

Italy  
May 3, 1945

Mrs. Shima Taketa  
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Dear Mother,

We comrades of your son William mourn with you over his death and want to express our sympathy for you. Human words are so ineffective; we pray you may receive comfort and strength from the heavenly Father in your present sorrow.

Pfc. William H. Taketa, 37364048, Company C of the 100th Battalion, died of an injury in Northern Italy on April 28, 1945. In taking off his pack he accidentally set off a grenade he was carrying, and fragments of it severely injured him in the abdominal region. He died immediately, and so suffered no pain; I talked with the company commander who was right there at the time. His body has been given a proper burial and now rests in an American Cemetery in Northern Italy; ~~later on the Quartermaster General (Washington, D. C.) will tell you the exact location of the grave. And in time you will receive his personal belongings through army channels.~~ *dy*

This unfortunate accident has grieved the men who knew William. We want you to know that we remember you his loved ones in our prayers at battalion church services. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

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