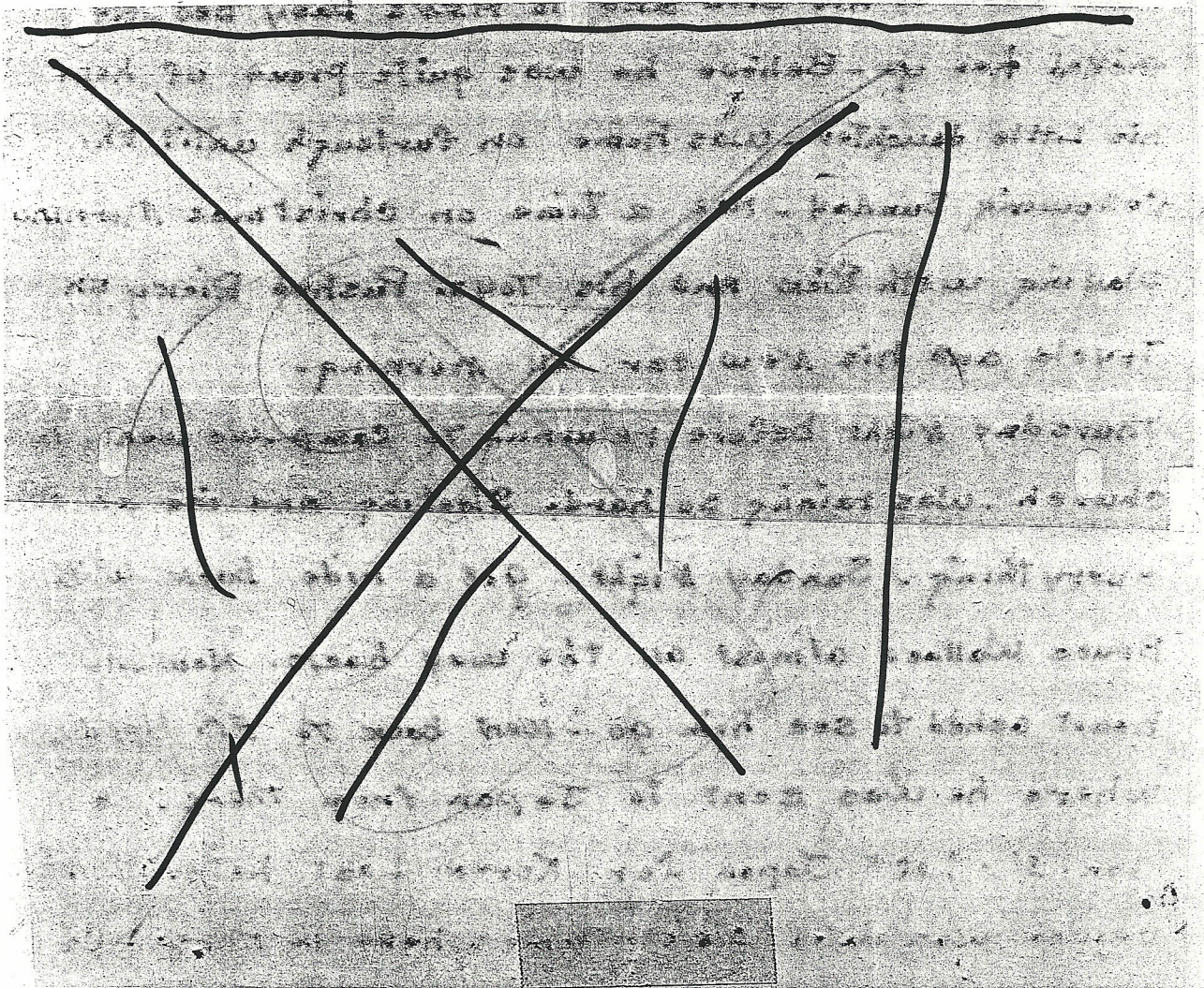


Pfc. William D. Freeman = Called back into Service in Oct. 12
1950. Was Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Was in Active
Reserves. Dec. 25. Arrived home on furlough at about
3:00 clock on Christmas morning. Baby almost 2 mo.
old. Ricky - 19 mo. old. Woke Ricky up - He hugged his
Daddy's neck, turned over and went back to sleep. We
went over to his crib and to Ann's Baby bed - He
picked her up - Believe he was quite proud of her,
his little daughter. Was home on furlough until the
following Sunday - Had a time on Christmas Morning
Playing with Rick and his Toys. Pushed Ricky on
Tricycle and his New car all morning.

