

Dear Mr. Lillienheim,

I learned a great deal about you life today and I found your stories very interesting. I felt so sad for you and your wife when you talked about being separated from her in the war. I don't know how you were able to have such a good sense of humor in those kinds of times. I don't think that I would have even been able to survive a week at the most. In my mind you are a very brave and courageous person. I think that because you were able to live in camps and starve sometimes. I don't know how you were able to do it, but I am glad that you did because then you wouldn't have been able to come to our class and tell us your interesting and courageous stories about yourself and your search for your wife. When you were talking about your book I thought about getting it and reading it, but I wasn't sure about it or even if I could handle it. I finally decided to read the book when Mrs. Levi read that one part of your book to us I knew that I wanted to read it even if I cried my eyes out. I also agree about what "ring" you picked out of the box. I treasure friendship and friends a lot more now than I ever did in

my life. What you told us about friendships and friends I thought about what you had said about them and I knew and now understand what you meant about having friendships that are really, really important in yours, mine, and other peoples lives. I hope that you come back next year and talk to the new seventh graders because I want them to have the great experience of hearing you tell all of you wonderful and courageous stories about you life. I would just like to sum this letter up by saying what I have been trying to say from the beginning. I loved having you speak to us. Thank you soooooo very much and from now on ,at least in my eyes, you will always be a courageous hero.

Thanks again

Sincerely,

Jamie Lynn Dinschel