

War Era Story Project 2012

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At the end of December 1944, my letters to my husband in ETO were returned to me marked "hospitalized, Dec. 24." There was no explanation as to where he was nor what his condition was. I sought help from the Red Cross, but was denied any help. It was agonizing. A month later, I received a letter that he had asked a nurse at the hospital in England to write to me on his behalf. He had been in the Battle of the Bulge without food or water for a week, and had collapsed. The only information I ever received from the army was "hospitalized."

In February, he was transferred to Camp Atterbury in Indiana. I was able then to go to see him. His hands and legs shook constantly. In March, he was transferred to Darnall General Hospital in Danville, Ky. So he could be close to family. With the excellent medical care and his strong personality, he made a complete recovery. He never had flashbacks, nor did he ever speak of his experience. He was discharged at the end of April 1945.