

Northern Italy
April 30, 1945

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Dear Father,

We who were the comrades of your son Raito want to express our sympathy for you as you mourn his passing. May the Father above send you His comfort and strength in your time of need.

Pvt. Raito R. Nakashima, 39932423, Company B of the 100th Battalion, was killed in action in Northern Italy on April 14 1945. He was killed when an enemy hand grenade struck him during an attack; friends who were nearby have told me that he died instantly. I tell you this so you know he did not suffer. He was given a proper burial and now rests in American Cemetery in Northern Italy.

We remember the loved ones of our honored dead every time we offer prayer at the battalions church services. And we seek to honor the memory of our fallen buddies by carrying on until the present task is finished.

God bless you, good Father, and God bless Raito's mother, and all his near and dear ones.

Sincerely yours,

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