trapped in the Ardennes southwest of Schleiden. Tell his men to make a run for it if they want to after they destroy all gasoline, ammunition and supplies. All are either captured or killed. Ann. POWs marched to Binsfeld.
- 12/20/44 POW's marched out of Binsfeld toward Pivat, Germany. Slept in open fields at Gersbach, Ger. Then marched to Dodeviller Drise where they were fed with potato soup and given two blankets apiece. Kept at Dodeviller Drise for 3-5 days.
- 12/23/44 John Blader, 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 Blader 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 Dodeviller Drise. Eating snow for water.
- 12/27/44 Arrive at Kallstadt, Ed bread, and sleep in 3-story brick barracks. No beds. No heat.
- 12/28/44 Translated German document from Bad Orb states that Ed Hudson was "Resuscitated" 12/28/44 morning New into Camp and New Patient at #8. This may or may not be correct. It does not jive with information that follows.
- 12/29/44 Left Kallstadt marching East deeper into Germany.
- Arrived at Staling 12, Limburg which was a POW translation camp. Men were sent in different Stalags by rail from here. Edward Hudson was sent to Stalag 9-A near Bad Orb, Germany which is East of Frankfurt.
- 1/04/45 Ed sends letter to Ed saying she has not heard from him in two weeks, afraid he is in combat and hopes he is safe.
- 1/09/45 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 Edick received it.
- 1/09/45 Requests tobacco and food and sends his love.
- 1/10/45 Ed sends 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 MIA.
- 1/13/45 Letter to Edith confirming Ed is POW in Germany.

- 5/26/48 Memorial Service for Ed and Stanley Chadwick at First Baptist Church in Plaistow, N.H.
- 12/1951 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 Lautzenhausen, Germany to the American Cemetery at St. Avold, 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.
- 3/1/52 Pfc. Edward R. Hudson comes home and is buried in the North Parish Cemetery in Plaistow, New Hampshire. Remains brought home aboard USNS Kingsport Victory to NY
- Fall 2001 Formal request by granddaughter, Deborah Ingalls Clarke (mother - Natalie Ingalls see, Hudson) to Army Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO, for military records of Edward R. Hudson, and recognition of World War II 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.

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