

May 25.

Dear Mrs. Swiryn,

We watch eagerly for a letter from you - bearing good news. Just as we get low in spirits, another Portland boy checks in - so we feel that many are, as yet, not heard from - and we take hope again. I have a very close friend here who is going through just what you are.

I wonder if you have heard from Bob. About the time that you wrote him, he was transferred to England for six or more weeks "checking" hospitals - the same kind of work. He has had no mail from here since he left Paris - and his letters come in bunches to us - after long intervals.

I had a letter written V.E. day. They had 48 hour leave

to "celebrate". He spent a night and day with aunts of his girlfriend here. They lived in a resort town on the channel - and have seen much of the V bombs.

He wrote "I couldn't celebrate - I went as far away from crowds as I could get. I walked home into a beautiful sunset and thought of Herb." "Herb" seems to have been Hershis nick name.

In the letter which just came, he listed many things that he misses - and ends by saying, "I miss something else very much - something which would make life easier - and that is companionship of a guy who thinks as I do. In the 1940s I had Herb + Arnold and we felt the same about everything from smoking to women!" what a tribute!

He says that the five boys

in his "team" all swell +
wholesome but they like to spend
the nights at the pubs - and that
leaves him out!

I haven't heard anything from
Arnold since that last bitter
fighting. I shall be tempted to
write to his N.Y. address if I
don't hear soon.

Did you notice that the 104th is
one of the divisions slated to come
home in June - to be processed
for the Pacific?

I still don't know whether
Bob's injuries are permanent or
whether he will be re-classified
and sent back. He either can't
or doesn't want to answer my
questions.

He is very happy in the work
that he is doing now - and says

They may not go back to Paris as soon as they thought. However, the address is the same as before.

V.E. day probably will change everything so he may already be somewhere else by now. We have to get used to that!

Am anxiously waiting for good news,
I am

Sincerely yours.

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