

James Osman
94th Infantry Division
Prisoner of War at
Stalag IX-B Bad Orb
Photos below courtesy of James Osman



Mary and Jim Osman



Jim Osman



(left to right) James Osman, Charlie Pyatt, unknown, Bill Mc Clure (deceased 2004) Indiana Gas Company employees
Photo taken next to the old Quonset Building, Columbus, Indiana



James Osman (left with helmet) during the liberation of Stalag IX-B



Friend James Nicholson

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ASSISTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 2

9 February 1945

Mr. Mary M. Owen
Route #7
Culmeca, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Owen:


This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were respectfully informed that your husband, Private First Class James M. Owen, 10,790,623, has been reported missing in action in Germany since 24 January 1945.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that as 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.

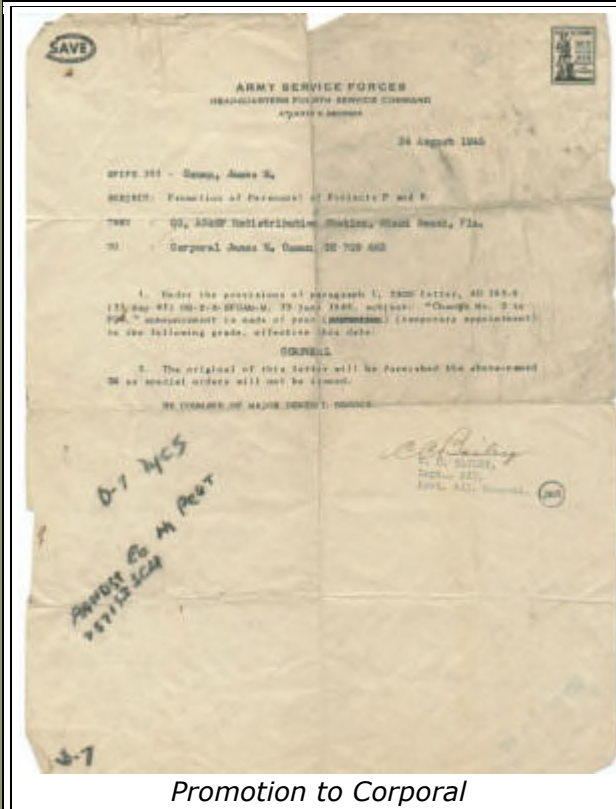
The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under 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.

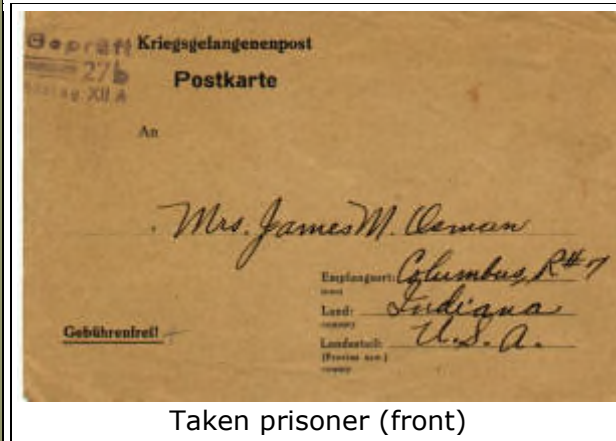
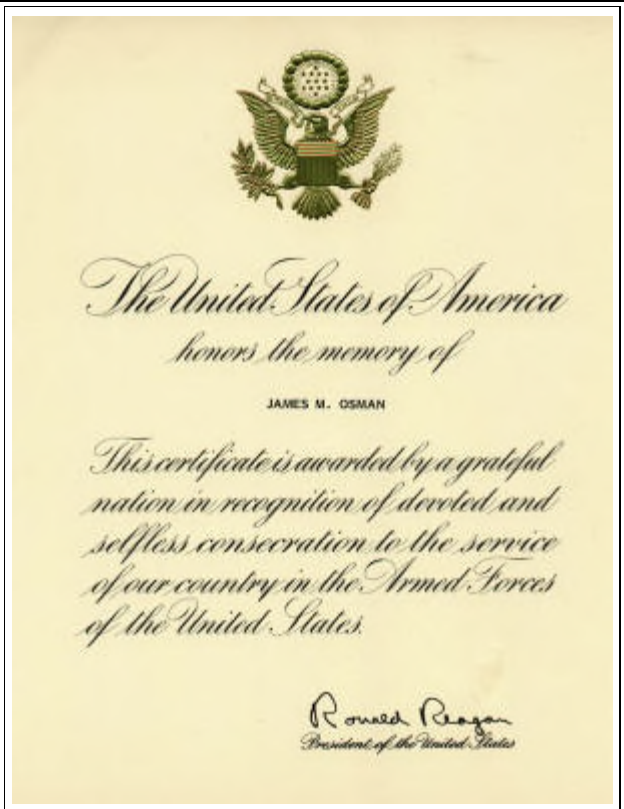
Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

