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Dear Mary

No doubt you have been informed by now that I have been wounded in action. Got two shots in my left upper arm but will not lose my arm. In fact it hasn't impaired the use of the fingers or wrist so I am very fortunate. I'm wearing my arm in the sling and it is coming along fine.

The Medical Corp is really fine. When you get hurt you are treated by your own medic in the platoon and then if you are able to walk you walk back to the Battalion Aid Station or if you can't you go back on a stretcher. They re-bandage you and probably give you morphine shots. Next you go to the



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collecting station and then to the clearing station. From the clearing you go to the Evacuation where they take care of you. They operate on you and then you go to a ward where you sleep and receive injections. They stick a needle around your elbow and when the injection takes its effect in no time you are asleep. It was a wonderful sleep. They feed you Penicillin every three hrs and you dread it because it hurts after taking 15 shots. Some poor guys got to take it about 80 times. It prevents gangrene and the meat from rotting and prevents loss of limbs. After you stay there for a few days you go to a General Hospital if your wound is serious. You are

well cared for, you don't have to worry. At the General you get healed before you are released back to your unit or sent back to the rear for limited duties or sent home. The food is excellent and you sleep in beds and they feed you in bed. Wotta life but hell, I'd rather be not hurt than here -

I got hurt on a hill where there was some pieces who had just troled through. Well you naturally go after them regardless if they're firing and of course somebody gets hurt. When I got hit it knocked me over and I saw cussed everything in and out for about five hours. The pain was terrific but am glad to say there wasn't too much shortage of blood. Only a few inches right it would have been in my heart, so why should I "sawdust"

I'll be alright and hope you have
received my orders on cloth and food.
Be staying here for a few weeks at
the most and probably be returning
back in a month. I'll be more careful
next time.

Have George Nishikawa with me in
H co. Okinoki, Doi, Nakata, Oiwato,
Takamato (Fornis) and quite a few more
are with us. It's swell to see them
but I feel sorry because all of us will
be hit and it's tough to take. Give
my regards to Elmer and Grace.

Until the next time

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Frank