Fleeing the fire in great dismay

6th August, Hiroshima, A member of the women's self-devoted unit, 23 years old

We fled the fire in great dismay.

People around us were all burnt and the skin of their arms was peeled off and hanged down.

They went hither and thither in this horrible condition. It was impossible to see whether they are male or female.

The sunlight was strong in those days and they had maggots in their mouth and wounds. After a few days even light burnt people had many red or blue spots on the skin. Then they lost there hair and died.

火に追われて逃げ惑う 8月6日 広島 23歳 女子挺身隊

私たちは火に追われて逃げ惑った。 辺りの人は全員火傷して、手の皮が剥がれて垂れ下っている。 男女の区別さえ付きにくい、ひどい状態で、ただ右往左往している。 連日の強い日差しで、口の中や傷口に蛆がわいてきた。 火傷の軽い人でも、数日後には、全身に赤や青の斑点ができ、髪の毛が抜けて死んでいった。

