

2LT Gordon W. Seims

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Krupp, of German Industrial Fame, Questioned by Lt. Gordon Seims, Oshkosh

April 11, 1945, undoubtedly, will forever remain a big day in the life of Lt. Gordon W. Seims.

For it was on that date that the American Ninth army captured the Krupp munitions works, birth-place of German war material since the days of Bismarck, and to Lieutenant Seims fell the lot of interviewing Alfred Krupp, German industrialist.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Seims, 870 North Main street, Seims wrote that correspondents of Life and Time magazines sat in on the interview with Krupp. A number of pictures were taken, the letter continued, "so it is more than likely you will see my picture in those magazines and in some of the newspapers."

Krupp's secretary informed Seims later that the industrialist's wealth was estimated at between 500 million and a billion marks,

the letter added. Krupp was captured at his castle, Seims wrote, and it was the Oshkosh soldier's job to search the place. Krupp's particular apartment was lavishly furnished, having gold doorknobs, Seims wrote, and the entire place was full of huge oil paintings and objects of art. Seims said it would be impossible to calculate its worth.

Seims' wife and their son, whom he has never seen, live in Chicago. Seims, who is 37 years old, has been in service for two and a half years. He was with Household Finance Corporation as a supervisor on the west coast before entering service.

Seims had three brothers in the service, but Douglas, who was in the army for 15 months, has received a medical discharge and is now located in Chicago. Charles Robert is with the army in Belgium and Curtis is with the army in Manila.