Thursday night before returning to camp. We went to
church - Was raining so hard. Sleet and ice all over
everything - Sunday Night - got a ride back with
Bruce Wallace almost all the way back. How my
heart ached to see him go - Went back to Ft. Hood,
where he was sent to Japan from there. on
Jan. 31. Left Japan for Korea. Last letter I re-
ceived was dated 2/2/51. Somewhere in Korea - Co. A

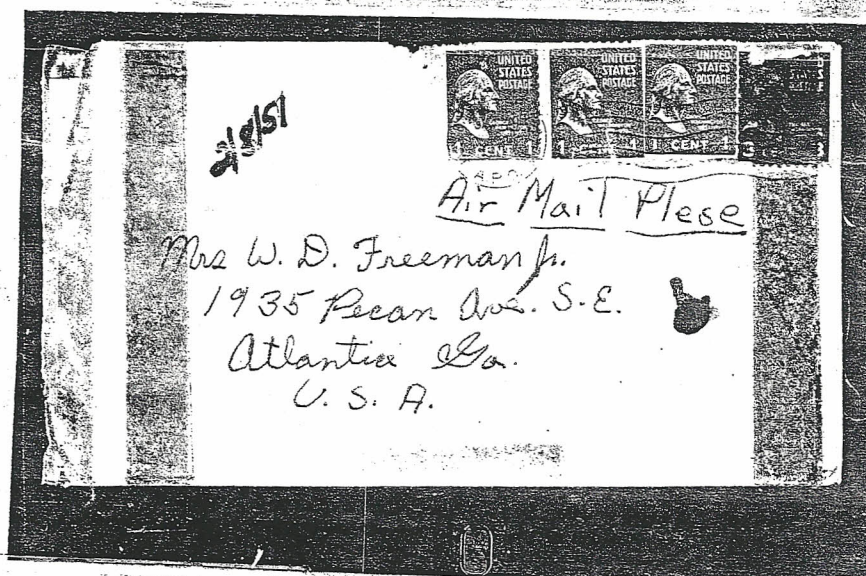
38 Infantry Regt. Apr. 1918

Wanted me to send box of Candy - I got
Box all fixed up - Never got to mail this box
As that was the day I Received the Telegram.
bearing these words "Sorry to Inform You"
"Missing in Action - That day for a while I
Thought the End of the world had come to
me.



After Recovering from the shock, was so thankful to find that he was only missing and not "DEAD". Bro. & Sis. Mayo come. All the neighbors, and families also. This made me feel better & no one knows how much I appreciated them coming when I needed them so. That day I committed him to God & no one was ever able to convince me he wouldn't come home.

MISSING IN ACTION
ARMY - Pvt. William D. Freeman
Freeman Jr., husband of Mrs. Barbara
1935 Pecan Ave.
S.E. Atlanta



Last letter
I received
before Bill
was
captured.

Three More Georgians Killed, 7 Others Injured in War

Three additional Georgia fatalities and seven other Georgia casualties in Korea were reported by the Defense Department Thursday.

First Lt. Marvin P. Owen, of Barnesville, and Second Lt. William E. Templin, of Columbus, were listed as killed in action, and First Lt. Robert A. Finney, Jr., of Athens, dead of wounds.

Pfc. Robert E. Morgan, of Scottsdale, was reported missing in action and Pvt. Joe L. Ball, of Deatur, injured. The following Georgians were wounded: Cpl. Leon W. Childs, of Covington; Pfc. Emory G. Knight, of Thomasville; Sgt. Elery N. Rowland, of Alma; Cpl. Henry E. Sanderson, of Columbus; and Pvt. Chalmers S. Wheeler, of Ludowici.

Lt. Owen, 25, was a native of Barnesville. He attended Emory University for a year and was graduated from the University of Georgia in 1949. During World War II he served as an officer in Gen. Patton's army in Europe.

Called back into the Army from her reserve last October, Owen was killed in Korea. She was married to Col. Arthur H. Owen, of the Second Division.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Bonnie Owen, of Barnesville, and one brother, Dr. Charles E. Owen, U. S. Air Force.

