

3303 Fleming Ave
Pittsburgh, 12, Pa
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Dear Lt. Snyder:-

Permit me, Bob's brother, to thank you for your fine contribution toward Adolf's downfall and to congratulate you on your good fortune in escaping his clutches and reaching home safely. We at home did a bit of "sweating" to get you fellows back home safely and the fact that two of you have set foot on God's soil is most gratifying to all of us. Welcome home, Skipper.

We have just learned from Sgt. Bill Slenker that Bob was taken prisoner by the Germans on April 22, at which time he was well and in one piece. He must have learned his 'chute lessons well. Bill must have been with Cike, Pindroch and Bob at the time they were taken, as he knows that they lived on potatoes (not SPAM) for those 2 1/2 months of playing hide and seek. After all these months of chasing rainbows and ending up empty handed, we have finally hit pay dirt with word from the front. We have had the Red Cross, Adjt Genril and Provost Marshall running down rumors for us, but without avail. As yet, they don't know of Bob's

My late Dad, while he lived, acted as go-between with all the families of your crew. When he received word of the fate of one of the boys, if the word were encouraging, he would pass it on to all others. In that way, a large family was born, bound together in a common cause. I regret that he did not live to know that his son still lives and that he, and not I, would be writing to you at this time.

So again I say, Welcome home, and may you and your family be happy in the great reunion. May I have the privilege of hearing from you in the near future?

Respectfully yours
Elias O. Benninger