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Stance of Mother and Child in the Storm (bronze); August 1960
by Shin Hongo, in front of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

The same appeals to every visitor to Hiroshima that mothers

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Statue of Mother and Child in the Storm (bronze): August 1960
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The statue appeals to every visitor to Hiroshima that mothers
be strong to protect peace and children against storms.
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The atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, not only caused the immediate death of hundreds of thousands of people in those two cities, but also brought pain and deep injuries to the minds and bodies of those who barely survived those two days.

More difficulties came when they began their life struggle for survival: They had lost their homes, families, relatives and neighbors, on whom they would have depended under normal circumstances; they had to struggle against the fear of themselves developing leukemia, cancer or some other fatal disease, and if they fortunately were able to get married, they then had the fear of genetic effects coming out in their children.

But they did not struggle only for their own survival. Their cries, "No More Hiroshimas or Nagasakis" and "No More Hibakusha", show that their efforts have been directed to saving the whole of humanity from another Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

The English translation group was formed in 1989, in the hope that both their experience and their commitment to peace will be known to the people, believing that if their voices are heard and their desire shared by all around the world, it will help to generate the power to set the world free of nuclear weapons.

At the beginning, our plan was limited to publishing the two volumes of "The Witness of Those Two Days". But even after the work of translation was distributed among some 150 people who had volunteered, many more people of different vocations offered as willing to translate the "Deaths of Hibakusha". With encouragement from different sectors of the people, this led us to decide to publish this English edition of "The Deaths of Hibakusha". Your assistance in spreading this volume, with the previously published, "The Witness of Those Two Days", will be highly valued.

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Foreword

Toward a Nuclear-Free World

Shinji Takahashi
Philosopher

In 1985, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing, Nihon Hidankyo (the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations) conducted a survey of the Hibakusha. The survey was made possible with the cooperation of conscientious social scientists of postwar Japan. The testimonies compiled in, *The Deaths of Hibakusha: The days of the Bombings to the End of 1945*, have been carefully selected from approximately 13,000 responses to the survey.

The Hibakusha tell of the devastating experiences of losing their closest family members and relatives on the day of the bombing and afterwards -- some within the year 1945 and others during the 40 years since then. The readers of the present and succeeding volumes will repeatedly hear in the testimonies of the surviving Hibakusha, the deep personal appeals as well as their urgent demands.

Some of their demands and appeals pertain to situations that are peculiar to Japan; others have more universal application.

For the first ten years after the war, the Japanese Diet and the administration totally neglected the treatment of the Hibakusha, medically or otherwise. It was not until 1957 that the Medical Care Law was enacted for the Hibakusha, and the Law for Special Measures, which included health care allowances, came into effect even as late as 1968. Moreover, the government has persistently refused to compensate or even express condolences on the deaths of the Hibakusha. Quite understandably, many testimonies contained in this volume deplore the paucity of medical and other measures for the Hibakusha, and demand the early enactment of an Hibakusha Relief Law, based on the principle of "state compensation." These are demands that grew out of the particular political situation of postwar Japan.

There are other testimonies, however, that contain messages that touch upon the very essence of human existence and are therefore of universal significance.

Through the analyses of former Hibakusha surveys I have drawn one conclusion. I have come to define the "atomic-bomb hell" as a condition in which one cannot stay human and remain alive at the same time.

From this book and the succeeding volume, we learn that the people who saved others or were in charge of medical and other relief activities often had to die prematurely. In other words, those who stayed human, exactly because of their humanness, could not remain alive. Therefore we realize that the "atomic-bomb hell" long outlasted August 6, 1945 in Hiroshima and August 9 in Nagasaki. It has persisted throughout all the postwar years.

We also find in the testimonies that many Hibakusha are being tormented with

"death anxiety." Closely watching their families and friends suffer and die of "atomic diseases" in utmost pain, they cannot suppress the fear that they may have to go through the same pain. All the Hibakusha, consciously or unconsciously, are thus beset with the "atomic-bomb death" even today.

The average age of the Hibakusha in October, 1985 was 59.9; and would be well over 60 now. Most of the aged Hibakusha are living with the anxiety that death might come at any moment. The "atomic-bomb death," therefore, is increasingly compounded by the "death anxiety," which overwhelms all other human emotions, and casts a dark shadow upon the Hibakusha's future. Such conditions tell us that those atomic bombs are not things of the past, but they continue to dominate the Hibakusha lives and inflict physical and emotional pain upon them.

In order to envision the consequences of a "nuclear holocaust" of the future, we must first use our imagination and reconstruct the "hell" created in the past by the atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. By reading the 1,700 testimonies compiled in *The Witness of Those Two Days* (2 vols. 1989), plus this and subsequent volumes, the readers will be able to picture vividly the human significance of death and survival under the atomic bombing.

Seeing numerous innocent people suffer from the atomic bombs, people at the time could not help asking "why torture these helpless and innocent people?" In this volume, the readers will frequently encounter the same question. Tormenting innocent people is the most outrageous violation of human justice and equity. Since the inherent nature of nuclear weapons is to torture innocent people on an unprecedented scale, human conscience cannot allow the existence of such weapons, if humanity is to retain its conscience, nuclear weapons must be eliminated.

It is my deep conviction as a philosopher that this holocaust (the most cruel death) in the modern world must become the catalyst for the progress of history. The death and survival in Hiroshima and Nagasaki must play the crucial role of pivotal point in history, the point at which the world moves from the nuclear age into the non-nuclear age. In order to achieve this, more people will have to cultivate their "sensitivity to death" anew, and share the conviction that humanity cannot permit an "atomic bomb hell" or "nuclear holocaust."

I hope that this and the next volumes will be read by as many people as possible, and that the readers will take the initiative in creating a nuclear-free world.

Recommendation

Andrew HUGHES

In this volume some of the survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings tell about those who died.

It is not possible for us to realize what it means to have whole families, not one or two, but thousands, a whole community, wiped out in a flash; for children to lose their fathers and mothers and all family members or lone parents to lose their children. Not being able to recover even the bones or ashes of those who died is in Japan an ultimate family tragedy.

Then to find that the damage and after-effects linger on for weeks, months, years, and have not in fact ended 46 years later, leaving even the survivors with a very uncertain future, and succeeding generations affected in ways not yet understood. The genetic effects can not be measured. This is the message of this volume.

These testimonies bring out the essential difference between nuclear and conventional weapons--that even the apparently uninjured could suddenly collapse and die from the effect of radiation--not the blast or fire but simply residual radiation.

We need to see the political implications of those two tragedies.

The use of those two atomic bombs was not necessary to end the war; Japan was then at the stage when to continue the war was impossible and already negotiations to end hostilities were under way. But under the Truman administration, a new era of U.S. imperialism had begun, reversing the Roosevelt policy of cooperation that had kept the war-time allies together. It was the opening of the cold war era, which unfortunately has not yet ended, in spite of all the talk.

The atomic weapons gave the U.S. under Truman a new sense of power for world domination, and were used before the agreed entry of the Soviet Union into the war, a warning that from now on the U.S. was the dominant world power. It is not surprising then to find a growing hatred of America in the feelings of the survivors of the bombs.

But there is also a growing awareness of the sufferings caused by Japan's own militarist adventures, of which this was the culmination; the war had forced so many of the young men of that generation into the ranks of the military. Did the survivors know and feel the guilt of Japan's fascist links with Germany and Italy and the imperialist policy applied in Korea, Manchuria, China, South East Asia, the Pacific islands, New Guinea and Australia?

The bombs marked the end of that era of Japanese militarism, the awakening of a new Japan in which the anti-nuclear weapons movement for peace has become the dominant motivation of the people and country. The Hibakusha, whose memories are recorded in this book, are now at the core of this struggle for survival and against war, against nuclear weapons and for peace.

Reference

The details given here are compiled based on the second report of the Hibakusha survey, conducted by Nihon Hidankyo, as showing the characteristics of the deaths from the atomic bombing from the days of the bombing until the end of 1945.

In the survey, those confirmed dead from the days of the bombings (6th of August in Hiroshima, 9th in Nagasaki, 1945) until the time of the survey (Nov. 1985 - Mar. 1986) totaled 12,726. The time of their deaths is as follows: (Table 1)

Among the total death toll, 22 percent died on the days of the bombing and 45 percent by the end of 1945.

Table 1 Number of Deaths & Time of Death

	(%)
by the end of 1945	5,696 (44.8)
The days of the bombings (6th of August in Hiroshima, 9th in Nagasaki)	2,797 (22.0)
After the days of bombing (the days after the bombings to the end of 1945)	2,183 (17.2)
Months not known / No Answer	716 (5.6)
1946-54	1,463 (11.5)
55-64	1,249 (9.8)
65-74	1,595 (12.5)
75-84	1,926 (15.1)
85 & 86	223 (1.8)
Years not known / No Answer	574 (4.5)
Total	12,726 (100)

Of 5,696 who died by the end of 1945, those whose bombed place and the date of death are known, number 4969. As shown in Table 2 on the number of deaths and the dates of their deaths, there is almost no difference between the death rates of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Table 2 Death rate in Hiroshima and Nagasaki
(On those who died by the end of 1945)

Time of deaths	Hiroshima	Nagasaki
The days of the bombings	57.5 %	54.3 %
In one week	15.3	15.1
In two weeks	6.3	8.1
By the end of August	5.6	5.3
August (date not known)	4.2	5.4
September through December	11.1	11.8
Total	100	100
	(3,055 people)	1,914 people)

Of 2,797 people killed on the day of the bombing, the sex and age of 2,236 are known. Table 3 shows the rate of children, women and elderly people at 2,236. They accounted for two thirds or 65 percent of the dead on those days.

Table 3 Number of Deaths by Age and Sex
(on those who died on the days of the bombing)

	Number of deaths	Rate %
Children (under age 9)	406	18
Women (age 10-59)	877	39
Aged (over age 60)	177	8
Men (age 10-59)	776	35
Total	2,236	100

Among those who died on the days of the bombing, the situation of the deaths of 2,603 victims is clear.

Only 4 percent were able to be with their families when they died, and 40 percent have never been found. Their remains and ashes have not been recognized. They are supposed to have been killed by the bomb or crushed and burned to death, but there is no way for their bereaved families to confirm their deaths.

Among those who died on the days of the bombing, people whose cause of death is clear total 2,177. Table 4 shows main cause of their deaths.

Table 4 Number of Deaths by Cause of Death
(on those who died on the days of the bombing)
(Multiple choice)

	Number of deaths	Rate (%)
Crushed and burned to death under destroyed buildings	1,197	55
Suffered the A-bomb outdoors and died	895	41
Serious burns	234	11
Serious injuries	75	3
Acute atomic diseases	21	1
Total	2,177	100

Table 5 lists the three major causes of death of people who were directly exposed to the A-bombing and died by the end of 1945. It shows the causes of death changed as time passed. Two weeks after the bombing, those who died of atomic disease increased and reached two thirds in the period from September to December.

Table 5 Cause of death

Time of deaths	Number of deaths	Cause of death (%)
The days of the bombing	2,164	1. Crushed and burned to death (55)
		2. Killed by the bomb (41)
		3. Burns (11)
In one week	704	1. Burns (68)
		2. Atomic diseases (17)
		3. Injuries (16)
In two weeks	327	1. Burns (49)
		2. Atomic diseases (38)
		3. Injuries (27)
By the end of August	246	1. Atomic diseases (62)
		2. Burns (36)
		3. Injuries (29)
September through December	449	1. Atomic diseases (73)
		2. Burns (21)
		3. Injuries (16)

Explanatory Notes

1. Questions set for testimonies were as follows:

Q5: On your family members at the time of A-bombing

[2] Did any of your A-bombed family members die in the period from the day of the A-bombing till the end of 1945 ?

For those who reply "Yes,"

* Please describe the condition of his/her death in detail, referring to the following words/expressions as appropriate.

Ex.

- a. without remains or ashes
- b. with no trace of his/her former self
- c. reduced to bones and ashes
- d. without anyone to help
- e. writhed in pain of burns and injuries
- f. decayed, as if withered
- g. suddenly

* What was your feeling in the death of that person/persons ? Please describe it referring to the following expressions as appropriate.

Ex.

- a. I think his/her death was too terrible.
- b. I wish I could have found him/her much sooner.
- c. I am sorry I could do nothing for him/her.
- d. I regret that I was the only one who survived (in my family).
- e. I wish he/she were still alive.
- f. Give me back my child/children, father, mother and the people lost.

2. The testimonies are all original. Mistakes in writings, Chinese characters and Japanese syllabaries have been partly corrected. Individual names are shown as xx, and supplementary expressions by editors are put in brackets ().

3. Three hundred testimonies are divided into two groups according to the place of A-bombing, and further divided into the following four groups according to the period of deaths of family member/members.

(1) Deaths on "That Day": Testimonies on the deaths of family member/members on the day of the A-bombing (Hiroshima - August 6, Nagasaki - August 9)

(2) Deaths in Two Weeks: Testimonies on the deaths of family member/members within 14 days after the A-bombing (Hiroshima - till August 20, Nagasaki - till August 23)

(3) Deaths by the End of August: Testimonies on the deaths of family

member/members up to August 31, 1945

(4) Deaths by the End of 1945: Testimonies on the deaths of family member/members up to December 31, 1945

4. On family member/members who died, the following items are given from the list of dead family member/members in the survey:

Relationship of dead family member/members (with informant)

Age of dead family member/members at the time of A-bomb (=age at his/her death)

Cause of death

Distance from ground zero

Recognition of his/her death.

(Each dead family member is numbered)

Following causes of death mean:

Killed by the bomb: Suffered the A-bombing and died.

Crushed and burned to death: Buried and burned to death
under fallen building.

Died of serious injuries and burns

Died of atomic disease: Died of acute atomic disease.

On recognition of death of family member/members

Remains found: The dead recognized.

Ashes found: Ashes recognized.

5. On top of each account is the description of informant.

Place A-bombed (Hiroshima or Nagasaki)

Conditions of A-bombed (distance from ground zero)

Sex

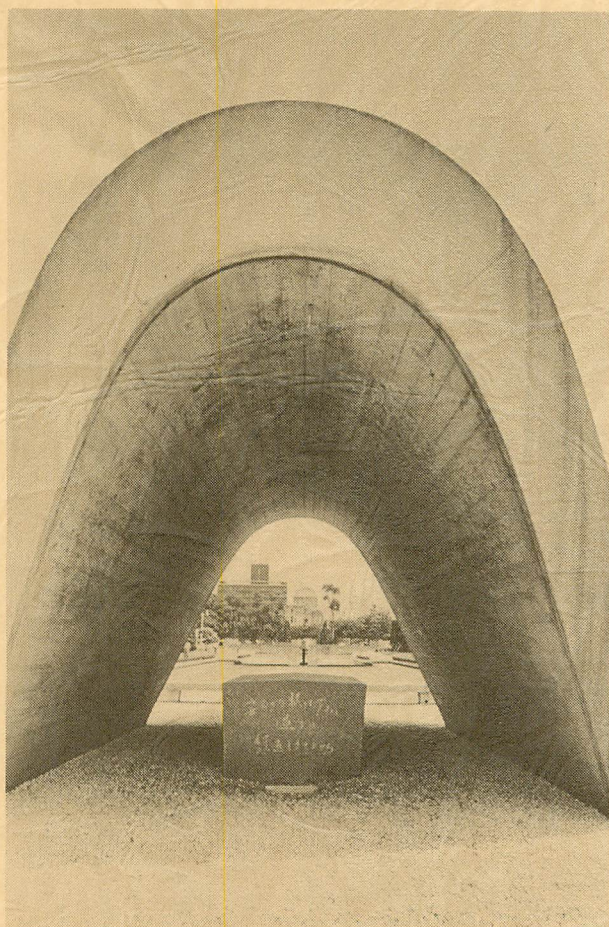
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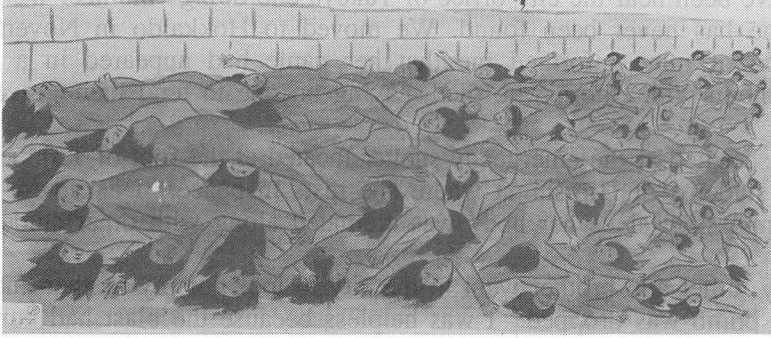
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Free descriptions of the Hibakusha are to be published in "The Deaths of Hibakusha (Vol. II) - after 1946" (provisional title).

HIROSHIMA



A-Bomb Cenotaph in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. The inscription reads, "Rest in peace. We will never repeat this mistake."



In the river in early morning of August near Yokogawa-bashi. Never before had I seen such an appalling sight. Spontaneously I fall to my knees on the river bank and join my hands in prayer. Painting: NAKANO Kenichi, age 48 in 1945.

I. Deaths on "That Day" (August 6)

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
01-0047

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (39) --Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death -unknown.
1.0 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Younger Sister (13) — Same as above
- 3) Grandmother (79) — Died of atomic disease on Nov. 21
2.0 km from hypocenter

(Mother)

Two people in the neighborhood took part in the volunteer work of removing buildings. The working site is said to be in the vicinity of Tokaichi-machi. She has been missing since August 6, the day the atomic bomb was dropped. Not even her dead body was found. What did she feel at the brink of death? How sad and lonely she was! Whenever I happen to see atomic bombing photographs, I look very closely at them to try to find my mother, wondering if she might be among those charred bodies or those fallen by the roadside. But I haven't got any information about her.

(Younger sister)

She was a second-year student at a girls' high school. Students at all levels

seemed to have been near the city office of Takeya-cho doing volunteer work, building removal. She has never been found. We moved to Hokkaido in November 1945. Later a friend of mine informed me that her name had appeared in a list in the Chugoku Shinbun with those who died leaving no one to tend their graves.

I heard she died at the emergency shelter located at the foot of a slope. I visited the tomb of students of Hiroshima where she rests in peace. I asked for her ashes, but it was impossible since her body was cremated along with other students.

Both my father and brother went to the city to look for my mother and sister the day after the bomb was dropped. I was helpless because the blast had hurt my eyes. It is very sad that I could not look for them at all.

My cousin, a high school girl, was found at the emergency shelter. I asked my uncle and aunt how she was. They said that no matter how carefully they had looked at each of the injured, they could not find her. Then they shouted, "Is there a girl here named so-and-so?". A faint voice was heard and they looked in that direction. She was so completely altered that they could not believe she was their daughter. Her face and body were very bloated, like a log. They said they could not identify her as their daughter without asking "What are the names of your father and mother?" They told me that maggots were festering in her burns. It was a living hell. She died a few days after she was taken home.

I wonder whether my mother and sister died cruelly in that hell, craving for water. I can't help but feel indignant at the horror and the ruthlessness of war that brought them such cruel deaths.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 7
04-0370**

Family member who died

1) Elder Brother (20) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
2.0 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Elder brother)

It is said he was working with an office girl in the basement of the prefectural office. A huge post fell on his feet. The girl tried to remove it with all her strength, but in vain. Then a fire broke out, so he told her to run away.

Before this girl died, she told my parents about how my brother had died. They went to the basement of the prefectural office and found his ashes. Thinking they were his, they brought them back home.

Many people are still missing. In that sense we were lucky to be able to know how he died and get his ashes.

My parents were overcome with grief because he was at the age of 20 when he died and they expected a lot from him. They often said, "I wish he were still alive."

My parents told me not to forget to offer incense sticks at his altar even after they die. I shall never forget him. I will live long for him.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 19
08-0030**

Family member who died

- 1) Niece (6) — Crushed to death on August 6
1.8 km from ground zero

(Niece)

She was crushed under beams of a collapsed temple which was used for a kindergarten. Her skull and leg bones were broken to pieces.

Why was she inside the temple? Did she move in on her own volition though she was bright? Unfortunately she was the only child killed among others in the kindergarten. I cannot help but feel pity for her.

Being unconscious, she breathed her last when I entered the house past 2 o'clock.

In the half-collapsed house my cousin and I spent the night of the 6th lying side by side under a wavering candle light. Nobody talked. We were drowned in tears. I never forget that night.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, 22 years old
11-0071**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (9) — Died of other cause on Aug. 6
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (12) — Died from terrible burns on Aug. 6
1.3 km from ground zero
Never found

(Younger brother)

As her chest was weak, he was hospitalized in a sanatorium in Itsukaichi. It is said that he was shocked by the A-bombing and died of heart attack.

(Younger sister)

She was a first-grade student in a girl's school. All classmates of her class were mobilized for the building evacuation work, and there they suffered the atomic bombing. She got blisters on her burned face. It is said that she ran in the direction of Yoshijima-cho and reached a house; she asked those who live in the house, "Please give me water! My address is xx, Koi-machi. Let my family know!"

A few days later one of them came to my house and said that she was taken by a soldier. Looking at a picture of my sister, the person cried, "Such a pretty girl she was! Poor girl! Really poor..."

If only the A-bomb had not been dropped, now she would have been a good companion of mine.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 17
11-0097**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (21) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -unknown.
Ashes found
- 2) Grandmother (Age unknown) — Died in August.
Cause of death -unknown.
Never found

(Elder sister)

She was caught in the A-bombing while she worked in the kitchen. As she couldn't get out of the timbers of the broken house, she shouted "Help me! Help me!" Her legs caught fire, but she couldn't move. She was burned alive.

A person who was along with her at that time told me this. The next day I came to look for her and found pure white bones in the brightly burning fire.

(Grandmother)

She lived alone nearby. Though I looked for her very hard, I couldn't find her. I have searched for her for years even on faraway islands and in rural districts, but in vain.

My sister turned into pure white ashes, though everything was ready for her marriage. I am married and have children. How bitter she felt! I think her terribly poor. She kept working very hard in a munitions factory, saying "For the sake of our nation, for the sake of our nation..."

I had 5 brothers and sisters. But my younger brother died of a illness. Elder sister was killed by the A-bomb. And Father, Mother and an elder brother died of cancer one after another. The brother's wife and their grandchild are suffering from leukemia. And next elder brother is sick now.

Father used to say that he wanted to tell the dreadfulness of the A-bomb to young people, but he died without fulfilling his wish. I think he was regretful.

We have searched for her everywhere, but we couldn't find grandmother. I am afraid she might have died miserably. And I think she died for us, survivors.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 18
11-0135**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (60) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.2 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Mother (52) — Same as above
- 3) Elder sister (28) — Same as above
- 4) Younger sister (16) — Same as above
- 5) Nephew (6) — Same as above
- 6) Nephew (4) — Same as above

At 6:00 in the morning of the day of A-bombing, I had breakfast with all 6 families and went to a factory for labor service. There I suffered the A-bombing. My six other family members were crushed and burned to death at home.

Next morning I narrowly reached my house. Needless to say, they were burned to ashes, leaving little trace of them.

Nobody gave me a helping hand. I keenly realized that the war was tragic.

Today our nation is prospering. I wish they, particularly my younger sister and two nephews, had lived longer. I regret not being able to repay my parents and others for their kindness.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
11-0166**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (8) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.5 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Younger brother)

He was a pupil in the second grade of Kannon Elementary School. They were hit by the A-bomb in the school ground at morning assembly. Led by a teacher, he and his classmates got away to Koi National School in the suburbs. All of them died in the classroom. (He was among them.)

For 3 days after the A-bomb, my father and I searched for my brother, and at last we found him by the name on his clothes. His face swelled up with blisters so miserably that we could not have told him from others without the name.

Hardtack which he couldn't eat was scattered at his feet. The tragic scene haunts my memory even now, though 40 years have already past.

Writing this testimony, I again remember him and cannot stop tears. I cannot even continue writing.

Words cannot express how sorrowful and distressed mental and physical pains are of parents who lost their only son.

My parents lived an unrewarded life, being unable to forget the war during postwar days. An innocent schoolchild was forced to end his brief life by war. Much more, he was killed by the A-bomb, the use of which is not permitted from the humanitarian viewpoint. As long as I live, I cannot wipe out my mental agony. If he were alive now, he would help me a lot. I always regret, thinking if the war had come to an end before the A-bomb was dropped...

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, 28 years old
12-0024**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (67) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.2 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (61) — Same as above
- 3) Aunt (77) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 6
1.2 km from ground zero

(Father & Mother)

I think they were having breakfast in the living room at the time of the A-bombing. My deceased husband gathered their ashes.

(Aunt)

We dragged her out of the debris of the collapsed house. She couldn't speak or walk. But our maid (who was not seriously injured because she had been at a good spot to avoid the danger) and I, with a child on my back, ran away to the river, taking her with us. However, she died while we crossed the river.

In the middle of their conversation and calm breakfast, an old couple were squashed and burned alive. How painful and hot they feel! Is a hell like that?

If she had been left buried under the collapsed house, she would have been burned. I could pull her out, but she died from excessive bleeding. I feel sorry for her.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 35
12-0034**

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (43) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -unknown.
Never found
- 2) Second son (12) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -unknown.

(Husband)

Neither his body nor his ashes were found. Leaving home in the morning, he must have been on his way around the epicenter when the A-bomb was dropped.

(Second son)

He was in the first grade of the Hiroshima Prefectural Second Junior High School. Mobilized to the student labor corps, he was clearing up debris of evacuated buildings around the epicenter. The eldest son also suffered burns. As I knew where he was, I went to look for him. All the students were suffering from intense pain of burns because they seemed to have been at school ground to attend a morning assembly at the time of the A-bombing. I could barely identify my second son by a white name tag and took him back home. He was charred black, retaining no trace of him. He was breathing feebly and nodded in reply to my calling.

Their deaths were too merciless. Very poor. I cannot remember them without shedding tears infinitely. Losing the breadwinner of the family in an instant, I was at my wit's end.

At one time I had no confidence to live on.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
12-0177**

Family member who died

- 1) Brother-in-law (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -unknown.
Ashes found

(Brother-in-law)

He was my foster parents' first-born son and at that time he was a first-year student in the junior high school attached to the University of humanities and sciences.

As the air-raid warning was canceled, he went to school to work for the building evacuation. He was caught in the A-bombing on his way from the school to the place where they were to work.

On my way escaping I came across some students of the junior high and asked them how he was by saying his name. They told me that they had seen him getting

away, so I felt relieved to think that he was all right.

On the 13th, a week later, my foster father, who was a serviceman, brought his son's ashes with him. In a small box was an imperfect skull and only a small amount of other bones. A piece of cloth of his jacket and a buckle of the belt which he wore on that day were also in it. He was identified by the buckle.

My foster mother and others entered the city and searched for him from the 8th to 10th. But another person had taken his ashes back by mistake, and therefore his homecoming was delayed.

If an air-raid warning had been issued at the time of the A-bombing, he would have been at home together with me... Thinking so, I feel very sorry that only I survived.

Father was in Ujina. As I was relatively close to the epicenter, he came to me immediately. But I could escape luckily before his coming.

Finally I should say, if his son were alive now, how much reassured bedridden Father would feel!

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 25
12-0222**

Family member who died

1) Father (58) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.9 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Father)

As is often the case with an old house, there are big beams along the ceiling. One of them was pressing him down by his back and legs. (An acquaintance of mine said.)

The house collapsed entirely. His face and feet were burned. It seemed as if the whole of his body with clothes had been roasted.

Only Father and I were at the house of Hiroshima. Being anxious about me and saying his last words, "tragic" or so, he was burned to death together with our house.

It cannot be expressed by any other word than "cruel", to be burned alive and conscious.

Father was a householder. As my brother and I were small, we didn't know about house, land and other things. In the postwar confusion even our lot fell into strange hands and was confiscated as the lot of an absentee landlord's. Instantly we had fallen into the depths of poverty. Then I keenly realized the greatness of Father.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
12-0241**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (18) — Died in the explosion on Aug. 6
Around ground zero
Never found

(Elder sister)

Her office was near the epicenter. It seemed that she had been at the office at the moment. All of the 30 employees who were at the office were killed. Their ashes were under the heap of rubble and another day they were gathered by other surviving employees. At the office funeral, some of the ashes were given to me.

As she was at age of 18, only a little older than I, she was like a good friend. As her body wasn't found, her parents didn't believe her death and thought for a long time she would come back home.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
13-12-050**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (50) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Mother (55) — Same as above

The body of my father was found buried under the ground near a bomb-shelter. He was headless and terribly burnt. He had been wearing a kimono since he was paralyzed from the waist down, and was identified only from a piece of his kimono jacket attached to a bone of his body.

The body of my mother was found headless in the kitchen, lying on her back with one of her legs raised and her arms stretched upward. It was burnt so badly that it looked almost like human-shaped charcoal. I remember noticing that it was somehow pulpy around the belly.

I was the only child my parents had. My father had been suffering from paralysis for many years, so my mother had to carry out all the household duties. She worked very hard to raise me so I was determined to help her and make her life easier as soon as possible. It is greatly regrettable that their lives ended this way, leaving me wondering what I can possibly do now to repay them. I wouldn't have felt so bad if they had died a natural death, but to see innocent people become victims of war and being forced to die in such a terrible way... Now I wish to shout out loud, "Please return my parents , and all those lost to me!"

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 28
13-12-114**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (71) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Never found

(Father)

My father was reported to have been seen in Hacchobori, Hiroshima City just before the bombing, but neither his body nor his bones were found. To live without even knowing anything about his death is what depresses me most.

Whenever I see photographs of the victims of the atomic bomb, I shudder with horror as they make me imagine the pain and agony my father may have suffered that day. I feel nothing but anger that such a respected man as my father had to die so miserably.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 40
13-12-151**

Dead family members

- 1) Third son (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Just at ground zero
Never found
- 2) Mother (75) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death -not known.
4.1 km from epicenter

(Third son)

My third son was mobilized in Hiroshima during the war. It seems that at the time of the bombing, he and students from several junior high schools were gathered on the bank of the Motoyasu River for the morning assembly. I could not identify the body of my son among the enormous number of bodies lying there all burnt black, one looking exactly identical to the next. Then with the hope that he might have gone home, I hurried toward that direction and seeing a large number of people who had been badly wounded and burnt by the atomic bomb totter in lines toward the suburbs like a mass of zombies, I asked some of those boys about the right age if they were my son.

On the morning of August 6, just as my son was leaving for the building removal work, required by students during the war, there sounded an air-raid alarm and an airplane of the US air forces flew high over the city of Hiroshima and disappeared behind the Chugoku Mountain range. After the alarm was cleared, my third son, who was at that time a first year junior high school student, went out with one of his classmates to give labor service "for the sake of Japan's victory" and met the bombing and died right at the epicenter while attending the morning assembly.

I have long regretted my foolishness for becoming a "militarist mother" and not having valued my son's life more. At the same time, I strongly feel that nuclear

weapons should never be used again, and should be abolished.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
13-14-011**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (34) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.1 km from epicenter
Never found

(Elder brother)

My brother was a civilian working for the Army. Someone saw him standing in the yard nothing has been heard of him since. Not even his bones were found and my parents went to look for him every day and waited up at the sound of footsteps every night, thinking that it could be he, but all in vain.

My brother had a sickly wife and two children. After his wife died on September 1 still waiting for her husband's return, my parents had to take care of their young grandchildren of ages 1 and 3. As my brother was the only son of my parents, his death was a terrible blow to them.

My father used to say how he wished he could go to Tokyo with his four grandchildren (my elder sister lost her husband and also had two children) and meet General MacArthur and demand what he would do to make up for our losses.

I feel bad that I, a woman, survived while my brother was killed. Even now I sometimes dream at night of running with my baby in my arms, trying to escape the fire.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 34
13-16-041**

Family member who died

- 1) Second daughter (14) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter

(Second daughter)

An office clerk at her workplace in Koami-cho who survived told me later that with the explosion, the building where they worked fell down and a large concrete beam pinned my daughter to the ground. At first, she was screaming from the pain and then stopped crying and died.

Her body could not be recovered as the fallen building was completely burnt in the evening. The next day, my father and I went to the town to look for her but only ruins such as roof tiles and bicycle wheels were to be seen. We searched all day till it was dark, hoping we might just come across a little piece of her clothing. We took a soil sample and carried it home for her memory.

The last time I saw her was that morning when she left home saying, "Bye, Mummy! I'll be back soon". Although she was only 14 years old, she went everyday

to a factory of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to work for labor service.

I was born in Hiroshima and moved to Tokyo with my family when I was a primary school girl. My father and brothers who had already returned to Hiroshima insisted that we should come back to Hiroshima as soon as possible because in those days there had been air raids in Tokyo nearly every night. So we left Tokyo and moved to Hiroshima with my grandparents and three children.

She would not have died on August 6 if she had not gone into town. I feel guilty that she died because I brought her to Hiroshima. I feel especially bad because we had been struggling so hard to keep alive at the time of severe food shortages when many days went by without having even a grain of rice. Whenever my thoughts go to my dead daughter, I cannot help crying with regret.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from epicenter, Female, Age 22
13-17-009

Family member who died

- 1) Father (57) — Crushed to death on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -not known.
Remains found

(Father)

He was working in a factory in Hiroshima which produced ammunition boxes for the Navy. I heard later that at the time of the bombing, his factory building collapsed over him, and both legs were crushed. He cried for help and was carried out into an air-raid shelter by some neighbors, but he was found dead outside after crawling out of the shelter.

Heavily burnt by the atomic bomb, I myself couldn't walk at all. The next day, on the 7th, my sister-in-law went to my father's factory and found his body, which she brought to the schoolyard of the Second Junior High School of Hiroshima to be cremated.

On the day of the bombing, I managed to go to my relative's house in Sanjo where our family had agreed beforehand to come together in case of emergency. Although I waited there for my father till 3 o'clock, he didn't appear. Then I started to doubt my father's safety. So I left Sanjo and went to Momijidani in Koi on foot looking for him. Hearing that he died after crawling out with his legs broken, I deeply regretted that I myself could not move, so was unable to see him before his death.

I wonder what thoughts crossed his mind during the hour he waited his death, having two of his sons killed in the war in 1944 and he himself lying in such pain.

In the evening of August 15 1945, seeing from the hilltop a beautiful view of the town of Yoshida, Takada District lit up all over, tears rolled down as I thought of my father — that he would not have been killed if the war had ended just ten days earlier.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 27
19-0020**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (62) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Elder sister (33) — same as above
- 3) Niece (3) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Never found
- 4) Niece (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 5) Niece (Age - unknown) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 19
Distance from epicenter - not known.

On the grounds of my house, burnt down by a fire caused by the atomic bomb, I found many human bones among pots and pans. Some of them were reduced to white powder. Backbones some 30 cm long were burned black. A line of small white teeth was also found. I tried to find the missing bones of my 3-year-old niece by turning over the ruins.

However, to my great sorrow I couldn't find them. The bones gave out a strong, indescribable stench which made my head ache and feel nauseated. The cremation of bodies permeated the town with a terrible stench beyond description.

If there had not been war, I would not have lost my mother, sister and her children all at once. Furthermore, they wouldn't have been burnt together with the house.

I think each and every one of us has the right to die surrounded by the family and to be given a proper funeral.

I would like to know how the Japanese government considers repaying those people killed in the war.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 36
22-0082**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (14) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter -not known.
Remains found

(Eldest son)

I searched for him here and there in ruins of the city of Hiroshima for 5 days.

But I couldn't find him. Then, I heard that many unidentified bodies were being carried on board in the harbor of Ujina, I hurried there and at last found his body. I carried it to the ground of the First Junior High School of Hiroshima and burned it to ashes.

Even now it makes me almost insane to think of my dear son who died alone without being given even a spoonful of water and was left lying on a concrete floor for 5 days.

Mothers love their children and wish them to grow up to be healthy youths. I had to burn my young son to ashes with my own hands. Think of that!

There must never be war again because war turns the world into hell overnight. I can never forgive the government of the United States for the use of the atomic bombs, whatever was the reason. If I were young enough, I would go to the States to protest against the use of the atomic bomb. There is no life greater than another. And there should be no reason good enough to take another person's life. America is devil of devils to have destroyed the lives of so many innocent people.

Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
22-0141

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (50) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.75 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Mother)

The day after the bombing, my father and I dug the ruins of our burnt house in search of the missing body of my mother. Beside a big tree which was still smoldering, we found her body burnt black together with a little remnant of her pants.

My parents had set up their own small company dealing in oxygen gas for welding. Their hard work had begun bearing fruit. My father was out of town on business and my mother was alone in the office when the bomb struck. How lonely and helpless she must have felt!

My father lost everything at once including his wife and his company. How terrible it must have been for him to come home where there was no home -nothing but destruction and misery.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 25
27-0168

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (33) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 6
0.3 km from epicenter

(Husband)

My husband was a leader at the divisional headquarters of the Army in

Hiroshima. The bomb fell just when he was making a speech to his subordinates at a morning meeting and was heavily hurt and burnt. He escaped from there with some of his colleagues toward Koi where his parents lived and they parted on the way. I learned this a long time later from the family of one of his colleagues who died 3 days after he arrived at his home. My husband never reached Koi; he must have died on his way.

Thus I became a widow and homeless. I had to take care of my baby and aged parents-in-law by myself. It has been a long and difficult 40 years of hard work and fight for survival as I myself have suffered from multi atomic bomb syndromes.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
27-0270**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (52) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.35 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (43) — Same as above
Remains found
- 2) Younger brother (15) — Same as above
Ashes found

My parents and brother were all dead under the fallen and burnt house of ours. It is not sure whether they were killed by the fallen house or by the fire.

The body of my mother was found "roasted" under the debris of the burnt cupboards which fell on her from both sides. It is likely that she was washing the dishes when bombed. Her body was cremated by my two elder sisters.

My father and brother seem to have been sitting on the sofa in the living room when the bomb fell because their bones were found on the burnt sofa with their waist-belts and a leather wallet shrunk to one third of its original size.

That was indeed a tragedy for our family. However, we were more fortunate than others for we were able to put our deceased in our family grave. Afterwards we asked a diviner to tell about the deaths of my parents and brother. The diviner answered that only my mother died in pain. However, I believe that having been cremated by her own children, she is living in peace in heaven.

Hiroshima had rarely been air-raided and our family had been living rather restfully. But the atomic bombing changed our lives drastically in spite of it being wartime. Our sisters and I became orphans and lost our house and property at once. We had to support ourselves; there was no one to turn to as everyone was too busy to think about anyone or anything but his or her own survival. No government aid could be expected. Mourning would not do.

I think we owe our survival to the constant guidance of my parents who from

heaven watched over us and made it possible for us to come as far as we have by helping one another. I must admit, however, that in the past forty some years I have sometimes thought how nice it would be if at least one of my parents were alive.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 13
27-0384**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (55) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death -not known.
0.1 km from epicenter
Never found

My father went out that morning and has been missing ever since. All these years I have kept us my favorite illusion that he may be living safe and sound somewhere.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 26
27-0478**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (29) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.4 km from ground zero

(Husband)

While working at Morinaga confectionery factory at 18 Motoyanagi-machi, all the employees were killed instantly by the direct blast. None of their bodies or even bones were found. Later, a plain wooden box was handed to each family at the manager's house, which contained just a sheet of paper on which the name of the employee was written. Only our child and I survived and everything became gloomy.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 17
28-0014**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (48) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.8 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 2) Mother (42) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 3) Younger sister (8) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.8 km from ground zero
Never found

(Father and younger sister)

Neither bodies nor bones found.

(Mother)

It was later known that my mother was at a nearby house of her relatives. I

also found that it was my aunt-in-law who was with my mother when she was crushed under the collapsed house.

My aunt escaped from the crush with her 3-year-old daughter, but she was not able to move with her helpless daughter. They stayed one day and night in a pond. They were finally rescued and carried to her home in the country. On the 10th of August, I visited her to get information about my mother. She was in a critical condition. Her eyes were completely damaged and her head cut open, covered with blood. There was no remedy. Only a wet towel was put on her forehead. She told me that she had heard my mother crying for help under the collapsed house, but she had been unable to do anything for my mother. She apologized to me repeating, "Pardon me! I'm very sorry." She died on August 14, 4 days after I saw her.

Her daughter who was in a pond with her survived and is well now.

My uncle (her husband) who had been in the army, came home right after the war. He checked the site of his house, where he found the bones of my mother. I lost all the members of my family at once. My sorrow was too deep to bring any tears. I was totally at a loss, wondering how I could live alone from then.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 9
40-0227**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (40) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Mother (35) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.3 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 3) Elder brother (12) — Died of terrible burns on Aug. 6
1.3 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 4) Younger sister (2) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.3 km from hypocenter
Never found

(Father)

He was killed by the direct blast on his way to work. He was walking on the road within a radius of 500 meters from ground zero.

(Mother and younger sister)

They were probably crushed and burned to death under the collapsed house.

(Elder brother)

I happened to see him running away in total panic. His clothes were burnt. He said something to me and went away. I wanted to follow him but couldn't. I was

carried on someone's back because my legs were badly injured. I still feel sorry for not having followed him. It was really sad and shocking not to find bodies or even bones of anyone of my family. I still miss them a lot. I feel extremely distressed every time I imagine how horrible it was to be killed in those conflagrations of hell on earth. How often I have shed tears thinking of them. This distress will last as long as I live. It was indeed tragic to be the only survivor of my family. I should have been killed with my parents. They were always wonderful and good to me.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 35
40-0778**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (2) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Remains confirmed

(Eldest son)

My son seemed to have been playing outside, and was killed by the direct blast. I could hardly endure seeing his body totally burned to cinders. It was such a monstrous way to be killed. I hold a strong grudge at the results of the war.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
28-0039**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (15) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of the death -unknown.
0.5 km from ground zero
Never found

(Younger brother)

My brother was a third-year-grade student at Sutoku Junior High School. He left cheerfully for work, early in the morning. At that time students had to demolish houses to make a firebreak at Koami-cho. Students who survived told me later that most of them who worked there, were crushed under the collapsed houses which they were to demolish. With the help of those who were able to escape, all the students who were under the collapsed house were rescued and their teacher who had been injured, told them to go to Koi. The teacher died the next day at his house. None of the students knew anything about my brother because they were totally confused; it was all they could do to flee for their lives. I finally found my mother at the Gym of Koi Elementary school on the morning of the 5th day after the bomb. Wearing half burned clothe, like rags, she had burns over half of her body. Her badly infected arms were covered with maggots crawling under the skin. She looked ghostly. Since my mother was in a critical condition, I couldn't leave her alone, so I gave up the search for my dear brother for the time being. Even under the terrible pain from the burns, she was very worried about her son. She knew she couldn't do anything for him, but she still wanted to do something. She somehow survived.

Together with my mother, I began looking for my missing brother in the spring of 1946, but in vain.

When I went to the gym of Koi Elementary School to see my mother on August 19, there was no space to walk because so many injured lay on the floor. People dug a hole in a corner of the school ground and burned dead bodies day after day. Everybody, regardless of age or sex, called the names of their parents, brothers and sisters. They could hardly wait for their family to come and help them. They all were groaning "It hurts, it hurts terribly. Help me please." Fortunately, I had no injury at all, but I felt somehow guilty toward people who were terribly injured. I wondered what had happened to my brother, or if he had even survived. He must be waiting for us somewhere, just like others. It was very uncomfortable for me to sit there doing nothing. So I helped other people whose family members hadn't come. Engaged in helping others made me feel much better. Every day, people died one after another. My mother suffered terrible pain and worried very much about her son. To this day, I still want to know what happened to my brother.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
28-0052

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (54) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Mother)

After my brother and I left for school, my mother stayed alone at home to take care of the house work. As it was a little after 8:00 in the morning, she was probably washing dishes in the kitchen. Later I heard that all the family members -my father, elder brother, and his wife -searched for me and my mother from that evening till midnight. They tried hard to find us, walking around and checking every corpse to identify us. They found the bones of my mother under the kitchen. Together with those of somebody they had collected at the elementary school site in place of mine, they brought the bones of my mother, to a Buddhist temple to hold a funeral service. They made two mortuary tablets; one for mother, another for me.

They gave me up for dead. They didn't know I couldn't walk and that it was hospitalized in a school gym for a long time. I sometimes wished we had been killed together so that I could have shared the last moment with my mother. But on second thought, I came to realize that it was my duty and responsibility to live for my mother, no matter how hard it would be.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
33-0086

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (28) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.3 km from ground zero
Never found

I regarded my brother as my father, and relied on him very much, since my father had died young. I tried very hard to get any kind of information about him. Neither his body nor his bones were ever found. My mother and I decided to register his death in the branch of the municipal office in Hijiyama because we thought it was pointless to leave him just missing.

But I haven't been able to get any information. My grief became greater and greater as time passed by. How much I wished he were alive.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the city, Male, Age 26
34-0205**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister-in-law (14) — Seriously burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
- 2) Younger sister-in-law (10) — Seriously burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Two sisters-in-law)

I heard they were around Hacchobori at the moment of the A-bombing and tried to escape in the direction of Hiroshima Station. However both of them fainted on the way and remained unconscious for a few hours. When they became conscious, they were being taken care of at the house of the president of a cotton company. But the house was soon engulfed in the inferno. So they had to be transferred to the East Military Drill Ground, where I found them.

It was really hard to recognize them because of the terrible burns all over their bodies. Still they were luckier than others, since somehow they were treated by military doctors and suffered less. The younger died at midnight and the elder died early in the morning. It was obvious that they wouldn't live long with such burns. But I did everything I could for them, till the last moment.

The grief, grudge and sorrow of the moment are here to stay. They provide constant lamentation to this day. Only the witnesses of those days can grasp the reality of the A-bombing. People who hear about the stories of those days only think how cruel the war was.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 37
34-0206**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister-in-law (13) — Killed by the bomb with injuries and
burns on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero

(Younger sister-in-law)

All my family tried to find our younger sister-in-law (name withheld). But finally we gave her up for dead. When we were organizing a memorial service for her, suddenly a soldier on leave came and delivered the hair of my sister. He reported that

he had encountered her along a roadside, sitting down and begging for help. Her eyeballs had fallen from the sockets, her body burned black, her hair crisp and all her skin had peeled and hung down. Although, it didn't seem she could live long, he made a temporary shelter for her out of tin plates around there. Later he returned to her and confirmed that she had died. She was cremated together with other bodies. So he only brought her hair to us.

I can imagine how desperately she tried to go home to her parents. Although she had lost her eyesight, she walked all the way and arrived at Hijiyama by following other victims until she was completely exhausted. She eventually died alone, despairing, without being attended.

What a cruel weapon the A-bomb is! It created hell on earth for so many people, for those who lost their eyes, whose bodies were burnt black, whose facial and body skin peeled and hung down. It was the most horrible sight, there were skulls, lower half of human body, intestines gushed out from mouth or anus just like pomegranate blossoms, double or triple sized swollen bodies of humans and horses lay about. people who lost their eyesight were roaming about calling for help. It was really hell on earth.

No amount of regret can possibly pacify my grief when I think of her almost reaching home. If only we had known she was so close to home, in Hijiyama, we could have attended her and given her a glass of water for comfort.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 13
34-0465**

Family member who died

1) Mother (39) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Mother)

I couldn't go near my house which was engulfed by the inferno on August 6. On the morning of the 7th, my house was still smoking. Only the roof kept its original shape. I could see the upper part of a body among the tiles. It was burnt terribly. The hair was almost completely burnt except some on the back of the head. I could barely recognize that the body was a woman. Her mouth was half open and I confirmed the body was that of my mother because of the gold crown of her front teeth. She had crossed her hands on her chest like she was praying. I will never forget that last pose. I tried to get her out. But her body was trapped under a big rock on her back. I found some blue parts of her blood-stained clothes under the rock. It was obvious that she had been injured and was burnt alive under the rock. She was completely helpless because no one was at home at the moment of the detonation. She was killed in the most horrible way. I could do nothing for the body of my mother, so I put a sign on it, stating her name and address before I left for the countryside. I've been thinking of her. After 25 years, the Municipal Office sent a note saying that they had kept the bones of my mother. I was very much relieved after I received them from the office.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 19
34-0488**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (12) — Killed by the bomb with terribly burns
on Aug. 6
At ground zero
Remains found

(Younger sister)

When I found her at the stone-steps by the river in Mizunushi-cho on August 7, she had burns all over her body as well as an injury on her side. She was dead, lying on her back, together with her friends. The front side of their bodies were burnt severely and their skin had turned crisp. The back side of their bodies was in a big pool of pus from infections. I cremated her body and brought back the bones and ashes.

She died in a way no word can describe. If I had found her one day earlier, she might have survived. She was the youngest of my family. She was a cheerful, lovely girl. I am very sorry that we lost her. My mother's and my aunt's bodies were half burnt. Both of them were in a critical condition for a while. As I was busy taking care of them, I couldn't hold a funeral service for my sister. We took refuge in the city where I always carried the bones of my sister every time I had to escape from the constant air raids day and night.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
34-0528**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (Age -unknown) — Crushed and burned to death
on Aug. 6
1.3 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Mother (Age -unknown) — Crushed and burned to death
on August 6
1.3 km from ground zero
Remains found

My parents ran an electrical appliance store at Higashi-Kan'on-machi 2-chome in Hiroshima City. The neon sign read "Electricity and Radios", I remember. The entrance to the store showed a sign "Designated shop of NHK (national broadcasting station)". When Hiroshima was bombed, I was in my twentieth week of pregnancy. I could not but fear for what could be happening to my parents. The whole city looked as if it was burned flat with fires still blazing. As I had no idea of how to get to my parents' home, I walked from Funairi to Higashi-Kan'on-machi along the street-car tracks; my only guide. The whole neighborhood was burned down, so I was at a loss as to where my house had been. Then I found the family name on a water

tank and identified the site as my parents' house. It was totally destroyed by fire.
(Father)

I discovered my father, charred underneath a cement-like heavy thing.

(Mother)

My mother was burned to death in the kitchen; only her abdomen was untouched by fire. She was identified by her gold teeth. Seeing the two charred bodies and wondering how much they must have suffered, I cried uncontrollably, my feet feeling so heavy. It was a living hell. How did they feel when they died? It was too cruel a death. If they had been ill they could have recovered or I could have taken care of them. Such cruel deaths must never be repeated. If they had survived, they could have held their grandchildren and delightedly seen their growth. I did not even have a chance to express filial piety toward my parents. Their deaths were too cruel and are unforgettable. This scene is printed on my memory.

Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 12 34-0641

Family members who died

- 1) Father (65) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (45) — Same as above
- 3) Elder brother (25) — Same as above
- 4) Nephew (5) — Same as above
- 5) Elder brother (18) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 4
0.9 km from ground zero

My home was the Kamiya-cho branch of Nihon Tsuun Co., Ltd. (a trucking company), which employed many people. In the ruins of the fire, many burnt dry bones and ashes were found. I collected all the bones not identified by their kin.

Though their deaths were really cruel, the only comfort to me was that their pain must have been much shorter than the agony of those who survived and eventually died after suffering from burns and wounds.

Even now as I take up my pen to write this, I get tears in my eyes, wondering how much anxiety my parents must have felt about their youngest child—me, before dying. I feel a lump in my throat.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 22
34-0855**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (25) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
2.0 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Elder sister)

I heard that my sister was in her office and killed on the spot after being blown from her seat by the window and crushed under filing cabinets. Her body, reportedly searched for by relief teams the next day, was missing. I looked around the city for her body, and on August 12 finally discovered it among the bodies collected on the school ground of the No. 2 Prefectural Junior High School. A half-rotten body, with a swollen black face and skin dangling down from her arms and legs, it retained no trace of her living days. I dragged her body on straw mats and cremated it at a sand-box at the corner of the school ground, gathering wood from the debris of the burned school building.

I cried all night long, facing the death of my only sister, whom I had depended on. This was the first cruel death I experienced in my family. Lying beside the still burning body of my sister on the sand of the school ground, I wondered what would become of us and whether Japan would be defeated. I put on the ring I had taken from my sister's finger as a memento, and prayed that the ring might protect me from whatever might happen. At dawn, I left there alone, with my sister's bones wrapped in a towel, weeping and praying for the thousands of dead whose bodies were still lying there. On August 15 I returned to Saijo.

I still keep the ring on my finger as a talisman. If only she were alive now, she could have tenderheartedly given me advice, comfort, and many happy times.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 29
34-0913**

Family member who died

- 1) Second daughter (5 months old) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 6
2.3 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Second daughter)

My daughter died when my wife was breast-feeding her. The baby's head was struck by two pieces of glass. While her mother looked for a first-aid station my daughter cried for a few hours, but then stopped breathing. Her mother took shelter at Waseda Shrine Mountain in Ushita with the body. In the evening I met them and brought them home. The next day, I cremated the body and discovered large pieces of glass among the ashes. I still remember my poor daughter and her death.

Five months-old then, she was really lovely. How cruel her death was!

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km, Female, 25 years old
34-1207**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.8 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Eldest son)

My son shrieked once, and that was the end of his life. When I came to my senses, he was crushed to death under a big tree. My son looked so pitiful that I could not leave his body alone. My heart aches whenever I wonder what he would look like, and how we would live together, if he were alive now.

Why did he have to die so cruelly? Why was an innocent child killed? Though 40 years have passed since then, I still suffer great sadness. How happy we would have been only if he were alive now! Give me back my son!

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 35
34-1577**

Family member who died

- 1) Second son (13) — Seriously burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Second son)

On the day of the atomic-bomb, my second son was evacuated from a building in Kako-machi. On the bank of Kako-machi, a classmate from the Second Junior High School, who was also injured, told me, "I was with him at the river and we crossed the bridge". At the edge of the bridge, I finally discovered my poor son in rags, with his hair burnt, his face swollen, and his skin dangling down. Because of the shock, I could not speak.

I wished I had reached him earlier before his cruel death. How he wanted to see me, and how scared he must have been! I wished I had died instead of him.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 11
34-1944**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (38) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.8 km from ground zero
Never found

(Father)

Because we could find neither his body nor his ashes, my mother and I carried back soil from Moto-machi where he was supposed to have been, as the only memento

of him. A man from the same squad as my father told us that when he visited Moto-machi, people were scorched to death and looked like black stone statues. Some survivors staggered into a river. My heart nearly broke when I wondered how my father had died.

My mother often talked of the day when my father was called up for military service for the second time. On the morning of his departure, he looked lonely and quietly stayed in his bed for a long time with his head covered with bedclothes.

Then, finally, when it was time to leave he stared at me, his first son, and left home without looking back. It was the last time I ever saw him. I feel deep regret for his death.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 23
34-4102**

Family member who died

- 1) Father-in-law (62) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Father-in-law)

After I had been searching for his body for a week in the ruins of the fire, I discovered a torso in white clothes (a Buddhist surplice) without a head, arms or legs. I cremated the torso with firewood I collected. The body was identified only by the clothes because his face was lost. The body, which was not rotten, looked like a dried fish.

Did he die in agony! This question has lain at my heart ever since.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 16
34-4342**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.3 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Brother-in-law (19) — Same as above
- 3) Sister-in-law (21) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from the epicenter -unknown
Never found

(Younger sister)

The bomb was dropped when my younger sister in student service in the army was participating in the removal of buildings. I walked down the ruins to look for her, but found no trace. The bodies found here and there were so damaged, with red-burned swollen faces, that even mothers could not recognize their own children. I finally found her emergency kit and brought it home. The rice inside her lunch box was scorched. We buried her emergency kit in a grave instead of her ashes, as no

part of her body was recovered.

Every day I went to look for her throughout Hiroshima city. She was such a smart girl that the whole family imagined hopefully that she would have taken refuge somewhere in the suburbs, with other people, and would return home later.

Wondering how she died, I still lament her death. The people in her school told us that she was engaged in the removal of buildings near Dobashi. Whether she was blown to death without leaving any trace, or burned to death, I regret I could not attend her deathbed.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 11
34-5153**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (13) — Died in August. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Body never found

(Elder brother)

After the bombing my older brother, who was then in the first year of Sanyo Junior High School, was lost. Hearing that he was around Takanobashi Bridge, Kako-machi or Nakajima-machi at the time of the bombing, we looked for him without success.

At the sight of my parents' profound grief, I myself felt guilty for surviving.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-5229**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found

(Younger sister)

When the bomb fell my younger sister was about 300 meters from ground zero. She was working in the student service of the army. Neither her body nor her ashes were recovered, so I could not tell how she died. The atomic bomb annihilated every student in the first and second years of the Municipal Girl's High School, and all their teachers.

Not one day of her short lifetime was peaceful; until the day she was killed by the A-bomb, she never experienced amusement nor ate delicious food. Even now, I feel sorry for her premature death at the age of thirteen. Every nuclear weapon should be abolished as soon as possible. Otherwise, the atomic victims will never rest in peace.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 29
34-5333**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (34) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Husband)

After searching for my husband on August 7, my brother-in-law told me that he had probably died. A week later, I went to his office to receive some remains discovered by his desk. Though I was not sure if the body was really his, I placed it in a grave.

What did he think while he was burned alive? How cruel his death was! If he had survived, how happy I would have been with my children. I feel sorry for my children.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-5492**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (19) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (5) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Elder sister)

I heard that my elder sister, who was missing, was seriously burned. Thoughts of how she must have suffered, how she must have searched for my parents and looked for water, and then died alone on the streets, make my eyes water.

(Younger sister)

My younger sister whose bowels were exposed by wounds could have been saved by surgery if it had been peacetime. I am against all war.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 17
34-5639**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (54) — Burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Aunt (Age unknown) — Died on Aug. 8. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown

My aunt who died on August 8 told me that when the bomb fell my mother was at a streetcar stop at Tokaichi-machi, and her body was found on the west end of the railway bridge at Yokokawa the next day. Judging from her burned arms, legs and knees, she probably crawled away from the fire. A woman who happened to be near my mother told me that my mother was at the edge of the Yokokawa Bridge and was carried to the river-side on the back of a soldier who was passing by, to drink water. Around 10 p.m., after she returned to the bridge, she suddenly stopped talking. Perhaps that was her last moment.

On the evening of August 6, family members and relatives went out to search for her, but a guard team blocked their way on the east end of the Yokokawa Bridge saying it was too dangerous. If I, a student staying at a dormitory in the city then, had learned what had happened to my mother, I would have gone to her rescue, risking my life.

Walking through the smoldering city, I returned home to a terrified family, victims of the A-bomb, and took refuge with my dead mother and with my brother who was seriously injured. I remember the scenes of 40 years ago as if it were only yesterday.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
34-5725**

Family members who died

- 1) Grandmother (55) — Seriously injured and burned to death
on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
- 2) Younger sister (13) — Seriously injured and burned to death
on Aug. 6
1.0 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Grandmother)

Around noon of Aug. 6, so I was told later, my grandmother was taken home on a pushcart. The skin on the upper part of her body was dangling off. (I didn't see it myself, as I was also in bed, with an eye injury.) She died at midnight, in the next room, groaning from the pain of the burns.

(Younger sister)

My younger sister, who was in the second grade at a girls' school, didn't come home after noon on Aug. 6. My mother went to look for her as far as Takano Bridge and the city office. On her way, she asked people where my sister was likely to flee or to be accommodated. She checked the girl students' faces lying along the street one by one, only in vain. When she came home alone, she was very disappointed.

On the following day, Aug. 7, one of our acquaintances came to tell us that he had seen my sister in Okawa Elementary School. My mother hurried to the school. But what she found there were only her ashes and her bag with her name on it. We were told that she had had burns all around her body and died in the evening crying and groaning.

My grandmother had four sons, but three of them were killed by the war. The eldest was my father. He used to run a rice shop. But as rice was included in the ration goods, he couldn't continue his business. Then he was commandeered and assigned to some work he had never done before. During work he was injured on the head and died. The third son was a pilot. He was killed in an air battle in the south Pacific. The fourth son was on board a warship and killed when his ship was hit, and also sank in the south Pacific. Suffering from the serious burns, she remembered her sons in childhood, and died saying "Good boys, good boys..."

I regret that we couldn't do anything for my sister. I still wish we could have found her earlier.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 18
34-5792

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (14) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.7 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Younger sister)

It was suspected that my sister had been killed while helping to build an evacuation center near the former prefectural government building. Probably she fled to the nearest river, went into it and died there. She drifted down the river and into Hiroshima Bay. Her body was found by a passing ship near Benten Island. It was taken to the shore at Ujina and reported to the police station. When I was going to cross to Niijima, looking for her, I found her name on the board of the police station and identified her.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 16
34-5797

Family members who died

- 1) Father (50) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (45) — Same as above
Remains found

(Father)

He was found under the ruins burned to bones and ashes where his study should have been. His remaining bones were so fragile that I believed he had "roasted" there for many hours.

(Mother)

When Mother was found, she was terribly burned and looked like a mummy. So shocked at the horrible scene, I could only run away from the site. I still regret that I did this.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 23
34-5835**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (49) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (40) — Same as above
- 3) Aunt (40) — Same as above
- 4) Uncle (46) — Died of serious burns in December
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Father)

As his home was near the blast center, he was probably caught under the destroyed house, which instantly caught fire and he couldn't run away. He was found completely burned to bones and ashes. The food in his stomach had turned to charcoal. (He was identified by his watch and the key of the safe.)

(Mother)

After searching everywhere, I didn't know where else I should look for her. As I was poking coals with a stick which were still smoking, I found her hair pin. I dug at the place and found her bones. (She was identified by the pattern of her trousers.)

(Aunt)

She was found at the same place as my mother. (She was identified by her trousers and skin purse.)

It was too cruel. They were too young to die. Left alone, I had to handle the tax business and everything all for myself. I knew nothing about these things and I had a hard time. My life has turned into a living hell.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 29
34-5906**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (66) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Eldest daughter (3) — Same as above
- 3) Second son (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Never found
- 4) Lodger (75) — Same as above
- 5) Lodger (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Mother and eldest daughter)

Our house collapsed and was destroyed by fire. Their dead bodies were found

inside the house. The next door neighbor who escaped and survived said, "Your mother was calling for help repeatedly. I also heard your children's cry, but all I could do was to save my own life. I couldn't go to save them". They were left there helpless and died.

When my mother's dead body was found, it had only a head and a torso; arms and legs gone. As for my daughter, her body was also without arms and legs and burned black.

(My second son)

He was almost one year old but did not quite reach that age. He was probably inside the house, but his body was never found.

(Others)

One family had rented the first floor of our house. The old woman and her grandchild died there.

I was out then, and only the children and elderly persons remained in the house and met the misfortune.

I would like to say, "Give me back my children and my mother", knowing it is impossible. I can never understand why they had to be killed in such a cruel way. I'll never forgive it.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 10
34-7062**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (35) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (32) — Same as above
- 3) Grandfather (59) — Same as above

(Father, Mother, Grandfather)

They had been missing for 39 days after the A-bomb. I visited refuges at Nijjima, Itsukaichi, Furuichi-machi, etc., only in vain. On the 39th day, we were digging at the ruins of a fire in Fujimi-cho where my parents had lived. We found a burned iron pot and bowls. And from under them, the gray bones of a man, the white bones of a woman, and the gray bones of another person came out. Since I never witnessed their dead faces, I sometimes feel as if they were still alive. My parents didn't just die; they were "killed" by the war and the A-bomb. As I was their only child, I was all alone after they died. My wounded heart has never been healed for these 40 years.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-7118**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (52) — Killed by the bomb in August
0.3 km from epicenter
Never found

(Father)

He had been mobilized to Nakajima from our village as a voluntary soldier. Each family in the village had to send one person as a voluntary soldier. He had been there for three days. His group would have been exchanged for another group of a different village on August 7. As we knew that he had been working at Jizen-ji-no-Hana, my mother and my uncle (my father's elder brother) went there to look for him on Aug. 7, but they couldn't find his body or even his bones.

Most of the villagers who went to Nakajima with my father were missing. Only a few reached home, with serious burns; eventually they all died.

It is true that the children whose parents are dead can never be happy. We were happy until the morning of Aug. 6. My two elder brothers went to the front, and my two elder sisters were working as war nurses. Though they were not with us, we, my mother, my younger sister, my younger brother and I, were having a happy day in spite of poverty. But the A-bomb changed our lives to a living hell.

In my village, people had to go to Hiroshima City, pushing carts, to obtain human manure for our vegetable fields. Many families lost fathers who used to do this job. In my family, my younger brother (14) had to do it. It was hard work for him.

Soon, we became very poor.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
34-7188**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (52) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Eldest son (3) — Same as above
- 3) Second son (1) — Same as above

(Mother)

We lived in a two-story house. Mother was under the red brick wall that had fallen over her. I removed the bricks one by one. Her head was missing. Her dead body was bloody and half burned.

(My first son and second son)

I could identify only their heads; other parts of their bodies were dismembered.

I saw a set of bigger bones that seemed to be embracing a set of smaller ones.

I just put a little sand over them and left them. (I couldn't do anything more at the time and I couldn't stand the sight.) However, I dreamed of them and cremated them later.

Although my husband was in Osaka, I couldn't leave Hiroshima because of my mother and the children. We had to be parted though we still loved each other. If it had not been for the A-bomb, we would have been a happy family. Due to the A-bomb, I lost my family. The A-bomb changed my life.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-7189**

Family member who died

- a) Grandfather (66) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Grandfather)

On Aug. 6, my grandfather left home with my mother, pushing a cart, to gather wood chips at the site of Kami-Nagarekawa-cho where the buildings (incl. NHK - a national broadcasting station) were evacuated. Coming home, he was carrying them into the house, when the bomb fell. We went to Shukkei-en where there was a refugee center to look for him, but we couldn't find him. A few days later, when we dug up the ruins of the burned house, we found his bones. (His abdomen was only partly burned.) We could identify him by a nail clipper and small scissors in his stomach band.

After my father went to the front, my grandfather (my mother's father) took care of us. His wife had died earlier. After she died, he brought up my mother by himself without marrying again. He spent his life working.

When he became older and was free from such responsibilities, he could have enjoyed his life. But, in the wartime, no pleasures were given to him except a small one. He stood in line for porridge at the Fukuya Restaurant. And he had to die burned. It is too pitiful that he had to live such a life.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 35
34-7223**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (14) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.6 km from epicenter
Never found

(Eldest son)

A student of Kannon Second National School, he was mobilized to do the work

of building an evacuation center at Nakajima-shinmachi (where there is a memorial tower now). We could find neither his body nor his bones. It is the saddest thing for parents to lose their children.

When he left home wearing a new gym tunic, he said to me, "Mother, I'll bring back ice for you". That was the last I saw of him.

If I had seen him dead, I could have accepted his death more easily. I couldn't stop crying for three years or so. I still think of my son and count his age. I imagine, for example, that I would be enjoying a happy time with grandchildren if he were alive. When my husband died, I was sad, but my son's death gives me more grief.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
34-7240**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (42) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.9 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Neighbor (19) — Died in September. Cause of death - unknown.
0.9 km from epicenter

(Mother)

My father went to the ruins of a fire two days after the A-bomb and found my mother's remains. He said that she was wearing a bucket on her head. Just before I fled from the site, leaving my mother, she called after me and I yelled back to her. I remember her voice was still steady then. So she had probably been alive until the fire caught her.

After the war, even her clothes reminded me of her and I cried a lot. Nowadays my father says, "If I had been there, I could have helped her". I sometimes feel that I could have helped her if I had tried harder then. I am sorry for it.

My mother had been providing for us because my father was a disabled person. Therefore, after the A-bomb, we were very badly off.

**Hiroshima, 1.5km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
34-7248**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (44) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
Ashes found
 - 2) Younger sister (1) — Same as above
- (Mother)

Mother was confirmed dead at a hospital in Tokaichi. The body was burnt black, and there remained nothing under her chest. It was too damaged and burned to be

recognized, but the doctor said when he found her, there was a fastener for a one-piece. So it was recognized as our mother's.

(Younger sister)

The doctor said there was also a head burnt as black as Mother's at the same place. It was recognized as my younger sister's, because she was in my mother's arms.

After the A-bomb was dropped, Father entered the city and found her body in the hospital. He cremated the black body to ashes. As I didn't witness her last moments, I could not believe she was dead. I was regretful that I couldn't be at her side on her deathbed.

We got Mother's handbag as an article left behind. The bills in the bag was drenched with human grease.

I have wished time after time that Mother, who was killed too suddenly and too pitifully, should have been alive.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
35-0081**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (17) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.2 km from epicenter
Never found

(Younger sister)

When she was working at a girl's school (at Nobori-cho) for the student labor mobilization, she suffered directly from the A-bombing on the school ground. My friend told me that 10 days later. We could find neither her body nor her ashes. She was an affectionate and vigorous girl. We encouraged each other. We said, "Bye, Mom" in the morning. I went to the munitions control section of the Fukuya department store. She went to the girl's school. Since then we forgot how to laugh. My mother, father and I were crying every day in the corner of the broken house and we all walked around looking for my sister in the daytime. I broke down with fever in the house whose roof leaked badly and hoped that she could come back no matter how badly she was burned.

At quarter past eight on August 6, after we saw the light, there arose mysterious sounds from everywhere. We had difficult breathing. I decided to swim through the river and go up the mountain with my fellow workers. While escaping, I was worrying about my parents and sister as I could not know how they were then.

When I came back to my house, my parents also came from the shelter. But my sister did not come back though it was late at night. I prayed and prayed to the stars in the sky through the broken roof that she might come back, but in vain. We could not find her corpse anywhere. It was too bad. She was young, 18 years old and pure in heart. I want to apologize to her for my being alive though I am older than

her. I wonder how hot and painful it was at the time of her death.

**Hiroshima, 0.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 40
35-0096**

Family member who died

- 1) Second daughter (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown.
Never found

(Second daughter)

She was 14 years old. On the day she went working for the student mobilization in the morning, singing "Keep beating the hateful Britain and America! Oh, oh, oh!" And she never returned.

Our house had burnt down. So we had no place to sleep. We looked for our daughter in the city every day. Though there were so many corpses, we could not find her out anywhere.

We looked for her for a whole week. But we could find neither her bones nor her ashes. So we prayed for the soul of her every day.

We started for the back country leaving our daughter behind. On the way we met a lot of people. But they were all stark naked and covered with blood, or wearing only tattered clothes. Everybody said, "Water. Give me water." But we could not do anything for them.

I strapped my 2-year-old baby to my back and took my 5-year-old child by the hand and walked through the field of burnt and broken tiles of the roofs with bare feet as we had no shoes. It was so horrid a sight, that the 5-year-child walked without complaining. We reached the house where we could sleep at 6 in the evening. We passed through the very terrible time. It should never happen again. They died a too miserable death.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 17
35-0138**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (58) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Father)

On August 6 my elder brother was at home as the factory was closed. At the time when my father was going to the office, he saw a bright flash in the sky. So he came back in the house. Then there arose a huge sound and the house broke down in a moment. My father and my brother were buried under the house. My father was in the middle of the house. My elder brother was in the corridor. I hear they could not move under it. Then a fire broke out near our house. When my brother heard

someone crying, "Help me, soldier! Help me!," he said he prepared for death. Luckily he could move one of the pillars and got out of the broken house, but he could not help Father. Before long our house caught fire. So my father said to him, "If we two should die here, our family will be in trouble. So get away from here to survive." Leaving his heart behind, he left the place.

I feel pity that my father was burned to death though he was alive then. It was merciless.

My brother lives now. But when I think he must have felt sorry for these 40 years for his letting his father die before his very eyes. I feel pity for my brother, too.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 26
40-0196**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (46) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown.
- 2) Mother (45) — Same as above
- 3) Younger sister (20) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown.
Ashes found
- 4) Younger sister (18) — Same as above
- 5) Younger sister (16) — Same as above
(Father and mother)

I could not get their corpses as they went removing houses in the epicenter of the city.

(Three younger sisters)

They were burnt under the broken house. Though they asked for help, no one could help them.

My parents died near the epicenter where they went for labor service. As my house was about 1.5 km from the epicenter, it was broken completely. Four younger sisters were caught under the roof. As the bomb blast blew away the youngest sister, she was not under the broken pillar and could crawl out of the house. But the other three were burnt while living. They were burned to death screaming for help. When the youngest sister saw the fire coming near, she desperately escaped.

**Hiroshima, 3.0km from epicenter, Female, Age 18
40-0339**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (43) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.1 km from ground zero
Never found

There were none of her ashes at the house burnt by the fire. So I thought she seemed to have run out. I did my best to find her, but there was no trace of Mother anywhere.

