

James Osman

**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**



Friend James Nicholson

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1. ONLY COPY TO:
ADJUTANT GENERAL, James H.
MC-N 220 031

9 February 1945

Mrs. Mary M. Osman
Route #7
Colaske, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Osman:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your husband, Private First Class James H. Osman, 35,709,603, 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 at 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. HIGG
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Major General
The Adjutant General

1 Enclosure
Bulletin of Information

REGISTERED
MAIL SERVICE OFFICE
 Fifth Service Command
 1260th SIG, Reception Station No. 6
 Camp Atterbury, Indiana

May 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS (P)
 NO *** ESTABLISH *** ***

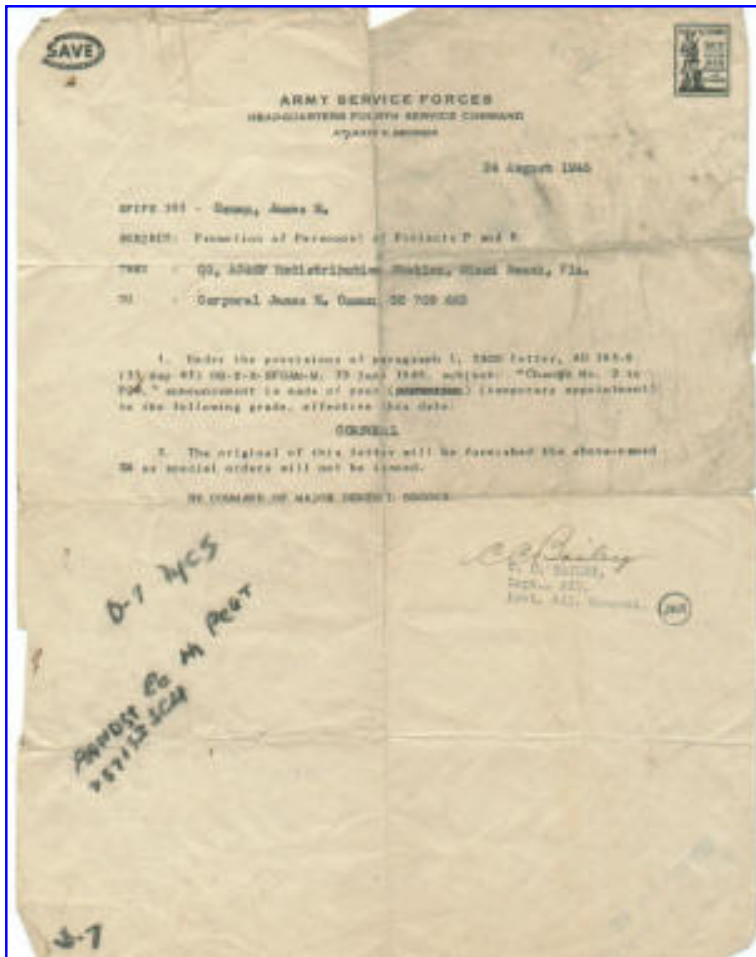
2. The following named AF (PO, PO, Project 2) are to be sent to Reception Station #6 this date and are to be in AF ARMY GROUND AIR SERVICE FORCE REGISTRATION THE SHIPMENT ALBION HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA. STOP 11 May 45. He are provided a daily amount of rations (60) days, plus travel time, and will report to the office indicated on 10 July 45 for processing and reassignment. (AFHQ HQ AGO Air 970.3 and 16 Aug 44, Sub P-1, AFHQ Air AGO, 1941 & VMOG AGO, Washington, DC), HQ of following are unknown.

Approved by Staff Sergeant J. B. ...

