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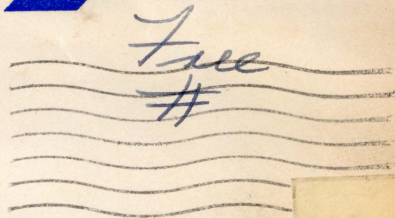
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VIA AIR MAIL

Gary Whiteley
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Monday, Morning
MAY 11, 1953

Hello Gary,

Today I received your most welcomed, and long awaited letter of April 28th, and was more than glad to hear from my very best buddy. I hope this date finds you in the best of health, luck, and happiness. As for myself I am fine in all, how ever I am very homesick.

I am sure you had a very nice Easter this year, and had alot of gooder gives to you. I am sure you had a swell time at your uncles house. I used to like to go see my uncles, for they used to give me money, when I was a small boy, so you and I have alot in common in this matter. Am glad that you were in church an Easter. I like people who believe in God, and attend church regular. You see Gary, I have high hopes an being a priest, when I

am discharged from the army in Nov.

Gary, I am sure you do get good grades. What grade are you in? What were your marks in your last report period? I am sure that you made very good grades, most likely all A's. Study hard in school, and make the best grades you can. You have a long time to live, and who knows maybe someday, you will be president of the United States. Keep up the good work in school, and at the end you will be well rewarded.

So, your Gra-Y Club have a lot of good athletes in it. You boys must be very fast runners, to win all these races. Did you take part in all of these events? I bet you enjoyed the pie eating contests best of all? What sports do you play the most? I bet that you like to play baseball and basket-ball a lot. I like both of these a lot, and have played quite a bit in my life.

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Well school will close in a couple of more weeks. I bet you can hardly wait for summer vacation to come? What are your plans for this summer? I bet you are just going to relax and take life easy? Do you like to swim? Have you ever been swimming at Santa Barbara? I used to go there alot when I was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

How did all this turn out at the Public School Week affair? I am sure all was a big success. Glad to hear you are a member of the orchestra. What kind of an instrument do you play?

Gary, you asked me if I have heard from Bob? No, I have not, he has gone home on rotation, about a month ago. He said he would write me as soon as he would reach Philadelphia. When he does write, I will let you know and I will send you his address, so that you can drop him a few lines.

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I love you now, thanking you for the swell letter. Please write soon for your letters are great morale builders. May God Bless you and your family, and guide you all.

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John
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