Dear Folks,

I am rewriting a letter I wrote the 2nd. I read your letters Jan 20. I also read the Testament and fingerprints set you sent and wish to thank you very much. The text of this letter will be considerably different. Having told you also losing my machine gun in an attack on my part of the gun I will repeat myself, namely one cannon, I - the machine with my squad, who was hit, a 30 cal. and got lost a man and there were seven more casualties.

I had wished Bob and Betty both very Happy Birthdays. We had dinner at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m. I was entertained and announcer announces over the radio that the big attack was left behind and continued by the Chinese, but took my spot for some time the left were lying. Later morning I managed to to stumble to the book but where I have been created by someone Chinese. Several lie in a woman, refugee moved in the third day and the Chinese continued them to find me. Moses Barnes of White River, S.D, washed out, but joined me the 2nd time and was with me when the Chinese came. They have since taken him away and left me here to rest and take care of myself.

I don't know how long I may be here. Almost every day a different Chinese comes around and searches me. They have taken all valuable except my Testament, hellfold & pictures.

I think my chances of staying alive are good but God knows when I'll get back to civilization.

I have just joined the family group this morning and they have been picking fleas. So far I have not been bothered with them but I shall, as yet.

Sincerely,

Exhibit #4a
To any American Soldier:

The bearer of this note will be able to guide you. At the small side valley and house where 3 of us were kept prisoner by north Koreans, we have all left the area. Two of us have been wounded and our guns have been taken away. Someone afraid to try reciprocal to our times. Without a guide permit of the note, please come. M.O. Boyle
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782

TO

Corporal William D. Bywater, ER 37 784 485, Infantry

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION
resulting in his death 31 March 1951

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 26th DAY OF March 1953

[Signature]

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**By Order of the Secretary of the Army:**

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General
Missed

Cpl. William Bywater Wrote
As Chinese Prisoner After
Being Reported Missing

INVESTIGATION MADE
Search Continues For Trace
Of Lemmon Soldier Who
Was Lost In Korea

Is Cpl. William D. Bywater of
Lemmon now alive as a prisoner of
North Korea? Is he a refugee in enemy
country unable to return to his com-
pany within American lines?
Or did he meet a dread fate
at the hands of the enemy after
he had been wounded on the
battlefields of that far off land?

Parents Receive Letter
These are the questions their
parents Mr. and Mrs. William M.
Bywater are pondering in their
minds and of which the Depart-
ment of the Army is endeavor-
ing to determine the answers.

Reported Missing
Cpl. Bywater was reported
missing in action in Korea Feb.
12, 1951 when a Chinese Red
division wiped out entire American
units. No further word was
received by the distraught par-
tents here in Lemmon until Fri-
day. That day they received a
communication from Major Gen-
eral William E. Bergin, Adjutant
General of the Arm.

Receipt of this last known
letter written by their son has re-
ceived a faint hope in the minds
of Mr. and Mrs. Bywater that he
may still be alive and some day
in some way be returned to them.
It is true that the hope is only
a faint one. "The latest date on
the letter was March 12, 1951.

Property is a long, long time. But as Corporal Bill wrote
in those trying hours "anything
can and does happen." Up to
now investigation now being con-
ducted by the Department of the Ar-
my, crushes that hope, his par-
tents and countless number of
friends will be praying for his
safety.

Letter Follows
"I have just joined the family
group this morning and they
have been picking fleas. So far
I have not been wounded with
them but I am filthy. I am afraid
to tell when things will be
milled but everything can and
does happen. The Lord has been
by my side in my hour of need.
Please don't worry. I'll be okay.

Love to all, Billy."

Asks Soldier Aid
Then on the appended in the
same handwriting under date
of March 12, 1951 was the fol-
lowing plea addressed to "Any
American Soldier."

"The bearer of this note will
guide you to the small side
alley and house where three of us
were kept prisoners of war by
the Chinese. They have all
left this area. Two of us have
been wounded and our fingers
have been taken away. We are
afraid to try escaping to our
lines without a guide so will try
this note. PLEASE GIVE ANY
D. Bywater, Co. K. 9th Infantry."

Had Narrow Escape
"Let me explain the escape
which I was able to make. First
I had wished Dad and Boyd,
both very happy birthdays. Sun-
day night we were hit hard and
I narrowly escaped. Monday
morning I got shot through the
leg and was left behind and was
discovered by the Chinese. One
took my watch and ring. They
left me lying. Later Monday I
managed to hobble to this Cook
but where I have been visited
by numerous Chinese.