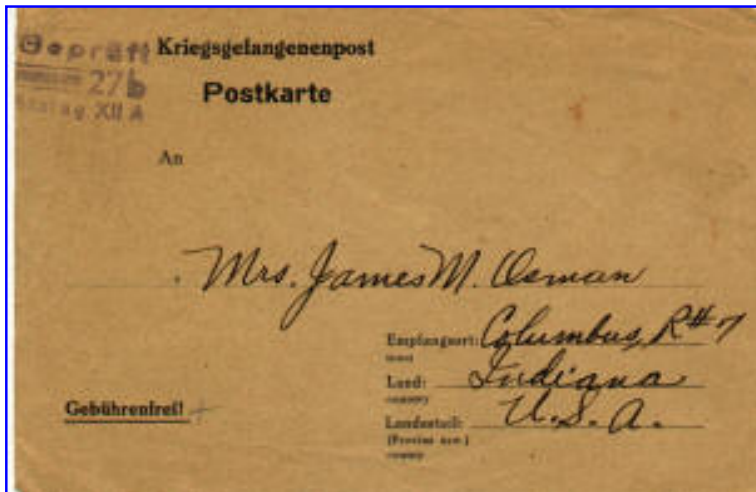
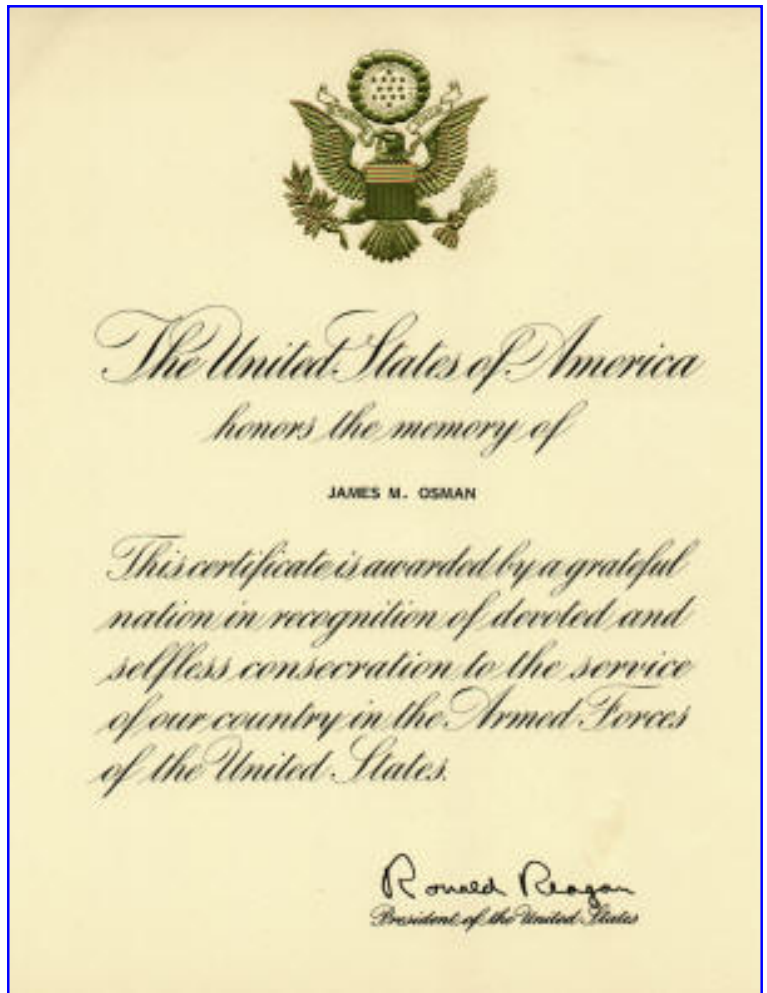
NAME	GRADE	ASN	AO	RESIDENCE ADDRESS
Pfc	Walter, Jay G.	35247330	Inf	RD 5, Box 213, Akron, Ohio
Pfc	Cowan, James H.	35709663	Inf	RD #7, Columbus, Indiana
Pfc	Schroeder, Thomas E.	35217339	Inf	1222 Eastwood Ave, Dayton, Ohio
Pfc	Patterson, Leonard E.	35513267	AF	1203 W. 12th St., Ashland, Ohio
Pfc	Patterson, Earl	35112432	Inf	1877 Sandusky Rd, Akron, Ohio
Pfc	Dayton, Lake	35705260	Inf	Sandusky, Kentucky
Pfc	Patterson, Lemuel E.	35033725	Inf	RD #1, East Mansfield, Ohio
Pfc	Punk, Orrville	35226479	IS	Williamson, Kentucky
Pfc	Fullard, William E.	35072029	Inf	302 W. Elm St., Washington Court House, Ohio
Pfc	Bunney, Richard J.	35971646	Inf	6623 Howard Ave, Hammond, Indiana
Pfc	Raymond, Harold F.	35621628	Inf	578 Feltz St, Columbus, Ohio
Pfc	Raymond, Benjamin D.	35737706	IS	417 14th St., New Philadelphia, Ohio
Pfc	Richards, James G.	35758917	Inf	RD #2, Vincennes, Indiana
Pfc	Ehlersen, Ralph E.	35345524	Inf	1319 G. 2nd St., Marion, Indiana
Pfc	Reeder, Ernest H.	35740618	Inf	RD #1, Richwood, Ohio
Pfc	Euro, Douglas D.	35882286	Inf	21 Seville Ave, Dayton, Ohio
Pfc	Grudsky, Julius	35829881	Inf	110 W. 2nd St., Lima, Ohio
Pvt	Youngman, Clarence E.	35225621	Inf	207 Devin Ave., West, Ohio
Pfc	Smith, Henry G.	35771806	Inf	826 Finkle Ave, Muncie, Indiana
Pfc	Smith, Howard H.	35720787	IS	110 Woodside Ave, Vincennes, Indiana
Pfc	Tanner, George E.	35510914	Inf	625 Hazel St., Marion, Ohio
Pfc	Talley, Earl W.	35306211	Inf	2915 Nelson Ave, Hammond, Indiana
Pfc	Tris, Raymond E.	35833966	Inf	706 Jeff St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Pfc	Tucker, Francis F.	35911162	Inf	1046 Galen St., Springfield, Ohio
Pfc	Wahl, Donald E.	35811990	Inf	670 Herbert Ave, Terre Haute, Indiana
Pfc	Watts, Frank Jr.	35374250	Inf	1675 Tompkins Ave, Akron, Ohio
Pfc	Wilderwald, Harold L.	35429841	Inf	163 E. Elm St., Columbus, Ohio
Pfc	Williams, James H.	35837736	Inf	116 Leitch Ave, Elletts, Ohio
Pfc	Williams, John J.	35779963	Inf	119 16th St., New Albany, Indiana
Pfc	Wilson, Floyd E.	35071621	Inf	RD #2, Somerset, Kentucky
Pfc	Wilson, George G.	35799121	Inf	70 Elm St., Shelby City, Kentucky
Pfc	Wright, Frederick E.	35642845	Inf	351 E. Washington St., Danville, Indiana
Pfc	Ygnat, Paul J.	35713149	AF	1541 Dulish Ave., Columbus, Ohio
Pfc	Yukovich, James	35240668	Inf	1326 E 28th St., Lorain, Ohio
Pfc	Young, Douglas E.	35240814	Inf	322 N. Backus St., Greenville, Ohio
Pfc	Young, Mel G.	35297284	IS	Greenville, Ohio
Pvt	Zawod, James	35286421	Inf	RD #1, Stanford, Kentucky
Pvt	Barton, Charles G.	35734176	Inf	430 S. Dudley St., Louisville, Kentucky
Pvt	Burns, Elan G.	35546214	Inf	573 Bond Ave., Akron, Ohio
Pvt	Burns, Stephen E.	35523844	Inf	2029 Dodd St., Lakewood, Ohio
Pvt	Baldwin, Ralph E.	35219830	Inf	110 Evans Ave., Toledo, Ohio
Pvt	Bovall, Anthony C.	35066554	IS	412 Williams St., Palmyra, Ohio
Pvt	Brown, Clyde E.	35809131	Inf	Harrodsburg, Kentucky
Pvt	Brown, Stanley	35641115	Inf	712 E 11th St., Lorain, Ohio



