

Snyder, Floyd

VETERAN OF FAR EAST HOME ON FURLOUGH

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**Sgt. Floyd Snyder Fought in
Philippines, Dutch East
Indies Campaigns.**

A member of the ground forces of the famous 19th Bombardment Group, U. S. Army Air Forces, that fought the delaying action in the Philippines and Dutch East Indies, Sergeant Floyd Snyder is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Snyder, West Broad Street.

Sergeant Snyder was a radio operator and gunner in the 30th squad of the suicide group when they started to blast away at the Nipponese last Winter. The sergeant said he didn't get a chance to shoot because the shooting was all done in the air and he was on special ground duty as a cypher clerk (decoding messages), but he did say he got a vivid picture of war.

The Bethlehemite has been stationed in India and Australia and even landed a girl friend while in Australia. He said that the Australians are far more concerned than the Americans about this war. He said the reason no doubt is because they have a gun right at their necks.

Sergeant Snyder is a graduate of Liberty High School with the class of 1934, and before his entrance into the Army, he was employed by the Automobile Devices Company in Allentown.

He received his basic training at Tampa, Fla., and then was assigned for six months at Scotfield, Ill., radio school before he volunteered for the suicide outfit.

After his furlough is up, Snyder with many of the same fighters from that squadron will return Pocatell, Idaho, where they train more men and maybe another crack at the Japs.

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