

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE WRITTEN
IN LONGHAND ON LEAFLET WITH
PICTURE OF "CHRIST THE GOOD
SHEPHERD"

PFC JACK M. TANAKA
30100577 Co. B. 100th Inf. Bn. (Sep)
Died of Wounds 25 January 1944

To: Mr. Chozo Tanaka
P. O. Box 114
Pahala, Hawaii T. H.

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Italy
March 2, 1944

Dear friend,

The War Department has informed you of your son's death. I want to add my word of sympathy for you in your time of sorrow.

Jack was brought into our battalion aid station and treated, and then sent farther back to a safer place where more could be done for him. Be assured that everything possible was done for him, but he was badly wounded and finally died of wounds. However, it is a comfort to know that he was in the care of friends as he passed away.

Though I was not present I know he was given a decent burial. Later on the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., will tell you the location of his grave. Also, later on his personal things will come to you through army channels.

Your son died for ideals of peace and liberty. When later on the world again enjoys these ideals we will realize that Jack and his comrades have not died in vain.

My prayer is that God will be very close to comfort you, good father, and all Jack's loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Israel A. S. Yost

CH ISRAEL A. S. YOST (CAPT)
100th Inf. Bn. (Sep)
A.P.O. 34 c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Pahala, Hawaii
April 29, 1944

Dear Father,

I thank you very much for your kind words of sympathy. My father also wishes to thank you most sincerely for your kind words and thoughts. We pray that someday we may have the chance to thank you personally. We really are grateful to everything and ever thankful for all the spiritual comfort and fatherly love Jack received from you. He's found his place in heaven ~~and~~ ^{with} his many comrades and I am sure they're helping us fight to regain our peace once more.

I've lost my brother, but his spirit will always be with us. He may be gone but there are many more boys from here whom I consider as my brothers. So I wish to thank you for those boys, who I know will seek your guidance and your love.

May God speed you home safe and sound once more. Good luck and good health.

Most sincerely yours,

Stella J. Tanaka

sister of ^{late} P. F. C. Jack M. Tanaka

P.S. My father, Chozo Tanaka who cannot write English asks me to thank you again and again.

3635 Marion St.
Denver, Colorado
March 8, 1945

Chap. Israel A. S. Gost
100th Bn. 442nd Inf. Regt.
A. P. O. 758 Co. Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Dear Chaplain Gost,

My parents and I wish to thank you deeply for the very comforting letter which we received some time ago. It has meant so much to us in knowing that John was given a burial service such as he would have wanted in the presence of his comrades.

As time goes on our sorrow
will be alleviated in knowing
that John's sacrifice was not
in vain. We know that he
was happy in doing his duty
and that he is now being
compensated for the price
he had to pay. We also
know that John must be
living a happier and more
beautiful life now, and
the horrors and strife of
this war are no longer
his to share while his
comrades must carry
on. We pray for their
safety and hope that
peace will come soon
so that they may return
to their homes and

loved ones. John had sent us
a number of snapshots
of his friends, but to our
regret, we never did learn
their names. Under the cir-
cumstances, we realize that
there are many things about
which we will never know.
However, if you should happen
to know of any of the boys
who were with him at the
time, we would appreciate
your giving us their names.

John's younger brother, Floyd,
is now enroute to Europe,
so I have written him
and have given him your
name in hope that he
may have the opportunity
to contact you some day.
We, also, hope that someday

after this war is over, we will have the opportunity of meeting you too, personally, to thank you, and to tell you in our humble way how deeply we appreciate your kindness.

In closing we want to tell you that your letter will be carefully preserved among John's treasured tokens, and in the days to come the words which you have written to comfort us during this time of sorrow will have much greater and deeper significance.

With many thanks,

Most sincerely,
Carol Tanaka