

July 9, 1945  
Lecce, Italy

Dear Mom,

I was surprised and can't tell you how happy I was when I received your letter today. Although it was short and brief it was good to hear from you.

Your *tsu-ke-mono* was delicious. I shared it with some of the boys here and they also enjoyed eating some of that good home made *tsu-ke-mono*. I still have some so I won't ask you to send me any this time.

You mentioned in your letter that you have made some *Kigo* or something like that and had sent it to me. I haven't received it as yet but I imagine it is something good to eat so I'll be expecting it and look forward for it.

Dear mom, it might be a  
long while before I'll be  
coming home. But whether  
it is a long wait or a short one  
please don't worry because  
I'll do my best to keep my  
self healthy. By the way, mom  
don't you go straining yourself  
with hard work. There is always  
Hattuno, Domy and Agame-san who  
can help you.

Will close now and will  
write to <sup>you</sup> again soon. When I  
go to Leghorn.

Your son  
Makoto

Dear Mother

Mother

I have just received your letter  
and was glad to hear from  
you. I am well and hope  
these few lines will find  
you the same. I have not  
much news to write at  
present. I am still in  
the same place and  
doing the same work.  
I hope to hear from  
you again soon.