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Dear Josh:

Volume Seven/Number One had just been received, and as always, is put at the top of the reading pile, to be looked through with high interest. Congratulations for maintaining the fine standards of SJS, so much of which comes directly from you. Your serial publication of Masuda Wataru's combination memoir and history is particularly appreciated. I hope it will appear eventually as a separate book. I am fascinated to learn in this issue of SJS that a good translation into Chinese also has appeared.

Please pass on to Bob Wakabayashi for me the following note, of possible interest in connection with his very good introduction to the documents on poison gas warfare. On page four of that introduction he mentions the place name "Mahuiling" followed by his parenthetical note "(which I cannot identify)." That is a town on the Kiukiang (Chiu-chiang 九江) to Nanchang Railroad (in Chinese, the Nan-hsün RR 南浦鐵路), about thirty miles south of Kiukiang in northern Kiangsi; it can be found on page 70 of The Times Atlas of China (1974), coordinates C-2. On Chinese maps the name can be found written either 馬回嶺 or 馬迺嶺 . There was very heavy fighting along that section of the railroad in the summer of 1938, as the Japanese prepared for their major offensive against Nanchang in January and February of 1939.

I look forward to future issues of SJS. With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

F. W. Mote