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Dearest Sister Sumi,

How are you? I hope that you are feeling better and hope that the shoulder pain doesn't bother you too much. Yes, I think that the pain comes from your gall bladder. I received your letters of the 8th and 20th of April yesterday. I also received letters from Sis, Jaiko and Mike Fox.

I was surprised to learn of Chuck being killed in action. Mike wrote and said that he couldn't believe that he wouldn't come back.

I took my first shower in about 27 days yesterday so I feel pretty clean today. But ~~it~~ it will take more than one shower to get me real clean. We also got a change of socks and since I had your wool socks on I was going to throw them away as they were dirty. I gave it a second thought and decided that if you found out that I threw them away I would have heck to pay so I got a helmet full of water and washed them. Good home training!

The people in this part of Italy seem to be better off than those down there where we started from. We trade cigarettes and



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caudy for ^{visions} rice and eggs so we make
"okazu" ~~out~~ out of our C and K rations
whenever we get a chance. The people
line the streets of the towns that we
have liberated and clap and throw
flowers at us. They are really happy to
see us. If we should stop they give us
water or wine. The race baiters and
all those that are anti-Japanese should
see this and the sacrifices that our men
have made to receive this joyous welcome.
I have seen what the Partisans do to the
Fascists and that is just what I would
do to anyone that calls me a Jap.

Your schedule of the day is too
rough on you. I think that Clarke
is asking too much to want to sleep
until 8:30. He should get enough sleep
by the time you get home and besides
he can sleep while you make supper
if I can sleep with Jerry shells and our
guns popping. Show him this letter.

Take it easy, sis. Don't worry about me
as I'm okay and in the best of health. Please
write often and give my regards to all. Love,
Sally