Though I cannot believe she died, she does not come back. It may be true that she died a terrible death just like other people who died with excruciating pain, too.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
40-0397**

Family member who died

- 1) Second daughter (1) — Died from serious burns on Aug. 6
1.2 km from epicenter

(Second daughter)

Though we were caught under the broken roof, we were saved by someone. I ran around with my daughter on my back trying to escape from the fire surrounding us. We could get to the beaches along the river, but we were caught in the black rain. She died there. As someone said the tide would soon be full, we were brought to the field. But no one came to rescue me. So I laid my dead child there and ran away.

As I could not entomb her as a human being and I only survived, I have a guilty conscience about it. I have not lived without praying for her happiness and expiation of my sin.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 30
40-0850**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (Age -unknown) — Died from serious burns in August.
Distance from epicenter - unknown.

(Eldest daughter)

She died, suffering burns all over her body without retaining her former self.

I could have been present at her death if I had found her earlier.
But even if I had found her earlier, I could have done nothing for her.

I am not living my remaining days without thinking as her mother of the eldest daughter.

As I hear they died crying for water, I offer water and green tea on the family Buddhist altar every day.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
43-0125

Family members who died

- 1) Father (38) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.1 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Mother (34) — Same as above
- 3) Younger sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.5 km from epicenter
Never found

(Father and Mother)

Both were caught under the roof and burnt to death. They did not retain their former selves. I dug out their burned bodies and cremated them.

(Sister)

She was removing houses as a mobilized student. She was lost. I could not find either her dead body or her ashes.

We were caught under our broken house. At the time Mother was alive and I talked with my mother. I only crawled out to escape death by fire. But I wish I could have saved her.

II. Deaths in Two Weeks (till August 20)

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 34
28-0029

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (40) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Niece-in-law (24) — Died from serious injuries and burns on Aug. 7
0.6 km from epicenter

(Husband)

I went to find him at the ruins of our house after the fire in Dobashi 0.5km from epicenter. I found the upper part of his almost skeletonized body there. I could not carry him by myself, so I removed his skull from his body with my hands and wrapped two pieces of it in a handkerchief and brought it to my place of refuge at Koi-machi. His bones are entombed now.

(Niece-in-law: only daughter of my husband's brother)

She was going to the office when she was bombed near the Japan Bank on a municipal streetcar from Koi-machi station. I was informed by her fellow worker that

her face and upper body suffered serious burns and her jaw and arms were seriously injured by the broken pieces of glass, exposing the surface of the bones under the skin. She was sent to the Red Cross hospital. So I went to meet her there and brought her back to Koi-machi.

When I reached the hospital, I could not find her the first time. Because her hair, eyebrows and eyelashes were all burnt off. But when I called her name loudly, I could confirm her at last as she answered "Here!" One of her front teeth was crowned with gold. I could not get treatment for her, and had no way to make contact with our parents. She breathed her last at 9 p.m. on August 7. At 10, our family carried her to the nearest hill and cremated her.

I went to my home village at the north part of the prefecture with two pieces of my husband's skull and some ashes of my niece-in-law. (She told me intermittently when her mind was clear with badly swollen lips how she was bombed.

I think that after my husband was caught under the broken house, he tried in vain to crawl out of the house and was burned to death instantly.

When I imagine how painful it was for him, tears come to my eyes. If he had been alive, I and my children would not have experienced such a hard life.

I cannot forget the cruelty and pity that that beautiful niece-in-law became ghostlike and writhed in agony till death.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 21
34-5133**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (25) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
1.0 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Elder sister (29) — Died from serious burns on Aug. 7
0.5 km from epicenter

(Elder sister)

On August 7 a kind person, a stranger to me, informed me that she was in the train before Betsuin, so I went to meet her and brought her to the place under the bridge near Mitaki Hospital. She suffered serious burns all over her body and her skin hung down like rags. She was starved for water, but I was told not to give her water, so I gave her a green tomato the juice of which she greedily sucked. As the medical corps came to the Geibi Bank, I took her there. But she died while waiting for her turn. Although I could not have her injury treated at all, I persuade myself that it was happy that I could be with her when she died.

(Elder brother)

As he was called up to the 6th unit as a field artilleryman, I think that he was bombed there.

I was bombed at the stop, Sakan-cho. I feel grief when I think how desperately he waited for me among the dead bodies on the streetcar all night. There was a stream near us. So I wish I could have had her drink as much water as she liked.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 43
34-0004

Family members who died

- 1) Eldest son (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.7 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Husband (49) — Died from serious injuries on Aug. 7
1.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 3) Eldest daughter (18) — Died of atomic diseases on Sept. 6
0.8 km from epicenter

(Eldest son)

He was at the place 700m from the epicenter as a mobilized student out of doors with his teacher and 369 students. Their souls were transported together into the blue sky on that day. I can neither see nor hear him anymore. As his father and I were injured, we could not go to meet him. I think how frantically he called for Father and Mother in the fire. He must have fallen reaching for the hands of his friends running away. It is painful of me to remember I could not grasp his hand. I have neither his dead body nor his ashes. His face only lives in my heart.

(Husband)

He was so badly injured at his place of work as to fall to the ground. He was carried to the school in the Tanna area in Hiroshima and died on August 7. I was handed his ashes in the box a few days after by a civil servant. I felt grief when I imagined what scenes of his 49 years he recalled and how desperately while losing his senses he wanted to meet his family. How merciless war is!

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
22-0335

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (41) — Died from serious burns on Aug. 7
Distance from epicenter - unknown.

(Mother)

She seemed to thirst for water. I hear she suffered terrible burns all over her body. When I came back home on August 8, her coffin had been carried in my house. But I did not meet her as my family told me not to view her dead body.

I think there was no way out of it, but people who did not need to die were dead. The state should compensate us for our illnesses caused by A-bomb radiation. I wished my mother could have survived even if I had died then.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
33-0032**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (63) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 7
1.5 km from ground zero

(Father)

Though I was not with my father when he died, these are the stories I heard from my elder sister who witnessed his death. In spite of a burn he received my father came back home to save my elder sister and a cousin. My parents, my sister and my cousin fled to the Shukkeien bamboo thicket which was right behind our house. They also bathed in the river because they were unable to stand the flames that were raging. The next day, in the midst of the heat wave, father died repeating, "I feel cold".

People were told that corpses should be disposed of rapidly, and wood and oil were given out for this purpose. My father's body was cremated on the millstone and his ashes were put in a soldier's helmet they found lying around. He was buried in it. It was horrible.

I wish he were alive! His seven daughters received a high school education. It is regrettable to think that he couldn't witness his daughter's bright future.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 44
34-5069**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (21) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 7
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Eldest daughter)

When the eldest daughter was found on the river bank near Tokiwa Bridge, her skin was torn and looked like shredded clothing. The nails of her hands and toes all came off. Her wounds were covered with pus and blood, and maggots hatched in them. We laid her down on the stretcher carefully and took her home. I held her on my lap flat on the floor. "Okachan!, Oniichan! (Mother, Elder brother!)" were her last words.

What a pity! I should have given her the glass of water she begged for so much.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 13
34-5204**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (20) — Died on Aug. 7. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Ashes found

(Elder sister)

We had been searching for her day after day in the city, knowing it was no use doing so. Afterwards, we were informed that she had died at Onoura medical aid station and we received her ashes. There was a slight mistake concerning her name, but it must have been her.

She had probably been badly burned or injured and was taken to the suburban aid station. The medical record indicated that she died the following day.

I felt terribly sorry for her. It was sad to see my parents in such deep grief at that time.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
34-5856**

Family member who died

- 1) Niece (20) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 7
0.3 km from ground zero

(Niece)

She was my husband's twenty-year-old niece and had been working for the Chugoku Electric Company. She was on the way to the office by tramcar (at Kamiya-cho), when the bomb was dropped. She was thrown out from the tram and had burns on her face. She went to the military parade ground and lay down there uncared-for. Because of her strong desire to go home, she started to walk and crawl to Koi. From there, she was taken back on a push-cart.

She died in agony on the 7th, the following day. It was unbearable to see a young and healthy girl like her go through such dreadful pain, losing all her normal functions in two days. A doctor had come to see her from Furuta Elementary School (temporary aid station) but did nothing more than dress her burns.

She was a victim of the cruelty of war. She died a young twenty year old (in agony) without having had any fun. We must never let this happen again by any means.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 17
34-6184**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (13) — Died on Aug. 7.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Remains found

(Younger sister)

I suppose my sister was caught under the house when she was evacuating the house, and that crushed her hip bones. I wonder how she got all the way to the science room of Koi Elementary School. She may have been carried there by someone. She lay there on the floor. It was covered with the blood and oil of the wounded and dead. My mother and I carried my sister to Koi River by a two wheeled cart and came back to Oono village by boat. The sight of the dead bodies (including my sister's) all piled up was just like a vision of hell.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-0102**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (14) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 2) Younger brother (12) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Younger brother 1) Missing.

(Younger brother 2)

He had fled to the river just after the Atomic Bomb was dropped. His burnt body was carried from place to place. My father, who was looking for his missing sons, got the information that one son was at the Kaikosha Company. My father and his neighbors went there and came back with him and his friend on the push cart around 4 o'clock on the morning of August 7.

His school uniform was burned and torn to bits. All his finger nails were torn and hanging down. As we cut his uniform with scissors, we found his body severely burned.

After he came home, he lost his normal senses and spoke in delirium. Sometimes he recovered his senses and said:

"We were attacked by just one airplane. If I die now, I will have died in battle, won't I? I'm sure Japan will win this war. Don't you think so?" And he began to sing a war song to himself.

"I met our next-door neighbor and he left promising he would come back soon

and take me home, but he never did. Father took my friend to his family, didn't he?" (The neighbor was busy looking for his wife and daughter.)

"Has brother come back?"

"Our teacher told us to jump into the river, so we did." (When he climbed up the steep bank, his finger nails were torn.)

I took care of him together with my mother and sister. Father went out to search for the other brother as dawn broke. Mother was paralyzed by her son's terrible condition.

He wanted to drink water very much saying, "Please give me water, please, please." But we couldn't give him that much because we thought drinking water was bad for him.

Gradually he became quiet. Unable to wait for his father's return, he breathed his last at 3 p.m. on the 8th. He was only 12 years old.

His death was too cruel and painful.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
13-14-029**

Family members who died

- 1) Uncle (28) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.3 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Cousin (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.3 km from epicenter
Never found
- 3) Aunt (24) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 8
0.3 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 4) Cousin (0) — Died in the womb in August.

At that time, my aunt's family was at the bus stop, Kamiya-cho, waiting to take their children to their home town. All the family was struck by the bomb. My cousin was knocked over. My uncle was burned to death instantly. My aunt was fatally wounded in the head. As she was pregnant, she began to go into labor. A medic at the scene gave her an injection, which helped her give birth to her baby. However, after that she grew weaker and weaker, and eventually both the mother and baby died.

It was very painful for me to hear this news. How I wished I could have found them sooner so that they could have at least died in bed. This is the bitterest and saddest memory of my life.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 35
12-0223

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (Age -unknown) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 7
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Second son (Age -unknown) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.6 -2.0 km from ground zero
- 3) Eldest daughter (Age -unknown) — Same as above

My husband was burned by the bomb on his way to the office. But he came home worrying only about our children. At that time, I could not look at him directly in the face, because it was distorted from the burn. We took shelter at the Senda-machi Primary School. The next morning, I found him breathing with difficulty and it was around 10 o'clock that he died, worrying about our oldest son who was separated from us during the school's evacuation.

My second son was also pitiful looking. His whole scalp had peeled off. That night, he and my daughter died both talking deliriously.

I felt so miserable because I could not do anything. There was no medicine and I could not even carry my children on my back.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 13
23-0080

- 1) Father (62) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 8
1.3 km from ground zero

(Father)

He went to Zakoba-cho on a work detail that day. His whole body was burnt so badly that only his alert eyes showed. His clothes were burned away. His hair was singed and looked shabby. His body was swollen up to twice its size. He dragged himself home and was only concerned about his children. I couldn't recognize him at first, but the voice was indeed my father's. He was hospitalized near by in Hakuai Hospital, and he died there calling our names. A policeman told me this afterwards, when I went to get my father's death notification.

We three children were sent to the emergency camp in Ninoshima Island. My younger sister was badly burnt and I took care of her for about three days without getting any sleep. All the wounded people were groaning and saying, "Water, water, water..." There were lots of young student workers all wearing name tags lying on straw mats. Only their eyes showed life like my father's. It was just like living hell. What a cruel death! Even if they asked for water, I was told not to give them too much, for they would die from drinking water. I really regret not letting them drink enough water because they would have died anyway.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 32
26-0038**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (12) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.8 km from ground zero

(Eldest son)

His body was cremated by my parents, husband, and others who used the pieces of wood gathered from the broken houses for a fire.

My eldest son was a very good student. He got good grades at a school and we had high hopes for his future. I clearly remember him looking for his textbooks and being disappointed at not finding them in spite of his coming home with a serious burn. He would study for two hours every day and then go out to clear away the building site (destroyed by the engineering soldiers) around Shiroshima Kuken-cho. On that tragic day, he was on his way to a work site with a white head band around his head and a textbook in his hand. It must have been near the railroad bridge, close to Nigitsu Shrine, since it was only three or four minutes after he left home. It seemed like he was hit by the flashing light on the back side. His head was totally burned, leaving the mark of the white head band. The skin was coming off and hanging down from both his arms and legs in pieces measuring 4 or 5 cm by 20 cm. It was like taking bark off a tree.

I truly regret that my son, full of promise for the future, died in vain. If he were alive, he would be 52 and in the prime of his manhood now. I could have spent the rest of my life with peace of mind.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 21
34-0118**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (23) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 8
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Husband)

When I found my husband on the evening on Aug. 6, half his face was burned. There was a hole on his back so big a person's fist could go into it. He was conscious. His fever began to get high around noon on Aug. 7. He had no appetite, except for water. When an army doctor saw him in the evening, he applied some medicine oil on the burn. He began to talk deliriously because of the pain. On the morning of Aug. 8, he vomited dark green liquid. In the afternoon his feces were as black as coal. After this he began to talk like a mad man. And it made me at a loss. I thought in spite of his agony, he was trying to reassure himself so that I would not worry too much. I knew this, but I did not know what to do. I just had to look at it that way. It was really rough for me. Toward the evening, he regained his senses and began to worry about our future. He was sleeping so soundly that I thought his pain seemed to be slightly better, but at midnight he died.

I was with him but couldn't do anything for him. I did not give him much water at the people's suggestion. I'll never forget these two things even as time goes by.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 26
34-1009**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (Age -unknown) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.2 km from ground zero

Mother was called out, as a member of the women's club, to Zakoba-cho (behind city hall). She was burnt all over and she had blistered hands and frizzled hair. Her shirt was torn apart looking like seaweed, except for the collar and cuffs. Her Monpe (women's work pants) were all gone, and barely remaining were white undershorts. Only a white handkerchief in the pocket remained where it was. On the morning of August 8, she abruptly began to struggle. She was in great pain and had nausea. There was nothing left to vomit. She was tormented. She looked tired out because of the struggle. After having a little talk with Father, she fell into a deep sleep and died. Until she died, she was alert, but spoke drowsily towards the end.

**Hiroshima, Went for rescue, Female, Age 19
34-4145**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (14) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.0 km from ground zero

(Younger brother)

On August 7 we found my brother lying in the grass, close to death, at the arsenal. (Present Hiroshima University Hospital) He may have gone there by himself, or may have been carried there by someone. He tried to get up when he heard the voices of his parents and sisters searching for him. My brother looked so different that we didn't recognize him. His head was swollen up like a big watermelon. He had a long burn mark due to the position of his soldier's cap. It showed only pores where he once had hair. The back of his head was burnt and the skin dangled. The inside of his mouth was also burnt and turning green. His school uniform was torn and his belt made of thick leather was burnt and twisted. Since there was little food at that time of the war, he murmured, "Lunch box...I can't find my lunch box..." My brother died at 5 on the evening on August 8, saying that we were hit by a direct bomb and that we would beat America.

He had only a short life during the severe food shortage, then he died a cruel death. Mother grieved until she passed away, wishing he was still alive. I deplored the fact that he must have suffered so much. We could not do anything but apply oil to his burns. We had no medicine. I'm always overwhelmed with sadness, because he passed away and we continued living.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 37
34-4516**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 8
0.7 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Eldest son)

My son was a student worker. I think he was exposed to the A-bomb near Hacchobori. He then fled to the upper hill above Waseda Shrine. There he took his last breath on the morning of the 8th. Many dead people had been gathered to the site where the engineering soldiers station had been. I found my dead son there. I could identify him by his name and school grade on his underwear. I reported his death to the police. I carried his body to the square of Ushita Park along with two of my relatives and we recited Buddhist scriptures for him. We cremated his body with lumber taken from collapsed houses here and there. At the park the flames of the cremation looked like they were burning the sky.

My dead son wore half-torn trousers and only one shoe. His face had a smile on it. I called his name many times because he looked alive because of a high fever with his red forehead. I wondered what was his fatal wound and I turned his body on his belly to examine him. Then I found the flesh of his back was already decaying, slipping down and with a bad smell. The lower half of his head looked as if it was shaved. His hands were swollen twice as big as normal.

We were ordered to extinguish the cremation fire after 3:30 p.m., for there was the fear of an air raid. We covered his body with soil to put out the fire and on 9th, the next day, we removed the soil and burned his body again. After the cremation we brought his ashes and bones back home.

I could not accept his death. However, I wanted to know how he spent his last two days and what his last words were. I wandered around and around the Ushita area often, for about a month, searching for information on him.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 36
34-5073**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (15) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
Distance from epicenter - not known.

(Eldest daughter)

My daughter was rescued and sent to a school by local defense volunteers and neighbors. She writhed in agony, conscious till she died. Why did such innocent people have to suffer like this? Despite her strong wish to live, she died young...I cried and cried for my daughter at that time.

I wanted to bear her pain, wishing to share her hardships. Such sorrow can be understood only by those who have lost their children. She didn't die a normal death. She died from the A-bomb. She didn't die, she was killed.

**Hiroshima, Went for rescue, Female, Age 11
34-5768**

Family member who died

1) Elder brother (15) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.7 km from ground zero

(Elder brother)

My elder brother was injured by the bombing when he was in Hakushima, doing demolition work as part of the student mobilization. His face was extremely swollen; his back was skinned and his arms infected. The burns on his hands especially were so terrible that the bones could be seen. He had rescued the other students and told them each to go back home. The only skin left was on his belly.

On Aug. 7 in the morning, my parents took him to Nagasaki Hospital in Yokokawa, Hiroshima, but there were no doctors there. In a fever, with hallucinations he shouted as if to his class-mates, "Go back home. You go this way." Not till 2:15 did he stop shouting and on Aug. 8 he died in the shelter. I heard this from my mother.

In the evening of Aug. 6, my parents were informed that my brother had been treated with oil all over his body and that he had gone back to Furuich. They rushed there taking a handcart with them. when he was brought home and came into the entrance hall, I went numb and stiff with fear; he looked completely different from that morning. I'll never forget this fearful scene, and his voice, "I'm dying!...I'm so thirsty! Give me water!" As I remember the scene I still cannot hold back my tears. His painful burns!

He was a very patient man, but that night he faced death he was unable to sleep. We had been told that even water was harmful for the injured, so I stood still, in turmoil, with a cup of well water in my hand. I can never forget my dilemma. It was literally hell.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 16
34-5783**

Family member who died

1) Mother (38) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
0.5 km from ground zero

(Mother)

She came home burned all over. I came home around 5 o'clock in the afternoon. As I was engaged in rescue work, I got some medicine from a nurse friend who worked in the Kyosai Hospital. I applied it to the burns all over her body, especially on the severe burns. In order to ease her pain, I boiled sea water and got

pieces of ice from an ice company in Moto-Ujina and put cold compresses on her body all night. The next day we had no more medicine, so I applied boric ointment which we had in our house.

The next day a medical officer saw her and gave her an injection. He told me she had no chance of survival. Late in the afternoon of that day she left several wills and passed away. On the night of Aug. 9 I cremated her all by myself. It took me all night.

I then devoted myself to nursing my younger brother who had burns all over his body. It was not until spring the next year that he finally recovered. His hair fell out and his body was like a skeleton. I made vegetable and fruit juices for him and applied new ointment every day. I kept finding maggots in his wounds till December.

I don't know how to explain my feelings about my mother's death. All I can say is that I was very distressed at this catastrophe.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 13
34-7075**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (34) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.0 km from ground zero

(Mother)

Though she had been very healthy, the A-bomb was too much for her. My father found her lying in front of the gate of Japan Red Cross Hospital. Her body was covered with white medicine. The flesh of her body was torn. On the night of Aug. 7., on their way back home, she was treated by the Akatsuki Corps. When she saw me, tears filled her eyes and she asked whether we all were safe or not. I said, "Yes, we're all right. All of us are at grandma's place." Then my mother praised me in tears, "You're a good girl." Several times she wanted water, but I did not give it to her as I had heard that drinking water would hasten death for A-bomb sufferers. She tried to say something to me but passed away.

What a cruel death! When I thought she had drawn her last breath, she came to herself and tried to say something to me. Then she stopped breathing and moved her lips again. She repeated this several times before she died. At last she was free from such great pain.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
34-7140**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (2) — Died on Aug. 8. Cause of death - unknown.
1.6 km from epicenter
Remains found

She was on my back when she died. I had a tiring walk to my parents' house in Aosaki and never thought my daughter had died while on my back. While I was in bed no one told me of her death. Finally they told me about her death one month later, the shock was beyond description.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 22
40-0083**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (26) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
2.0 km from ground zero

(Husband)

His grandfather, also injured by the bomb, found my husband. However, my husband was unable to speak because his body was severely burned. He was identified by his name tag. His skin was hanging like rags. He died three days later. His grandfather gathered materials for a fire and cremated him.

He died in hell. Such a hell, I hate to recall it. I wished I could die with him and curse this world.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 21
40-0706**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (56) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
1.3 km from ground zero

(Father)

My father was covered with bandages over his severe burns and injuries. His wounds were full of maggots. He was in extreme pain. Two days later, my brother and I entered the shelter, hearing an air-raid alarm. When we came out, we found him dead.

He was a very healthy man. I thanked him for having searched for us, though his injuries were very severe. We could not stand seeing him in such great pain. It was too cruel. Whenever we saw soldiers passing by we pleaded "Please let him die." I still regret that we could not prepare a box for his bones. We could do nothing for him.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
01-0118**

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (30) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
0.8 km from ground zero

- 2) Sister-in-law (Age -not known) — Died of serious burns on Aug.21

2.0 km from ground zero

- 3) Niece (Age -not known) — Killed by the bomb in August
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Husband)

He was injured by the bombing near the City Office while engaged in demolition work. He returned with severe burns all over his body except his hands, which were in leather gloves and his feet, in leather shoes. On Aug. 7, the city government sent a soldier to take him to the hospital. However, I suggested that the soldier take someone else as he had little hope of recovery. On Aug. 8 he died at Yuishinji Temple.

As his whole body was burned, I sprinkled oil on the futon (Japanese bed) and laid him on it. He was crying and calling the name of his son. It must have been torture for him to leave his son. I deeply regret that I could do nothing to relieve his great pain. I sometimes remember those dreadful days and wish he were still alive.

Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
34-1101

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (2) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
- 2) Younger brother (11) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero

(Younger sister)

About three seconds before the explosion, my younger brother had taken my younger sister outside in his arms. At that moment she was burnt all over her body. They ran away from the fire in the city and by accident they met Father in Shukkeien garden. My brother and my sister, who was on his back, were both blistered from burns. It was their last meeting for them. My sister died in my father's arms.

(Younger brother)

My brother ran away from the fire with my father and met us at Higashi drill ground. On Aug. 8 he suffered all night from his burns. There was no medicine or any thing for treatment. He died before daybreak on Aug. 9. As so many corpses were cremated, for many days I could not find my brother's remains.

In the midst of the city that had been totally destroyed by fire, my brother was injured by the fire. He looked for our parents, carrying my sister on his back, moving like a leaf with the flow of the crowd. Whenever I remember him I feel pity for the desperate situation that forced him to forget his own pain. He finally met my parents, but they had no medicine for him and found no way to treat his wounds. At that time, I was also in a critical condition from excessive bleeding. Our sorrow is far beyond description. It makes me reluctant to talk about the tragedy of my family, who asked for water over and over till they died. Everything that happened after the bombing was too cruel to tell. It was like hell.

Whenever I think of the inscription on the memorial monument "We shall not

repeat this mistake", I have some doubts about that word "mistake". "Mistake" is too empty for a survivor from hell, Hiroshima. It might express a wish for peace, but it is a word of those who are in a high position in Japanese society. I usually do not think of those dreadful days, but every August 6 when I hear the inscription read, I feel so exasperated.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
34-7301**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (45) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Younger brother (13) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
0.5 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Father)

My father, as a civilian attached to the navy, was managing a military assembly hall; petty officers were shipping assembly halls and lodgings for soldiers. He was engaged in this work from around October 1942, which Hiroshima City began as a first attempt. He was busy in his work and he was in the city at the time of A-bombing. I got some information about his death from one of his employees, who came to Hesaka, away from the devastated city. I collected his ashes on Aug. 8.

(Younger brother)

My younger brother, a second year student at junior high school, had been mobilized to do demolition work. When I found him, he was already dead in the auditorium of Kusatsu National Elementary School. An old lady next to my brother's bed talked about him with deep sorrow. According to her, he said, "I want to go back home. My sister, Why doesn't she come here and pick me up?" He never knew what had happened in Hiroshima and was expecting me to come and see him. We had met at Dobashi on the previous day. Nor did he know that our father had died, pinned under the building and our house burned down. I imagine how in patiently he had been waiting for my visit.

His neck and face except under his combat cap were swollen and burned. The skin from his chest to his hands was raw and peeled skin was hanging from his fingertips. His body looked so cruelly disfigured that I hardly believed that this person could be my brother. At the age of 12 he had to end his life alone. It was so pitiful.

(Maid)

She was one of our employees. I heard that she was from Shikoku. She was pinned under the building of the assembly hall and burned to death.

If my father were alive he would be 85 years old and he might be a bedridden old man. Forty years have passed since then. How often throughout my life have I wished that he were alive? He didn't have a chance to leave us his last words. Neither could any of us care for him on his deathbed. He died at the age of 45. I

imagine how overwhelmed he must have been.

If my younger brother were alive, he would be 52 years old. If he were alive, I often thought, I could get his advice. If I had found him a little earlier, or if I had done something else for him when I saw him last at Dobashi, I could give him as much water as he wanted. In those days, in order to protect the country from air raids, junior high school students and 1st and 2nd grade students of girl schools were mobilized for demolition work to prevent fire and to develop vacant lots. They all worked so hard, sacrificing their studies, without doubt hoping for the victory of Japan. Even though their lives were devoted to their country, their death is too cruel and sad.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
34-5054**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (51) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 7
Distance from epicenter - not known.
Remains found
- 2) Elder brother (26) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 8
Distance from epicenter - not known.
- 3) Father (57) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
0.8 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Father)

He was burned severely when on demolition work with our neighbors as the chief of the neighborhood group. The place of Teppo-cho was on the path of the roaring flames and I imagine he ran this way and that to escape from the fire. I am horrified by the scene I imagine...How painful the heat must have been. When he reached the house of his friend in Nakayama his clothes were burned and he was half-naked. I can never forget how he suffered, even though it must be beyond my imagination.

(Mother)

She was injured by the bomb when on her way to deliver a telegram to my father, who was working at Teppo-cho. When I found her in the refuge camp she was already dead. After being burned, she must have reached the camp with bare feet and only a few clothes on her body. I was stunned by the scene, I had no words. What great pain she had experienced! Her face, legs, hands, and other parts of her body were swollen from the inhalation of gases, though she was not so seriously burned. If I could have heard her last words...If I could have found her while she was still alive...My mother, an honest woman, devoted herself for the sake of the country. She knew nothing about atomic bombing. How pitiful...I have no words.

(Elder brother)

He was a sailor on a foreign route; he was still single. He was injured by the bomb when he disembarked. He was taking a rest at home that day. He had severe burns on his back and his ears were ripped off. He seemed to be in great pain, so we could not talk much. I'm sure he was in despair because our parents had died. I guess he thought of his possible recovery. On the night of Aug. 7, on the straw mat we talked with anxiety about our younger brother and his future and other things. He

was very gentle and a man of few words. I can never forget for the rest of my life the cruelty of his death, indeed it was hell.

Every time I think of my elder brother I am terribly distressed that I could not save him. His death was too cruel. I regret that I could not find him earlier. My brother could have survived somehow if I had taken him to the hospital.

At that time almost everybody was injured and couldn't help each other much. My younger brother and I tried to make a stretcher for him to take him to the hospital about 4 km away. But the hand-made stretcher proved to be of no use. Someone from the military corps came and took him to their place, but the next day we only received his ashes. No one could do anything in that desperate situation. The A-bomb is nothing but evil.

The A-bomb has dreadfully destructive power. For what purpose and for what kind of profit was this made? Why kill so many people? When I recall the scene and think of my parents and brother running around to escape from the flames, my feelings are unbearable.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
13-12-069**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (12) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Younger sister)

After Aug. 6 my father went to refugee camps and other places to look for my younger sister. Despite his efforts, my father could not find her. After a week or so, he almost gave up hope of finding her. On Aug. 15, however, we were informed by a stranger that her name was found in the records at the Army Hospital in Saka-machi. A soldier who took care of her on her deathbed told my father how she had been then. She wanted a pickled plum. But she did not eat it. Instead, she sang "Kimigayo" ("May the Emperor's reign be forever") and died. At that time she had been a 1st year highschool student and had joined in the demolition work in Zakoba-cho. Half of her body, especially her face and shoulders were burned. But the direct cause of her death seemed to have been radiation from the bomb. She was buried halfway up in the hill. My father cremated her and carried her skull back with him.

He wept on her deathbed because she could not even say "Father, mother..." Supported by the sentiment "For the sake of the nation," she conquered her last pain and loneliness. I appreciate that she did her best. Her death should not be meaningless.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
14-0035**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (42) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Father)

My father reached home, gasping for breath. He seemed to have walked a kilometer. He was completely covered with ashes; his clothes were torn apart and he had blisters all over the back of his hands. The nape of his neck was burnt along the brim of his hat. His burned arms, chest and thighs festered day by day. I saw maggots in the wounds just before he died. There were no doctors. The only remedy was to apply mercurochrome from our first aid bag or cooking oil. He complained of the pains till he died. I even thought he would be happier if he had stopped breathing because then he would have been released from pain.

He was a victim of the war. I experienced the cruelty of war. I thought of revenge while the war was going on. Now I think it was really awful that we were brain-washed by education in those days. It raised our militant spirit and made us have no doubt about the war and the battle.

Walking through the charred bodies and those with fresh wounds, I often visited a school gym to tend my injured friend who was sheltered there.

**Hiroshima, Went for rescue, Female, Age 17
34-0415**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (50) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Father)

My father's back was burnt entirely from his shoulders down to the waist, with the skin peeling off and red flesh showing. He complained of pains in his back when lying on the bed, and he said his hips hurt when sitting down. Mother and I supported his body from both sides whenever he wanted to change his position. Every time he drank water, he groaned from the pain. His face became sooty. A Japanese silverleaf, with holes for the parts of his eyes, nose and mouth, was put on his face. I guess it was to keep his face from the heat.

His death was too cruel. It was like a living hell. We lost the major wage earner in our family. From the very next day we were at a complete loss and didn't know what to do. Whenever I saw Mother suffering from poverty, I wished Father were still alive. I often wondered why he should have gone there on that very day. He would not have been bombed, if he had been there either on the previous day or on the following day. I want to shout out to the whole world that this tragedy must never be repeated.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 26
38-0129**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (13) — Seriously burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero

(Younger brother)

My father and elder brother were looking for him from place to place for two days after the A-bombing, since they didn't know where he was. They learned from his classmate's parents that he had been taken to the Japan Red Cross Hospital. They rushed to the hospital to pick him up. I heard that everyone there was charred black and it wasn't possible to tell who was who. My brother, however, was able to say his name clearly. They took him home, but on the following morning, three days after the bombing, he died. As I was sheltered at another place and couldn't move due to injury, I couldn't have a last look at him before he died.

I was so pleased to hear that he had been taken home. I said I would go and see him, but I couldn't move. Then informed that he soon had died, I felt pity for him and regretted that we couldn't do anything for him. I kept crying, thinking of my poor brother who had lost his mother half a year earlier and died without care of his family. I was told that my Father and my elder brother cremated him.

Even if I tell this awful story, I don't think anybody can understand how I felt at that time, unless he or she has been through a similar experience.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
40-0717**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (13) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero

(Younger brother)

My brother was at Dobashi, Hiroshima, when the atomic bomb was dropped, and he was sheltered at a school teacher's house near Koi Elementary School. We learned this on the 9th of August. My brother-in-law took him home. Our house had been burned down and we were staying at the house of a sister of my brother-in-law in Midori-machi. My brother's entire face was swollen with severe burns and so were his arms and legs. I was amazed at how he had survived and how he managed to come home in such a condition. But he could hardly eat, constantly complaining of the pain and crying for water. He died in agony soon after.

Getting to know that the area of Atago-machi, where our house was located, was reduced to ashes by the A-bombing, my brother ran away to Koi. He didn't know how to contact us from Koi. He met a person of the company where I was working (I was then employed by Toyo Kogyo) and told him/her who he was. He must have

worried about us. I went to Koi with Mother the very next day but couldn't find him because the number of bodies were piled up at Koi Elementary School and the list of them was yet to be completed. We came home in vain. The way my brother died was so terrible that I have no words to describe it.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
27-0296**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (17) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from hypocenter - unknown
Never found
- 2) Father (46) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Remains found

(Elder brother)

Where did my elder brother die? His remains have not been found. He was a gentle brother to me. He volunteered to be a member of a Kamikaze-like special attack force, but was rejected because of his poor physical condition. He was then assigned to work in Nihon Seiko Steel Company as a member of a student work force. I wonder whether he died instantly, directly bombed, or whether he died in agony, suffering from burns and injuries and waiting for his family to come. To me, he would have had a better death as a Kamikaze than to be killed by the atomic bomb. He died for no purpose at all!

(Father)

My father's body was infested and covered with maggots, so I heard. Mother told me that his body was burnt all over with very little of what he used to be. She would have had a hard time recognizing his body, had it not been for the birthmark on his back. I cannot imagine how she felt when she saw his body the way it was. The whole thing was hellish.

Losing her husband and her eldest son, Mother's mind wandered for a while. What is worse, her 3-year-old fourth and last son was drowned, thrusting his head into a water tank in Shimane Prefecture where he had been evacuated.

Give me back my Father, my elder Brother, and my younger Brother!

I loathe the war. I detest the atomic bomb.

We could have lived a better life if my father and elder brother hadn't died. Father was running a sheet metal factory, employing several workers. He was a prominent figure in our town and was well-respected. We were raised well and lived well thanks to Father, but his death changed everything completely. We were then forced to suffer poverty and sorrow. Whenever I think of my mother's hardships, I feel strong hatred toward war and atomic bombs. The government takes an irresponsible attitude, saying that it cannot be helped because it was war time. The government should take more responsibility for damage that the people had to sustain.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 13
34-1506**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (20) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 10
1.0 km from ground zero

(Elder brother)

My elder brother came back home in the evening, with his whole body covered with burns. He badly wanted water. The burns festered and were infested with maggots. He died in agony four days later. If I had known that he would have died, I would have given him as much water as he wanted.

We couldn't do anything but wait for him to die. If he were still alive, he would have been a good advisor to me.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 12
34-5389**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (15) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 10
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Elder sister)

Three days after the bombing, my elder sister returned home, accompanied by neighbors. She was burnt all over. Mother took great care of her, but she couldn't ease her pain. At the end she developed a swollen throat and choked to death.

We were told that she had been in a ditch on the road side for two days (the 6th and 7th); she tugged at legs of passers-by, asking them desperately to contact her family. Her miserable and desperate state made me speechless. How painful her burns were! What great pains she had to endure because of no proper treatment! She was my only elder sister, among seven brothers and sisters!

