

Apr. 16

Dear Mrs. Swinyer,

Thank you for  
your prompt answer.

Arnold did not  
give me his serial number  
but my letter reached him.

Pvt. A. Pappas CO C 414 Inf  
Apr 104 N.Y. N.Y.

There have been  
several articles in Newsweek  
about Jerry Allen and the 104<sup>th</sup>  
- I remember about the tough  
fight at Eishweiler CO C  
was very much cut in accord-  
ing to reports that come to Bob  
from casualties. They say  
that Herb replaced Bob as first

scout and the <sup>2.</sup> general feeling  
seems to be that he is a P.W.  
Arnold and the gulch in Lencer  
have been trying all of these  
months to get Bob + Herb's  
addresses. Now Arnold obtained  
mine, he didn't say. Arnold  
writes such fine letters that I  
feel he is "above-the-average".  
Bob was lucky to have such  
buddies.

I have a deep understanding  
of the agony your family has  
been passing through. Until  
I began to receive Bob's letters,  
I was in a state of panic.  
As far as the war Dept is  
concerned, I might still be  
in that state! Many weeks

after Bob's<sup>3</sup> letter began to come  
I received two official letters,  
stating that he was making  
"normal improvement". They told  
the Red Cross that he was sent  
back to U.S. in Dec. for further  
treatment and recently, I have  
an answer to my letter saying  
that they can't locate any such  
soldier!! And there he stands  
to-day!

I have several friends whose  
sons have been missing longer  
than Herb and one has recently  
been released.

I shall keep my hopes high  
and my ears glued to the radio  
for news of Herb. They do give  
lists at times.

Sincerely,

Edith M. Hall