

Soldiers Told To Keep Record Of Disabilities

In the next letter you write to your son in service be sure to include this tip from the Disabled American Veterans:

"Make certain when you are finally discharged from the service that all records of hospitalization and disability, injury, or illness are made a part of the official service record."

That advice to parents was given today by J. E. Tue, Adjutant of Hardy Shelby chapter 45, who said the importance of being on record cannot be overemphasized.

He said thousands of veterans who came out of World War I and World War II are unable to prove their present disabilities are service-connected because of lack of evidence on service records that the disability was incurred in war service.

"Too many veterans," he said, "in their anxiety to get home overlooked or neglect having proper information of hospitalization or disability placed on their service records."

"In later years they find to their amazement that when they are hospitalized or injuries and illnesses become aggravated they are not allowed claims for government compensation because there is no record available."

The DAV Adjutant also pointed out to parents and relatives of servicemen that it is important to save all letters from servicemen because they may be important in later proving that disabilities are service-incurred.