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 33
40-0501**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest son (14) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 10
0,5 km from hypocenter

(Eldest son)

We searched for my eldest son all over the city, every day from the 6th to the 10th of August. We were informed where he was when we came back to our evacuation site around noon of the 10th. So we went there with a cart to pick him up. When I met him, he told me a little about the bombing. But he lost consciousness while I left him to talk with those who took care of him. I took him home on the cart, and on the way home he received an injection at the Army Hospital.

He died that night. He breathed his last breath with sorrow, telling me about the state of the city right after the bombing. Child is a part of the mother, and I was grief-stricken when I lost him, but I tried to be brave for my other children and for the one who was to come.

He was fifteen when he died and was young and healthy. His face showed nothing unusual and he appeared to be even smiling. He told me that after the bombing he swam across the Ota River with soldiers of the 2nd division and escaped to Futaba-no-sato. He seemed to have hit his hip. He had only a slight injury on his face. He told me that he was crouching in a crowded train when the bomb was dropped.

The memory of him always makes me cry, even today. I am determined to try to work hard to eradicate nuclear arms from the earth and to contribute to bring peace to the world.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 22
12-0232**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (17) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 12
Distance from hypocenter - unknown

(Younger sister)

She was seriously burnt and injured. A doctor from the Japan Red Cross Hospital came to treat her and told me that several of her ribs as well as both her legs were broken; both arms were burnt; most of her neck bones were damaged due to her head injury. The most serious concern was perhaps her skull and neck were broken, he said. The doctor said that it was a miracle that she had survived so far and that she must have tried very hard not to die until she saw her family. He wanted to give her better treatment and medication but all he could do, as he told me, was to treat her with simple mercurochrome because he had nothing else with him.

I wish I could have found her even a little earlier and given her better care. But at the place I found her all I could do was give her consoling words and assist her to get up or lie down, rub her body and help her drink water. We were merely waiting for her death. It was a miserable way to die. I sincerely thought that if I could die at home I would not care what disease befell me, but I could never tolerate death in such a manner and in such a place as where my sister died.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from hypocenter, Male, Age 29
18-0018**

Family member who died

- 1) Sister-in-law (19) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 12
0.8 km from hypocenter

(Sister-in-law)

She was working at the Hiroshima Branch of the Bank of Japan at Shirokami-cho.

She was getting off the city tram in front of Shirokami Shrine at the moment of the A-bombing. The tram car sheltered her from the direct hit and she managed to get to the bank building. She couldn't, however, move from that place, and family members went there to take her home on a stretcher on the 9th of August.

I arranged the stretcher for her that day but had to go back to Kokura City on my company duty. I was told later by my wife about her death. She died in agony, saying "I swallowed a foot-long bar of fire. It is painful. I don't want to die."

As I was assigned to work at a military-related company, I was not allowed to free myself from the job at my own will. This prevented me from doing anything for her when she died half insane, as my wife told me. It was regretful that I couldn't do anything for her.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from hypocenter, Male, Age 42
34-10140

Family members who died

- 1) Wife (40) — Died of serious injuries, burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 12
1.8 km from hypocenter
- 2) Fifth daughter (1) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 12
1.8 km from hypocenter

(Wife)

Her back was severely burned. Her face was not disfigured but there were wounds in her temple, so deep that two fingers could fit in. These were caused when the house fell down on her. She died in great agony from severe loss of blood and symptoms of erysipelas. She couldn't walk and needed assistance when she went to the toilet, which annoyed her.

(Fifth daughter)

She was severely injured on the top of her head, shedding a lot of blood, and died with no effective treatment available.

When she died, doctors, nurses and our friends visited me to console me. I was ready for my daughter's death because her head injury was serious. But when my wife died in the evening of the same day, I was shocked by her sudden death. She left me five children I had to look after. I didn't know what to do all by myself. I hated and loathed the Americans who forced non-military people to die under such miserable circumstances. I was filled with a feeling of revenge towards Americans for the death of my loved ones.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
14-2008**

Family members who died

- 1) Grandmother (age - unknown) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.2 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (14) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.1 km from epicenter
- 3) Aunt (26) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.2 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 4) Niece (3) — Same as above
- 5) Nephew (1) — Same as above
- 6) Father (49) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 13
0.2 km from epicenter

(Grandmother, Aunt, Niece and Nephew)

They were identified by the size of the charred skeletons and from the places where the bones were found in the house. The body in the kitchen must have been our Aunt's, the ones in the living room must have been the kids, and the one found at the entrance to the bomb shelter dug underneath the entrance hall must have been Grandmother's. Her body was only half charred so that they had to cremate it to bury her, so my mother told me.

(Father)

Father was caught under a piece of heavy machinery. As it was inside the building, he didn't have burns. We treated him for his injuries without a doctor's help. He died on the 7th day after the bombing. Until then he has spilled out green discharge from both his mouth and anus, as if he was decaying from the inside.

(Younger sister)

She was in the 2nd year at the City Girls' Junior High School and was working outside on housing demolition work in the center of the city. We do not yet know where she died. I have sometimes had a nightmare that my sister with her whole body burned, came back home. I saw many people whose body was severely burned. The sight of them made me dream of my sister being burnt. I lamented in a dream to see her burned seriously like the others.

We took Father to the doctor's but even the doctor did not know how to treat him. He gave my father an injection for mere consolation. I believe that, since my father spent the night after the bombing in a shelter and drank spoiled water, his internal organs were indeed festered. My little sisters were, as I remember, afraid of him and did not want to go near him.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from hypocenter, Female, Age 20
34-0442**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (17) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 13
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Younger sister)

She was seventeen and had just got a job that year. She was on Hon-Dori Street when the bomb was dropped, and she desperately hurried back to the house which was burned down. She was unable to walk from that time on and was suffering from bruises all over. She could scarcely eat, and suffered from pain every day. We took her to the Japan Red Cross Hospital, but doctors refused to examine her because she has no visible injury. I couldn't do anything to help my poor sister who was in agony right before our own eyes. She died a week later, on the 13th of August, and we cremated her on the riverside. What a pity!

(Mother)

She was 49 years old when she died. She had become listless and easily tired without knowing what was wrong with her. Unable to work, she went to see many doctors, but without knowing the cause she grew thinner and thinner. She died in December 1946. I wish she had lived longer.

Being left alone, I remained vacant for some time. Both my sister and Mother endured great hardships during the war and died such cruel deaths. When I think of them, the way they died makes me furious.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 20
34-4412**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (15) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 13
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Younger sister)

My sister, who had been burned all over, was taken home in bandages with holes just for her eyes, nose, and mouth. Barely conscious she cried again and again that the burns hurt her so much and she begged for water. She seemed to enjoy the piece of ice that we pushed into her mouth. Then she moaned, "You promised to give me a peach when I got home, didn't you?", but of course there were no peaches.

When the bomb exploded like a flash of lightning, she found all the people were rushing about to escape, so she followed them. She was frightened for her life because she found fires everywhere she went. She went to a water tank, only to find dead people with their heads stuck in the tank. The thought that she would die, too, if she drank out of it, prevented her. This is what she told me bit by bit. The part of her head where she had tied her headband was not burnt. Her toes were hanging lifelessly; they were charred. Her trunk and back had skin dangling down. I

shuddered when I found that the inside of her bandage was full of maggots. The big ones and tiny ones were all crawling around eating the burnt flesh. I really can't put this into words.

I wondered whether she was lucky to be found and taken back home by her father, who did so with great effort. Then I thought she might have suffered less if she had been killed instantly because her pain I knew was unbearable.

As a young girl I many times wished I could have suffered her pain for her.

I was so sorry that she had to suffer such great pain day after day without medicine or any thing good to eat.

My elder sister, who had been working in the surgery Department of the Military-Ship Headquarters, was unable to witness her younger sister's death or attend her funeral. She was busy both day and night giving medical treatment to the sufferers of the bomb. She hoped to look after many more of these miserable people and spent her time doing this. They were part of an enormous number of seriously wounded people.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
37-0038**

Family members who died

- 1) Second son (0) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.6 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Mother-in-law (72) — Same as above
- 3) Husband (37) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 14
1.6 km from epicenter

(Husband)

The whole of his body, from head to toe, was seriously burnt. He had his shoulder sutured by 20 stitches. A week later, his testicles became swollen, and an injection was used ten times to make them smaller. Later, he had a cerebral tumor, he became insane, and died. He drank 2 liters of water, and his keloids looked like a watery pink peach.

(Second son)

He was burnt to ashes under the fallen house.

(Mother-in-law)

She crawled out from under the fallen house and then she died.

My husband was seriously injured but I had to leave the fallen house as it was. When the fires drew nearer, I had no choice but to run. It was a most cruel death which makes me cry whenever I think about it. My husband, too, died a week later even though he, who had been injured, managed to flee.

My own mother and father were killed, too. I really couldn't cry because of such a bitter situation. I saw the death of my mother and father, my mother-in-law, my husband, and my second son: All five people at once! It would have been more consoling if I could have shed tears.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, male, Age 22
28-0144

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (40) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 13
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Younger sister (3) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 14
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Mother)

Although my mother had burns and wounds, they weren't so serious and I didn't think she would die. After about six days, her gums started to bleed, her hair came out in tufts, her words became unclear, and without losing consciousness she died a terribly painful death.

(Younger sister)

She died the day after my mother's death in a similar way. I kept hugging her, and she died in my arms calling for her mother, "Mom, Mom."

This can only be described as a cruel way to die. I lived for a long time unable to accept my mother's death as reality. Whenever I saw a mother her age with a baby on her back, I called her, "Mother!" I'm so sorry for my mother who, I know, used to have difficulty in getting enough food to eat. Were my mother alive now, I could have offered her a happy life. I regret it very much.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
01-2016

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (43) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 14
1.7 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Mother)

My mother was somewhere around Tsurumi Bridge on her way to find a house to live in when the bomb fell. She had to do this as she received an order to get out of her house as it was to be removed. They say she stayed around Tsurumi Bridge until about 4 p.m. She was then taken to an accommodation-spot by a military truck. The spot was in Ujina-machi. Later, on August 12, she was given shelter again, this time in Sakamura Yokohama Primary School, in the suburbs of Hiroshima. They said she had been in fair condition at that time.

On August 14, around noon, a man in charge of the accommodation-spot (a man from the village administration) came to her; she begged him to take care of her child

(me). She handed him her money, her bankbook, and her registered seal (which she had always kept wrapped in her waist band), so that he could hand them over to me, (when I came in search of her). She informed him of the address of her country home in Oasa where he could send them in case her child did not turn up.

As my mother seemed quite fit, the man from the village administration was greatly surprised and said, "Cheer up my good lady, you shouldn't be so discouraged and say such things. You are quite all right". Two hours later, at 2 p.m., she died. She knew she could no longer live, though she appeared to be a healthy woman.

So I lost my mother.

In those days, we were in a dangerous situation, with bombs coming down at any time. As I could not leave Hiroshima where I served in the student-mobilization, I said to my mother, "Why don't you get evacuated to one hometown, Oasa, as it will be more dangerous here from now on?" My mother agreed; she sensed the danger too. She went to the city office of Hiroshima, to take steps in order to leave Hiroshima, but she was not allowed to do so. She was told that no citizen under age 50 was allowed to leave Hiroshima as the citizens of Hiroshima had the responsibility to protect the home front. My mother always said, "When we have to die, let's die together".

If they had allowed her to go through the procedures to leave Hiroshima then, my mother would still be alive. Who do you think is to blame for her death?

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 29
34-0523**

Family member who died

1) Husband (31) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 14
0.35 km from epicenter

(Husband)

Although I succeeded in finding my husband two days after the bomb, he became bedridden. His stomach would not take any of the thin rice gruel that I made; I made this by adding water to a rice ball that I got from the emergency-distribution of boiled rice. What's worse, the diarrhea gradually changed into blood and he talked about the pain in his chest. "I can live only two more days. Please take care of the children. What a pity I have to die like this". He seemed to regret it very much. He didn't lose consciousness at all, but told me that he felt his hands were numb and later on, that half of his body felt senseless and therefore seemed lifeless. He put out his hand and asked me to take his pulse. He finished all he had to say. Then he told me he could no longer speak clearly, and that his eyes were clouding. Just as he said, on the second day, his life of 31 years ended.

As I have written above, I could not do anything to console my husband. I was at a loss for ways to cure him. That has distressed me. It was like a picture of hell, indeed, the open air filled with the smell and smoke coming from bodies that were being burnt here and there, and no doctor to be found. We must never start another

war.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 22
34-1715**

Family member who died

- 1) Brother-in-law (42) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 14
1.0 km from ground zero

(Brother-in-law)

While being mobilized to join the work of removing buildings in the city, my brother-in-law was bombed at a spot 1 km from ground zero. He only got scratches, but about three days later he came down with a high fever and vomited blood. He could no longer take any food as the inside of his mouth was burned. He began to vomit a lot of blood. While I was simply helpless, he writhed about in agony, and on August 14 died. My elder sister, who had been evacuated to her parent's home, had to face hardship from that time on. How hard she worked to bring up three infants after she lost her husband. She lost her house in a fire also. She did unfamiliar work, without any compensation. Her struggle cannot be put in words.

As I had seen the cruel death of my brother-in-law, every day was filled with fear and anxiety for me. In September, I had a fever, too, and there were days when my condition seemed like dysentery, but I recovered a month later. Nevertheless, I have days of anxiety, not being able to forget the picture of my brother-in-law in extreme pain. I am sorry for my elder sister and regret the death of her husband very much.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
34-6110**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (28) — Died of serious wounds on Aug. 14
1.0 km from epicenter

(Husband)

Even my husband's family members could hardly make out that it was my husband. His head was lacerated, his right arm was dangling, his lungs torn, and his heart was damaged. The upper part of his body was cut all over, and he was a pitiful sight. His whole body was covered with blood. Even today I consider it a wonder that he managed to survive for a while. Complaining about the pain, he died a week later. When I went to pick up his bones after cremation, I saw that the burnt body still had a piece of glass stuck behind his ear. We cried aloud at such an awful sight. Whenever I think about it, my heart aches.

It was indeed a cruel death. I regret that I had not been able to find him earlier. I can't help complaining because I want him to be alive now. I shall never be able to forget these sad and painful 40 years. I want to shout at the top of my voice: "Please give me back my husband!"

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
09-0054**

Family members who died

- 1) Aunt (age -unknown) — Crushed and burnt to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Boy cousin (15) — Same as above
- 3) Girl cousin (13) — Same as above
- 4) Girl cousin (11) — Same as above
- 5) Uncle (Age -unknown) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 15
1.0 km from epicenter

My uncle, who died on August 15, told us that he had been bombed by the A-bomb when he had been out walking. When he rushed home he found the house collapsed. There were a couple of fires coming from it. Being unable to rescue his wife and children (who had been trapped inside) he had no choice but to wait until the whole house burnt down. He came back to my house on August 10 carrying the bones of his wife and children.

(Uncle)

The skin on his face and hands was dangling down. The clothes he wore were ragged. He was such a frightful sight. I remember it even now. After the night he came back, he came down with a high fever. It seemed to have caused him nightmares.

Both my mother and father looked after him as much as they could but he died early on the morning of August 15. Now that I think about it, I feel I can understand how he felt. He was in a seriously injured state and he waited for 2 days and nights without any sleep, till his house was completely burnt down. Then he burnt the bodies and brought the bones home to be buried. He had a strong wish to do this with his own hands.

I am over 60 years old now and still leading my life. Whenever I think of the A-bomb, I pray that the souls like those of my uncle, my aunt, and my cousins (who were not rescued though they were then still live), may be at peace. But are their souls really at peace now? Although 40 years have passed, I still abhor the A-bomb.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 20
34-5406**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (57) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.3 km from epicenter
Ashes found

2) Younger sister (16) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 15
0.5 km from ground zero

(Father)

My father's bones (only the back bones) were found at a spot where our living room had been, in the ruins of my house. The bones were found within a circle 30 cm in diameter. When they dug they found the bones piled vertically instead of lying sideways.

(Younger sister)

On August 7, around noon, my sister fled on foot from the spot where she had been: (The former First Prefectural School for Girls). She went to a room in the upper part of Koi where she had kept her baggage. From that time, she became bedridden, and gradually she weakened. On August 15th around 10 a.m., she bled from the gums in her mouth, had a bloody discharge, and died.

I wanted my father to be alive, though I cannot imagine how he died. No doctor said "yes" to my inquiry to come and see my sister. How I wish I could have had a doctor come see her. Although I know it must have been impossible to have a doctor make a house call for us at such a time, I still regret that she died without receiving any medical treatment.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
26-0025

Family members who died

a) Father-in-law (66) — Died of serious wounds and burns on Aug. 10
Distance from epicenter - unknown

b) Husband (29) — Died of serious wounds and burns on Aug. 15
1.0 km from ground zero

(Father-in-law)

Without his remains and possessions, I couldn't hold a funeral, which was very maddening.

(Husband)

It was a bit consoling that even in such an unfortunate situation we were accommodated together and were given medical treatment. As he had been burned all over, he could not lie down or sit. He had to stand up on the heel of his foot. We only had mercurochrome to apply to treat his burns.

I suppose there had been maggots eating the pus under the scab, for I saw them squirming. I remember clearly him telling me that he could hear the music of the future. The maggots in his ears might have been the cause. As there were a great many people who died every day, he was cremated with other people. I was given no bones, which made me sad indeed.

In the homeland, injuries and deaths were like those on a battle ground. On the day of the bombing, there was neither a hospital nor a doctor, but only field hospitals.

I got to know the fears of the war thoroughly. I realize that if he had had enough treatment, he would have been alive now. Losing the support of my family (my father-in-law and my husband) I was at a loss what to do. My house and all my belongings were gone, and I just managed to recover with the support of my family and relatives. (That was the only opportunity I had of being in my homeland).

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 36
22-0357

Family members who died

- 1) Second daughter (8) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 11
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Second son (9) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 15
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Second son)

He was burnt on the back of his head and all down his back.

(Second daughter)

Her face was burnt.

Both of them suffered a lot and I was so sorry for them.

My child of ten years old was crying in agony saying that he hated war and that it frightened him. My heart broke to see such a pitiful sight.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
22-0127

Family member who died

- 1) Father (52) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 15
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Father)

In the water of a tank my father trod water while the sparks flew in. He stayed there in the summer's cold water for 12 hours. Then, after trying many times, he managed to crawl out. As he had bitten his tongue, he shouted in pain each time I put a piece of tomato in his mouth. While he listened to the Emperor's words about the defeat, he died, saying in a few words that he was sure there had to be some mistake.

After the death of my father who had been the support of our family, I had to face a hard life. It was one I had never led before. In the daytime, I went to school and at night, I worked. I went to the dormitory of a boarding school where I had kind friends who helped me.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 24
34-0441**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (59) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 15
2.0 km from ground zero

(Mother)

My mother was directly affected by the bomb, burns on her face, neck and limbs. From August 10 in the 10th year of Showa, her skin dried up because of the burns. She became unconscious with a high fever. She died on the 15th around 4 p.m. after having diarrhea and nausea.

Until she fell unconscious, she writhed in agony with a bloody discharge and diarrhea.

Mother had always been healthy. She was 59 years old when she died. I never dreamt that she could die that way. I really can't imagine such a cruel death: To die without any doctor or medicine. Even now, I often remember that day. I wish she could have lived a long life. I regret it so much.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 12
34-6198**

Family member who died

- 1) younger sister (6) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 15 or 16
2.0 km from ground zero

(Younger sister)

She got a blister from the burn on her back. We fed our brother who we thought would not live, and as for my sister, we did not think she would die at all. She stayed in bed, but on the 15th or maybe on the 16th, she begged us to let her wear a pretty kimono. She went to her friend in the neighborhood to show it, she came home for lunch, and then she died. There were many maggots on her. We had some white ointment put on her, but in vain. She had to lie on her face, and she complained that the burn on her back hurt her.

My sister died, and it makes me wonder if she could have survived if I had let her eat enough food. As for my brother, he survived, though I had given him up. Now I come to think that all this might have been in the providence of God.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-0107**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (12) — Died on Aug. 6.
Cause of death - not known.
Distance from epicenter - not known.
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (14) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 16
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Younger sister [1])

Missing. She went out to buy ice. Right at the moment of the bombing, about thirteen people were in front of the ice shop. Someone in the house across from the shop told us that people were blown up over the roof of the shop. Unfortunately, we found neither her corpse nor even any bones. Mother had told me to go to the ice shop, and it turned out that she went and died instead of me. I am still in agony after 40 years.

(Younger sister [2])

She suffered the A-bombing when she was out helping to tear down the houses for evacuation. Father looked for her all over, and when he found her, the thirteen-year old girl's back was completely burned. He put a board on the back of his bicycle and laid her down. He then traveled from Fuchu-machi to Itsukaichi where we stayed at our relative's since our house had been burned down. Her burns were already completely inflamed, and she repeatedly screamed, "It hurts." We had to pick maggots from her burns with a pincette. On August 16, she suddenly screamed out, "Mother!" and then she died.

I regret that we could not find my 14-year-old sister earlier. But, in any event, there was no medicine. Indeed, we could not do anything for her. They are sisters for me. But how sad my mother felt for her children's death! She was also suffering from diarrhea and vomiting. On top of that, she had to take care of her daughters. Her hair was also falling out.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 11
29-0021**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (13) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 16
1.5 km from ground zero

(Elder brother)

The back of her body was entirely burned. She had some appetite from August 6 to 11, but from around August 12, she lost her appetite and gradually became unable to take even the food she wanted. She grew weaker very quickly, and just before dawn on August 16, she died in agony. She was conscious until the end and said farewell to everybody. Especially she thanked me for taking care of her when she was

ill.

Even now, whenever I reflect upon the way my sister died, my tears pour out in agony and sadness. I have no more sisters, and I was left alone. I miss my sister, and there is not even a day which I do not wish she were alive. Her mind stayed so clear until the end. She struggled in pain with her fingers in the air when she was not able to breathe. I remember the movement of the fingers so vividly, and I can never forget my sorrow and anger for the cruel death of the thirteen-year-old child.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 11
11-0042**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (49) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (37) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 17
1.1 km from epicenter

(Father)

I found his bones, which crumbled when I tried to pick them up. I scooped them up with my hands and brought them back home.

(Mother)

Two thirds of her body was burned. I took her from the Red Cross Hospital to grandmother's house in Oda Village, Takada County. Maggots swarmed all over her body. She cried in pain whenever grandmother tried to pick them out. She could not say a word for eleven days except for the moment just before her death when she moaned, "Water, Water."

I hated the war for taking away both of my parents. I could believe neither in God nor in Buddha. If even one of my parents were saved, I believe that the suffering of the past forty years would have been lessened. After their deaths, because of a problem concerning the inheritance, my sister and I could not live together. Now, after living for forty years in difficult circumstances, I never want my two sons to suffer the misery of war as I did.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-0114**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (28) — Died on Aug. 13
0.5 km from ground zero
- 2) Father (63) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 17
0.5 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was inside the house when the bomb was dropped. When he became conscious, he found himself buried under the fallen house. He saw fire above him and desperately pushed away the beams, poles, pieces of wood, and tiles in order to come

out and make his way to the Honkawa River behind the house. Then somebody gave him a futon, which he soaked with water from the river and put over his head. After a while, he walked through the back of the Hiroshima Station and took the Funakoshi Pass. When he finally got back home in the evening, he was unsteady. He had a pain in his throat, and because of severe diarrhea since then, he could not eat anything. He died on the seventeenth.

(Elder brother)

He was already dead when my family member found him at the post in Yoshida. He died on the thirteenth. Both my father and brother were in Takajou-machi at the time of the bombing.

Because I was also suffering from burns all over my body, I could not tend them when they died. My family took me back home on a stretcher after four days. They told me that my father had worried about me and had told them to take care of me rather than of himself. He could not eat at all because of severe diarrhea. My family followed his wishes and took care of me rather than him (perhaps because he was not really burned). It was when they were busy taking care of me, however, that he died. I will work hard together with others, so that such a tragedy will never be repeated.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 8
20-0068**

1) Father (52) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 17
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Father)

He suffered serious burns and was carried by a volunteer group of youths to the army hospital. When he was taken away, he said, "Take care of ..." After a few days, we went to the hometown of my mother with my father. Our neighbors avoided him because his burned body was covered with maggots and had a strong, bad smell. He pleaded with us to give him water, and we did so, thinking that if this is his end, he should have as much water as he wanted.

I was only eight then, so I do not remember much. When he was about to pass away, I was called to his bed. And I just stood there watching him. I stood there absent-mindedly, that is all I can say.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
34-5996**

Family member who died

1) Uncle (43) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 17
0.8 km from hypocenter

(Uncle)

He was not injured at all, but from August 7 he completely lost his appetite and began to suffer from pain. On August 9, my aunt laid him on a small cart and left the city for Itsukaichi. I was told that soon after there appeared spots on his skin. He vomited and finally spat out enough blood to fill a basin. He passed away around

eleven o'clock on August 17.

I could not go to see him because I was taking care of my younger brother who was seriously burned, but my mother was there during his last moments.

In those days, because my father was not with us, I thought of my uncle as my own father. I do not know how to describe this: my uncle had no injuries, yet his internal organs completely melted away.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 10
34-7197**

Family member who died

1) Elder sister (14) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 17
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Elder sister)

She was injured and burned all over her body. there was a hole cut deep in her head. Maggots grew on her body and she writhed in pain. After she died, we could see clearly the outline of her body made by pus on the mattress, the tatami, and even on the floor board beneath.

Although she was taken to the post in Niejima Island, she was not treated there, but just waited to die. We took her to a hospital in my father's hometown, but they just said, "She won't live as she is now," and did not give her any treatment at all. She died at our aunt's house on August 17. It is sad for me to think that she could not receive any help and that she did not want to die. However, her words are still alive for me, and they give me the courage to live.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-0115**

Family member who died

1) Mother (42) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 18
1.7 km from hypocenter

(Mother)

On that day my mother was caught in the bombing near the Tsurumi Bridge in Yano Town while she was doing volunteer work. She was saved and brought to the Yano Grammar School. Her whole body was burned, but even with her swollen face she worried about me. The other people lying down in the classrooms were asking for water and breathing with difficulty.

I cut her skin open, squeezed out pus and liquid with tweezers, and applied medicine and oil. I did everything they said was good for burns. She started to have bloody stools, and finally on the evening of August 18, she passed away. We cremated her in a hole dug in the ground.

I am sure that my mother, dying in this agonizing way hated the idea of leaving young children behind. I can never forget that she was crying every day, "I cannot

die leaving these children." My younger brother was also bombed and taken to the same camp. Moreover, we received the news of the death of my elder brother and I was completely lost. It has been 40 years now. Since then I have lived taking care of my other brothers and sisters, wishing that such agony will never be repeated.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 29
34-3625**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (27) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 18
Near ground zero

(Younger brother)

Two days after the bombing she began to feel exhausted, and her face turned purple and her mouth bled. Her hemorrhage continued for two weeks, and she died without recovering consciousness.

Whenever I think that if the atomic bomb had not been dropped, she would not have had to die such a miserable death. She would be enjoying her health right now. I cannot help holding a grudge against the atomic bomb even 40 years afterwards.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 21
34-5912**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (32) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 18
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Elder sister)

We were told that she was taken to a refuge of Furuichi. We managed to take her to an acquaintance's house of Yamamoto, Gion-cho. Her whole body was burned and bones were bare at some parts. She died in agony, crying for water and asking us to look after her children. Her cruel death is still vivid in my memory.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 31
14-2018**

Family members who died

- 1) Father-in-law (66) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Aunt (57) — Died in the explosion on Aug. 6
Distance from hypocenter - not known.
Never found
- 3) Niece (6) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - not known.
0.5 km from hypocenter
Ashes found

4) Mother-in-law (67) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 19
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Father-in-law)

I heard that his body had been burned and that he had neither feet nor hands. His brain had not been burned. It was filled with white ants when we found him after four days.

(Niece)

Since she was only six years old and her bones were soft, her corpse turned almost entirely into white ashes. When we touched it with our hands it crumbled into powder.

(Mother-in-law)

I heard that her burns were so bad that her skin peeled off when they touched her. It was also said that she had swallowed a piece of burning material or something, and that her mouth, red at first, turned white, and then the skin came off, giving her great pain. It is said that she died in agony on the morning of August 19.

I was told that my mother-in-law had lamented and cried, saying that she could not forgive herself for being saved alone, and that she could not face her son who had entrusted his child to her. I was also told that she did not think about her own imminent death but just screamed about her grandchild, repeating, "It hurts," until she could no longer talk.

I went back home once to bring back food, but when I arrived at Kure on August 21, she had already died. It was a great pity.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
23-0066

Family members who died

1) Elder brother (18) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 19
1.0 km from hypocenter

2) Male cousin (Age - unknown) — Died on Aug. 19.
Cause of death - not known.
Distance from hypocenter - not known.

3) Female cousin (Age -unknown) — Same as above

(Elder brother)

Three days later on August 9, my father, mother and elder sister finally found him on the lawn of the national hospital. They laid him out on a door and carried him home by truck. He was burned and injured all over with innumerable pieces of glass in his body. Every time the doctor took out a piece of glass without an anesthetic, my brother screamed horribly. This continued every day. His fever was also continuously high.

Just before his death, he ate several pieces of ice, crushing them with his teeth. He said it tasted good. This was his death, and I do not want to remember it.

(Cousins)

On the same day, but at different times, two of my cousins died. The boy returned home without any injury, but he had lost his hair and died with a high fever. His younger sister's body was burned all over, and she was covered by maggots and died.

Their parents lost their minds with grief. I felt sorry for surviving alone and had many painful days. Even now, because I remind her of her children whenever I meet my aunt, I feel the same.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 18
34-4319**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (50) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 19
Entered the city after the bomb
- 2) aunt (Age - unknown) — Died of serious burns.
Date of death - not known.
2.0 km from hypocenter
- 3) Niece (Age -unknown) — Cause and date of death - not known.
Distance from hypocenter - not known.

(Father)

He entered the city on the day after the bombing in order to look for the body of my niece. Inside the city, he drank water from a water pipe. This caused stomach pain and bloody stools that same night. There was neither a doctor nor any medicine. He died on August 19.

In spite of the stomach pain, he asked desperately for water, but we were afraid that as rumor had it, if we gave him water, he would die. I regret now that we could not give him any treatment.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
22-0020**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (53) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - not known.
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 2) Mother (about 40) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 20
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Father)

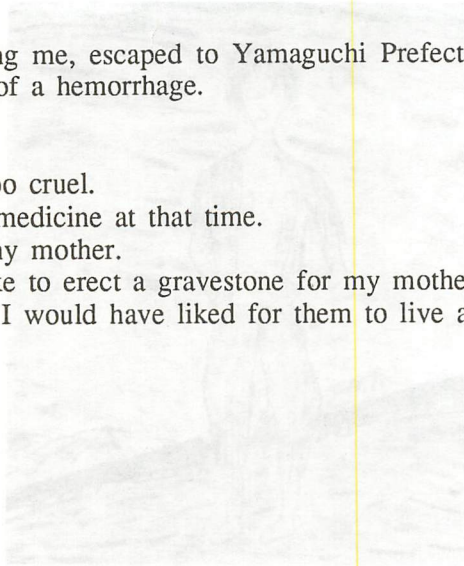
My mother rescued my father, who was crushed under our house, and took him to the Sentei, the garden of the Asano clan. She laid him down near the wall of the garden and came to find me. Later we learned from the police that he had died on the spot.

(Mother)

My mother, helping me, escaped to Yamaguchi Prefecture, but she died at my uncle's house because of a hemorrhage.

Something I feel:

- a) Their deaths were too cruel.
- b) I wish we had had medicine at that time.
- c) I was a burden to my mother.
- d) At least, I would like to erect a gravestone for my mother and father.
- e) But more than that, I would have liked for them to live a little longer.



A young mother embracing her dead baby who was less than one year old. An atomic bomb took the life of the infant. Painting TONOOKA Kanji, age 27 in 1945.

III. Deaths by the End of August

Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 16
17-0089

Family member who died

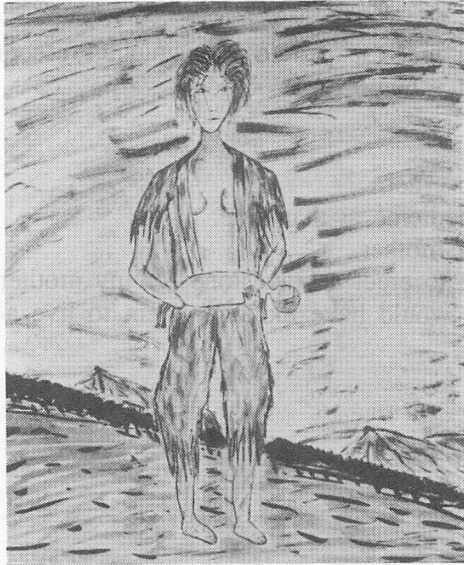
1) Elder brother (22) - Died of mening disease on Aug. 21
0.25 km from epicenter

(Elder brother)

From the 14th to the 18th of August, I searched for him around the city, from one first-aid-station to another, but I couldn't find him. I went back home. The moment I got there, a postcard and a letter arrived. I found that they had been written on the 8th and 12th. The former said (probably written with a charcoal stick), "You need not worry about me; I'm in good spirits," and the latter, "I am weary all over. I can barely move - I am in a train bound for a temporary hospital for the Army in Tojo."

After I arrived, my father left for Tojo to bring his son back with him. Later, my mother went there with some medicines and other things. They got a doctor to come and see my brother, to give him injections and the like. But he was so fevish and so weakened that he was beyond medical help. They said there was nothing to do but to watch him die.

After suffering much, he died from excessive bleeding.



A young mother embracing her dead baby, who was less than one year old. An atomic bomb took the life of the infant. Painting: TONOOKA kanji, age 27 in 1945.

III. Deaths by the End of August

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 16
17-0009**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (22) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 21
0.25 km from epicenter

(Elder brother)

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After suffering much, he died from excessive bleeding.

Pleased with the end of the war, my brother said, "I'll resume my studies again when I get well". My parents, whose son died saying this and who could do nothing for their son when he was facing death, I believe, have had a life filled with anger against that dreadful A-bomb.

Each of us was forced to walk aimlessly from one first-aid-station to another. This is because the Army kept no records of the injured who came to stay for medical treatment.

There was no other way, but it still bothers me that my mother and I could not come across him a little sooner.

At the bottom of my heart, I don't want to think of the events of those days.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 16
22-0307

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (14) — Died of serious injuries, burns
and atomic disease on Aug. 21
2.0 km from epicenter

(Younger sister)

My younger sister was burnt over almost all her body. Her face was swollen like a soccer ball and her eyelids were closed. She lost her eyesight. She died in agony and pain, crying, "How it hurts!"

We had no medicines to give her and there was no doctor to come and see her. We couldn't do anything to save her life. Today, it is inconceivable that a fourteen-year-old girl like her, innocent and not responsible for anything, died such a cruel death. If she were alive, she might have enjoyed a happy and wonderful life.

Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
34-7120

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (30) — Died of serious injuries and burns
on Aug. 21
1.0 km from epicenter

(Elder sister)

My elder sister was at work. She helped evacuate the buildings in Zakoba-cho (1 km from ground zero) in labor service on instructions (orders) from the town association (Ujina Kandadori). She was burnt all over her body except her eyes, nose and mouth. She had three ribs broken. She was taken to the guard station in Ujina by my father and treated by a hospital orderly. She writhed in agony every day until she breathed her last on August the 21st.

As I myself was bombed and burnt at the same time, I wasn't able to take care of her.

My sister was very kind to me. She used to pack a lunch box for me every day. On a very hot day, she offered me a straw hat with a ribbon on it. "Put on this hat - it's too hot outdoors". She would use part of her kimonos to make my clothes as it was a time of shortages of goods in those days. As a young girl I relied on her in this way. I always feel very sorry that she, a healthy woman, died. The other members of my family were all disappointed, too.

On August 6, she came to Zakoba. Standing in the corner of the work site, she recognized me and waved her hand to me. That was the last time I saw her.

My mother told me that although she should have come back to Ujina soon after the bomb, it was not until about three o'clock that she actually got home. I asked my mother the reason and she answered, "Because I was trying to rescue a woman and her child who were crushed under a house in Zakoba..."