Several children and two
women refugees moved in on the
third day. The Chinese instructed
them to feed me. Moses Garnen
of White River, S. D., was hid
out but joined me the second
night and was with me when the
Chinese came. They have since
taken him away and left me here
to rest and take care of myself. I
don't know how long I will be
here but almost every day a dif-
ferent Chinese comes and search-
us. They have taken all of
the valuables except my Testa.
Killed As Captive

Wounded by Chinese Forces at Battle Zone After Winter Break Through in 1951

Funeral services for Cpl. William D. Bywater of Lemmon, who was killed by the Chinese Reds in March 31, 1951, while held captive in North Korea, were held from Spencer Memorial church here Saturday at 2 p.m.

Brother escorts body

His body, recovered by the army, and returned to the United States, was brought home from San Francisco Thursday night. His brother, Seaman Boyd Bywater, was the escort. Boyd was assigned to the 37th division, and since his return to Lemmon, he has been helping his parents, Seaman Bywater, and his sister, Mrs. J. S. Heaton, to attend to the business and personal affairs of the family. The family's home is located in the town of Lemmon.

Pay Final Tribute

Friends of the family filled the church to overflowing as they gathered to pay their final tribute of respect and honor to the well-known young man who gave his life for his country. Cpl. Bywater was the fourth Lemmon and Perkins county lad to die in the Korean Battle front. Business places of the city were closed during the funeral hour.

Rev. Ford Officiates

Rev. Chas. P. Ford, pastor of the church, officiated during the services. Allen Durick sang "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep" and "Japanese Jumper." Mrs. E. L. Sattler was the accompanist.

Pall bearers, chosen from among companions of his youth and members of Brattvet-Green and the merchant Legion, were Stanley Quay, Chas. Hall, John J. Larron, Robert Sampson, John Heinjan and Mark Nehr. Full military honors were accorded by the color guard and firing squad of Brattvet-Green post in Lemmon cemetery.

Memories of the meeting of two Lemmon lads during World War II on far off Okinawa were revived last week when the body of Cpl. William D. Bywater of Lemmon, killed while a captive of Chinese Reds after being wounded on the Korean battlefront, was brought home for funeral services and burial. Shown above are Cpl. Bywater, left, and Roger Rien, right, also of Lemmon. Both men were stationed on Okinawa at the time.

Born in 1926

Cpl. William David Bywater was born in Lemmon December 3, 1926. He spent his boyhood and received his education here, graduating from Lemmon high school with the class of 1944. In December of that year he enlisted in the service of his country. World War II was then still raging.

Served on Okinawa

He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. In September 1945 he sailed with his division for Okinawa where he served for one year. Receiving his honorable discharge from the army December 8, 1946, he remained in the Unorganized Reserves.

Continued Education

Returning to his home here he spent the next several years, continuing his education, taking business and secretarial training. During summer months he held positions with the Bureau of Reclamation at the district offices here and with the Collins Construction company and the C. A. Wagner company, then sub-contractors on the Shadehill dam.

Active in Youth

Here he was active in school affairs, in Boy Scout and in youth work of Spencer Memorial church in which he held membership. He also held membership in Lemmon Post No. 2963, Veterans of Foreign Wars and in Brattvet-Green post of the American Legion.

Recalled to Service

Cpl. Bywater was recalled to the service of his country on October 2, 1950. He spent his 24th birthday on shipboard between Japan and Korea. His division landed at Inchon December 7, in time to replace the almost annihilated Second Division on its retreat south.

Captured by Reds

It was on the northward push again at a point near Hoesong on February 12 that he was wounded in battle and captured by the Chinese Reds. From a letter written by Cpl. Bywater to his parents and found near that point it was learned that he was still a captive on March 12, 1951.

Parents notified

Mr. and Mrs. Bywater were notified by the Department of the Army on March 4, 1951 that their son was missing in action. They received a letter from Washington enclosing a letter their son had written to them after his capture by the Reds. A return letter had never been mailed. Last month a third letter came to inform them that it had been definitely established that their son had been killed March 31, 1951 while a captive and that his body was being returned home.

Among those who came from a distance to attend, the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Heath of Eyota, Minn., Mrs. Burton Bywater, Butte, Mont., Robert Sampson, Lake Norden, S. D., Sgt. John R. Heinjan, Rapid City Air Force Base and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lewis, Deadwood, S. D.
In grateful memory of

Corporal William T. Bywater

who died in the service of his country

in the military operations in Korea

on March 31, 1951

He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die

that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings.

Freedom lives, and through it, he lives—

in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men

Dwight D. Eisenhower

President of the United States of America