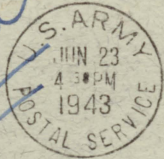


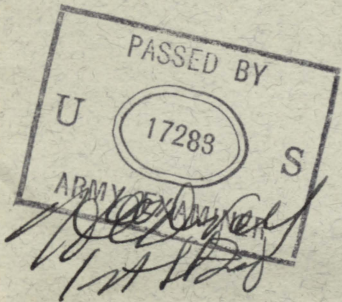
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Dear Yuri -

Heard an unusual proverb so I thought I'd write and tell you about it. Maybe you've read it somewhere, but it was the first time for me. Here's how I happened to hear it. Today, being my day off, I decided to visit a friend sick in a nearby hospital. While there, I saw many patients who had been in the thick of things in New Guinea. You didn't have to ask to guess that - the missing limbs and the like was the clue. Yet, you found many that were oblivious to their misfortunes. At least, their faces did not reveal any sorrow like the average. One in particular spoke to me about this. Seeing and sensing my look of pity for him, he asked, "Shouldn't we, in our state of disability, try to follow the maxim that went -

“May the soldier who loses an eye in battle
never see distress with the other.”

He continued - "One sort of become attached to these things (pointing to his other leg) cause you've had them all your life. Yet brooding won't bring back any that you've lost."

For me and others in his hearing distance, this philosophy had much effect. I give him a lot of credit. To the average just the thought of being in such shape isn't pleasant. Don't you think so?

Yoshito