After Receiving Telegram - didn't know

Anything about him " Just "Missing"

Saw this piece in paper. one day And cut it out. Lt. Marvin Owen was

Killed the same day Bill was reported missing.

Same Company. Two Months went by. I wrote

Mrs. Owen to see if she could tell me Any.

thing, of how her son was Killed & where.

She answered with a 9 page letter. Said

only 9 left in Co. She heard from Marvin

on the last day I heard from Bill. He too

had been on maneuvers. He was called into

service on 11/10/50 - Only trained 2 weeks.

went into fox hole on 12/25 - was North of Noenshony

Korea when Killed. Just finished 24 hrs. walking -

last card home was 2/9/51 - was expecting to move

up. On Sun. night - being 10 hrs. 2/11/51 - Being

2/12/51 - There he was Killed on same day - Same place

Bill was taken "prisoner" - Joseph Kirks patriot

being Marvin's best buddy wrote this information

to his mother & she in turn wrote to Mrs. Owens.

She said she would have never known what

all happened if Joseph had not written

to his mother. After 5 wks. 3/12/51. Rec'd Tele-

gram. Missing in Action - Wrote Joe's Mother

& she then told her how it all happened. Rec'd

Telegram 5/14/51 her son Marvin was killed. 2/12/51

but body was not found until they took back

that piece of land. Joe had to go and find his

body as he was last to see him alive - I will

never forget or fail to appreciate this little

lady because in her grief - she took time to

write & comfort me. At the time she had also

broken one of her arms.

Joe told Mrs. Owens ^{Oct. 1951} That some of the boys were captured. So from this information and my faith in God - I felt sure that he was taken prisoner. A piece came out in the paper about how to write p.o.w.'s. They did not guarantee the mail to get through. I wrote everyday, hoping, praying that some-how I could reach him or he could reach me. Finally my faith was re-warded. after 2 months of writing everyday - To The p.o.w. camp - as the paper instructed - I Received a letter from my Beloved written 8-8-51.

Prisoners of War

An Atlanta wife and a Riverside mother received perhaps the happiest letters of their lives. The letters bore no stamps, but were marked: "Via Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and against American Aggression." The letters were postmarked Peiping, China.



Robert C. Cater of Riverdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cater and W. D. Freeman Jr., 1935 Pecan Ave., S. E., had been allowed to write home for the first time since becoming prisoners of war.

Private Cater was taken prisoner May 18 by the Chinese. Private Freeman had been captured Feb. 12.

Mrs. Freeman's letter was written Aug. 8, and Mrs. Cater received two—one written Aug. 8 and one Aug. 25.

Both young men said they were in good health, and had a warm place to stay with plenty of food, and both said the Chinese Communists treated them well.

Both expressed great hope that peace talks would be successful. The soldiers had been reported missing in action shortly after they were captured, and their next of kin did not know they were alive until the letters came.

In fact, Mrs. Freeman had been notified that her husband would be declared dead if he were not heard from before next February.

She had not accepted the fact that he was dead, however, but continued to hope and pray.

How To Write To Prisoners Of War

Information concerning how persons may write to U. S. servicemen captured in the Korean War and held by the North Korean or Chinese Government was released today by William K. Barrett, director of the State Department of Veterans Service. According to Barrett, all letters to prisoners of war should bear the serviceman's full name, rank, and serial number, and the following address: c/o Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, Peking, China.

When this address is used, Barrett said, the letter may be dropped in any mailbox, and need not bear any postage.

Barrett stressed that neither the Chinese nor the North Koreans have reported prisoner of war lists to the International Red Cross, and that persons reported as prisoners may not always be held.

He added that the full facilities of all Veterans Service Offices are available to persons who wish aid in attempting to ascertain if a person is held by forces opposing the United Nations in Korea.

The local Veterans Service Office is located on the Court House square, corner of Perry and Pike Streets, and the Manager, Jack Robison will be glad to render his assistance in all matters pertaining to Veterans.

Robert's Father Came

To See me on - April 21, 1953. - was so nice

Robert - was on a Troop Truck when the Communist threw gasoline on the Trucks - And set fire to them. All that wasn't killed was captured.