

Northern Italy  
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Dear Friend,

We who were comrades of Sgt. Thomas T. Takao want to express our sympathy for you as you mourn his passing. We want you to know we miss him. Perhaps later on you can pass our expression of sympathy on to his friends and relatives.

Sgt. Thomas T. Takao, 39913686, Company C of the 100th ~~Pattalion~~, was killed in action in Northern Italy on April 5, 1945. While moving forward for an attack he was hit by mortar shell fragments and died instantly. I saw him shortly thereafter since the ~~medics and I were~~ in that vicinity. He was given a proper burial in an American Cemetery in Northern Italy; later on the Quartermaster General (Washington, D. C.) will inform you of the exact location of his grave. And his personal belongings will come to you through army channels.

At every church service we remember the near ones of our fallen comrades. And we seek to honor the memory of men like Thomas by carrying on until this task is finished.

God bless you, good friend.

Sincerely yours,

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