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Jel 18-53 Dear Yary thing going with you. Hope you are in the best of health Thell Lary I received your most welcome letter and valentine from your sister. Thell Lary you asked me what I do over here. Hell mostly during the day. Lam as leep because & resulty stay up all night. Thiele the men en my squad are on greard. and I go out at all hours of the night to check on the men on quaid. Tary Language The aleppery you sent me and en turn I should et to all the men in the squad after that Lamgoring to send inhome to my nother so she can read it. Lary at the present the only thing the fellows can really use is some candels. How see jue alo not have ony electric lights over here. Lary torous lan leaving for Japan. It is soit of like a rest for us. Ofter you are en Korea solong they send you to Japan for Edap rest. (over)

Hary since the last time I wrote you & secured another promotion I am now a last you know Hary it is really kind of you to think about I will be on my way home with Gods help. Thell Lary once again your friend in Roses will say solony wented I hear from you again. Lay hells to your family for me. Solony and May God Whatel over you. Bob Sendaszek P.'5 Hopeng to bear from you foon

### G.I. In Korea Thanks Fowler Lad To Be Host For For Christmas Box S. J. Area Rally

Gary Whiteley, the son of Mrs. Ramona Whiteley and grandson of Mrs. Charles Foster, received a letter of thanks for a Christmas box last week from a G.I. of the 45th Division on the Korean front. Gary had ant it to Korea December 1, through the Gift sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The boy and his family heard of the project over the radio and he immediately began to assemble the articles for the box. They included raisins, nuts, candy, pen and pencils, fruit cake, comb, toothbrush, hair tonic, cream shampoo, toothpaste, harmonica, writing paper, a western magazine, and a Testament. When the box was packed, Gary also included a letter from himself, telling about his family, his sixth grade at Fremont School, and his home in Fowler, and expressed the hope that the receiver of the box would write to him.

The package was then mailed to Los Angeles to go with more than 1000 others sent to Korea by the Chamber of Commerce to the Quartermaster Executive of-ficer, Major Raymond T. Smith for distribution. Although the parcels were delayed in transit and arrived after Christmas, they were very much appreciated by the men. Mrs. Carlton V. Shaw of San Diego was the founder of the gift drive.

Last week Gary received a letter from Cpl. Robert J. Gendaszek ,Co. F 5 R.C.T., of Philadelphia, telling of his pleasure in the contents of the boy's package and how he had shared it with the men of his squad. The letter and the signers follow:

January 22-53

Dear Gary:

Well, I am the soldier in Korea who received your most welcome package. It was not only I who enjoyed it, because it was the whole second squad of Fox company of the first platoon of the 5th Regional Combat Team. Every thing arrived in good shape. Your letter was most welcome also.

Now to explain a little bit of the men who received your package. I am known as the squad leader and have 9 other men beside myself in the squad. Your package was most enjoyable be-cause of the situation we face cause of over here.

I also have a younger brother who is about 13 years old. There is not one in the squad at present time from Calif. Myself, I am from Philadelphia, and the men on the squad are from all parts of the world. I also have two Rok soldiers in my squad. They are

# Christian Church

A Christian rally directly supported by the Christian churches of the San Joaquin Valley will be held all day Tuesday at the First Christian Church of Fow-ler. The general theme will be "Our Quest for Liberty."

Rev. Ellmore J. Gilstrap of Fowler will give the words of welcome at the morning session and will act as chairman at the afternoon session. Aaron Brown of Taft will be chairman in the morning and Edwin Eikes of Visalia, in the evening. Song leaders will be Keith Sorenson and Donna Comstock.

Other speakers will include Rev. Emery W. Snyder, of the East Side Christian Church of Fresno, whose theme will be "Freedom from Fear;"; Rev. Ira "Freedom from Fear;"; Rev. Ira L. Erwin, of the Fairview Christian Church, Fresno, speaking on "Freedom from Self," Rev. Ernest Beam, Los Gatos, "Freedom from Form; William L. Jessup, President of the San Jose Bible College, "Freedom from Sin and Death." A forum will also be held, led by William Bailey, Warren Wheatland, and R. M. Pierre. ren Wheatland, and R. M. Pierce.

Special duets will be given by Art and Lore Vandeveer, Evelyn Bailey and Lazarus Kandarian, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheatland, and Fowler church choir will The devotionals will be led sing. Evelyn Bailey, Juanda Irwin, Mrs. Wheatland. and Mrs.

Each family attending is requested to bring a sack lunch for rethe noon meal to be eaten in the church dining room ,and Fowler hosts will furnish the hot drinks. The evening meal will be provided by the Fowler church.

better known as soldiers of Ko-

Well, Gary, I will come to a close with this letter to a fine friend of a soldier in Korea. So in closing, I want to thank you for your kindness. Hoping to get a letter from you in return when you receive this. Thanks and May God watch over you.

Your truly,

Your truly,
Cpl. Robert J. Gendaszek
Co. F. 5 R.C.T.
Pvt. Joseph E. McPeters, Tenn.,
P.F.C. Kim Jin Byung, Korea;
Pvt. Yiki Sassano, New York
City; Pvt. Kennard Anderson,
Cleveland, Ohio; Pvt. George F.
Hutchinson, Franklin, Mass.; P.
F. C. Lee Yang Youl, Korea;
Pvt. Darrell Graff, Leword,
Nebr.; P.F.C. John Horner,
Johnstown Penna P.F.C. Arlyn Johnstown, Penna.; P.F.C. Arlyn R. Golter, Heolderge, Nebr.

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[[Page 1- Envelope]]

Sgt. Robert J. Gendaszek RA13410020 A.P.O. 301 5<sup>th</sup> R.C.T. CoF c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Calf.

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Master Gary Whitley BOX 432 Fowler Calf. [[Page 2- Letter]]

Feb 18 - 53

#### Dear Gary:

Hi once again friend. How is evey thing going with you. Hope you are in the best of health. Well Gary I received your most welcome letter and valentine from your sister. Well Gary you asked me what I do over here. Well mostly during the day. I am asleep because I usually stay up all night. While the men in my squad are on guard. And I go out at all hours of the night to check on the men on guard. Gary I enjoyed the clipping you sent me and in turn I showed it to all the men in the squad. After that I am going to send it home to my Mother so she can read. it. Gary at the present the only thing the fellows can really use is some candels. You see we do not have any electric lights over here. Gary tomorrow I am leaving for Japan. It is sort of like a rest for us. After you are in Korea so long they send you to Japan for 5 day rest. (over)

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Gary since the last time I wrote you I received another promotion I am now a Sgt. You know Gary it is really kind of you to think about the boys in Korea the way you do. You know Gary I will only be in Korea about 45 more days and I will be on my way home with Gods help. Well Gary once again your friend in Korea will say so long until I hear from you again. Say hello to your family for me. So long and May God Watch over you.

Your Pal Bob Gendaszek

P.'S

Hoping to hear from you soon.

#### [[Page 4- Newspaper clipping]]

[[Included with the letter is a newspaper clipping describing the Gift Lift program, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, through which Gary was first able to correspond with Sgt. Gendaszek.]]