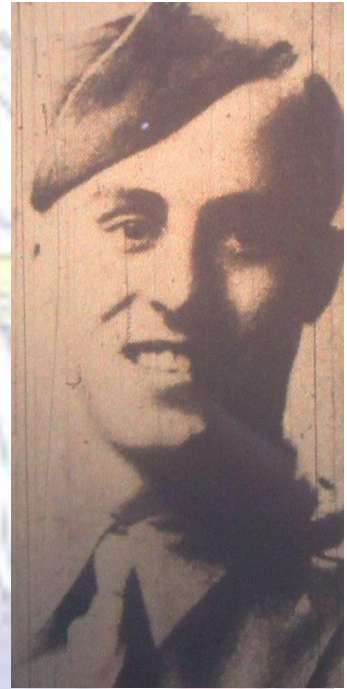


William David Goodwin, T-42

1 September 1924 – 20 May 1951

(aged 26)



Sergeant First Class William David Goodwin, 26-year-old former employee of the MLG&W Division, was killed in action in Korea, May 20, 1951, a telegram received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Dollie Goodwin of 960 South Cox, reported.

Sergeant Goodwin, a veteran of World War II, was returned to active duty last September 30. Before going to Korea, he spent three weeks at Fort Hood TX. He was the 41st from Shelby County to be killed in Korean fighting.

A veteran of five years service with the Army Air Force during the last war, he served in the European Theater and was discharged in November 1947, as a private first class. Before going overseas, he had served as chauffeur to General H. H. Arnold, commander of the Army Air Forces, for some time while stationed in California. His service in Korea was with the Second Infantry.

The last letter received here by his family was written at Hoensong, 35 miles south of the 38th Parallel, and was postmarked May 11. He told of enjoying three meals and two showers daily.

He was due to return on rotation last August.

Sergeant Goodwin was born in New Albany MS, and when he was six, he and his family moved to Memphis. He attended Fairview Junior and Tech High in 1942 before graduation to enter the Army Air Corps.

Between his discharge in 1947 and re-entering last September, he was employed in the accounting department of the MLG&W Division. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church and the American Legion.

In addition to his mother, he leaves one brother, Lionel Goodwin of Vicksburg MS, and six sisters, Mrs. Vance Merriman, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Juanita Roland, Miss Norma Goodwin, Mrs. Pauline Klein of Memphis and Mrs. Ruth Colvett of Los Angeles.

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