 W. A. GALT
 Major General
 The Assistant General

1 Enclosure
Bulletin of Information

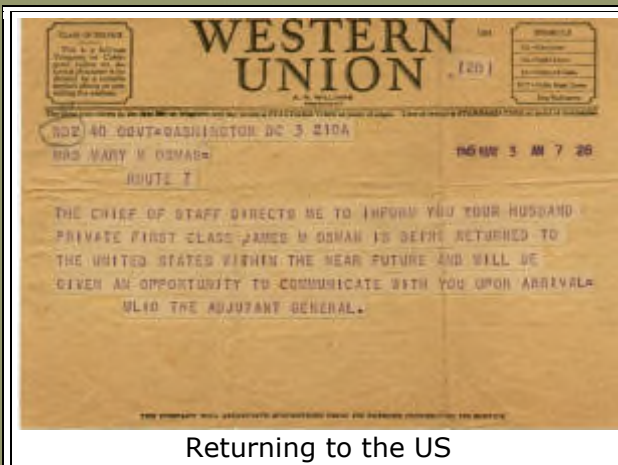


Promotion to Corporal

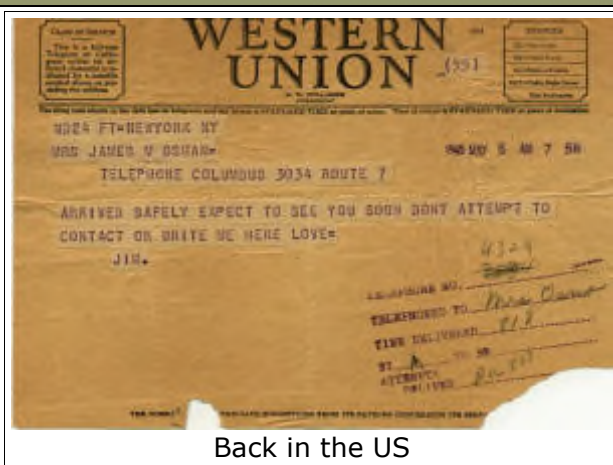


Taken prisoner (front)

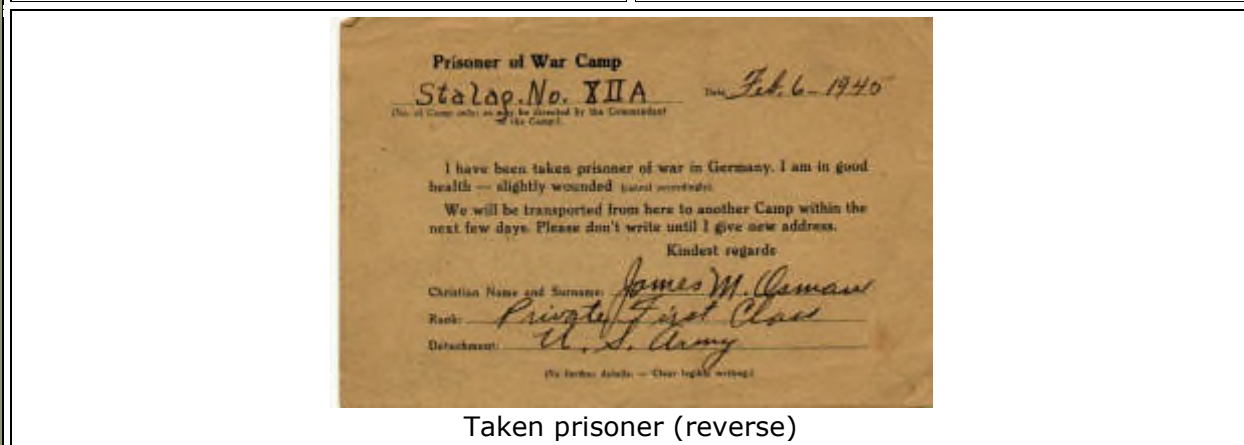




Returning to the US



Back in the US



Taken prisoner (reverse)