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 22
34-7179**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (42) — Died of serious injuries and burns
on Aug. 22
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Elder brother)

He was burnt and hurt in his face and elbows. His arms just dangled. There were three or four big open wounds on his forehead. His lips were swollen three times as big as normal. He passed away in agony.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
13-33-013**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (45) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.6 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Younger brother (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
Never found
- 3) Father (49) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 23
1.6 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was outdoors and burned on the back of his head and all over his back. His temperature went up to about 41.5 degrees. He suffered from diarrhea and lost his appetite. His temperature didn't go down and the bloody excrement didn't stop until

he died on August 23.

(Mother)

She was outdoors and got badly burned and crushed under a falling house. Though I heard her cry for help, the fire spread so rapidly I couldn't save her.

(Younger brother)

He was in the first grade of junior high school. He went out to work at removing buildings in front of the prefectural office as labor service, but never returned. I went searching for him in the districts of Ninoshima but in vain. He's still missing.

My father was a healthy man. He came from Sakan-cho to remove our household goods. We were bombed together and I was lucky to be rescued by him. I owe it to the sacrifice of my parents that I am alive today.

My mother was bombed not far from me. Both of us got badly burnt, and were crushed under a house. Since I couldn't move my legs it was impossible to crawl out. It took my father a long time to get me out. I managed to crawl out with his help but I was unable to walk because my left leg just dangled. To my regret, as the fire was quite near we couldn't save my mother, and had to leave her alone. I'll regret it as long as I live.

My younger brother lost the bright future he had. I couldn't even gather his ashes. I'm sorry, very sorry for him.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 25
34-3012**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.3 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Father-in-law (52) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 21
1.0 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 3) Mother (46) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 23
1.0 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Father-in-law and Mother)

They were near the power station in Nakahiro-machi, in Hiroshima City. Being badly burned, they took refuge at the house of a relative in Oshiba. Their bodies were rotting gradually and they were soon gone. I cremated their bodies in the dry riverbed of the Ota.

(Younger sister)

She was in Hiroshima Municipal Women's Commercial High-school at that time. She was bombed while working to remove buildings around Kako-machi or

Zaimoku-cho. Neither her dead body nor her remains have been found.

For several days after being bombed and getting badly burnt, they suffered in intense agony. Their skin was torn and pus formed in their wounds and was infested with maggots.

I feel strong anger and great grief because they died such a cruel death.

I'm deeply moved to witness the 40th anniversary of the A-bombing. The effect on my mind won't be healed for a long time, possibly never. All my family were killed by the A-bombing. How sad I was when I lost the house I lived in and became penniless! What a long, thorny way I have been forced to tread and to live alone! I keenly felt the cruelty of others to poor people like me. I found it discouraging to look to others for help. What has supported me has been nothing but my untiring perseverance. I have never given up. My strong spirit and body were hardened while on the brink of death on that battlefield.

My healthy, valuable body, which I have lived with vigorously until today, is the only asset I have. I hope all of us will keep our minds pure to help and understand each other. I intend to try my best for the benefit of the world until the end of my days.

A part of my mind and heart, I can devote to the dead. I pray we may never witness such a disastrous scene again and that we maintain peace forever.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
34-6108**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (48) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.1 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Grandmother (87) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 23
2.3 km from epicenter

(Father)

I heard that he was bombed and died at the center of the explosion: The Hiroshima Post Office, with all the other victims. I made the rounds of the first-aid-stations and of the mortuaries in search of him the next day and the day after, but I couldn't find him.

(Grandmother)

She was crushed under our house which was partially destroyed, and she was seriously hurt in the head and legs. The open wound in her knee, from which the bone showed, was infested with maggots. She also had a high fever, but it was impossible to take her to a doctor. We nursed her at home, with her lying on the verandah, cooling her with well water. Unable to eat anything, because of her age partly, she passed away as a withered tree.

I always wished my father had lived. Perhaps he died in a moment with the flash of the A-bomb. Neither for him nor for my grandmother, could I do anything. The more peaceful the world becomes, the more keenly I feel the cruelty of the way they died. I hate war.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 41
34-2107**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (46) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 23
1.5 km from epicenter

(Husband)

He was outdoors near his office in Nishitenma-cho. He was so badly burned all over his body that he was unable to lie on his back. And there were no doctors to see him or medicines to give him. So I burnt some paper to ashes and kneaded them with water, and I added ground cucumbers. This paste I applied to his body instead of medicine. That was all I could do. Of course, he could not be cured of such serious burns that way.

Even a slight burn is hard to bear. I believe he suffered very much. There was no help for him in the circumstances of those days. My regret makes my heart sad even now.

I have lived a troubled life, wondering why the A-bombs were dropped only on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I think day after day that these agonies of mine would be understood more or less by others if the A-bombs were thrown down throughout the country. In my mind I have been crying every day, "Give me back my husband!"

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 28
34-5057**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (61) — Died of serious injuries and
atomic disease on Aug. 23
0.8 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was in the building of his work place in Teppo-cho and got seriously hurt. It was, I remember, August 9 when I met him after the bombing. We lived under our relative's roof in Koi. My father had his wound treated quite inadequately at Koi Primary School. He was treated for about a week, but not thoroughly. He said he wanted to eat some fruit, but there wasn't a piece of fruit, not any vegetables. He became weaker and weaker, although he was still conscious. Finally he died after calling out the names of my mother, of me and my aunt. It was August 23.

My father was an honest man and lived a good life. If he had not been bombed, he could have lived his retirement years happily with my mother.

Since the A-bombing, I have lived with my sickly mother. If my father had been alive, my life, with marriage, would have been very different from what it is. After the war, I remembered my father in various situations. And I thought of my aunt who was also killed in the war. Now I want to cry, "Give me back my father, the people killed in the war, and the springtime of my life which was taken from me!"

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 11
34-0701**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (41) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 24
1.5 km from epicenter

(Mother)

She was burned in both the upper and the lower limbs, in the face and on her breast. She was taken in a field hospital (school-house) of the Army. On August 24, after vomiting black blood, she died.

My father lost my mother, lost all his fortune because of the war, and died of cancer. My mother died suffering from burns. One of my sisters died from an unknown disease (she was bombed 0.5 km from ground zero). The other is sick with functional disorders. I suffer from after-effects. Not only for them but for all other victims of the A-bomb, both dead and living, the war has not ended yet.

The Japanese government has done nothing for my father and mother or for all the people killed in the war. They were people who did everything for Japan during the war. My father was a merchant, who had his house destroyed twice because of removal of the buildings. He said he had attempted many times to kill himself and his three children. I wondered when will our distressing war come to an end? There is no hope. I wish there were a ray of hope.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 28
34-4429**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (35) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 24
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Husband)

He was burned all over his body and lost his eyesight. He lived for eighteen days. He was able to speak and hear. His arms were injured with sores from his burns. He lost blood excessively. A pool of blood formed at his bedside on the day before his sudden death. He was blind, and was in pain for eighteen days till he died. There were no doctors to come to see him nor medicines to give him -no help for the burns over his body. He breathed his last in such conditions, which words cannot describe adequately.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 17
34-0024**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (54) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.3 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Aunt (35) — Same as above
- 3) Cousin (14) — same as above
- 4) Cousin (7) — same as above
- 5) Cousin (3) — same as above
- 6) Cousin (2) — same as above
- 7) Cousin (13) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 25
0.7 km from epicenter

When we were bombed, my home belonged to the town association of Kitagumi at Tenjin-machi, where the Peace Memorial Hall is now. My family had eight members then: My mother, I, my aunt and her five children with whom she had moved from Nagoya, thinking it safer to be in Hiroshima than in Nagoya. They moved to my house on August 1, 1945. So, on the day of the A-bombing, all my family, except me and my cousin Taro, who were at school then were bombed in the house at Tenjin-machi.

(Cousin 7)

Taro, the eldest boy who was 13, met me by chance on August 9. He looked almost uninjured, but went back to Nagoya the day after and had an attack of fever there. He died on August 25 due to acute A-bomb disease.

Other than the above, I had relatives who lived in Tenjin-machi, Ote-machi, Koami-cho or Tanaka-machi. In all, 19 people died -my mother, uncles, aunts and cousins.

It was possibly in the kitchen that the six remains were scattered. I couldn't distinguish one from another.

I went searching for the ashes on August 7 and 8, but I was not able to look thoroughly because I myself was so seriously injured. I was almost blind and could not stand or walk well. I barely survived.

What cruel deaths they were! Why was such an indiscriminate weapon used on Japan who had already lost the war? I feel strong anger about that.

I'm extremely sorry that I lost Taro whom I held dear, and who yearned for me. We were just like real brothers. I will miss him as long as I live. Now forty years later I think of my mother and recall Taro, who came all the way to Hiroshima to be killed. I write this in Taro's memory for the repose of his soul.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 11
11-0120**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (45) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter -not known
Never found
- 2) Elder sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Ashes found
- 3) Mother (39) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 26
1.2 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was working at the primary school in Moto-machi. I could find neither his dead body nor his ashes.

(Mother)

Three adults were at the place where I, a child, was probably blown away by the blast. My mother, one of the adults died from burns and wounds twenty days after the bombing.

(Elder sister)

She was with her fellow students and died there; they were working in the student labor mobilization.

I regret that I'm mentally unstable. Remembrance of Mother's Day is very cruel for me. Now I repeat "Give me back my father, mother and sister! I didn't choose to lose my parents". It's heartbreaking for me to see men of the same age as my father. I envy them their happiness.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, 24
28-0149**

Family members who died

- 1) Uncle (55) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 6
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 2) Aunt (Age - unknown) — Died in August. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 3) Mother (51) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 26
1.2 km from hypocenter
Remains found

(Uncle and Aunt)

We had come from Osaka to live with my only uncle and his wife three years before. We had to separate from them again at the end of July because of the Evacuation Operation. (We were given only five days.) After the bomb fell we visited refugee centers in the city looking for them but in vain. (Later we were told

that our uncle died on that day.)

(Mother)

We had no relatives to go to. We had almost nothing to eat. Nobody came to see Mother, who lay on the wooden floor of a school building, haggard and emaciated. Her internal organs were damaged by the radiation. We had lived for five days in our new house. We moved in after the evacuation from our Uncle's. We were expecting that Mother could at last live a carefree life. Then the bomb exploded. Wandering around looking for shelter in the intense heat, she became exhausted and died 20 days later. (She was 51 years old then.) She must have resented it! How painful it must have been for her and how awful she must have felt.

Without anyone to turn to, we spent several days with hardly anything to eat. The clothes Mother died in were the same one she had been wearing since that day. They were tattered and smeared with blood. My younger brother and I were in no better condition than her; And, to our regret, we couldn't do anything for her. We had our first food, some crackers, on the afternoon of the day Mother died. (She died in the morning.) "If only we had some in the morning, we could have let her savor it." This has been my regret. That spiteful bomb had tragically snatched the life of our Mother, who, bereaved because of her husband's death, had worked hard to raise us. She used to say, "How I wish we could have bowls of zenzai (sweetened red bean soup) once again." I wish she were still alive now and could enjoy whatever food she fancied. Give us back our Mother, our always smiling Mother!

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 13
33-0071

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (17) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 21
0.6 km from hypocenter
- 2) Father (46) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Aug. 24
0.7 km from hypocenter
- 3) Elder sister (15) — Same as above
- 4) Mother (42) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Aug. 26
0.7 km from hypocenter

(Father)

He had been running high fever for one week before he died. His tooth ridges bled, and blue spots appeared all over him. He died in agony.

(Mother)

She died exactly like Father did. She had been minding us until she died.

(Elder Brother)

Beside the symptoms given above, he had diarrhea. He died in agony.

(Elder sister)

She died the same way. I will never forget her miserable death; she died

vomiting blood and worms. Including my relatives I know about 20 people who died because of the A-bomb.

If they had died a natural death, I could accept it as inevitable. It was and still is a great shock to me that I was left alone. And had to attend to two deaths in one night. After the death of 4 of my family members, I was not myself for three or four years.

Yet those who have been dead are still luckier than I. Mine is like the life of a nervous prisoner sentenced to capital punishment.

My younger brother had been suffering from a constant nose bleed until he committed suicide.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
13-26-001**

Family members who died

- 1) Sister-in-law (35) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from hypocenter - unknown
Never found
- 2) Elder brother (42) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 28
0.8 km from hypocenter
Remains found

(Elder brother)

He was near the prefectural office when the bomb was dropped. He and Mother managed to get to Imabari, Mother's hometown. He was taken to the annex of Mother's home. The doctor didn't know what was wrong, and as there was no medicine available all he did was give my brother glucose shots. All his hair came off. To Mother's and all his relative's immense sorrow, he died with profuse bleeding from his mouth and nose.

I was at the Marine Headquarters then and was able to get back on August 28, the day he died. The telegram telling me that my brother was in critical condition and asking me to come home right away took 2 weeks to reach me in September. I managed to get home hoping to see him still alive, but only disappointment was waiting for me. Even now, after 40 years have elapsed, everything still seems unreal. I've been trying to keep this unpleasant experience from entering into my memory.

(Sister-in-law)

She is completely missing.

This is sad and unbearable to remember. Sometimes I wonder what they would be doing if they were still alive. Mother, who died at the age of 94 in 1980, used to say that she hated the U.S.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 11
27-0316**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (8) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.85 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (6) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 3) Younger sister (3) — Same as above
- 4) Younger brother (0) — Same as above
- 5) Mother (35) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Aug. 14
0.6 km from hypocenter
- 6) Grandmother (59) — Died of serious injury and atomic disease
on Aug. 28
0.8 km from hypocenter

(Grandmother)

She was caught under the destroyed house but somehow managed to get herself free. She had a big injury on her head and a part of her skull was showing. We had to remove three pieces of glass fragments out from her arms and two wood chips from her loins. Around August 24 blue spots appeared all over her, and her temperature became very high. She vomited blood and died in agony on August 28.

(Mother)

She was bed-ridden around August 10. She had no appetite. She spit up blood, was afflicted with a high fever, and lost her hair. She died in agony on August 14.

(Sister [1])

She was attending a day-care school near by. When the bomb was dropped she was playing outdoors. We presume it was an instant death.

(Sister [2])

She was at our next-door neighbor's. We presume hers was an instant death, too.

(Sister [3])

She was caught under the fallen woodwork of our next-door neighbor's. According to the neighbor she was still conscious and asking for help saying, "Auntie, please help me get out. I'll be good, so please help me!" But with the fire approaching the neighbor could do nothing. She must have been burned alive.

(Brother)

He was at home and burned to death.

Because of the war and by the A-bomb seven of our family members were killed and I am the only survivor. I was able to attend to my mother's and grandmother's death beds. Their's were cruel deaths -deaths of suffering and agony. The scenes are still vivid to me; I will never forget them. I was not with them when my sisters

or brother died. nothing was left to identify one of my sisters with.

I hate the cruelty of the war and the A-bomb. I would like to talk of the injustice of it for Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother. The hardships I have gone through, (left alone at the age of 11) cannot be described in words. I am still suffering from radiation.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 18
34-0493**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (37) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 28
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Elder brother)

From head to toe he was covered with blue spots as if he were thumb-printed. His throat was swollen and broken, so even a drop of water did not go through. At a touch his hair came off in batches. We could do nothing but just watch him die. No ointment was available. A few doctors were practicing, but they were too busy to attend him. He died around noontime on August 28, leaving two little children behind. We all wept: it was too terrible to be true.

If it had not been for the A-bomb, those two children, who had already lost their mother, would not have become orphans. Even now I cannot help but feel sorry for them. They have no memory whatsoever about what their parents looked like. If only their father had been alive, they would have been able to experience a different sort of happiness.

We should not have another war and another explosion of an A-bomb. This is my sincere wish.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 14
34-5367**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (17) — Died of serious burns, injuries and
atomic disease on Aug. 28
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Elder brother)

He was burned and injured, but there was no ointment to apply on him. We were told grease is effective, so we applied something we never imagined we could use. Also rumor had it that human ashes were good to keep the burnt surface dry, so we used some in place of the ointment. Later on from Nagoya came a medical relief troop. They opened a clinic at the primary school. My brother was treated there, but even there no real ointment was used. On August 26 I went to see him. When I tried to remove the cloth from the wound, the surface skin came with it, causing profuse bleeding. It wouldn't stop bleeding no matter what we did. All we could do

was place a plate and let the blood run into it. He died in suffering at 8:00 p.m. on August 28.

I feel indignant at the brutality of the war.

I couldn't do anything for him.

A doctor came, but he just shrugged his shoulders and left my brother, doing nothing, not even giving him a shot. (The doctor was not to blame. I have no grudge against him.)

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 21
12-0228**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (24) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.5 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 2) Younger sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.3 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 3) Father (49) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 29
1.5 km from hypocenter

(Father)

He was able to crawl out of the destroyed house (wooden) and seemed to be all right. Around August 27 he suddenly got very sick. His hair began to come off, and he died without receiving any treatment. After the cremation, we found his chest bones were pitch black (just like tar used for pavement that did not come off easily.) We guessed it was because of the poison from the bomb or because of a heavy stroke.

(Elder sister)

Mother identified her by the ashes.

(Younger sister)

She was working as a member of a house destroying troop. Her whereabouts are lost to us.

We were devote Buddhists of Aki Sect. We thought we had to bear everything as fate, especially as it was a war time. We accepted this tragedy as inevitable, even though we were mournful. With the considerable elapse of time we have come to realize their deaths were unreasonably inhumane.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 37
34-5171**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (49) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 29
1.0 km from ground zero

(Husband)

Injured on the head, he walked back home. Once home his hair fell out, blue spots appeared and a high fever continued. His tooth ridges bled. He lost all his appetite and died with a profuse bleeding in his intestines. The stitches that had sown up the wound on his head came off. From the gape was oozing out a blackish red liquid.

The way my husband died suffering was intolerable. Left with two little children, (a daughter and a son both afflicted with radiation,) I did not know what to do. How I wish he were here with us.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
01-0036**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (8) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.3 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Father (50) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 30
1.3 km from epicenter

(Father)

The burns all over his back were getting better. Then diarrhea started and his hair began to fall off. He became too weak to get up, but nobody knew what was wrong. He became weaker and died on August 30.

(Sister)

According to a neighbor's report of October, 1945, three children including my sister were caught under the destroyed house. They were shouting for help, but the neighbor ran away without rescuing them, because of the intense heat.

We had no doctor nor any drugs for Father. I often wonder that if this had happened now, he might have been able to survive.

When I heard the neighbor telling me this in tears, I felt nothing but sadness. Even now, after 40 years has elapsed, this sadness is still with me.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 34
34-4377**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (60) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.8 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (30) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.3 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 3) Younger brother (19) — Died of serious injury and atomic disease
on Aug. 30
1.2 km from hypocenter

(Father)

According to a report, he was sent from Chugoku Press office to join a house destroying mission he was working at Mr. X's house, in front of the former prefectural office in Kako-machi.

(Younger sister)

She was chief nurse at the Army Hospital. According to a report, she left the main office and had just arrived at the First Branch Office in Kamiya-cho to be on the shift.

(Younger brother)

He had finished Shudo Secondary School, and had joined the Junior Civil Army at Hata-machi Primary School. There he was caught under the destroyed school building. His youthful energy enabled him to crawl out. He was treated at the Army Hospital which was then located at Nakayama, and returned home on the 9th. His back was covered with bloody scratches on his shirt. It looked it was made by sharp nails. His shoulder bone was broken, and he got it fixed at the Yamamoto Clinic at Aosaki. Around the end of August his hair began to fall off; and he had bloody excrements. He died in agony at home on August 30.

It is sad that we have no ashes remaining of Father. My husband and my two brothers were at the battlefield. When we thought thinking we lost all our male family members, my brother's return was a source of great delight to Mother. But here joy soon turned into sorrow with his death. How we wished we had had a doctor nearby.

We dug a hole in the open area at Osu and cremated him there. We had to make a fire three times and finally he was reduced to ashes. We were astonished to find a big yellowish lump of grease coming out of the ashes.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 23
34-4552**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (20) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.3 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (17) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 30
0.3 km from epicenter

(Younger sister [1])

She was at the First Army Hospital, but no trace of her was ever found. Every day, we were obsessed by the idea that she must be somewhere suffering and waiting for us to come. We even looked among the corpses for her, but found no clue of her whereabouts.

(Younger sister [2])

She was at Dobashi with the house destroying troops, when the bomb was dropped. Injured on the head, she became unconscious. When she came to, she found herself surrounded by fire. She managed to get to the Shiratori Area and got home on August 9. Her hair had fallen off and her nose was bleeding. On August 30 she vomited what looked like a lump of flesh, and then she died in agony.

My 20-year-old sister had a bright future as a nurse at the Red Cross Hospital. I can never stop wishing she were alive now.

Though my other sister was able to get home and died there, she had such a cruel death. "Kill me! Kill me! It pains me! It pains me!" she groaned and thus ended her seventeen-year-old life.

With two younger daughters taken away from her, Mother seemed to become 10 years older than she really was. She died in 1950. I cannot help resenting everything.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
35-0077**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (34) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
1.5 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Second daughter (2) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 30
1.5 km from epicenter
- 3) Niece (3) — Died of serious burns on Sept. 30
1.5 km from epicenter

(Second daughter)

Though my face was swollen and I looked like a gargoyle, my ears were not damaged, and I could hear my two-year-old daughter asking for water saying,

"Boo-chan, Boo-chan" (meaning water). The skin had come off her head, and she would not eat anything. As her temperature became higher and higher. She craved for water. She was getting thinner every day. As she was wounded all over her head, we could not lay her down, so my husband held her. She was sometimes awake and sometimes asleep and she finally died in pain in his arms.

The victims of the atomic air raid have all gone through a hell on earth. Those who had somebody to help them were able to get some medical treatment and survive. But those who didn't have anybody to support and encourage them, died even though their injuries were not fatal.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 34
34-7162**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (29) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 30
0.7 km from ground zero

(Younger sister)

My sister died, saying repeatedly that she did not want to go to the crematorium. A few days before she died, she started vomiting something looking like a lump of flesh. We could not bear to see her in such agony. It was so pitiful. Her will was dated August 19, so from that time she must have been preparing herself for death.

Before she died, she implored us not to get disheartened at her death but to live in spite of the coming hardships, as she would guard us from heaven. She asked us many times to look after Father.

Our whole family had been very glad when she returned home without any burns or injury. She herself must have thought she would recover soon. The Leader of the neighborhood came to us on the evening of Aug. 14. He asked my sister to help nurse the hibakusha at Seidenji Temple the next day (Aug. 15). Although she said she had pains in her stomach, the order from the superior was understandable and nobody could object. So, on Aug. 15 she left home at 8 a.m. for Seidenji and returned at 5 p.m.

We should not have let her go that day but should have looked after her instead. I still regret it. Just remembering that time and my sister it breaks my heart. I do not want to think about it.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, 15 years old
34-5021**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.6 km from ground zero
Remains found

- 2) Elder sister (19) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Aug. 31
0.6 km from hypocenter

(Elder sister)

Affected by the bomb, she returned as far as Oshiba 3-chome around 9 a.m., through a sea of flames, along the outskirts of the mountains. She became weaker day by day and was no longer able to go outside. She bled from the gums and her skin was covered with purple spots. Her hair began to fall out. She was fully conscious just before her death; she died worrying about the rest of the family.

(Younger brother)

A big stone fell on him, and he died under it. The part of his body that escaped crushing was totally burned.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, 19 years old
34-5196**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (41) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (16) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 23
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 3) Father (47) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
1.0 km from hypocenter

All the family were hit by the bomb at our house in Hacchobori.

(Mother)

Three days after the bombing, her dead body was found, the upper part of it badly burned.

(Father and Younger sister)

Neither of them had any burns or injuries on the outside and they looked like ordinary healthy people. Only their cheeks were dirty as if they were painted with some soot. About ten days before they died, their gums started bleeding and their hair began to fall out. When they died hardly any hair was left. They could not stay in bed because of the agony and sometimes they suddenly woke up. They died, talking deliriously.

I was 19 when the bomb hit our family. I lost my parents and a younger sister and all our property in such a short time. I cannot forget the sorrow I experienced because I had to hold three funerals during one month.

If the bomb had not hit Hiroshima, our family could have had a better life.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 15
34-1029**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (43) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
1.7 km from epicenter

(Father)

Right after the bombing he returned home. His face was reddish black, and he had cuts by broken glass in two places on his head. He seemed all right but rather weak. As the days passed, his hair began to come out and he no longer could leave the bed. He started suffering from a high fever and constantly asked for water. He suffered immensely until the last moment. He worried a lot about his family before his death, and before he died, he asked me to look after his family.

When first he returned he was very pleased that he was lucky to escape death. We did not know that we had been hit by such a terrible bomb. After a brief sense of relief and joy, his condition became worse and worse day by day. Even the doctor did not know what treatment to prescribe for bomb patients. Neither myself nor my family could do anything but cool his fever on his head and chest. We used towels wet with cold water we obtained from our neighbors. He ate less and less, and only asked for water because of his high fever. I regret he died and that we could do nothing for him.

When he died, we found his back was burned black from the heat.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 30
34-5854**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (34) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
1.2 km from hypocenter

(Husband)

At the time of the bombing, he was a soldier. Affected by the bomb he was taken to Nobori-cho Elementary School. In a week he returned home and learned that the war had ended.

He then went to the barracks to carry out the Army's war supplies and take care of the families that were left. Then his hair began to fall out and spots started to appear. The Army doctor advised him to return home. As soon as he came back, he was bed-ridden and he suffered from high fever. He vomited and an unimaginably large volume of liquid. He died after suffering severely for 9 days. He received no medical treatment.

IV. Deaths by the End of 1945

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 39
34-1709

Family members who died

- 1) Father (63) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.1 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 2) Eldest daughter (17) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 10
1.5 km from hypocenter
- 3) Wife (47) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 2
1.5 km from hypocenter
(Eldest daughter)

She was a mobilized student working at the main (post) office of Ujina. She went to work in the morning and right after she left home, the bomb struck. She was taken to the dormitory of Gion Girl's High-school where the teachers took care of her, but she died on Aug. 10.

(Wife)

My wife was hit by the bomb at Hirose-Kitamachi. She was in a building so was not burned directly, but she suffered from radiation and died on Sept. 2. Her whole body was covered with red-patterns, and she suffered from a swollen belly. She had pain in her throat. Even if she took water, she couldn't swallow and the water came out through her nose. It was so pitiful.

(Father)

My father was sixty five years old, and on Aug. 6 was killed by the bomb. He was crushed under the building at Saikuchojima Hospital. We could not recover his body or bones. My mother went to Hiroshima on Aug. 9 to look for my father and was exposed to the radiation. She received a Hibakusha health book and died on June 1, 1966.

I can never forget that Japan was the first country where the atomic bombs were dropped, on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I feel very sorry, not only for the death of public workers, but also for the ordinary citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, especially those little children and many civilians who were killed under the fallen buildings.

I think the Nakasone government is planning to expand its defense budget after talks with President Reagan, ready for an emergency. I feel it is a waste of our tax money. I do hope he and his government will think about it a little more seriously because so many people were killed by the bombs. Also I feel very sorry for the orphans who were deserted on mainland China right after the war.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, 21 years old
34-6094**

Family member who died

- 1) Brother-in-law (31) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 2
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Brother-in-law)

He was hit by the bomb in the corridor on the second floor of the Second Army Battalion. Although there were no outer injuries, he could not move and was taken to the Futaba area. We brought him home.

In a few days the Second Army Battalion was dismissed and he was taken care of at home (his place of refuge). His hair began to fall out, and purple spots on his body increased day by day. He then started vomiting blood. He was no longer able to eat. We heard grapes would heal him, so I walked as far as Niho to buy grapes many times, but they did not improve his condition at all. He died on Sept. 2.

At that time, we did not know about atomic diseases. We were sorry that we did not know anything about how to ease his suffering. He left his wife (my sister) and a daughter (2 years old). I was very sorry to see that their lives became so miserable after his death.

**Hiroshima Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 28
34-1236**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (34) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 3
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Husband)

Four days after he was hit by the bomb, he returned home by train. He had no apparent injuries, and although many people died, he boasted saying, "I am OK. I am perfectly healthy." When the bomb came he was under a building and he hurt his left foot. It began to torture him. He had an operation at a near-by hospital. No blood was shed and he smelled strongly like a dead body. Then his hair began to come out and he lost his eye-sight; 10 days after the operation he died.

If the medical treatment had been as good as it is today he might have been saved. I still regret it because it was such a sudden death.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, 24 years old
34-7254**

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (29) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 25
1.0 km from hypocenter

- 2) Eldest son (1) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Sept. 4
2.1 km from hypocenter

(Husband)

He was bombed while in the second Army Battalion. He was seriously injured by broken glass. We did not know about atomic diseases. We were sorry that we did not know anything about curing or easing his suffering. Those who had houses in the outskirts of Hiroshima, or those who had plenty of food, or those who had only light burns, seemed to have outlived the sufferings from the bomb. In the case of my family, if we could have had good medical care and enough food, then possibly the one year old boy might have survived. I feel like I left him alone, and have thought of him over and over again.

Those who survived right after the bombing hated the war and the bomb.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 47
13-12-100**

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (48) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 2
1.0 km from hypocenter
2) Mother (68) — Died of serious injuries on Sept. 4
1.5 km from hypocenter

(Husband)

At 2 p.m. on Sept. 2, he died after having suffered very much. Since Aug. 27, he had been complaining of pains in his throat due to a cold, and he also had fever as high as 39.5 degrees C. He could not eat anything as he choked on the food. Right after the bombing, his hair began to come out, his gums swelled, and he lost his facial expression. I was a little worried about what was wrong with him. But he seemed OK and he went out to look for lost relatives, an uncle and an aunt. I never dreamed that he would die.

I did not know what medicine to give him so I made a concoction of herbs (dokudami -Houttuynia cordata) and gave him tea leaves to take dry. His death was so sudden that Dr. Nishishita in the neighborhood was even too late to help. His death mask was very white and beautiful. He looked like a wax figure.

(Mother)

My parents had gone to check their rented house in Higashi-Kannon-machi and were caught under the house and injured. They were taken to Itsukaichi, and we found them and brought them home. My mother was injured on both head and body, and on Sept. 4 she died quietly, after my husband's death.

I cremated both my husband and my mother in the park nearby. It was so sad and distressing.

We found that my parents were at Itsukaichi camp from the bulletin at Kamiya-cho on Aug. 20. If we had been able to bring them home earlier, we could

have treated their wounds better and she might not have died. I still feel sorry about that.

However, thinking over the hardships we experienced after the end of the war, I cannot tell whether it is better for her to have died at that time, or to have lived long after the war.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 13
34-6281**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (17) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.4 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 2) Younger sister (4) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.1 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 3) Younger sister (2) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.1 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 4) Father (45) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 5
1.1 km from hypocenter

(Father)

After being bombed, he often complained that he felt cold. We took out the kotatsu (Japanese foot warmer). Red spots started to appear on him and his hair began to come out. First we thought he had caught a cold, but his condition became worse and worse. He talked as if in delirium and said meaningless things. After 3 or 4 days in bed he died. It was so sudden.

In the neighborhood, there were people who also died in a similar way. I was only 13 years old, so I do not remember the details well.

(Sisters)

I saw them when only their bones were left.

How I wish my father were alive! A great number of people in the neighborhood died one after another, and death no longer shocked me. In a sense, I was immune to the feeling of death. My cousin commented that I did not weep over my family's death. I remember how disastrous everything was around me, but nowadays I can no longer imagine those things.

When my father was in a serious condition, his younger brother bought him 5 or 6 capsules of very expensive glucose. We didn't even know the cause of his death.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
34-58716**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (in his 50s) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 2) Elder sister (17) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
0.6 - 0.7 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 3) Mother (50) — Died on Aug. 6. Cause of death - unknown.
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 4) Elder sister (18) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 6
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Father)

He was lost. He left home in Ujina at 8 a.m. in a truck, so I think he was around Kamiya-cho when the bomb fell.

(Mother)

Died on Aug. 6. I think she was around Zakoba (located at the back of the City Hall) doing volunteer work. We were able to find her at the Red Cross on Aug. 7. When we saw her, she was conscious and had no burns, but her right arm was broken. We brought her back to our house on a large cart.

She died early in the morning of Aug. 8. I think she suffered a great deal. I remember she repeatedly asked for water until she died. No coffin was available, so we used one of the drawers of the chest as a coffin and cremated her body. I cannot remember whether it was morning, noon, or night when we cremated her.

(Elder sister)

She was working in the basement of the Naka Telephone Office, so she escaped death by the bomb, but died on Sept. 6. I don't remember who told us, but 20 days after the bombing we learned she was in the elementary school in Ohnoura. My elder brother brought her back. She was not injured nor had any apparent burns, but I think she must have been exposed to the radiation. She was conscious, and after she saw her family, she seemed very relieved but soon became weaker.

She wanted to have grapes before she died, so I went to Daishu by bicycle, but could not buy any because all were sold out, or out of season, or whatever. I still regret that I could not get them for her. I don't remember whether it was right after that day, or the next day, that she died. She threw up blood from her mouth and nose. Did it last more than a day? I don't remember that either. She must have suffered so much.

(Elder sister)

On Aug. 6, she was working at the Nihon Dispatch Company. She was never found.

If there had not been a war, I wouldn't have lost my family.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 25
35-0170**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (27) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Sept. 6
0.35 km from hypocenter

(Husband)

Loss of hair, fever and bleeding continued. When the bleeding stopped, his body smelled like rotten meat and he died in agony with the spots on the whole body. His consciousness was clear at his death.

It is unbearable for me to think of his feeling at his death. It was too cruel to just wait for his death with clear consciousness, suffering from rotting body to which no treatment was applied. Though one month passed after the bomb, he had not recovered. I regret that we had returned to a rural town of Yamaguchi Prefecture where enough treatment was not available. I think if we had remained in Hiroshima, there would have been some way to cure him.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
27-0049**

Family member who died

- 1) Brother-in-law (0) — Died to atomic disease in September.
2.7 km from hypocenter

(Brother-in-law)

A month after A-bombing, he started to take less milk and became thinner day by day. We couldn't see him because it was too pitiful. He became too weak to take milk at his last, and died.

I can't forget that the A-bomb deprived the innocent infant of his life.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 10
27-0215**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (36) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Sept. 7
0.3 km from hypocenter

(Father)

He was working at Fukoku Life Insurance Company Building close to the hypocenter. I heard that he escaped getting burnt because he was inside the building, but his head was seriously hurt. He said he took a young girl to a refuge on his way to Koi-machi. He took rest after he returned home. Two weeks later, there began to appear purple spots on his body and then his hair fell out. He died just one month

after the bombing.

I guess he regretted indeed that he was deprived of his life in his prime (at the age of 36). I outlive my father. If the A-bomb had not been dropped and if he lived now, I'm sure I would have lived an entirely different life.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 6
32-0066**

family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (11) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 6
Distance from hypocenter - not known.
- 2) Mother (43) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
Distance from hypocenter - not known.
- 3) Elder sister (8) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 3
Distance from hypocenter - not known.
- 4) Elder sister (14) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 8
Distance from hypocenter - not known.

My father died in 1942. I had a stepfather. He went to Ujina for his work on the morning of August 6th. He took care of me well. As my stepfather also died when I was 11 years old, I was taken to my relative's house. Until then I had seen a doctor at ABCC in Hiroshima, but since I came here, I have my health examined at the district health center. When something wrong is found by the thorough examination, I go to a big hospital.

Hiroshima was A-bombed when I was only 6 years old. I was too young to remember all the things clearly, but in that morning my sister went to a school for labor service and died there. Then I was left alone and grew up with others. Nothing is so miserable and hard as to have no parents.

I wished many times my parents were alive. I can't write even Japanese completely at this age. If my mother had been alive I could have gone to school. I'm really regretful for that.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-7114**

Dead family member

- 1) Elder sister (18) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 8
0.7 km from hypocenter

(Elder sister)

She was all right during August. She began to run a high fever on September 1, and her nose was bleeding (a full washbowl of blood). Many spots (like grapes) appeared on her body and her hair fell out. At that time I slept with her in the same room. Being delirious because of high fever, she often picked up the futon and cried "Let's escape from Koi mountain! Let's escape!" I couldn't bear to see her.

Being confined to bed, I couldn't attend her funeral. She was poor indeed to have to die in such way at the age of 19.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
12-0174

Family members who died

- 1) Grandmother (Age - unknown) — Died on Aug. 6
Cause of death - not known.
Distance from hypocenter -not known.
Never found
- 2) Father (Age -unknown) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 9
Distance from hypocenter - not known.
- 3) Mother (Age -unknown) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 10
Distance from hypocenter - not known.

