

Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, of West Cain township, has been reported "missing in action" in North Africa. The word came in a telegram from the War Department to Milton S. Bowers, vice commander of Sadsbury township defense council.

According to the telegram, Pvt. Fregede has been missing since January 28. He had been in the army for about a year, having been called in January, 1942. He has a brother, John Fregede, who is now in training in a camp in New Mexico.

Pvt. Fregede is one of a family of five brothers and two sisters. Besides, John, he has a brother, Joseph, of Sadsburyville; a brother, Steve, of Rock Run, and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Zaplitzky, of West Cain and Mrs. Bertha Soule, of Philadelphia.



ANDREW G. FREGEDE

CR 5.5.1943

Word that Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede is reported missing in action was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, Honey Brook RD in a telegram from the War Department, which was received at Honey Brook.

The telegram read: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his regrets that your son, Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, Inf., has been reported missing in North African area since January 28. Additional information will be sent when received."

"UNLOADJ.—General." The telegram was not sent to Milton S. Bowers as originally reported. Pvt. Fregede began training at a camp in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CR 3.10.1943

Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, who was reported last week as "missing in action" is a prisoner of war, having been captured by the Italians. This welcome news has just reached his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, of Honey Brook, R.D., in a telegram from the War Department.

Last week the parents of the young soldier received a telegram from the War Department to the effect that he had been missing since January 28. No further details were given, but the telegram stated that if any further details were received they would be forwarded. Mr. and Mrs. Fregede were greatly relieved to get the second telegram.

It will now be possible for them to get in touch with their son through the Red Cross and exchange messages with him. He will probably be confined in a concentration camp somewhere in Italy.

The Fregedes have another son in the service, John Fregede, who is now visiting his home here on a furlough and expects to return to camp on Sunday. He has been in training for eight months and is now located at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Washington, May 13 (AP)—The War Department today announced the names of 238 U. S. soldiers, including 32 from Pennsylvania and four from New Jersey, who are held prisoners of war by Japan and Italy.

Of the 238, Japan holds 65 and Italy 171.

Among the prisoners held by the Italians is Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, Route 2, Honey Brook.

CR 7.8.1943

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, of near Honey Brook, have had two messages from their son, Pvt. Andrew Fregede, who was captured by the Italians in North Africa about four months ago and is now a prisoner of war, supposedly in a camp somewhere in Germany.

The first message came through the Philadelphia Chancery office and was delivered to the Rev. Thomas A. McNally, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church here, who relayed it to the Fregede family. This message read:

"Safe and sound in a transit camp in Italy. Letters following. Love, Andrew."

This message was typed but the name and address were written on it and the writing was recognized by his parents as Pvt. Fregede's handwriting.

The second message was on a card sent to Pvt. Fregede's brother, Peter Fregede, Jr., of Coatesville, R. D. 2. It was all in his own handwriting and was dated February 22, 1943. It read as follows:

"Hello folks! I am doing all right here in this prison camp. I sure wish this mess was over so we could come home. Send me cigarettes and candy. Love, Your brother, Andy."

The date on this card indicates that it was written soon after he was captured.

Since the message received through the facilities of the Catholic church showed that he was in a "transit camp" at that time, it is now thought likely that he is in a permanent camp in Germany. Several other prisoners of war from this area, who were reported in messages to have been in "transit camps," have since been reported in permanent camps in Germany.

CR 7.6.1944

Pvt. Andrew Fregede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, of near Honey Brook, who was taken prisoner by the Italians in North Africa when the Italians were still fighting on the side of the Nazis, has been released and is now with the American army in North Africa.

A letter which was received from him by his parents yesterday told of his release and gave his present location as North Africa and at the same time stated that he did not expect to be there long. The letter gave few details regarding his experiences as a prisoner of war which covered a period of many months.

The first word that the family received following his capture was that he was missing. A short time later they received word that he had been captured and was a prisoner of war of the Italians and they were greatly relieved. Since then they have had little word from him but they have felt that it was only a matter of time before he would be released.

CR 5.10.1944

Pvt. Andrew Fregede, who has been an Italian prisoner of war for a year and a half, walked into his home near Honey Brook last night, and announced to his surprised family that he is back in the United States for good.

Pvt. Fregede hinted in a letter to his family three weeks ago that he "might be seeing them soon." Captured during the battle for Tunisia, his long confinement hasn't hurt him a bit, his happy family said. He has been in the

service since February 4, 1942, and was sent overseas after only six months training which he received at a Georgia infantry center.

"I was ironing," says his sister, Mrs. Betty Zaplitzky, "when I heard a car stop. I couldn't believe it, but I thought I heard Andrew's voice. I ran out on the porch and there he was. I don't remember what I said, I was too excited."

The only cloud which mars his family's happiness is the fact that Andrew didn't know until last night of the death of his brother, Joseph, who was killed in a furnace explosion while at work July 21, 1943. His family had tried to notify him by letter, but he says that the messages never reached him.

Pvt. Fregede will be home until September 1 when he will report to a North Carolina Army camp. But he has been assured that he has seen his share of active duty in this war, and will not be sent overseas again.

Although he didn't reach home until 11 p. m., Pvt. Fregede kept his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede and his sister entertained for hours with "personal experience" stories. He says that he received good treatment and care in the Italian camp and that the Red Cross was especially attentive to the needs of American prisoners, making life more bearable with messages and means of entertainment.

After the Italians released him, Pvt. Fregede went back to North Africa to wait for passage to the United States, and spent several days seeing the country which was under fire when he left it. He has a brother, Pfc. John Fregede, who is in training in an Army camp in Mississippi.

CR 9.1.1944

FREGEDE-PAUP

Miss Beatrice M. Paup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Paup, of Honey Brook, and Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, sr., Honey Brook, were married in a quiet ceremony at St. Mark's Episcopal church of Honey Brook at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, August 24.

The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. George S. McKinley, in the presence of the immediate families. The bride wore a street-length dress of Nile green and a corsage of white gladiol with brown accessories.

The groom left last Tuesday for Camp Butler, North Carolina, after spending a leave at his home.

CR 1.24.1945

Pvt. Andrew G. Fregede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fregede, sr., of Honey Brook, has been honorably discharged from the United States Army, after three years of service, two years of which he spent in the European theatre of operations. His two campaign stars are for fighting the French in the invasion of Africa, and fighting the Germans and Italians in North Africa.

Pvt. Fregede's wife is the former Beatrice Mae Paup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Paup of Honey Brook. Pvt. and Mrs. Fregede are now living at the home of her parents.

Out of his two years of foreign service, he spent nine months as a prisoner of the Italians, after being captured by the Germans at Field Pass in Tunisia. He was later released by the Italians and spent nine months and three days behind German lines before returning to Allied lines in Italy and being transferred to the United States.

Word recently reached Mr. and Mrs. Fregede that another son, John, has been advanced to the rank of corporal.