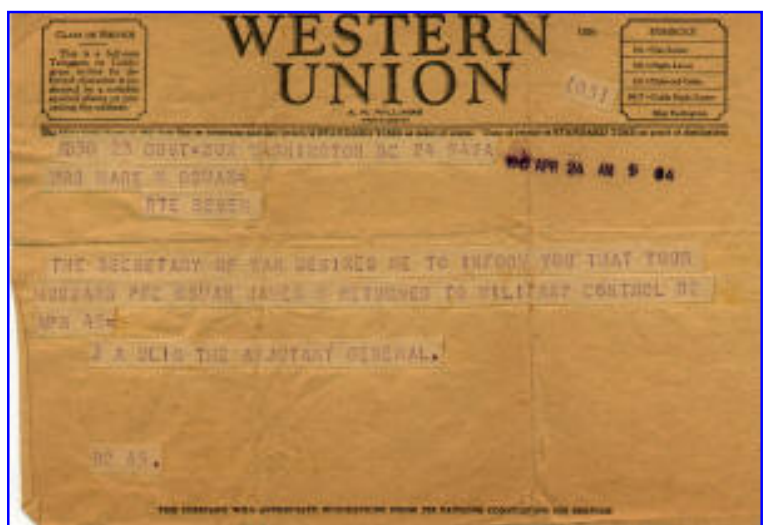
Orders to leave Camp Atterbury, Indiana and reassigned to Albion Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, May 8, 1945