(Grandmother)

Her remains and ashes have not been found.

(Father)

He fell down from anemia early in September, and since then he had been sick in bed. He was given blood transfusion every day. He died of heart failure on September 9.

(Mother)

Early in September the bleeding didn't stop when she got hurt. A couple of days after that, she became unable to get up. About three days later, her body, even inside her mouth, were covered with lots of purple spots. And she became not able to eat anything, and less clear her speech became. In spite of a lot of blood transfusion she died on the 10th.

We didn't know how to treat her, and even a doctor didn't seem to know what he should do. I regretted that I survived and I was very anxious about my life in the future. I was also worried about how I would be able to keep my family's grave all alone. I still wish my family were alive. I am eager to get back all I lost. War is hateful in any case and under any pretext. We have to tell the tragedy of war to the future generations.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
34-7217

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (34) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 11
1.2 km from hypocenter

(Mother)

She didn't get hurt but suddenly spots appeared on her body. With high fever she didn't accept anything to eat. I tried to force her to eat something through her mouth, but water and food were leaked through her nose. She, who had been well

until then, was in mortal agony during 12 days. But her consciousness was clear. She entreated my uncle and aunt to take care of me before she died a couple of hours later.

I was taking care of my mother's elder sister who suffered serious burns. My mother was caught in the A-bombing at Tenma-cho Station. As she was alright, she took care of many wounded people. Two weeks later she fell into acute A-bomb disease and died a hard death.

A neighbor's husband became like my mother, and his wife stopped him when he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. But he died immediately after that.

They died too cruelly. I had no way to help them. There were no means to cure their skin charred by radioactivity of the A-bomb. I can't forget the painful cries of a junior high school friend of my younger brother. He got all his back burned and I couldn't recognize him except his mother nursing him.

The makeshift room was an animal hut in Ujina Primary School. Many wounded people were lying around the hut.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 13
28-0065**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (63) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.5 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Grandfather (80) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 25
1.2 km from epicenter
- 3) Elder sister (34) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 4
0.5 km from epicenter
- 4) Mother (52) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 12
1.2 km from epicenter

(Grandfather)

He was old and he died from internal bleeding caused by a blow he got on the chest when he was crushed under the house. He lost his artificial teeth and he suffered from diarrhea.

(Father)

My two elder brothers cremated part of his back which had escaped the fire and brought it back as his ashes.

(Mother)

She survived only 3 days in bed and then died. She lost her hair, her gums bled and her body was covered with spots.

(Elder sister)

She died in Okayama Prefecture just the way my mother died.

Mother was in good health, but she fell sick and died 3 days later. Her dead body was put in a thin wooden box, about 10 cm wide and as long as mother's height. It was cremated on piled firewood. A nun recited a sutra. I couldn't hold back my tears when she finished.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 11
28-0330

- 1) Mother (51) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 14
1.0 km from epicenter
- 2) Father (60) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 18
3.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was staying at the house where my mother had been brought up. I heard that after August 6, he had walked around Ote-machi, near the hypocenter, looking for a place where mother and I were staying. He feared for the safety of his friends who were living inside the city. Then he became sick in bed and died suddenly on the morning of September 18, 1945.

(Mother)

At the time of the bombing, she was out near Takanohashi doing evacuation work with the head of the neighborhood association and others. She came home with her whole body seriously burned. The accommodation was moved from the Monopoly bureau to Ideshio-cho. I was with her. I believe she suffered very much because she had blisters all over her body.

Being a primary schoolgirl at that time, I could not do anything for my parents. I myself had a burn on my face. My face was swollen and I could not see. I lost my sight just when I saw my mother cooling my face with ice. She did not look like her former self. When I recovered my sight, she was dead. I cannot forget for as long as I live, how terrible was the way she died. Because it was during the war, it was my sorrow that I could not give her a funeral service as we do now.

Indeed, I cannot help crying out "Give my father and mother back to me!"

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
37-0043

- 1) Mother (31) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (3) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
0.8 km from epicenter
- 3) Father (43) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 10
1.0 km from epicenter

4) Younger brother (12) — Died of serious injuries, burns and atomic disease on Sept. 19
0.8 km from epicenter

(Father)

A piece of flesh came out of his throat and he vomited blood. Two days later, suddenly his throat got swollen, and he died quickly.

(Mother)

She was crushed under the house that was flattened by the blast. Father tried desperately to rescue her, but he had to give up because the fire was spreading more rapidly than we had expected. She died in the fire. On the morning of August 7, I found a burnt body, looking like a carbonized body, in the ruins. Later on my father identified it as mother.

(Younger brother)

He got serious burns on the left side of his body. The affected part festered and maggots were crawling on it. He had become weak. He was skin and bones. Just before his death, his eyeballs protruded. When he died he wanted water. I was with him. His heart did not stop beating, even after his body became stiff. Finally he died two hours later.

(Younger sister)

She suffered from a terrible stomachache and diarrhea for one whole day and night. There were a lot of purple spots on her face. I had a premonition. She died all of a sudden, while we were not looking. I was dumbfounded at her sudden death.

I cremated my brother and sister on the beach of Ujina. I cannot forget this for the rest of my life.

In the case of my mother, it is regrettable that she may have been saved if I had gone home. I cannot forget her burned body for as long as I live.

The day before my father died, I went to the ruins to pick up some firewood on the advice of those around me. I was very sad even if it was wartime.

Two days before my brother died, Typhoon Makurazaki hit the western part of Japan. He pleaded with me to take him back to Takamatsu, saying that he would rather die there if he had to die. But the damage caused by the typhoon was so great that the transportation facilities were paralyzed. He was disappointed and died two days later, feeling lonely.

My younger sister died at the age of three. I wonder why she was born into this world, if she had to die after living only three years. Day after day she took refuge on mother's back, and had no food. I hate the war because it took my innocent sister away. Who will do the task of giving me back my parents, the most important persons to me.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
33-0162**

Family members who died

- 1) Brother-in-law (30) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 10
1.0 km from epicenter
- 2) Sister-in-law (34) — Died of atomic disease in August
1.5 km from epicenter
- 3) Younger sister (Age - unknown) — Died of atomic disease in September
1.5 km from epicenter

On the day the A-bomb was dropped, we all cried out loud with joy "telling each other" that every one of us had survived and was alive. But then suddenly one after another died. I was frightened and sad. My heart swelled with grief. I shuddered with sadness. How can I explain it to you? I don't think you can understand at all. Back then I was so afraid that I could not speak to anyone about it. I kept silent, "locking it up" in my bosom. How pitiful, how miserable! I can never forget it.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 21
34-7070**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (14) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Younger sister (9) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 3) Younger brother (3) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.9 km from epicenter
- 4) Younger sister (6) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Aug. 26
0.9 km from epicenter
- 5) Younger brother (12) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 11
0.9 km from epicenter
- 6) Father (52) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 1
0.9 km from epicenter

(Father)

He was exposed to the A-bomb in our house at 7-chome, Ote-machi. Then he went through ground zero to the post and telegraph office looking for me. He went back and forth searching for his second and fourth son and his fourth daughter. He got thinner and thinner. On the morning of October 1, I found my father dead; he was sleeping beside me (I was between father and mother).

(Younger brother [1])

He was exposed to the A-bomb on the bridge on the way to school that morning. I heard that he got burnt all over his body and nobody could recognize him. When he met Mrs. Enami, he called her "Oba-san, Oba-san", but she could not tell who he was. He was taken care of at Mrs. Enami's, but died that same day. His body was

taken to an elementary school in Enami, and cremated there. We could not find the remains of his bones.

(Younger brother [5])

He was exposed to the A-bomb in our house at Ote-machi. He had no external injuries, but a tumor in his mouth. He ate nothing. All he did was gargle; he always carried a bottle with him until he died. I gave him a fig, but he ate just a little of it and threw it up at once.

(Younger sister [2])

That morning she helped with the cooking. She left home saying to mother, "I peeled potatoes, Mother. I'm going out to play!" She was missing and we couldn't even find her bones.

(Younger sister [4])

She was crushed under the house. Our parents pulled her out with great difficulty, but she had a scar 10 cm long and suffered from terrible diarrhea. She died on August 26. It was so pitiful.

(Younger brother [3])

He was crushed down under the house. Though he was calling for his mother, saying "Ka-kan, Ka-kan", our parents could not save him.

That time was hell on earth. Pitiful, pitiful...My mother used to say, "I don't want to see the Yankees' faces. They killed my children".

Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 19 19-0033

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (18) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Younger brother (2) — Died of serious burns on Oct. 2
2.0 km from epicenter

(Younger sister)

On the morning of that day, on her way to office in Sakan-cho, near the center of explosion, she was exposed to the atomic bombing. She is missing.

(Younger brother)

He was exposed to the atomic explosion with his mother outside the house in Oshiba-cho, Hiroshima City. He suffered severe burns and diarrhea. His condition became worse and he died in October. Neighbors cremated his body on the river-bed of Ota River.

I think my younger sister must have died without much suffering because she died very near the center of explosion. As her body wasn't found, we couldn't confirm her death. Three or four months later, we still had a hope she should come

home from somewhere.

My younger brother was a really lovely 2-year-boy. He got thinner and thinner, and could not even eat.

He became like a doll, too weak to cry, when he died. My parents were thoroughly disappointed. My mother was encouraged by neighbors to recover herself from disappointment.

Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 26
34-0602

Dead family member

1) Younger sister (19) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 6
Entered the city after the bomb

(Younger sister)

My younger sister, who died on October 6, 1945, entered Hiroshima City, looking for me. It might have exposed her to radioactivity. Later she was taken to a national hospital as a suspected case of typhoid.

A high fever of unknown cause continued. Doctors told us that it came from typhoid fever but...(at that time there was no epidemic raging there.) After all she died of that fever.

In the hospital there weren't any medicines for such a high fever. There was nothing we could do but cool her head with an ice pillow. It was very painful for those who attended on her, incapable to do anything but wait for her death. If it were now, she could get many good medicines. How regrettable it is!

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
34-7069

Family members who died

1) Mother (Age -not known) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Never found

2) Father (Age -not known) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 10
1.5 km from epicenter

(Father)

He attended on me at Teishin Hospital. He gradually lost his eyesight, but I couldn't see anything myself because of burns. When I was able to see him, he was dead.

(Mother)

In the morning she saw me off cheerfully. She was crushed under the fallen house in Hiratsuka-cho and burnt to death. We've never got her ashes.

My father died, vomiting blood. His body was cremated at the yard of Teishin Hospital. My classmates gave me detailed reports of the process of the cremation: "Now his hands are burning, his face is burning...the last part of his -his abdomen - is burning."

While I was listening to them I felt as if my own body was being burnt by inches. These are very hellish pangs. I cannot remember him without being moved to tears in sorrow.

I couldn't believe that mother was dead, remembering that she saw me off as usual when I left home for mobilized work. I had been waiting for her coming back. The sounds of wind made me go out of the door, looking for mother. I had her name stay on the family register for a long time.

**Hiroshima, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 13
34-6105**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (18) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease
on Sept. 1
Distance from epicenter - not known.
- 2) Younger brother (9) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 10
Went for rescue

(Elder brother)

After he came home on August 12, 1945, he had nausea, diarrhea, fever and loss of hair.

At that time we had no medicines to treat them, and I gave him decocted medical herbs and broiled vipers. Obayashi National School in Asa-gun was used then as a military hospital. We were told that those who were enlisted might be taken there for treatment. Then we took him on a large handcart on Aug. 20. He was treated by an army surgeon but died on September 1, 1945.

From around September 5, all of my families fell in the same condition of nausea, diarrhea and fever, one after another.

The fourth and youngest brother (9 years old then) died on October 10, 1945, suffering from nausea and fever.

The symptoms of the other members continued till around October 29 that year.

Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
34-5816

Family member who died

- 1) Father (50) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Oct. 27
1.2 km from ground zero

(Father)

He had none of his former image, his face contorted, and blinded in one eye. I suppose that broken pieces of glass got into his head and damaged his brain. (He was exposed to the A-bombing in front of the existing Kanayama branch of Hiroshima Bank.) Lying down next to him, I heard him scream over and over again every night. Still now I remember the scream. I was told later that he died, screaming to the last moment. (At that time I was too sick in bed to move.)

Because so many people were sacrificed, the survivors must take the responsibility to live.

Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 16
34-1326

Family members who died

- 1) Father (43) — Died on Aug. 6
0.5 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (38) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 29
Entered the city after the bomb

(Father)

While serving in the army for defense call-up on August 6, he died in the A-bomb explosion. At that time they said he had been lost, but after a while we received the official report that he had died in war. I went to Shobara City to get his ashes.

(Mother)

When we heard our father had been lost, mother and my older sister went to Hiroshima to search for him (from August 9 to 12), but couldn't find him. After coming back, she had slight anemia and was laid up.

About two months later, on October 29, she died. Bleeding from the anus, the edges of the eyes, nostrils and gums, she died. The doctor told us that she seemed to have a symptom of typhoid, but in afterthought it must have been an acute leukemia.

I don't know how to express my resentment at war. In those days, my younger sister was only a 2-year-old baby. There were no good medicines for my mother's cure. I regret that I could do nothing for my mother.

**Hiroshima, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
35-0025**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (49) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
0.2 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Younger brother (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 7
0.8 km from ground zero
- 3) Younger sister (17) — Died of serious injuries on Oct. 29
1.5 km from ground zero

(Father)

At the center of the explosion, he was burned black, the very opposite of what he looked like when alive.

(Younger brother)

While working at Dobashi for building demolition, he was A-bombed and burned over his whole body, and died the next morning.

(Younger sister)

She was at home at the time of the A-bombing. Having over fifty pieces of broken glass stuck all over her body, she suffered from pain and died on October 29.

Both father and younger brother cheerfully left home, only to meet their sudden death.

She had pieces of glass stuck into her intestines, but was not given sufficient medical treatment. She died of peritonitis.

I regret that my sister, who was only a junior high school student at that time, was not given proper medical treatment.

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
06-0009**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (13) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 6
1.0 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Younger brother (5) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 17
2.0 km from ground zero
- 3) Younger brother (11) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 23
2.0 km from ground zero
- 4) Mother (48) — Died of atomic disease on Nov. 8
2.2 km from ground zero

(Younger sister)

She left school to help pull down buildings and was lost. We looked for her, but

she was never found.

(Two brothers)

They were A-bombed when they stood on the bank. On the upper front part of the body they had heavy burns, with flesh crushed, bones bared, unbearable for us to look at. Though suffering from pain, they groaned, "Heitai-san (Soldiers), Banzai (Long live)!" in delirium over and over again, and died. They could eat nothing, there was nothing to eat, either.

(Mother)

She was at home when the A-bomb was dropped. Since then she could no longer stand on her feet. Blisters formed all over her body, the skin ripped to let out body fluids. Without seeing a doctor, she died.

Soybean was all that we had to feed her. I wish I could have given her a mouthful of boiled rice. I was the only person that wasn't disabled. What on earth could a 16-year-old girl do?

My younger sister was lost, but even though I wanted to go looking for her, I had to take care of my mother and two younger brothers by myself.

I regret that it was too late when I went to look for her. All day long I walked around looking for her all over the town. It was too much to put into words.

My two younger brothers suffered from burns, but I was at a loss what to do. I've always been sorry for them. I wished I could have died, too. Many times I tried to strangle myself, feeling as if the blood in the brain was becoming as heavy as a stone. The thought that my bed-ridden father would be left alone stopped my attempts. I have been living in tears for these 40 years, but I could not speak about what I have been through. At heart I am still in tears now, though I seem to be outwardly happy.

**Hiroshima, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
34-1561**

Family members who died

- 1) Sister-in-law (28) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
1.2 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Nephew (2) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 26
1.2 km from ground zero
- 3) Father (54) — Died of atomic disease on Nov. 12
Entered the city after the bomb

(Sister-in-law)

She was at home in Kannon-machi at the time of the A-bombing. She was crushed under a post of the collapsed house. Her son was blown up to the roof. A woman who lived near the house sobbed out what she saw.

My sister had been crushed under the post and a fire that started at her feet, spread rapidly, and she cried for help over and over again. Shedding tears, the woman said that she could not do anything to save her.

(Nephew)

He was so little - a 3-year-boy who had his body blown up on to the roof. A neighboring woman took him for refuge with her. After he was moved to the country, he suddenly suffered from an A-bomb disease and died on September 26, crying "Water, water."

(Father)

Houses of his daughter-in-law, grandchild, his younger sister's family, his older brother's family were destroyed and burned down by the A-bomb. He entered the city and stayed there for ten days or so to look for their remains. After coming back, he suffered from acute A-bomb disease for about three months and died on November 12. (May he rest in peace!)

**Hiroshima, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 6
27-0218**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (47) — Died on Nov. 24. Cause of death - unknown.
1.5 km from ground zero

I was only a child when my mother died. I remember that her death didn't make me very sad, not knowing what death means. The real grief came later. There were many friends who had lost their parents. I told myself that I was happier because I had a father. In fact my childhood was rather bitter for me.

**Hiroshima, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
07-0014**

Family members who died

- 1) Nephew (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 6
2.0 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Father (63) — Died of atomic disease on Dec. 15
2.0 km from ground zero

(Father)

My father had been doing business in Kagoshima on a large scale. In June 1945 our house was burned down in an air raid on the city. In those days my father was sick in bed and decided to evacuate to his home town, Hiroshima, with all my family of seven. About one month later, we suffered the A-bombing. Father's condition became worse and he was treated for a month at the school of acupuncture and moxibustion in Hiroshima.

When we left Kagoshima for Hiroshima, we had carried no spare clothes with us.

As it got cold, we went to Kumamoto, counting on help from an acquaintance, an orange grower, who let us live in a little cottage half-way up the hill. There was no water supply, no gas, no electricity, no tatami in it. It was a shabby hut made of logs, and let the severe cold in. My father's body was swollen and the poison of uremia got into the head. He died in a miserable condition.

The memory of my father, who died in the cold cottage lit by a single flickering candle, fills my heart with sorrow and regret. In Kagoshima he lived in a big house and in affluence. To think that he was not given what he wanted to eat and died under no doctor's care!

(Nephew)

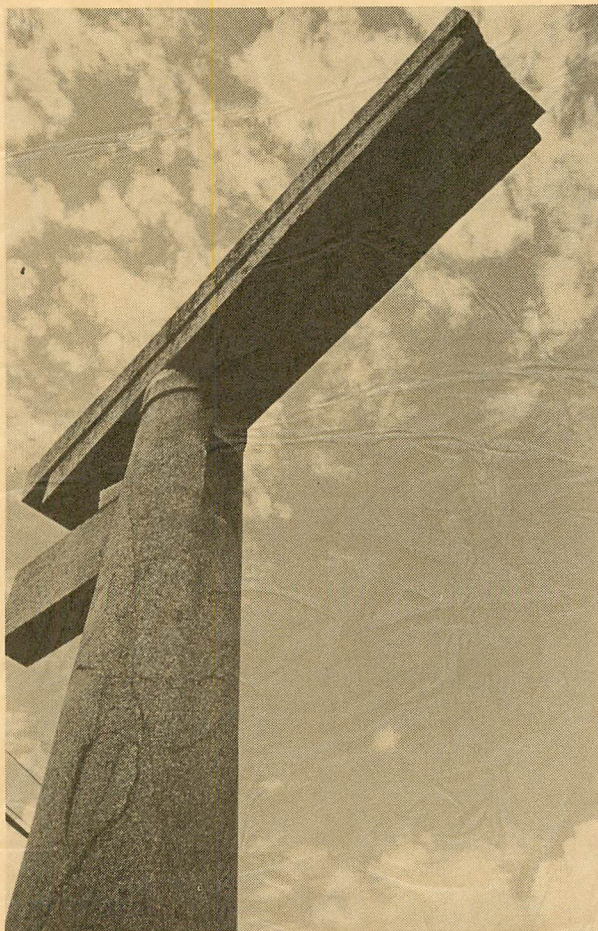
My older sister's son was a lovely boy. He was crushed under a three-storied building with his mother and died on the spot. It seemed that a kind person had taken him out. He was laid down on the road side just like a sleeping doll, when I found him.

My mother had loved so much her first-born grandchild that she scrubbed his whole body all day, calling his name eagerly, praying to God while she was folding him in her bosom. But he never came to life again. The next day the scars of blows began to turn purple and became swollen. On the following day the putrid smell of his dead body began to come out.

I didn't let my sister know about his death. We thought we could give his remains to her, at least. With my mother and younger brother, I cremated his body. When I was picking up his burnt bones to put them into a little box, tears came from my eyes for the first time.

If he were alive now, he would be 42 years old and would be a great reassurance to my sister, who has been living alone ever since. when I come to think of this, I feel sorry for her.

NAGASAKI



Single Pillared Torii: Half destroyed by the A-bomb, it still stands on the hill of Urakami.



Only one man was saved.
However, he went mad
and dashed into a fire.
Painting: IMURA Tomeo,
age 30 in 1945.

I. Deaths on "That Day" (August 9)

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 22
11-0082**

Family members who died

1) Father (59) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Remains found

2) Mother (57) — Same as above

3) Younger brother (17) — Same as above
(Younger brother)

He was killed by the blast and found dead. He was lying face up on the street before the Urakami Station.

(Mother)

She was found dead in a crouching position with both her hands on her face. She had a wound about half-an-inch long on her forehead.

(Father)

After 7 days of continuous searching, he was finally found lying dead in a ditch. Only his ear could be seen from the ground. His body had already decomposed. It was an extremely terrible sight.

The above is based on the stories told to me by my elder sister, elder brother-in-law and Mr. xx, a disciple of my father. (They told them to me on my return home from the navy.)

I was stationed at Nagasaki City for a short homecoming period from the naval air-force Miho base.

My father had built a huge hook-shaped bomb shelter at my parent's house in Zenza-machi, which he had made available to the members of the town-block association. My elder sister and two nephews took refuge inside the shelter and survived the blast. Our house, however, was completely burned down. She heard of our parent's deaths and searched around for their bodies.

I asked myself: Why did they kill so many civilians, non-military personnel? I am full of anger and I can only say that they are ogres, the American president Truman and others who used the mass killing device, not only once but twice.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
12-0058**

Family member who died

- 1) Father-in-law (46) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 9
1.4 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Father-in-law)

I heard a voice of someone calling for help near my house. I saw a badly burned body lying on its back, and as I approached I found it was my father-in-law.

On the day of Aug. 9, on the way to Togitsu (where his children had been evacuated) through Urakami and Michinoo, my father-in-law died while being carried at the rear of the car. At Togitsu (Nishisonoki-gun), his body was cremated. His bones were burned black. No bones were white. In deep grief, my younger sister, brother and I cried, embracing one another.

I might perhaps have recovered my senses if I lived in the countryside. I cannot tell whether I had forgotten to feel any grief for lack of emotion or if I deliberately curbed my emotions because I had seen so many dead bodies.

My father-in-law was in the factory of Mitsubishi Steel Co. when he was struck by the blast. I think that in his desire to see his children, he crossed (almost crawling) the Inasa Bridge and reached home, where I discovered him.

When I passed through the vicinity of the Urakami Station, I saw many dead soldiers lying in a row. On the other side many civilians had been struck down. I remember I suddenly wondered how those civilian victims would be remembered because soldiers would be Deified at the Yasukuni Shrine as persons killed in action. I look back now and the memories return, of when I was a 4th grade elementary school girl, and then an elder daughter who depended on her parents and loved her

brothers and sisters.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
13-19-036**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (22) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.8 km from ground zero
- 2) Aunt (67) — Same as above
(Elder sister)

When the air raid warning sounded, the three of us ran into the shelter built by the neighborhood association, near the Sanno Shrine. When the warning was raised, I rode on the city streetcar to go to my office. My sister is assumed to have died inside our house because she went back home.

Everyday I walked and searched everywhere but I could not find my sister's body or the ashes. Several days after Aug. 9, I went to the police substation (Ibinokuchi substation) to submit the record of her death but because there were no ashes, it could not be accepted. After several days, they accepted her record without the ashes.

Later on, when I referred to the copy of her census, the stated date of her death was Aug. 9, 1945.

I think that the people whose ashes could not be found were thought to have died from direct suffering at the epicenter.

(Aunt) Same as above.

On Aug. 1, big bomb exploded right in front of our house. Our house was broken and all the glass stuck in the tatami mats. There was no place to walk or sleep. Since that day I had been taking days off from the company to fix our house. On the morning of the 9th, my aunt urged me to go to the office. Because my parents died when I was a child, my aunt had been raising me since I was in the second grade of the elementary school. My aunt had never scolded me before. Looking back on it now, I think she wanted me, a lively child, to survive. But now I remain alone - having no family and no relatives. My life has been terribly lonely.

I regret that my elder sister didn't survive because she would have been my companion.

I have no place to return to on New Year's holidays and the Bon festival. After my children were born, I had no friends to share this happiness with.

If the atomic bomb had not been dropped, I would be having a normal life now in Nagasaki.

I regretted my having been transferred here. When I was brought along by my cousin from Nagasaki, I cried out loud looking at the gate of the Sanno Shrine from

the train. At that time, the first gate of the shrine was at 2-chome, Iwakawa-machi. I could see it very well from the window of the train.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 39
13-20-012**

Family members who died

- 1) Wife (33) — Killed by the bomb
0.4 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Eldest daughter (9) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.4 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 3) Eldest son (7) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 4) Second son (5) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found

(Wife)

No corpse or remains, whereabouts unknown.

(Eldest daughter)

Lower half of her body burnt black and buried under the house.

(Eldest son) No body or remains, whereabouts unknown.

(Second son) Same as above.

At the age of 40, I suddenly lost my entire family. When I went to work in the morning, they saw me off with smiling faces at my house. Suddenly in my middle age, I became all alone. No words can express my sadness and grief.

Until the first anniversary of their deaths every day I put the remains of my eldest daughter in front of me and I asked myself why have I survived? I would rather have not survived. I was so lonely. I did not look at newspapers or magazines. When I went out and saw other children, young like mine, I was filled with sadness and grief. I was overwhelmed to the point of tears by the thought when and how to kill myself.

Even now I cannot forget those things.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 39
13-20-106

Family members who died

- 1) Wife (32) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
At ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Eldest son (7) — Same as above
- 3) Eldest daughter (4) — Same as above
- 4) Second daughter (2) — Same as above

After the bomb blast, it took me 5 hours to finally find my way home. I immediately gathered the four dead bodies and put them into one place. They were scattered to different places when they died. My eldest son and second daughter were burned under the house and died together. Because the bodies had begun to decompose after three days, I gathered the scattered wood and cremated the four bodies. But they were not burned entirely so the next day I set up a fire again and managed to cremate the remains. Since I myself suffered from burns on my hands and could not move them freely, the ashes of my four beloved ones were collected by my co-worker in the urn which was kindly given me by our company. I camped at the place for one or two days, but because of the pain from the burns I suffered and bloody stools, I was taken to hospital.

The above was how it happened. There is nothing more than that. Even now, everyday I pray before my home altar adorned with their photos but my children do not grow. They remain as they were a long time ago. I prefer it that way. If such was my fate what else can I expect.

Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 14
13-32-035

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (25) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.1 km from ground zero
Ashes remained
- 2) Elder sister (20) — Same as above
- 3) Elder brother (17) — Same as above

(Elder sister and older brother)

Burnt to death at home and reduced to ashes.

(Second elder sister)

On that day her company was transferred from the shipyard to a place near the center of the explosion, so she suffered from the bombing after arrival at the new office. She was crushed by the building and burned to ashes.

My parents, two younger brothers and my grandmother survived. That evening,

when I looked in the direction of our house, it was burning crimson-red. When my mother told my grandmother that my elder sisters and elder brother were burning, my grandmother said she would rather take their place. I felt very sad.

Because my sisters and elder brother passed away all of a sudden, I feel like they have gone somewhere and just have not come back yet.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 35
14-2025**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (67) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.6 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Wife (33) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.2 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 3) Eldest son (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.6 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 4) Third son (4) — Same as above
- 5) Third daughter (0) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.2 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 6) Niece (14) — Same as above

(Father, eldest son and third son)

They died on the mountain from the blast. Their hair was burned. Their heads were bald. Their clothes were also burnt and blown away. They were naked. The front of their bodies was burnt and swollen red. Their bodies had changed color to jet black and were completely swollen. Their wounds had burst open and large maggots were breeding in them.

(Wife, third daughter and niece)

Inside the house they were buried in mud. I discovered that the bodies were half bones and half remains.

In this world, there is nothing so terrible as war. A terrible thing it is to bring such cruel deaths even to the little children who knew nothing. I hate war. I wish they were alive, even if injured.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 18
17-0013**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (48) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Mother)

I left the house at about 9 a.m. to go to Mogi for sea bathing. On passing through the ridge of Tagami, I suffered from the atomic bombing. From then on, my life changed. When I looked at the village just after the bombing, it was on fire. I could not understand what was happening. I thought it was terrible and headed towards the house. The house was already burned down and nothing was left.

My mother was burnt to death. She was jet-black and completely unrecognizable. If she had suffered from an ordinary bomb, she might still be alive. I thought about it but she was beyond hope because it was an atomic bomb. For some time, my life was like that of a child without a home.

The people who died from the atomic bomb were lying here and there. In three days their bodies became swollen and infested with maggots. A bad smell was hanging in the air. It was terrible. I was among those living but I wished I had died with my mother.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
22-0047**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (18) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.5 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Elder sister)

Our address was No. xx, Hamaguchi-machi, very close to the center of the explosion. The previous day, I had been staying at my friend's house at Nagayo Village. It seems that my sister was at home because she had heard an air raid alarm on her way to the postal-saving bank at Nishiyama-machi, and returned there. She was not at the office that day. The next day when I went to the ruins of our house to search for my sister, I found her body burned black on the ground. I cremated the body there and brought the ashes home with me.

Both my parents died one after the other in 1944. Since then my sister and I had been living together at our aunt's house, and made a living on very little money that our aunt could get from renting the house. I was looking forward to living with my sister after I graduated from girl's high school. After the war, my aunt and cousins went to Okayama where my father's relatives lived. I finally graduated from the girl's high school after being transferred from one relative to another. I worked for the Kyushu Electric Power Co., but I did not have much hope in my life. I wished to die

many times, and I would rather have died with my sister.

**Nagasaki, 1.3 km from ground zero, Female, Age 31
22-0268**

- 1) Eldest son (7) — Blasted and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Second son (5) — Same as above
- 3) Third son (3) — Blasted and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 4) Eldest daughter (1) — Same as above

(Eldest son and second son)

They were walking fifteen or sixteen feet before me when the blast of the explosion struck them. I think they were tortured by burns and injuries. They are still missing.

(Third son and eldest daughter)

They suffered from the explosion when they were walking with me. I was carrying my daughter on my back while holding the hand of my third son. They died from severe burns and were completely unrecognizable.

Their condition when they died was terrible. I think that I could have suffered the same fate. I feel very sorry that I was the only survivor in my family, whereas both my children died. If those children were alive today, they would be between forty and forty-seven. I want to cry, "Please give me back my lost children". I returned from Nagasaki to my birth place, xx city, making desperate efforts, looking like a beggar. There is no way of telling you about my life of hardship after that.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
23-0193**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (40) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.2 km from ground zero
Remains found

(Mother)

Because my mother was buried under the house, we (my elder and younger brother) tried to get her out with the help of a steel bar but the fire spread rapidly and we could do nothing. We then evacuated and went to the backside of the hill.

We could not do anything for my mother. All I could do was save myself. I did not know when I myself would die. Nowadays in this age of such prosperity, I cannot have children. I am still tormented by my mother-in-law, because I cannot have children. She says to my husband, "You cannot have children because you married an A-bomb sufferer".

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
23-0421

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (50) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Younger sister (15) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 3) Younger brother (12) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 4) Younger brother (10) — Same as above

(Younger sister)

She suffered the A-bombing when she worked as a mobilized student.

War drives innocent people to such terrible deaths. Why were the adult people not able to prevent the war? I hated our army and America because I was sorry about the deaths of my mother and sister and brothers. However, I have recently come to accept my mother's death as inevitable because it will have saved more people from future death and destruction. I now think I should do my best to protest against any future war.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
27-0404

Family member who died

- 1) Father (54) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Father)

My father had been working in the University Hospital. After two-day waiting for his return, my grandmother and elder sister went out to look for him. They could not reach the hospital but had to turn back half way. On the 5th day after the bombing my mother and elder sister heard of his death at a doctor's home. He told them that my father and his co-workers had been fleeing this way or that, and the posts of the building fell upon some of them and they were burnt to death. My mother rushed to the place in the hospital where he had fallen down, and found everything burnt out but his bag a little away from the site. His seal was in it, which proved his identity. She could make out his bones, because 5 or 6 persons had been burned to death together. She collected some of the ashes. Though I was small then, I could only imagine their agony in the flame of a burning hell.

My father was so gentle and I never saw him angry at us children. He prepared meals for us and played with us on holidays. If he had been at home on the 9th, he

would have been safe. After his death my mother became ill, and I was often absent from school to take care of her in my junior high school days.

How often have I wished that my father were alive! He would be a great support. Now I remember his face only vaguely, but never forget this love and tenderness.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 39
28-0028

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (39) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
1.0 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Husband)

He was found wholly burned, lying face down. As I couldn't touch him directly, I raised him up with a stick. Part of his chin was unburned. When I forced his mouth open, I found his eyetooth covered with silver, and realized he was my husband.

With my husband killed by the atomic bomb, I hated war and the atomic bomb and wept away with no idea how to live on with my five children, the eldest only 12 years.

Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 27
28-0301

Family members who died

- 1) Husband (41) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
At ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Eldest daughter (16) — Same as above

(Husband and eldest daughter)

My husband and eldest daughter (adopted) were both between the houses, so they had no serious open injuries. His skin was blurred with blood and she had a cut in her left arm.

It was too cruel, even though I knew that we had to face some hardship to win. My husband had led student-workers to the factory and was supervising them by order of the government. I feel very sorry for those young victims, and on the 9th of every month my head aches and my heart is full of tears.

I only wish that they had stopped the war earlier.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
29-0006**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (62) — Seriously burned to death on Aug. 9
0.6 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Mother (48) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.6 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Father and mother)

My father was found charred and lying flat on the ground with his hands covering his ears near the well in our backyard. My mother was also burnt black and the lower part of her body was decomposed and mixed with small pieces of charred tatami (straw) mat. Both were so completely scorched black that there was nothing to trace their living figures.

It was inhuman. They were killed so cruelly.

I was working in the factory in Urakami as a student worker, and had burns and injuries on the right arm and the right side of the body. Bleeding from the right ear, temple, and the neck was so excessive that I was taken to Irabayashi Elementary School. Being confined to bed, I could not do anything for my parents. I felt ashamed because I was still alive. One week later I went home walking on crutches, and collected the ashes of my dead parents, which I brought in a small box like a luncheon box. I wish I could have found them much earlier. I have often wondered if they died without great agony. Even today I sometimes dream of my parents coming back to me. Get them back, please!

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
34-7193**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (47) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - not known
Never found

(Mother)

I looked for her in the air raid shelter with a candle, hoping that she might have been there. It seemed that all the people in the shelter had been killed when moving to the exit at the release of the air raid warning, because they were all close to the exit and being piled one upon another. The dead bodies were swollen and naked, as their summer clothes had been split and torn away. I could not make out whether it was a man or a woman. No way to identify. I could not find her body after all.

Only to think of it forces the tears from my eyes. I cannot explain my feeling in any words. Am I angry at, regretting deeply, or feeling very sad? I don't know. It's beyond description. When the sight comes in my mind, tears come first and no

words would come out. I think the atomic bomb victims died in vain. Nobody knows how and where the dead bodies were disposed of. I know that I won't be able to live whole my life with my mother, and that someday children have to leave their parents, but this parting from my mother was really unfair and inhuman. She was truly a loving mother. We fled together at the air raid warning. I wished I had been killed with her, and still wish so now.

I looked for her again and again, but in vain. I never missed listening to the radio program "To locate the missing", but I haven't heard her name announced yet. I would never admit my mother's death. I have never given up a hope that I will see her again someday. She is still living in my mind.

