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VIA AIR MAIL

Master Gary Whitley
Box 432 Fowler
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Feb 18-53

Dear Mary,

Hi once again friend. How is every thing going with you. Hope you are in the best of health. Well Mary I received your most welcome letter and valentine from your sister. Well Mary 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. Mary I bought the chippy you sent me and in turn I send 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. Mary at the present the only thing the fellows can really use is some candles. You see we do not have any electric lights over here. Mary tomorrow I am leaving for Japan. This is sort of like a rest for us. After you are en route along they send you to Japan for 5 days rest. (over)
Any since the last time I wrote you have 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 God's 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 Kendazer

P.S.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
G.I. In Korea
Thanks Fowler Lad
For Christmas Box

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

The box and his family heard of the work of 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, written letters, and the weekly mail 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 box then went to Los Angeles to go with more than 1000 others sent to Korea by the Chamber of Commerce to the Quartermaster Executive officer, Maj. Raymond T. Smith, for distribution. Although the parcels were delayed in transit and arrived after Christmas, they were very much appreciated by the men. Maj. Ronald V. Shaw of San Diego was the founder of the gift drive.

Last week Gary received a letter from Cpl. Robert J. Gendaszek of the 5th R.C., 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 foretold a better day.

January 22-53

Dear Gary:
We are 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 item arrived in good shape. Your letter was most welcome also.

Now to explain a little bit of the men who received your package. We are known as the squad leader and five other men, and we have known each other for several years. We are all from Philadelphia, and the men on the squad are from all parts of the world. We have also two Rok soldiers in our squad. They are better known as soldiers of Korea.

Well, Gary, I will come to a close with this letter to a 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,
Cpl. Robert J. Gendaszek
E Co., 5th R.C.

Fowl

Christian Church
To Be Host For
S. J. Area Rally

A Christian rally directly supported by the Christian churches of the San Joaquin Valley will be held all day Sunday at the First Christian Church of Fowler. 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 Keesey, 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 L. Erwin, of the Orange Christian Church, Fresno, speaking on "Freedom from Self." Rev. Erne Beam, Los Gatos, "Freedom From Form;" William L. Jessup, President of the San Jose Presbyterian College, "Freedom From Sin and Death." A forum will also be held, led by William Bailey, Warren Wheatland, and R. M. Pierce.

Special duets will be given by Art and Lore Vandever, Evelyn Bailey and Lazarus Kardian, Mr. and Mrs. Wheatland, and the Fowler church choir will sing. The devotions will be led by Evelyn Bailey, Guanda Irwin, and Mrs. Wheatland.

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

Your truly,
Pvt. P.F.C. Kim Jin Byung, Korea
Pvt. Yuki Sasso, New York China
Pvt. Keene Anderson, Cleveland, Ohio; Pvt. George E. Hutchinson, Franklin, Mass.; P.F. C. Lee Yang Youl, Korea
Sgt. Robert J. Gendaszek
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[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.]