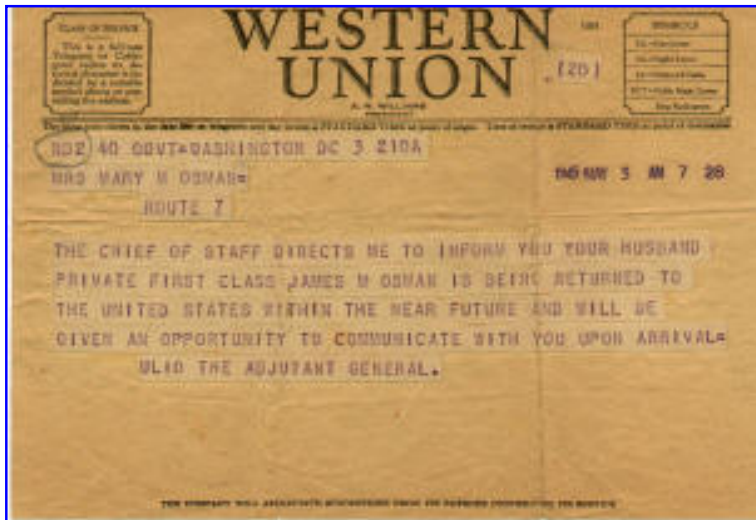


Promotion to Corporal

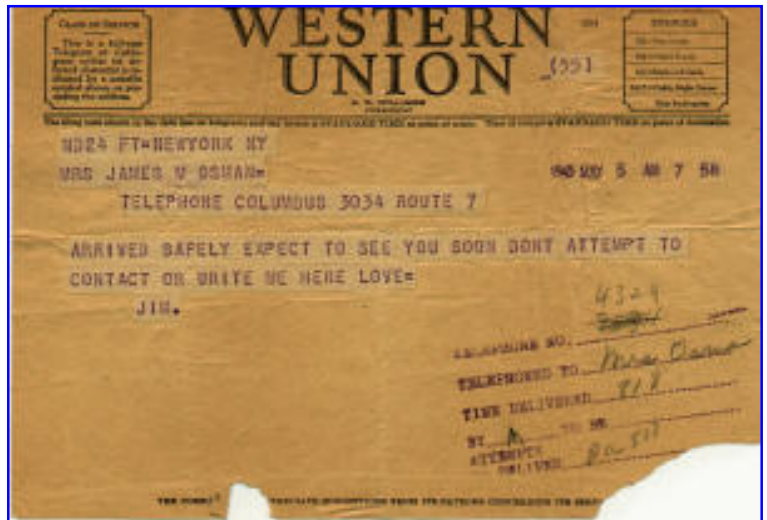


Taken prisoner (front)

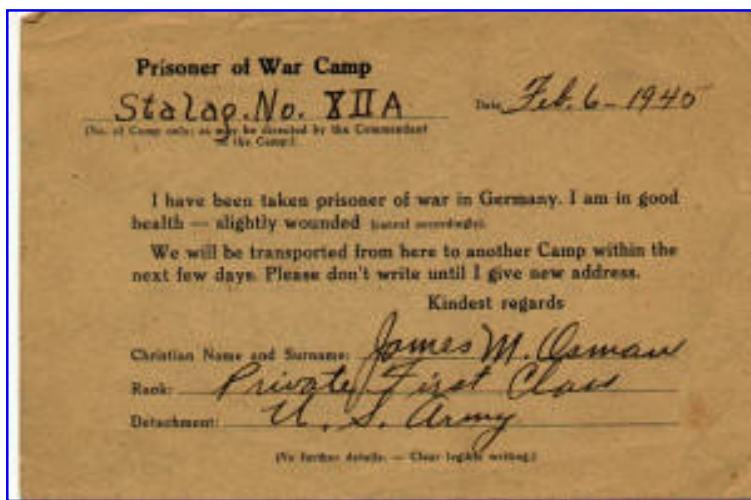




Returning to the US



Back in the US



Taken prisoner (reverse)

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