Sometimes I wonder how cruelly she was killed. If only I knew of the place she died and how she was killed, I would try to find out her. I would take only a piece of her bones or small portion of the ashes to the temple and hold a mass for her. I have visited a fortune teller many times, and recently I was told that she had been thrown into the sea. She says, "It's cold, It's cold." I could do nothing for her. I can never forget her. I have been haunted with her memory all the time, and will be so for the rest of my life.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 29
40-0157

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (57) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
2.0 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Mother)

Father told me that she had been under the collapsed house and crying out for help. He first helped some of the neighbors who were also under the house, and when he finally rushed to her, she had already been dead.

Dead bodies were everywhere, so badly injured and completely damaged, and moaning was heard among them. It was really a living hell. I regret I was so helpless that I could not do anything to help them.

Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 22
40-0213

Family members who died

- 1) Father (51) — Blasted and burned to death on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - not known
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (15) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Younger sister)

It was about 3:00 p.m. when I was coming back to our air raid shelter, I heard

someone in front of the shelter of the neighbors calling my name. I turned to the voice, and found my younger sister wearing someone's kimono with her head and body burnt and the skin of her both legs dangling down. I carried her on my back to our shelter and cut off the dangling skin. She asked for some water but there was no water around. She was only 15 years old, and was supposed to go to the factory in the afternoon. It was about 1 km from the site of bombing where she got injured.

(Father)

My uncle found his body on August 10, and brought it back by a rear car. I wished I could have seen him only for a moment before he died.

(Younger sister)

On August 9 she was seriously injured and came back near our shelter. For fear that she would die without treatment, I got her on the train at night to take her to a hospital somewhere. But soon she died. The train went on to Haiki without stopping, where her body was burnt with other bodies in a temple. I brought the ashes back, but I don't know whose ashes they were, because so many people were cremated together.

Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 14 40-0251

Family members who died

- 1) Father (57) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Maid (Age - unknown) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from epicenter

Our address was Sakamoto-machi then, and my father, elder brother, and our housemaid lived there, while my mother and I had moved to Sasebo City for evacuation 3 days before. The elder brother was attacked while working in the Takenokubo Factory, Mitsubishi Arsenal Co., as a student worker sent by Nagasaki High School. After the bombing he made his way stepping over many dead bodies to home, only to find that the whole town was burning so furiously that he could not get into it. He would never speak about it. I think he wishes he could forget it. Someday he will write it in detail. When he finally found Father's body, it was completely burnt black and he collected only a handful of the ashes in a can he found there (It was also burnt), and brought it back.

Soon after, I went to Nagasaki with him. Four members of my aunt's family died one after another.

On returning from Nagasaki, my brother suffered from severe A-bomb symptoms such as high fever and diarrhea. I had bleeding from the gums, intraoral swelling, headache, and dizziness, though slighter than those of my brother, and was treated by a doctor.

I don't know anything about the maid.

I was stupefied so much with grief that I could not weep. It was beyond tears. Mother lost her mind for a while at the news of the death of Father and the maid. I was anxious about her very much and I had no time to deplore my father's death. I never forget that my first menstruation started on the day of the atomic bomb.

Too many people were killed by the atomic bomb, and I would not ask anyone to get them back all again. I just feel ashamed because I am still alive. I am grateful to my father, who sacrificed his life for us. My brother is still alive, although he has suffered from severe atomic-bomb after effects. I believe that my father is watching him from somewhere and protecting him.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 17
40-0383

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (39) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - unknown.
1.0 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Younger brother (9) — Same as above
- 3) Younger sister (4) — Same as above

It is impossible to tell anything about them, because I have found none of their bodies nor ashes. On the day of the atomic bomb, I searched and searched for them until dark with the help of my friend. The following one week every day I left my friend's home for the place where my home had been, and I looked for every possible corner I could think of, but in vain.

Later, when I was told that they were found dead hugging each other in the ground of Chinzei High School, my heart was wrung with grief.

It was truly cruel, and I don't want to think of that dreadful sight again. I wish I could ask someone to get my mother, brother, and sister back to me. I know it is impossible, and I become very sad in saying so.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 19
40-0560

Family members who died

- 1) Father (46) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Mother (36) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.4 km from epicenter
Ashes found

3) Younger brother (0) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.4 km from epicenter
Ashes found

(Father)

My father seemed to be crushed to death in Ohashi Factory, Mitsubishi Arsenic Co. The metal structure of the building was twisted and warped. His body was cremated together with others, and later the ashes were given to us.

(Mother and younger brother)

My mother and younger brother were burnt to death at our house in Yamazato-machi. They were totally burnt to ashes except for a small piece of the cover of his diaper remaining unburnt.

I know it was war, but even soldiers in the front would not be killed in such a cruel manner. It was absolutely impossible to save my mother and brother, who had been so close to the epicenter. I only regret that I could have helped my father if I had rushed to the site and found him, as some of his co-workers were rescued alive.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 17
40-0642

Family member who died

1) Elder sister (23) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - not known.
0.5 km from epicenter
Never found

(Elder sister)

I went back from Nagasaki to Goto Island where my parents lived in the evening of August 11. Immediately after I told them the bombing they hired a boat and went direct to Nagasaki to look for her. They searched for tow days, but it was all in vain. Several months later one of her friends told us that she had taken a day off from the factory to go to church in Urakami for confession, as she was a Catholic.

My two elder brothers were demobilized and came home from the battle field in Burma. It was strange that my elder sister who should not have been killed was dead, and brothers who might have died in the war were alive home. I regretted even the demobilization of my brothers.

I tried to convince myself that she sacrificed her life for the peace of all people, but still I could not understand her death even after 40 years. She would be 63 years old now if she were alive.

I feel very sorry for my mother. She passed away 18 years after the war (1963), never having admitted her daughter's death until the very last moment.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
42-0141**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (18) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from ground zero

(Elder sister)

As a nurse at Nagasaki Medical College (very near ground zero), she was killed instantly. There were no remains. The building was completely destroyed. Several days later, I was given some of her bones by the hospital. It was very sad.

It happened in a split second. I want to say, "Return my parents, sisters and all the people I lost." They died in too cruel a way. I waited for them day after day, hoping they would be alive. A month passed, then half a year and finally a year passed, but nobody returned. Their deaths were too cruel to describe.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 40
42-0488**

Family members who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (16) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
At ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Mother-in-law (about 70) — Died of a sickness on Dec. 14
Distance from hypocenter - unknown

(Eldest daughter)

My husband went searching for her at the factory at Urakami every day from August 9, where she had been working as a mobilized student. On the 13th, I went with my husband, leading one child by the hand and carrying another on my back. On the way, he said, "It's too hard to go any further with such small children." So I returned home with painful reluctance, thinking about her. I waited for him at home. After a while, he came back with her bones in a bucket. He said that only an arm band with her name on it let him identify her.

If she had been alive then, I would have done anything to help her survive.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
42-0525**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (50) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from hypocenter - unknown
Never found

- 2) Elder sister (age unknown) — Died in August
Cause of death - unknown
Distance from hypocenter - unknown
Never found

(Father)

I was working in a steel factory because I had been mobilized to work there. I was caught by the atomic bombing while waiting at the Michinoo Station during the air defense alarm. Three days later, I went into the city to look for my father. I went to his workshop at Mitsubishi Steel Factory, but it was completely destroyed. As I was a mere boy, I did not know what to do. On my way home, I dropped in at my sister's house in Hashiguchi-machi, but nothing was left of the house. The house next door was crushed because it was under the cliff. As I knew my father visited many customers, I looked for him here and there, but in vain. In his tomb, there is nothing but the soil of the site of the factory. It is so miserable.

I feel indescribable grief that the bodies of my father and sister were not found. If they had been alive, my life would have been different.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 40
42-0546**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (67) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.08 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Younger sister (26) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.08 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 3) Younger brother (25) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.08 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 4) Younger brother's wife (20) — Same as above
- 5) Younger brother's child (2) — Same as above
- 6) Second brother's wife (28) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.15 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 7) Second brother's child (2) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.15 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 8) Boarder (about 50) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.08 km from hypocenter
Ashes found

I looked in vain for my family.

I could see no remains of our house except the concrete floor. Nobody came to help us. As my younger sister suffered from convulsions, I kept calling her by name and tried artificial respiration. But it did not work. I cried for help. I could not even

give her water. It was cruel. I cried and cried alone. The charred remains of my younger brother was dead lay by her side. She might have looked at him, but died later.

(Boarder)

The boarder lay dead in the kitchen. His body was also burned.

(Younger brother's wife [4] and child [5])

All were dead, only bones and ashes remained

(The other younger brother's wife [6] and child [7])

She was dead, burned black. The child was missing. Neither his/her body or bones were ever found.

(Younger brother's child [7])

The child was missing. Neither his/her body or bones were ever found.

(Father)

He seemed to have been blown away by the blast. His ashes were found between the first and second floors.

Their deaths were too cruel. Although I could not save her, I feel so sorry thinking that if I had found my sister earlier, I could have talked to her.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 39
42-1370**

Family members who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (16) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 2) Eldest son (14) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - unknown.
0.8 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 3) Second daughter (12) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 4) Third daughter (10) — Same as above
- 5) Fourth daughter (7) — Same as above
- 6) Second son (2) — Same as above

(Eldest daughter)

Burned to death. Only bones and ashes remained.

(Eldest son)

Neither body nor bones found. I am still waiting for him to come back.

(Second daughter)

Dead. Crushed to death under the debris, leaving no trace.

(Third daughter)

Burned to death in the same place as my eldest daughter.

(Youngest daughter)

Burned to death with my eldest daughter and the other children.

(Youngest son)

We could find neither bones nor ashes.

It is so tragic that only my wife and I survived and we could not do anything for them. As we grow older, our feeling for our children grows all the deeper. I want to cry, "Return all our children to us." We don't have enough money to hold memorial services for them. I do demand that compensation be paid by the government.

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
42-1384

Family member who died

- 1) Boarder (Age - unknown) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - unknown.
At ground zero
Remains found

An old woman, repatriated from Korea in 1944, was living with us. She left to visit her sister, who lived in Matsuyama-machi, but she did not return. About 10 days later, my father went to her sister's house to look for her and found her bones with her clothes in rags sticking to them. He collected them and placed them in our family tomb.

On my way to my office on the morning of that day, the air-raid alarm sounded. I advised her not to go to the city that day, but she said it was nothing to worry about because enemy planes came every day. She went into the city with me, as if she had chosen to die. I think I should have tried more strongly to keep her from going.

Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
42-1411

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (36) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
2.0 km from hypocenter
Remains found

(Mother)

She was burned to death at home in Takenokubo-machi, but I couldn't do anything for her. A week later, our relatives came to the house to clear her away.

At that time, the lower part of her body was embedded in the ground. Maggots were wriggling around in the remaining flesh. The upper part was burned to ashes. Most of her head was burned, but her gold tooth made it possible to identify her.

I was standing at the ruins for a while, wondering whether she was killed instantly or whether she had died in pain. On every anniversary of her death, I always say, "I wish she were alive".

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 24
42-1412**

Family members who died

- 1) Uncle (64) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Elder sister (33) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 3) Nephew (8) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 4) Niece (7) — Crushed and burned to death in August
0.5 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 5) Nephew (4) — Same as above

I survived because I was evacuated from the center of Nagasaki. I lead my life, thinking of the anger at the disaster of the atomic bombing, which killed so many people, especially babies. My uncle and nephew, who were evacuated near the public commercial school, were missing. I got a letter from one of my uncle's acquaintances saying that he had kept their bones, but I couldn't meet him in spite of all my efforts. I think the man has returned to his hometown.

My elder sister, niece, and nephew died in their house near the Mitsubishi Youth School grounds, along with the family of an engineer from Mitsubishi Shipyard. Another engineer brought their bones, which had become like paper. All my family was burned to death, and the dead say nothing.

Who changed our town to an inconceivable hell? My nephew, niece, sister and uncle were slaughtered. They became the stepping stones for peace of the world and Japan. Why did those lovely nephews and niece have to be punished? I often remember them patiently going through the time of food shortages. What are they thinking, looking down upon the present world from heaven? I think they were warning us of the danger that the earth would be blown away by one nuclear bomb. I hear their voices saying, "No more sacrifices from atomic bombing."

We three survivors had to undergo hardships. My eldest daughter, who survived because she was evacuated as a student, was ill, but we had no money for medical

care. It was so miserable . I wanted her to regain her health at any cost. I did my best to help her instead of helping her mother who had to die, leaving her alone. The life of a Hibakusha is nothing but days of struggle. My struggle was to encourage my small child who missed her mother so much.

To neglect A-bomb sufferers amounts to infringing the right to live in peace. I have sometimes thought of committing suicide with the other two, but I have changed my mind, thinking that to kill ourselves would satisfy the warlike forces. I will try to make the best of our lives.

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
42-1599

Family member who died

1) Younger brother (13) — Blasted and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from hypocenter

(Younger brother)

He was caught in the A-bombing when he was swimming in the Urakami River just across from our house. His body was burned black, but he was breathing. As he asked for some water, I gave him water. But he soon died.

He was very kind to my other brothers. I wish he were alive.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 41
42-1652

Family members who died

1) Husband (46) — Blasted, seriously injured and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from hypocenter

Ashes found

2) Nephew (19) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 9
1.3 km from hypocenter

Never found

(Husband)

I looked for him, but in vain. Seven years later, I found out that his bones had been buried near Sakurabashi rock at Tokitsu-machi. I heard that he was working at the steel factory at the time of the A- bombing. He was injured so seriously that he could not speak: he died at the check point at the pass to Tokitsu-machi, and was buried. I feel very sorry that he died in pain.

(Nephew)

He seemed to have been blown away while he was operating a crane at the steel factory. His body was not found.

If my husband were alive, I would not have such hardships. I regret that I could not be present at his death nor do anything for him.

I wish he were alive, all the more because I am now over 80 years old. If he were alive, I would not be alone. Give back my husband to me!

I have had assistance from the government. But if my husband and children were alive, I would not need livelihood protection. I remarried. He was an A-bomb sufferer, but died after several years. So I am no longer entitled to receive social security from my first husband. My second husband had no pension.

**Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
42-1658**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (72) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.6 km from ground zero
Ashes found

(Father)

He was burned to death at a neighbor's house. I managed to crawl out from the crushed house and went to look for him. On the way, I met a neighbor's boy who was crying, dressed only in briefs. I took him to the air-raid shelter, and then I went to the house where my father had been. I called, "Daddy!" in a loud voice and listened carefully, wondering if he might have been crushed and groaning in pain. But I heard nothing. Maybe he died instantly.

Five days later, I searched the house with some people and found his remains. He was burned to death on tatami mats. Whenever I remember him, I remember that tatami mat, too. I have told myself to think that it was better that he died instantly without pain.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 30
42-1670**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (56) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.8 km from ground zero
Never found

(Mother)

Three days later, my husband went from Sotoumi-machi to Takenokubo-machi to look for her every day for a week, but in vain. He found the dead bodies of two children lying near her house. They might have been blown away by the blast. He cremated them and gave their ashes to the fireman of the district. He gave water to some dying people on the road. He said that they were dreadful experiences. He gave up looking for her body. Instead, he brought soil from the ground of the entrance, kitchen, and a living room. As the result of the investigation, I found that at the time of bombing, she had been on her way to the post office near Urakami Station; she seemed to have jumped into Urakami River. At that time, the river was full of rotting dead bodies and it smelled so bad that people could hardly breathe. I

heard that a group of firemen shoveled out dead bodies three days later. I feel very sad whenever I go near the Urakami River.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 40
42-2010**

Family member who died

- 1) Eldest daughter (17) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.4 km from ground zero
Remains found

(First daughter)

She was burned to death with her friend near a shrine at Hamaguchi- machi. When my husband found her, the skin of her arms looked as if it was simmering, and her mouth was so swollen. He told me to come and see her, because "I am not sure whether it is her or not".

I was too sad to cry. If she had been breathing, I could have nursed her. I can never forget her dreadful body.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 25
42-2308**

Family member who died

- 1) Husband (27) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from epicenter
Remains found

My husband was found dead, burnt black, inside his company building.

My husband was a kind man with a big heart, so I had had practically nothing to worry about. But since I lost him, I have lived my life like a bird that has lost one of its wings. His work superior cried and told that none of the many college graduates in his research department could excel above my husband when it came to mathematics. Since then I cannot help imagining how happy my life could have been if only he had lived. It is the saddest thing for me to think that my children never had the opportunity to call anyone "Daddy". As for myself, for many years I avoided every occasion where I was expected to join couples for some event.

**Nagasaki, 0.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
43-0253**

Family member who died

- 1) Grandmother (68) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.8 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Younger brother (13) — Same as above

- 3) Younger sister (10) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.8 km from epicenter
Never found
- 4) Younger sister (8) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.8 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 5) Younger brother (5) — Same as above

(Grandmother)

We picked the largest bone from among the ashes and regarded it as grandmother's. But when the debris of the fire was cleared a year later, her skeleton was found under the concrete roof, still covered by a yukata (an informal summer wear kimono). It was Grandmother's ring that identified her. When the bomb fell, she was crushed and burnt under the house and was left that way for a year.

(Brother [2], Sister [4], and Brother [5])

The three seemed to have been washing their hands before lunch, for their bones were scattered between the washroom and bathroom. The sister (4), however, had her chest pierced by a clamp, and a little part of her chest still held its shape. She was identified by a small piece of the burnt dress which had stuck to her chest.

(Sister [3])

Her remains could not be found among the ashes within the ruins of the house. So we searched the roads and rivers, looking at every dead body, but in vain. We went to the first-aid stations, to no avail. Since she could not have gone out alone, we reasoned that she died with the others but her remains could not be identified.

My brothers and sisters had been evacuated to the countryside with grandmother. But with the coming of summer vacation, they had returned home on August 8 for a brief visit and we had dinner together that night. To prepare for a happy family get-together on the evening of August 9, Mother and I went out of town to buy some food. They all died while we were gone and Mother nearly lost her mind. At times I console myself by thinking that it was better for them to die, instead of becoming orphans if Mother and I had died instead of them. Born in an age with hardly any enjoyment, it is simply tragic that they became victims of the war. How can I forget this? I often wonder if it would have been better if I had died too.

We owe it to those who lost their lives to build a peaceful world with no more war.

II. Deaths in Two Weeks (till August 23)

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age unknown
13-15-123**

Family member who died

1) Father (Age - unknown) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 11
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Father)

I can never forget my Father suffering from severe pain, his body completely burned. The skin on his arms was inflamed and peeling from the bone. His body was decaying, giving off a terrible smell. Something like pus or blood flowed from all parts of his body. I cannot repress my anger when I recall this sight. Is it not unpardonable that man should inflict such suffering on a fellow human being? Please do not make me write about it again. I just cannot stand it.

Father must have been in great pain when he died. He was grinding his teeth until that day. It was too merciless a way to die.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
42-0505**

Family member who died

1) Younger brother (14) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 11
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Ashes found

(Younger brother)

My brother was in second year at Nagasaki City Commercial School. He was working in labor service at his school which had been turned into a branch of the Mitsubishi Arms Factory.

On August 10, we went to my brother's school to look for him but could not find him. A branch factory man told us that he may have gone out on an errand to the Mitsubishi factory. So we searched the area around the school, the Mitsubishi factory and Urakami. We looked at every dead body, none of which looked like a human. Hearing a rumor on August 11 that the wounded were being transferred to Isahaya district, we had my elder sister go to the Naval Hospital in Isahaya. She did find our brother hospitalized there; he had passed away that morning. It was so sad not to be present at his death. We went to receive his remains on August 12.

Since his burns were mainly on his neck and wrist, we concluded he may have died of poisoning.

Innocent as he was, the way he died was too merciless.

I cannot help regretting if only we had found him earlier. If we had gone to the hospital a day earlier, we could have seen him when he was still alive. Even now I

still regret this. And I know that we will have to live with this for the rest of our lives.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 4
42-0027**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (32) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 12
1.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

Father suffered extensive burns at the Mitsubishi Steel Works and died three days later. I can never forget his immense suffering till he passed away.

Father's face, full of pain, and the terrible stench were unbearable for me! Losing our father, our breadwinner, caused us to cry so much. Mother could hardly overcome the grief of losing her husband. She brought me up by herself. She was 37 years old then and never remarried.

I was filled with anger, watching her work so hard every day. Why did he have to die? He would not have died if that A-bomb had not been dropped.

**Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 22
42-1763**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger brother (17) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 12
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Younger brother)

On the morning of August 11, Father found my brother still alive in an air-raid shelter in Aburakitani. Almost all the people inside were dead. Father carried my brother on his back and joined a line in front of a first-aid station. Since it seemed that my brother's turn for care would never come, Father took him to Asanaga Clinic in Dejima. But the clinic lacked proper medicine, so Father took a boat to a hospital in Koyagi. At the hospital, my brother kept pleading: "Water, water!" The following morning at seven o'clock he died. With the upper half of his body charred and his neck inflamed and festering, he died, moaning: "It hurts, it hurts!"

Although my brother pleaded for water, we would not dare give him any, because people around him said that the boy would die if given water. When given a small chunk of ice instead, he sucked it like a baby suckling at its mother's breast. He asked for more but this was not allowed. We have regretted the refusal to this day and wished that we had given him as much water as he wanted. So we always keep the cup of water on the family Buddhist altar.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 9
13-21-031**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (21) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
Distance from epicenter - unknown
Never found
- 2) Mother (Age - unknown) — Died of serious wounds and burns on Aug. 11
0.5 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 3) Father (Age - unknown) — Died of serious wounds and burns on Aug. 13
0.5 km from epicenter
Remains found

(Father and Mother)

I was told that Father and Mother were hit by the bomb in Urakami district where they had gone together on an errand. They were taken to a hospital and died there.

(Elder sister)

My sister was living separately from my family at the time of the bomb. She is thought to be dead because no one has seen or heard of her since.

I became an orphan and I was sad to be alive. I still cannot realize that my parents and sister are dead.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 31
41-0694**

Family members who died

- 1) Wife (21) — Killed by bomb on Aug. 10
Distance from epicenter - not known
- 2) Mother (59) — Killed by bomb on Aug. 14
Distance from epicenter - not known

(Wife)

I returned to the city on August 10 from a business trip. I found my wife buried under the ruins of the house. On recognizing me, she said: "I have called and called for help but nobody has come to rescue me!" For a moment, I felt relieved and praised her for holding out for 23 hours. But as I pulled her out from under the ruins and placed her on a shutter, she died. My wife was 7 months pregnant. As I recall her pitiful figure, it is truly unbearable to think that if I had only come home a little earlier, I might have been able to save her. I shall never forget this.

The way in which she died was so merciless. If she had been found a little earlier, she might have been saved. But it is a consolation for me that she held out till I returned and we were able to talk to each other.

(Mother)

On the day of the bombing, my sister, who returned from her work found Mother

knocked down on the road below the house. She had been blown there by the bomb. My sister took Mother to a hospital in Koyagi where she was treated but she died on August 14 after suffering severe pain.

I saw Mother at the Koyagi Hospital on the evening of August 10. Although she was weak because of the wounds from when blown by the blast, I thought she would pull through because her mind was so clear. But she gradually lost strength and died on the 14th. It was unbearable. I can never forget this.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 36
13-01-008**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (33) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 12
0.8 km from the epicenter
- 2) Niece (14) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 14
0.8 km from the epicenter

(Younger sister)

My sister was hit directly by the A-bomb when she was weeding a rice paddy. She crawled back home and said, "Am I going to die?"

(Niece)

My niece was loved by everybody. Her mother, although herself hit by the bomb, tended her daughter but before long the girl fell almost unconscious. "Let's sing one of your favorite hymns together", encouraged her mother, and the girl sang just one stanza. I learned later that her voice touched the hearts of the dying victims and the nurses around her.

For two to three days after the bombing, the situation was so bad that we could not make use of the emergency supplies. We searched and found bits of the stock and passed food and clothing out to the A-bomb victims but there was not enough for everybody. Neither could we respond to all the victims' pleas for water. They died one after another. I can never forget the horrible sight. And on top of that, I worried whether the victims were truly prepared for death or not.

Still it is consoling to think that the Christian victims must have cleansed their souls in preparation for the coming Catholic festival on August 15.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 16
13-15-224**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (52) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.6 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 2) Mother (44) — Same as above

3) Younger brother (5) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes found

4) Elder sister (22) — Died of burns on Aug. 10
0.6 km from epicenter
Remains found

5) Younger sister (14) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 15
0.6 km from epicenter

(Father)

The upper part of father's body was completely burned; his bones were partly showing. He was a school teacher. He had taken the day off and was hit by the A-bomb while in the garden at home.

(Mother)

Mother's whole body was burned black. She was in the garden too.

(Elder sister)

My elder sister was absent from school due to illness. She was in the garden also. She died of shock and despair the day after the bombing.

(Younger sister)

My younger sister sustained severe radiation burns on her entire body. She practically lost consciousness, talked in delirium and passed away on August 15 at a hospital in Saga City.

(Younger brother)

My younger brother was reduced to a skeleton at Father's feet.

I was deeply angry when I thought: "If only the war had ended a week earlier!" I also experienced a deep sense of emptiness and powerlessness.

How deep a grief it must have been for those who could not live out their lives! I especially pity my sisters who were not killed instantly. I wonder what they were thinking about.

Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
42-1486

Family members who died

1) Nephew (4) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.3 km from epicenter
Never found

2) Niece (2) — Same as above

3) Elder sister (25) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 15
0.3 km from epicenter

Although my elder sister did not live with us, I would like to write about her and her children because the fate of her children has been the most unforgettable thing that

has happened to me. This is a story about my 4-year old nephew and 2-year old niece who were burnt alive in the A-bomb fire.

My sister lived in Shiroyama-machi. The A-bomb blast caused her and her children to be buried under the debris of their collapsed house. My sister could not move. She told me that as the fire spread, her dying children called to her: "Help me, mama! Help!" "It's so hot, so hot!" My sister said all she could do was watch the children die and apologize: "I'm sorry. Please forgive me!" When I think about the feelings of my sister, who died six days later on August 15, I believe nothing could have been more pitiful.

It was not until I got married and became a mother myself, that I really came to understand her true feelings. She died calling the names of her children and saying, "Please forgive me!"

When my brother-in-law learned about the family tragedy after coming back from the war front his suffering was unbearable. I thought he wanted to cry out: "Give me back my wife! Return my children to me!"

I have often been asked to write about the A-bomb but I could not write a single word - all I could do was cry. This time, after 40 years, I have finally managed to bring myself to do it.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
14-4004**

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (45) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from epicenter
- 2) Younger sister (7) — Killed by the bomb in August
0.7 km from epicenter
Never found
- 3) Younger brother (9) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 15
0.7 km from epicenter

(Mother)

Mother was trapped under the collapsed house. She died in the fire, calling for help. My brother, who was with my Mother, told me. I found things that looked like the bones of her face, but when I went to pick them up, after giving first aid to my brother I could not find them.

(Younger sister)

My little sister seemed to have been playing outside the house. But neither her remains nor bones could be found. I truly pity her when I wonder about the way she died.

(Younger brother)

My younger brother suffered severe pains from the burns for a week. He said, "I'd rather die than stay alive but I want to die on a tatami mat". These were the last

words my 9-year old brother spoke, before he died on the wooden floor of an elementary school.

Mother and her little children, who were not professional soldiers, were killed like insects. I could not do anything for my brother even though he was still breathing. I regret this, even now.

Since my brother was still alive, I carried him on my back to the nearest railroad station, along the sun-glittering road where there was nothing to shade us from the sun. He died, after great suffering, at the elementary school of Hizen-nagata-cho.

With Mother gone, I experienced sad and painful emotions when I got married, and also when I gave birth to my children. I have always felt so sad when I see my mother's healthy friends and think; "If only Mother were still alive today". I have cherished the illusion that my missing sister might quite unexpectedly come back alive some day.

**Nagasaki, 0.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
13-20-080**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (Age - unknown) — Died of atomic disease in August
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Mother (42) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 15
Distance from epicenter - unknown

(Mother)

Mother died at her parents' home in Shimabara. Her mind was clear till the last moment. She had diarrhea and bloody stools. Mother bled internally. She had been crushed by a fallen pillar. She had a clear purple mark on her back. She had no appetite. When the Emperor's surrender address came over the radio and reached her ears, Mother sat upright in her bed, listened with tears in her eyes and then passed away.

(Younger brother)

My brother was barely conscious. Half his body had turned black, crushed by the ruins of the house.

I felt utterly helpless when the doctor's treatment showed no effect and learned that nothing else could be done for Mother nor for my brother. I cremated them both by myself. I shall never forget that moment. Clasp my hands in prayer at the rising smoke, I cried and shouted: "Why don't you take me along with you!"

**Nagasaki, 0.5km from ground zero, Female, Age 6
40-1070**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (5) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Younger sister (3) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 15
0.5km from hypocenter
- 3) Mother (30) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 16
0.5km from hypocenter

(Mother)

Her mouth seemed to be decayed.

(Younger sister)

I don't know the situation.

(Younger brother)

He was burned to death and only his bones were left in the ruins of a fire.

I survived in the air raid shelter, but I really regretted that I left my brother at home. My mother and sister also died of atomic disease. If the war didn't happen, I had not have these sorrows! I thought it over and over again.

**Nagasaki, 2.0km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
03-0238**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (8) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.5km form hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Younger sister (12) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 16
0.5km from hypocenter

(Younger sister [1])

She died on the spot of the explosion, at the entrance of the air raid shelter due to rupture of organs.

(Younger sister [2])

She laid at home and crushed under the destroyed house. She managed to crawl out by herself. But she had a poor appetite, even the foods she had taken was directly excreted. In the course of time, her joints became unmoved, then she died before dawn on August 16. The scar of the bruise on her dead body became blue.

The forth sister of my family(Sister-2) said, "The fifth sister (Sister-1) had heard the sound of airplane and left home for the air raid shelter. When she arrived at the entrance of the shelter, A-bomb exploded and she died on the spot."

Though my mother called me to meet her, I didn't go. I couldn't see the miserable dead body of my little sister, for the life of me, as I had seen the dead bodies damaged by bombing. According to my mother, the internal organs came out of her body.

Nagasaki, 3.0km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
27-0226

Family members who died

1) Younger sister (8) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.8km from hypocenter
Remains found

2) Mother (45) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 16
0.8km from hypocenter

(Mother)

I brought my sister's bones to Tsuruga, my father's hometown, from Nagasaki, with my mother and elder sister. On the way, my mother suddenly got ill and we carried her to the municipal hospital. Though she underwent cure, she died.

(Younger sister)

My mother said, "She was crushed under the destroyed house and suffered an injury to the stomach. I helped her, but she died from excessive bleeding soon."

On the 10th of August, my elder sister and I laid our dead younger sister on the galvanized iron sheet, and gathered the dead trees to burn it. We picked up the can at hand and put the bones in it. Under the terrible situation of the next day of bombing, we could do only such a miserable funeral. How cruel to burn the dead of the family by the bereaved family.

When my mother died, my elder sister and I laid the coffin on the the large cart and carried to the crematory. We couldn't do anything for both of them. We regret that we couldn't have even the Buddhist scripture by the priest. We never forget such sorrowful memories forever.

Nagasaki, 1.5km from ground zero, Female, Age 39
42-0820

Family members who died

1) Second son (9) — Blasted and died of serious burns on Aug. 9
Distance from hypocenter - not known
Remains found

2) Husband (50) — Died of serious burns in August
Distance from hypocenter - not known

(Husband)

He died after about a week. He had seriously burned. He wanted to smoke a

cigarette before his death, but I was very sorry that I could not get it.

(Second son)

As he was missing for 4 or 5 days, I went to various places to search for him every day. Through someone's information, I found his dead body lying in the narrow ditch in the distance of 0.5km from my house. He was distinguished only by his belt.

The sorrowful scene of my son has been printed in my mind. If he were alive, I had not live a hard life. I always remember him.

Nagasaki, 1.0km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
28-0268

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (38) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 11
1.0km from hypocenter
- 2) Younger sister (10) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 16
1.0km from hypocenter

(Mother)

As she got burned all over the back, she had died in lying prone.

(Sister)

She walked over the hills until just a day before death, but she died as if she run out of her power.

My mother moved her her mouth to say something just before her death. I managed to hear that, but I failed. I regret I could do nothing for her. During 40 years, I had a plenty of sad and bitter things. Whenever I had such things, I thought if she were alive.

Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 16
13-01-006

Family members who died

- 1) Father (57) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 16
1.0km from hypocenter
- 2) Niece (3) — Died of atomic disease. Date of death - unknown.
1.0km from hypocenter

(Father)

He crushed under the destroyed house and managed to crawl out. As he fortunately had no external injury, I felt relieved. But, he suddenly died one week later.

(Niece)

Her hair fell out and she became weaken to death.

My father had no external injury. So, I had no care for him and took care of my

elder brother who had seriously burned. I regret that I had done nothing for my father. I felt sad that he died being patient of his pain within himself.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 23
13-12-096

Family members who died

- 1) Niece (7) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 2) Nephew (5) — Same as above
- 3) Niece (2) — Same as above
- 4) Younger sister (30) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 17
0.5 km from epicenter

(Elder Sister)

She was alive for 8 days after bombing. During those days, her body was swollen all over, and she was been suffering from high fever and diarrhea everyday. She asked me to put her body into the well and I was heartbreaking to see her.

(Niece [1])

My sister who narrowly escaped said, "The house burned by bombing, and we were crushed under the destroyed house. I couldn't help my children."

(Nephew)

At the same time of bombing, the house beam fell on him. He vomited and the color of his face changed.

(Niece [3])

My sister lost consciousness and came to her senses by crackle of fire, then she escaped. She had no memory of this youngest daughter.

All of them died before the 15th of August, the day of ending war. Just after the atomic bombing, our city looked like "the hell on earth". I couldn't forget the horrible scenes forever. The dead bodies of my nieces and nephew were not discovered for a long time. After the big typhoon brought heavy rain to Nagasaki in the middle of September, their bodies were dug out. Their bones felt smooth like the shell.

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
41-0031

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (4) — Crushed to death on Aug. 10
0.8km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Mother (42) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 17
0.8km from hypocenter

(Younger sister)

My younger sister was crushed under the destroyed house and died being caught between the beams. We left her dead body in the ruins of a fire and went back to Higashi-Sonogi-cho. When my father returned to Nagasaki to look for her dead body next day, her body was missing and there were the bones heaped together all over. People said the army had burned up the dead people together. He couldn't bring back anything.

(Mother)

My mother was crushed with my sister under the destroyed house and she burned on her face, hands and legs. We took her to her hometown, Higashi-Sonogi-cho. She became bad gradually and couldn't have even water. The doctor had nothing to do. On the way from the hospital, she was in agonies of pain, then she stopped her breathing on the bicycle drawn cart.

Nothing is more than cruel and miserable than war. Thinking about that the A-bomb was fallen over the non-soldiers and brought death and pain to them, I feel angry and sad deeply. If the A-bomb were not dropped, if they lived with us, I haven't had pains or sorrow for these forty years. If the war had not happened... I wanted to cry to return my parents and sister.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 6
41-0015**

Family member who died

1) Father (34) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 17
1.4 km from hypocenter

(Father)

We were informed from the refugee center after 4 or 5 days and took him to the house. He had burned all over his body, and seriously had burned from the top of his head to the ankle on the back and there had been maggots. As he asked for water, we gave him and he just vomited something yellow, and we couldn't do anything. At around 10 o'clock in the morning of August 17, he said "Someone comes to me to take me to the heaven", and he died.

Though I saw the horrible scenes caused by atomic bombing with my own eyes, I can't express how cruel it was! At that time, there was no cure for such serious burns. People died with regret and pains, and the bereaved families have been forced to live hard lives, too. As my father was a mainstay in my family, I guess my mother has been more shocked than children. Thinking what a hard life she has lived with sorrow for these forty years, I don't know how I can console her.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
14-5001**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (44) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.4km from hypocenter
- 2) Mother (44) — Same as above
- 3) Elder brother (19) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 18
1.4km from hypocenter

(Father)

He didn't go to work due to dengue fever and stayed with my mother and my elder brother at home in Takenokubo-machi in Nagasaki City. Only my brother could escape, and he collected the bones of my parents with the our father's comrades 3 days later.

(Mother)

The same as Father.

(Elder brother)

He gradually became bad and died in pain on the 10th day. His skin and mouth was decayed. As he was mad finally, I was scared.

I lost my parents and saw my brother's cruel death in my girlhood days. Nothing can console me. Being over their ages now, I have known what many things they had thought and wanted to say.

