

**BASIL R. KING,  
LONG MISSING,  
WAR PRISONER**

**Mother Gets Card, First  
Word of Him in Four  
Months.**

**WAS MEMBER OF 106TH**

**In Good Health and Not  
Wounded, He Writes—  
Thompson Captured.**

After he had been listed as missing in action with the 106th Division almost four months, Mrs. Bonnie Tucker of 2487 Chestnut street received a card April 5 written by her son, Pfc. Basil R. King, in a German prison of war camp, reporting that he was well.

Mrs. Tucker received a War department telegram the middle of January, reporting that her son had been listed as missing in action in Germany since Dec. 21. No further word was received until the card arrived by regular mail today. It was written Jan. 8.

It read as follows:

"Dearest Mother:  
I guess you know by now I am a prisoner of war. I am in good health and being treated all right. I did not get wounded but my captiva was killed. I hope you are all in good health. Give all my love to Doc (his sister Dorothy) and to Johnny Bob (a nephew).

"Please send me a box with two pairs of heavy wool socks and the rest: cigars and chocolate bars. They are the same as money here and we can buy food. Take care of yourself and write."

Private King's prisoner of war card was longer in coming through than most of those received from members of the 106th Division who were taken prisoner in the Ardennes breakthrough.

It was the first word his mother had received from him since a letter received Jan. 2 and written by King on Dec. 14, two days before start of the German counter-offensive.

He was serving with Company M, 42nd Infantry regiment of the 106th Division at last reports, but Mrs. Tucker said she did not know the name of the captain to whom her son referred in his card.

**Sends His Address.**  
King's prisoner of war address is No. 212908, Stalmslager 6R, Germany.

He entered service here Oct. 25, 1941, and was sent to Fort Meade, Md., going from there to Bermuda where he spent a year with a field artillery unit. Upon returning to the United States he volunteered for transfer to the infantry and was assigned to the 106th Division, which was then in training at Camp Atterbury.

Staff Sgt. Douglas Thompson of the 106th Division field artillery, who had been listed as missing on the Western front since Dec. 24, has written that he is a prisoner of the Germans and is well.

A card from him was received here Wednesday and was dated Feb. 2. Sergeant Thompson's home is at Logan, W. Va.

**OWI Reports Casualties.**  
Thursday's casualty list from OWI bears the names of three food men previously reported killed in action, a Brown county man captured and three wounded.

Those killed are:

Pvt. Lowell A. Mahoney, husband of Mrs. Betty Mahoney, 672 Eighth street, killed March 3 in Germany.

Tech 4 Sampson C. Willoughby, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willoughby of Route 6, killed March 5 in Germany.

Pvt. Donald M. Wright, husband of Mrs. Mary M. Wright of Jonesville, killed Nov. 2 in Germany.

The prisoner of war is Pfc. Franklin M. Followell, son of Mrs. Lelan O. Followell, Nashville route 4.

The wounded are:

Staff Sgt. Harold C. Kinsyoung, husband of Mrs. Doris Kinsyoung, wounded March 2 in Germany.

Staff Sgt. Morco C. Gelfe, husband of Mrs. Mary Gelfe, 1830 Lawton avenue, wounded on Bataan.

Pvt. Donald G. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sharp, 400 Cottage avenue, wounded in Philippines.

# 1945\_04\_11 Basil R. King, long missing 106th war prisoner found

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