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Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

I would appreciate very much, if you will read this letter and see if you could alleviate the cond. by your column (~~or other~~ calling attention to the public) or any other proper way.

I am a W.W II vet, discharged because of T.B I incurred during the service. The gist of this letter is some the intolerable conditions in the Veterans hosp. I was a sincere pat at Sunmount Vet Adm Sunmount, N.Y. I tried my best to follow all the necessary instructions in the treatment of my case. After 7 mos of treatment, I think I was actually worse than when I just arrived. It wasn't my the actual T.B which retarded me ~~as much~~ but the rules & condition at the hosp. Truthfully speaking, I am not the type to complain but let me enumerate a few of the wrong things I witnessed

1 Non segregation of WW 1 & 2 patients
2 " " " positive sputum & negative cases
3 Doctors, nurses etc treat the patients as dog tags (routine work) no encouragement at all.

My ward doc. was to the surgeon of the whole hosp Cap. - 500 pat. & yet if I had 2 mins of actual conversation with him during the wk, I was lucky

4. In the broad daylight, the house would go around the grounds while the patients had their dinner.

"Nice sight"

After 7 mos, I left the vet hosp & immediately put on 30 lbs in a 1½ mos. (I lost 5 lbs at the hosp) at home. (I wasn't home sick either)

There were so many instances of bad treatment that I just couldn't see how any sincere patient could endure the hosp, unless it was an absolute necessity

If this is any standard on how the vet. will be treated when he comes home, it sure won't be to their liking in the least bet

Hoping & Wishing you will be see for yourself some of the above described conditions.

Your faithful adherer.
Best to be Anonymous

I wish the Rep Philbin of Mass would make a long investigation for which he is so valiantly fighting for.