I, even only one, was sad and sorrowful. Many people died with regret, and many bereaved can't forget their sorrow like me. A-bomb brought terribly sorrow and suffering to so many people. I really hope the abolition of nuclear is realized in near future.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 16
42-1033**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (47) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 19
0.2km from hypocenter

(Father)

After going back home, he couldn't eat and drink anything and seemed to choke and was suffered from diarrhea repeatedly. We had nothing to help his pain lessened. Only thing we can do was to snuggle close to him and say to him "Hang in there!". After keeping himself in such condition for ten days, he breathed his last with vacant eyes.

Father's death gave us great sorrow, fear, and anxiety. Also, we had to worry about our living from tomorrow, as he had been the only one to support our family.

At that time, we had no time to be sad because we managed to live day by day

in the disorder caused by defeat. Looking back those days, I feel it's incredible we could survive under such a terrible condition. And I can't help thinking if he were alive..... He was a doting father and looking forward to the future of our sisters. But he never returned to us.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 19
42-0798**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (15) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 19
Distance from hypocenter - unknown
- 2) Elder brother (27) — Died of a sickness on Oct. 6
Entered the city after the bomb

(Younger sister)

After bombing, my younger sister crawled out by herself and went into the air raid shelter, and had been unconscious there for five days. In the morning of the sixth day, she became conscious by loud voice asking "anyone here ?", and was saved by the rescue team. She was carried to the school in Isahaya City to get cures for injury on head and burns. It was one week later that I was informed about her. I brought the medicine to her soon. She had her head cut like large rent where the periosteum was seen, and there were 113 maggots. I picked out those maggots one by one with tweezers and applied ointment there, and applied compress for burns. She said "I feel much better" and she slept. She woke up after hours and said, "I know I am going to die soon. I want to die on the tatami mat." I looked for the room here and there, and managed to get information that there were available space for one person in the resort house owned by a company. I put her on the board and carried there at around 6 o'clock in the evening and she died at 3:30 a.m. midnight.

Before death, she said, "The members of women's club in Isahaya took care of me. Please tell them my thanks." Also, said "A raccoon comes to take me to the heaven. He beckons me to come nearer over my head. Oh, here comes a fox, too. I have a splitting headache." Then, she breathed her last.

If I could have find her earlier, I could have treated her injury and burns, and cured for the internal bleeding from her breast to stomach caused by bruise. I really regret. If she could have got the cure earlier, she might have been alive.

Whenever I think about that, I am sad. I never forget my pitiful sister.

**Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 4
42-0819**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (9) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
1.5 km from hypocenter
Remains found
- 2) Elder brother (7) — Same as above

- 3) Grandfather (63) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 11
2.0 km from hypocenter
- 4) Grandmother (56) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 13
2.0 km from hypocenter
- 5) Mother (30) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 16
2.0 km from hypocenter
Ashes found
- 6) Younger sister (1) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 20
1.8km from hypocenter

(Mother)

She had seriously burned and acute atomic disease, and was carried to the temporary medical center for atomic disease victims (ex-arms manufacturing factory). She died there.

(Elder brother [1])

The air raid alarm was lifted. He was bombed right after he went on errand for Grandfather, and he died.

(Elder brother [2])

He went on errand with his elder brother, and was bombed and died.

(Grandfather)

He was bombed when he was weeding in paddy field with my mother and grandmother. He died of seriously burns and atomic disease at home.

(Grandmother)

She was bombed in the paddy field with my grandfather and mother. She died at the temporary medical center (Nagasaki arm manufacturing factory).

(Younger sister)

When we played together at home, we were bombed. She got the acute atomic disease and died at home.

I had a family of eight, but only my father and I remained. I strongly ask to return my family to me.

Six of family people died cruelly at a time. What a sorrow my father and I have had! I can't forget them. If they lived, if all of our family were alive, if that atomic bomb were not dropped, what a happy lives we lived. I ask the nation to compensate the bereaved family at least.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 21
41-0017**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (18) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes found

- 2) Father (48) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 14
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes remained
- 3) Younger sister (10) — Same as above
- 4) Younger brother (16) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 16
0.6 km from epicenter
Ashes remained
- 5) Mother (41) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 20
0.6 km from epicenter

(Father, Younger brother and Younger sister [3])

How long had I looked for my lost father, brother and little sister! I was so glad to find their whereabouts from the lists at the city office. But when I went to bring them home, I found they had already been buried. I learned that they had suffered from terrible burns all over their bodies.

(Younger sister [1])

Another younger sister, who was at home, was crushed under the house and burnt to death. I gathered her bones at the site of the burnt house.

(Mother)

I was able to find my mother, who had serious burns, but I could not give her any medical treatment. She could eat nothing and died in agony on Aug. 20.

I wish I could have located the lost three much earlier, at least before they were buried. They seemed to be in the same room. My sister died first, then my father and my brother was last. My father must have felt helpless. I pity my brother more than any one else when I think how unbearably hard it must have been for him to watch them die before his eyes.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
12-0260**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (51) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 14
At ground zero
- 2) Mother-in-law (49) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 20
At ground zero

(Father)

I was living in Isahaya where my father's parent's home was located. On the day of the atomic bombing, I went to Nagasaki City to take food to my parents. On the way, I had dropped in at our relative's place in Goto-machi, when the bomb fell. I was no longer able to visit my parent's house so I returned to Isahaya.

Three days later, my father was brought to our place in a cart by his friend and my mother. His clothes were torn and half of his face was burnt and sore. He wasn't able to walk. That night they slept in an air-raid shelter. The next day, I took him to our family doctor, who put him in the hospital right away. On the following day

the doctor left for Nagasaki. He was part of rescue party together with the senior nurses, so a substitute doctor and the remaining nurses gave him treatment. But they did not seem to know what to do without any medicine. He suffered from awful nausea, diarrhea and an extremely high fever. I could do nothing but watch him lie in his bed. On the afternoon of the 4th day, he died quietly as if a candle had been snuffed out.

(Mother-in-law)

My mother-in-law didn't have any apparent burns. She had only a small cut on her finger tip made by a piece of broken glass. She felt too weary to sit on the floor and always lay down. Purple spots began to appear on her face and hands. They gradually became larger and looked swollen. They swelled like a bunch of big grapes. Just before her death, those swellings broke and dark pus came out of them. She must have had small burns on her skull when she died, because a few maggots were found in her hair.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Male, Age 15
04-0354

Family members who died

- 1) Father (48) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 16
0.5 km from epicenter
- 2) Mother (40) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 20
1.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

My father looked relatively good when he came back home after the bomb. But when he walked back from the hospital (400 meters) he fell down and had to stay in bed. He was clearly conscious until he died the following day, suffering from diarrhea.

(Mother)

My mother was outside at the time of the Atomic Bomb and was burned all over her body. She couldn't eat anything but lived on pear juice and hot water until Aug. 20. Her consciousness was clear, but she lost her sight completely. Maggots were all over her body even before she died.

I thought my father would be all right but he died suddenly. It may be because he was exposed to the Atomic Bomb at close range.

Although my mother was in such a terrible condition, she kept worrying about us children. Recalling those days still makes me cry. Such a disaster should never happen again.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 17
42-0675**

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (48) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 21
0.5 - 1.0 km from epicenter

(Mother)

When my mother died, I was in Nagasaki but I couldn't get home as there was no boat going there. When I arrived home the next day, her funeral had already taken place. My father and brother told me the upper half of her body was terribly burned. As there was no medicine for her, they could only apply mashed pumpkin and a bandage to her burns. They said she looked like she was in terrible pain with the skin dangling down and the flesh showing. I learned that she had suffered throughout her last ten days. Just before her death, she writhed in pain, ranting and raving.

I had applied and entered the preparatory Air Force. I was named as one of the members of a special attack corps in April 1945. While I was being trained in Nagasaki, the war ended. My mother, who lived through the whole war, suffered from the Atomic Bomb and died. However, I was destined to die in a suicide squad but I survived. I was really mad at this irony. I killed time absent-mindedly or reacted with rage because I didn't know where and how to express my anger for a few months after the end of the war. How many times did I stand in front of my mother's tomb, with a desire to dig her out and see her! Whenever I think of it, I still feel angry. It is 40 years since she died, but I still feel as if it were only yesterday.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
14-2305**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (42) — Died of serious burns and atomic disease on Aug. 22
1.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

Three days after the atomic bomb was dropped, we finally found and rescued my father. He was under the fallen posts of the company building where he worked. Just before he died, he almost suffocated because of blood clots and he lost much hair. We piled up wood taken from the field and the whole family watched him cremated. My father was born in 1875 but I don't know his date of birth clearly because I was little when he died.

I wonder why innocent people like my father had to suffer from such a terrible event. I felt very sorry for him. It seems like a miracle that I was able to survive although a great number of people, including our neighbors and friends, died.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 8
13-53-017**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (55) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.4 km from epicenter
Never found
- 2) Elder brother (12) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from epicenter
- 3) Elder sister (21) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 23
0.7 km from epicenter

(Father)

My father, a carpenter, suffered from the Atomic Bomb while outside. We were not able to find his dead body. I still wonder why his life had to end like that.

(Older sister)

Even though she was suffering from atomic disease, my elder sister used to prepare meals for her younger sister and brother. I remember a lot of her hair came out, so she cooked wearing a piece of Furoshiki cloth over her head as a scarf so that her hair would not fall on the food.

(Older brother)

My elder brother died, crushed under the fallen posts of the house. We couldn't find his remains.

I was only 8 and too small to do anything for them, and it still makes me sad. One day, all of a sudden, I lost three members of my family. My father, sister and brother are always in my heart.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 31
42-0948**

Family member who died

- 1) Younger sister (28) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 23
2.0 km from epicenter

(Younger sister)

Just when my younger sister went out of the house in Takenokubo (2.0 km from where the atomic bomb was dropped), the atomic bomb exploded. As she was beside the stone wall and outside, she was not crushed under the collapsed house, but she was directly exposed to a great deal of radioactivity. She stayed overnight in an air-raid shelter in the neighborhood and then stayed at her friend's house for the next few days.

Although I returned from Saga on the day of the bombing, I was not able to enter the city, so I stayed overnight at our relative's house in Michinoo. When I finally got home the next day, Aug. 10, I found our house razed and my sister was missing. But a few days later, I learned she was at her friend's place. I moved her

to our relative's place in Himi. Later when we moved to Saga on Aug. 16, she was in a very serious condition so I put her in the Saga Hospital. The doctors didn't know how to treat her. She died on Aug. 23 without any medicine, or blood transfusions or any treatment whatsoever. She suffered from bleeding, depilation and emaciation.

Why did she have to suffer such torments? This is beyond description.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 20
22-0311**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder sister (24) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 18
1.0 km from epicenter
- 2) Father (56) — Died of serious injuries in August
1.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

While my father was making a storage room for my sister, his head was crushed by the falling beams. His brain was damaged. We used a towel to hold up half of his skin that was dangling down. We carried him on a stretcher to our house but 2 weeks later he died.

(Elder sister)

My sister's legs were crushed by the fallen bricks and she tried frantically to crawl out from under them, thus tearing some flesh from her legs. She was found groaning in a ditch near her house. She died 10 days later.

Everyone feels sad if any member of their family dies, of an illness or from a wound. So I am very indignant that our precious lives were taken while at home in Japan, because we were not military personnel. The people in charge at the military authority started the war for their own benefit. Many people were sent to the front one after another and were killed.



Mother and child at an improvised accommodation center. Painting: KAWAKAMI Kizo, age 40 in 1945.

III. Deaths by the End of August

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
42-2236**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (0) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 12
1.0 km from epicenter
- 2) Older sister (16) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 13
1.0 km from epicenter
- 3) Mother (36) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 23
1.0 km from epicenter
- 4) Younger brother (12) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 24
1.0 km from epicenter

(Youngest brother)

My youngest brother died when he was 6 months old. He had no apparent wounds and he was too small to complain of any pain.

(Elder sister)

I found my sister dead one morning. She had no wounds, either.

I think they were both very weak but we didn't take it seriously since everyone felt weak and we were not ourselves at that time. They suffered from the atomic bomb while in the house and were rescued from the collapsed house. I couldn't

understand why they died without showing any external wounds.

(Mother)

My mother became very weak from about Aug. 20. She bled from her gums and had some purple spots on her body. Her consciousness was clear. Small scratches were on her body.

(Younger brother)

My younger brother was seriously wounded by broken glass. He was the worst of the 4 members of my family. He also became weak from about Aug. 20 and died on Aug. 24.

I don't have any words to express those cruelties. In the late afternoon on Aug. 9, I got to the site of our house. We were very glad to know we were all well except we lost our father. We hugged each other. But to lose them so soon afterwards!

My mother had to cremate her children by herself. Nobody can ever understand how she felt about it. Then her own life was taken 10 days later. I have no words to express such a tragedy. My younger brother said angrily, "There was no air-raid warning". Those words still linger in my ears.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 36
42-2058**

Family members who died

- 1) Older brother (50) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 14
Distance from epicenter - unknown
- 2) Sister-in-law (48) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 26
Distance from epicenter - unknown

Although my sister-in-law was badly wounded she brought my brother (her husband), on a cart, to my place in the late afternoon on Aug. 11.

(Elder brother)

As my brother was seriously injured we didn't know what to do for him. We put him in Fujita Hospital on the following day. He kept worrying about his family, talking in a delirium because of high fever. He died on Aug. 14.

(Sister-in-law)

My sister-in-law got burnt and badly injured. She had black spots on her face and constant high fever. Her lips became swollen and they stuck out. There were maggots in her hair. Her features were no longer the same as they used to be. She had to go through such torments although she hadn't done anything wrong. She died on Aug. 26. How sorry I felt for her!

I suppose she felt something was wrong with her face and she wanted to see herself in the mirror. But I couldn't let her see herself. My mother was also evacuated and stayed at my place at that time. She became quite weak after my

brother died.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 18
17-0058**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (55) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 27
2.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

On the day of the Atomic Bombing, I was working at the Nagasaki Arms Plant. According to my mother, my father was upstairs in our house. He was under the beam of the house and had his arm broken. He lost the sight in one eye. He was given first-aid treatment at the Inasa Elementary School. Two days later he was evacuated to the suburbs (Michio) from the air-raid shelter. There was no place to give him proper treatment so he waited in bed to die.

Just remembering my father, the saddest thing of all was that I could do nothing but wait for his death, because there was no place to give him any medical treatment. Another thing was that I had to evacuate him alone at night. Many other people may have experienced that also at that time. I asked the people near by to carry my father's body to the place for cremation and I collected the fire wood. Additionally, I had to gather fallen leaves and dead branches from the mountain and had to poke at his dead body to make it burn more quickly.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 36
42-1848**

Family members who died

- 1) Third daughter (7) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.5 km from epicenter
Ashes found
- 2) Fourth daughter (4) — Same as above
- 3) Eldest son (14) — Died on Aug. 16. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from epicenter
Ashes remained
- 4) Second daughter (9) — Died on Aug. 18. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from epicenter
- 5) Fifth daughter (1) — Died on Aug. 25. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from epicenter
- 6) Wife (35) — Died on Aug. 28. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from epicenter
- 7) Not given (12) — Died on Aug. 28. Cause of death - unknown.
0.5 km from epicenter

My younger brother and his family cremated my three children. I came back to Nagasaki afterwards and cremated the rest of the family who had died. I was too distressed to cry.

(Wife)

My wife got injured and the wounds were infested with maggots. She died soon after. The eldest daughter looked well at first but spots began to appear on her body and she died 3 days later.

I had been wondering all my life why I was left to live. Finally, I was able to understand that it was Heaven's will to allow me to hold a service for my family, and I began to pull myself together.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
13-53-034**

Family members who died

- 1) Elder brother (16) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.3 km from ground zero
Never found
- 2) Mother (27) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 29
1.5 km from hypocenter

(Elder brother)

He was killed by direct bombing during work. Later my father visited the site, heard what actually happened that day from people concerned, then gathered remains of the bones from around the spot where his son had been and divided them between five or six people.

(Mother)

She died on August 29th, after twenty days of agony. Although right after the bombing she had no visible wounds, her whole body eventually turned purple with red spots appearing later on. She died groaning with pain.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 31
04-0708**

Family members who died

- 1) Niece (Age - unknown) — Died on Aug. 10. Cause of death - unknown.
Distance from epicenter - not known.
- 2) Niece (Age -unknown) — Same as above
- 3) Wife (23) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 30
0.8 km from ground zero

On August 9, just after the bombing, my nieces and my wife were lying at Takenokubo-cho, seriously wounded and burned. The rescue party from the fire brigade of Shimabara passed us saying that they will return, and went further north. They didn't come back. We spent the night there without shelter.

The next morning on the 10th, around 8 o'clock, my sister's daughter (1) died, and my sister's second daughter (2), who was evacuated from the medical university, died on the slope of the hill. Both bodies were cremated side by side.

My wife was taken to a temple called Yokokuji, Amiba Avenue on the morning of August 10. Most of the injured there just awaited death.

It was really a sad sight to see the small sisters die on the same day and cremated side by side.

The prohibition of nuclear bombs is the strongest desire of humanity. Never again should they be used.

Only after two months of our marriage, we were separated by her death. Nothing can reduce the anguish I feel. For the benefit of the future generation, I strongly demand the abolition of all atomic weapons from the face of this earth. I am determined to give my life and everything else if necessary for this end.

When I went to the United States to attend the United Nations Second General Assembly, I cried out "Please give me back my wife! Please give me back my health!"

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 12
40-0708

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (3) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 12
1.8 km from ground zero
- 2) Younger brother (6) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 30
1.8 km from epicenter

(Younger brother)

At night in the air raid shelter, my brother (1) died in his mother's arms as if falling asleep.

(Younger brother)

Brother (2) had terrible burns in the head, face, arms and abdomen. For 21 days he cried in pain drinking only water.

The deaths of these innocent children were so merciless, and I could do nothing to help them.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 20
22-0183

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (45) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 30
1.0 km from ground zero

(Mother)

On August 9, she took shelter in a cave near my house as soon as she heard the sound of the plane approaching, so she miraculously escaped instant death. But after settling down on the second floor room we rented in Kikitsu, she became sick. Two

or three days later, a village doctor came and only prescribed medicine for the stomach. She began complaining terrible pain and nausea in the breast, begged us to cut her chest with a knife, because the agony was so unbearable. Gradually her face became distorted and bloated like a frightful ghost out of this world. All her hair fell off, her body was covered by purple spots like small beans. Anyone would avert their eyes from this sight. It seemed as though her whole body rotted alive.

I dare say one can't help soldiers die at the battlefield. But why should a humble woman who worked and lived honestly through poverty and did nothing bad during her life meet such horrifying death? Never, never again should the atomic bomb be dropped on any part of the earth.

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 28
42-0875

Family member who died

- 1) Second daughter (3) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 31
1.8 km from ground zero

(Second daughter)

There were no external wounds or burns, but she died from respiratory trouble due to radioactivity. Her abdomen became terribly bloated.

To lose a child is worse than anything on earth. If it had not been for this war, I wouldn't have lost my precious child.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from zero, Female, Age 9
13-29-024

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (18) — Died of serious burns in August
0.8 km from ground zero

(Elder brother)

My brother was so seriously burned that he became mentally deranged due to the pain, and in the end he was mumbling, "Forward march...attack!" He would not lie still, so his arms and feet had to be tied to the bed posts until death came.

My mother and my elder sister were at his side when he died. My mother never forgot her son's suffering until the time of her death. People often heard her saying, "if only he were alive...", "if only he had not died..." .

IV. Deaths by the End of 1945

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 13
42-2141

Family member who died

- 1) Elder sister (16) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 1
1.0 km from ground zero

(Elder sister)

When she returned home three days after the bombing, she had minor wounds and had only to take a week's rest. But gradually her condition became worse, and on the day she died, she bled much from the nose and mouth until her last breath. I cannot forget those days when we just watched and waited for her to die. Nothing we can do now will bring her back.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 15
40-0727

Family members who died

- 1) Younger brother (12) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 9
0.15 km from ground zero
- 2) Younger brother (9) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.15 km from ground zero
Never found
- 3) Mother (39) — Died of serious injuries, burns and atomic disease on Aug. 14
0.15 km from epicenter
- 4) Father (45) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 3
0.2 km from epicenter

(Younger brother [1])

He was in the house at the time of the bombing. Due to fatal wounds he died that very day by evening, without any medical treatment. There was nothing we could do for him.

(Younger brother [2])

He was outside at that time and we do not know where or how he died. His body has not been found.

(Father)

25 days after the bombing, he suffered diarrhea with blood in the stools. He also vomited blood, he had no appetite at all and his hair fell out. His body was covered with spots, and when he died parts of his body had become discolored.

(Mother)

She was taken to first aid camp because of her serious wounds and terrible burns. In spite of medical treatment, she went through agony till her death, and all that time she constantly worried for her baby.

I was also badly wounded, and could not move an inch. Since my survival itself was a miracle, I was unable to do anything for my family. But I still regret that if I could have moved my body I could have done something for them, even if the result should be the same. If the war had been concluded by the government on August 6, the day the A- bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the bombing of Nagasaki would have been avoided. I tremble with anger when I think of that.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 11
42-2133**

Family members who died

- 1) Father (44) — Crushed, injured and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.7 km from ground zero
Remains found
- 2) Elder brother (17) — Died on Aug. 9. Cause of death - not known.
Distance from epicenter - not known
- 3) Elder sister (15) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Aug. 9
0.7 km from epicenter
- 4) Younger sister (9) — Same as above
- 5) Younger sister (7) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.7 km from epicenter
Never found
- 6) Younger brother (4) — Same as above
- 7) Younger sister (2) — Killed by the bomb on Aug. 9
0.7 km from epicenter
Remains found
- 8) Mother (44) — Died of serious injuries and burns on Sept. 4
0.7 km from epicenter

(Father)

He died in terrible agony due to burns and wounds.

(Mother)

She died in the air-raid shelter in Sakamoto-machi, with no one to nurse her. In the end she lost her senses and died.

(Elder brother)

His body has not been recovered, I don't know what happened to him.

(Elder sister)

With her face distorted beyond recognition she writhed in pain till the last.

(Younger sister [4])

Like my elder sister and mother, she writhed with pain and died.

(Younger sister [5])

I don't know what became of her, and her body has not been recovered.

(Younger brother [6])

I don't know where he died, just like my younger sister.

(Younger sister [7])

I just saw her corpse.

I was in a state of shock at that time, unable to think of anything. I cried every day, wondering why I was the only one to survive. I want to cry out, "Return my sisters and brothers, my mother and father!"

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 43
42-2207

Family members who died

- 1) Wife (42) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
0.6 km from ground zero
Ashes found
- 2) Eldest daughter (12) — Same as above
- 3) Second son (3) — Same as above
- 4) Eldest son (7) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 6
0.6 km from ground zero
- 5) Second daughter (5) — Same as above

(Eldest son and second daughter)

One month after the bombing, their hair started to fall off, they complained of stomach ache, and writhed from sharp pain for days. Purple spots appeared on their faces. They lost their eyesight and disturbance of the brain started. They cried out for their mother, who was already dead, but I could not answer them, so choked with emotion. Gradually, blood vessels began peeling off the gums like pieces of threads. The gums also started to rot and teeth dropped out and death came. What words can express the deep sorrow and anguish I felt!

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 1
42-2011

Family member who died

- 1) Father (Age - unknown) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 6
1.4 km from ground zero

(Father)

He evacuated to Saga after the bombing. From the 23rd of August, his hair started to fall out and he suffered from heavy diarrhea. He was put in Saga Prefectural Hospital and received blood transfusions from relatives. But with increased pain he slashed around in agony crying out, "Bring me a knife! I have to kill myself!" He was like an insane person at the time of his death.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 14
42-1004**

Family member who died

- 1) Elder brother (16) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 8
2.0 km from ground zero

(Elder brother)

For a week or so he seemed well and led a normal life, but one day he fell unconscious and died.

My grief was great to lose my brother so suddenly by the effects of the atomic bomb. I hate war from the bottom of my heart.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Male, Age 30
42-0870**

Family member who died

- 1) Wife (24) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 9
3.0 km from ground zero

(Wife)

About two weeks after the bombing, her hair started to fall out and spots appeared on her skin. She complained of her abnormal condition and one week later she began to vomit blood. She became very weak and just one month after the A-bombing, on September 9, she died from the so-called third degree atomic symptom.

As I have written above, my wife died after long and unbearable agony. We had no information at all about atomic symptoms at that time. Even the neighboring doctor who came to see her could not diagnose her condition, so we could do nothing but to watch her suffer and die. We didn't know what to do at that time, but as one of those who have experienced the atomic bomb, I feel deep hatred towards the United States for using the bomb. At the same time, I strongly want to reproach the Japanese government for not enacting the Hibakusha Aid Law as this day for the survivors who had to go through such terrible suffering.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 18
42-0743**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (14) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
1.2 km from ground zero
- 2) Younger brother (6) — Seriously injured, crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.2 km from ground zero
- 3) Aunt (27) — Seriously burned and crushed to death on Aug. 9
1.2 km from ground zero

- 4) Cousin (3) — Seriously burned and crushed to death on Aug. 9
1.2 km from ground zero
- 5) Younger brother (3) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 12
1.2 km from epicenter
- 6) Cousin (12) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 16
1.2 km from epicenter
- 7) Father (45) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Aug. 28
1.2 km from epicenter
- 8) Cousin (5) — Died of serious injuries on Sept. 1
1.2 km from epicenter
- 9) Grandmother (70) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease on Sept. 9
1.2 km from ground zero
- 10) Younger sister (16) — Died of serious injuries and atomic disease
on Sept. 10
1.2 km from ground zero

All members of my family and relatives were the victims of direct bombing, so they all died in the same way. Although the rescue team came around in the debris, I know now that their help was quite insufficient. Even those taken to hospital received injections which caused instant discoloring and spots. Because they remained conscious till the last moment, they suffered greatly from fever and other symptoms.

During these forty years, I have considered committing suicide many times. But the thought that nobody would remember the dead and take care of their graves if I am gone stopped me every time. It is really a wonder that I alone survived. But whenever I am sick or having a hard time, I wish that at least one of my sisters could have survived. Even forty years after their death, to me my father is still 45 years old at the prime of his life, and my sister a rosebud, still a little bit too early to fall in love. When I think of them this way, I feel really sad and angry.

Now I am 58 years old. I sincerely wish for the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the enactment of compensation for the bereaved families be realized while I am still alive. I never want to experience war again.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 1
11-0177**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (Age - unknown) — Died of serious burns on Sept. 10
4.0 km from epicenter

(Father)

My mother told me that father had died in great agony at home, suffering from serious burns for about one month.

My heart nearly breaks whenever I think of my father.

When I heard from my mother that father had born great pain from burns over his whole body to the end, without medical care, I think that this tragedy should never

be repeated. How sad people around him must have felt to see him! I will never forget father's and their pain.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Male, Age 18
40-0223

Family member who died

1) Mother (57) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 13
2.0 km from epicenter

(Mother)

She seemed to have been exposed to the radiation when she walked around Urakami and came back to Oura district (where our house was). This happened two days after the atomic bombing. She suffered from stomach-ache, diarrhea and hemafecia. She died in great pain.

At that time not enough medical treatment was given in the hospital. I regret having been unable to give her enough medical care.

Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 4
23-0027

Family members who died

1) Younger sister (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
Distance from hypocenter - not known
Ashes remained

2) Mother (30) — Died of serious injuries, burns and atomic disease on Sept. 15
Distance from hypocenter - not known

(Younger sister)

She was instantly killed, crushed under a fallen house by the blast.

(Mother)

She narrowly escaped death in spite of having serious burns and injuries. After she managed to reach Kagoshima, she became sick and died in pain.

After Mother died, my elder sister and I were raised by our stepmother. My stepmother gave birth to two girls. We felt very sad. We felt like we were a nuisance for her.

Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 27
42-1353

Family members who died

1) Nephew (1) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.3 km from hypocenter

2) Younger sister (25) — Died of atomic disease on Aug. 29
1.3 km from epicenter

- 3) Mother (63) — Died of atomic disease and serious burns on Sept. 3
1.3 km from hypocenter
- 4) Nephew (2) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 4
1.3 km from hypocenter
- 5) Younger sister (19) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 5
1.3 km from hypocenter
- 6) Father (57) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 16
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Father)

No trace remained of his former face. His gums decayed.

(Mother)

She died in great agony. Her mouth decayed and she had high fever.

(Younger sister [2])

She died in great pain and her gums decayed.

(Younger sister [5])

She died in great pain. Her gums decayed and she had high fever.

(Nephew [4])

He died, suffering from high fever.

(Nephew [1])

He was burned to death under a fallen house. Neither his body nor his ashes were found.

I could do nothing for those six. There was no medicine or clothes. As our house was burned, we stayed at our relative's house. Words cannot express our grief at seeing them die one after another.

If it were now, we could have had funeral services for them. But we could not do anything at that time. I wished I were dead.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 24
42-2159**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (45) — Died of serious burns and the atomic disease on Sept. 16
0.5 km from hypocenter

(Father)

Just before he died, he lost his mind and shouted things that didn't make sense. His tongue swelled and turned purple, covered with eczema. I could not stop my tears, pulling out glass fragments which stuck to my body.

He was a really good man. He didn't have many pleasures other than drinking sake at suppertime. He was generous. I regret very much that he had to die such a cruel death. Whenever I remember his death, I nearly cry.

**Nagasaki, 1.5 km from ground zero, Female, Age 22
28-0010**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (51) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 20
1.5 km from hypocenter

(Father)

This is a story told by my aged mother who has a bad memory. One month before he died, she knew that he was staying at Kawadana Hospital. My younger brother went to the hospital and saw that his father was in good shape. He said, "As my injury heals, I will get out of the hospital soon. I will wear this shirt at the time." I sometimes went to the hospital, bringing him unburned clothes. Five days before he died, he swelled up. He seemed not to be himself and talked in a delirium. When he died, he was too swollen to wear the shirt which he decided to put on at the time of leaving the hospital. Some hours after his death, water drained from his body.

He must have had a grudge against the atomic bomb. But his face looked as calm as if he were sleeping. It was a consolation to us that we could be reunited and get his ashes. We are very sorry for those who could not find the bodies of their dead relatives.

All of our family depended on him. Father was transferred from Kobe to Hiroshima where there were no relatives. I suppose he must have felt lonely and he went through hardships. We regret that we could not have treated him with more tender care. I also regret that I could not attend to his deathbed as I was unable to move.

Whenever I got delicacies and delicious food, I became anxious to make him eat them.

**Nagasaki, Entered the city after the bomb, Female, Age 19
42-1950**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (54) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 21
Entered the city after the bomb

(Father)

His death was not regarded as an atomic death, but I believe the cause of his death is related to the atomic-bombing. Those who were suffering from diarrhea were said to have an infectious disease such as typhoid. The discharge of bloody excrement continued and spots appeared all over his body. He could eat nothing. At last he died in great pain on September 21.

I feel sorry for the cruel deaths of each victim. I could not stop crying, remembering hundreds and thousands of unidentified dead bodies.

I really regret that his death was not regarded as an atomic death.

**Nagasaki, 1.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 14
42-0823**

Family members who died

- 1) Grandmother (84) — Crushed and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 2) Father (51) — Blasted and seriously burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 3) Mother (48) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 4) Elder brother (22) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 5) Elder sister (19) — Crushed, injured and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 6) Elder sister (17) — Crushed and seriously burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 7) Younger brother (12) — Crushed, injured and burned to death on Aug. 9
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 8) Younger brother (9) — Same as above
- 9) Younger sister (3) — Same as above
- 10) Elder sister's child (3) — Same as above
- 11) Younger sister (7) — Died of serious injuries on Aug. 16
1.0 km from hypocenter
- 12) Elder sister (24) — Died in September. Cause of death - unknown.
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Grandmother)

She was burned alive under a fallen house. Only ashes remained.

(Father)

He suffered from serious burns over his whole body. He seemed not to be able to see anything. I didn't know how to treat him.

(Elder sister [12])

She was poisoned by gas. After she delivered a baby in September (date - unknown), she died.

Their cruel deaths are beyond my ability to explain. I was at a loss, deprived of my father, mother, brothers and sisters.

**Nagasaki, 2.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 8
17-0008**

Family member who died

- 1) Father (55) — Died of serious injuries in September
2.0 km from the hypocenter

(Father)

He got bruises over his whole body, being crushed under a fallen house. No treatment was given to him except first aid. With his face and body starting to decay, he died in great agony 28 days after the atomic bombing.

I would never permit acts of killing on innocent people. How he regretted having had to die leaving his family behind! I cannot forget his pain. The hardships families experienced! My mother and elder brothers had to go through troubles that were beyond explanation. Father wanted his family to live an ordinary life. But the scars which we have borne since the atomic bombing have become deeper year by year.

Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 35
43-0184

Family members who died

- 1) Mother (60) — Died in August. Cause of death - unknown.
0.9 km from hypocenter
Never found
- 2) Younger sister (25) — Died in August. Cause of death - unknown.
At ground zero
Never found
- 3) Younger sister (19) — Died of atomic disease on Oct. 2
1.0 km from hypocenter

(Mother and younger sister [2])

Their bodies were not found.

(Younger sister [3])

Parts of her intestines were damaged by the radiation. No medical treatment was available in the temporary aid station. She died, saying "My belly aches! I want to go home."

As I was outside the house that day for some business, I survived. If I were with them, we could have died together. I have often wished I were dead, but now I have changed my mind. I think I should tell my experiences so we will never repeat this tragedy.

Nagasaki, Went for rescue, Female, Age 14
42-0161

Family member who died

- 1) Mother (59) — Died of atomic disease on Dec. 24
Went for rescue after the bombing

(Mother)

Her body swelled up. She died in great pain which had increased day by day.

Though she was in agony, there was no way to reduce her pain. At that time we had no idea about her disease. I regret that I could do nothing other than see my

young mother die.

**Nagasaki, 3.0 km from ground zero, Female, Age 17
40-0654**

Family members who died

- 1) Younger sister (12) — Died of serious burns on Aug. 28
0.5 km from hypocenter
Ashes remained
- 2) Younger brother (14) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 7
0.9 km from hypocenter
- 3) Younger brother (8) — Died of atomic disease on Sept. 7
0.5 km from hypocenter
- 4) Mother (39) — Died on Sept. 9
0.5 km from hypocenter
- 5) Father (42) — Died of a disease on Dec. 25
1.0 km from hypocenter

All of them were hospitalized at the hospital in Saga Prefecture.

(Father)

When he stayed overnight on business at the dormitory of the company in Michinoo, he died of heart failure.

(Mother)

She died suddenly during her sleep.

(Two younger brothers)

They vomited blood. After suffering for 10 days, they died. Their throats were burned black and looked like a honeycomb. Their bodies were dissected and preserved in formaldehyde.

(Younger sister)

She died of serious burns.

Our youngest brother suffered the atomic bombing at the age of 2 and died in December, 1950. There seemed to be a hole in the lower part of his backbone. Pus drained from the hole and the backbone bent. But the doctor diagnosed the cause of his death as tuberculosis.

Tears didn't come into my eyes when my parents died. Only a tear fell down my cheek. I felt a strong uneasiness rather than sadness. I was left behind. I didn't die. I didn't know what to do. They must have regretted their sickness, because of leaving their children behind. They left children ages 17, 16, 9, 5, 4 and 2. Besides, I could not cook and I was at a loss at that time. The small children couldn't say that they were lonely. They lost those who loved them. I shed tears whenever I recall their uneasiness.

My 16-year-old brother worked at the Shimen Mining Company and dug coal in a mine. A company-owned house was provided for us. We, 6 brothers and sisters lived there. We only had a piece of an old futon and some blankets. We didn't have clothes for changing. As he worked at the mine, we could get much coal and live warm in winter. There was nothing inside the house other than a pan and an iron pot. Visitors were surprised to see five urns wrapped with white cloth, as well as their memorial tablets carried on orange crates in two lines. When we moved to another house, I walked bearing five urns on my back.

Whenever I recall these small brothers and sisters, my heart aches. How lonely they must have felt, losing their parents! I regret that I didn't embrace them warmly. I wanted to see my younger brothers and sisters who died. I always apologize to them in my heart, saying "I'm sorry."

I sometimes see my younger brothers and sisters who survived, but we don't talk about those days. Tears always come into our eyes first.

