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GARY Whiteley  
Box 432,  
Fowler,  
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Thurs. Morning  
July 23, 1953

Dear Gary,

I received your very fine letter of July 9th, and was more than glad to hear from my best buddy again. Thank you for the grand letter it was great hearing from you. As always I hope this date finds you and your entire family in the best of health, luck, and happiness. As for myself, I am doing fine in all at the present time.

It is quite alright that you did not write me sooner, for I do understand that you are on your summer vacation, and alot of your time is taken up. I do not want to interfere with your summer vacation, so please write only when the time can be spared, all your letters are long awaited and are more than appreciated.

I see where you are being quite a reliable young man. How do you like working on the farm? It is a very hard job, but it is a healthy one, which does make

you very strong. I am sure your  
 mother is very proud of you, for  
 going out and finding a job. I am  
 sure your Uncle Dick thinks you  
 are the best worker on his farm.  
 I really do like a farm, I have  
 a good friend that owns a farm,  
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I do know now that I am writing  
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wonderful country. This award is quite an honor, and you deserve alot of credit for it, you have made alot of people very proud of you.

By this date you must be at summer camp, and having a grand time. I bet you are doing alot of swimming and playing alot of games, and getting a nice suntan. Have a good time, and please let me know about the good time had by you in your next letter?

What all did you do on the Fourth of July? I bet you had alot of fireworks, and really did celebrate the Fourth with a big bang. Sure it is alot of fun to set off fireworks, but it does pay to be careful, for fireworks can be very dangerous, but I am sure you did take all safety precautions. As for my Fourth, I was spend with alot of noise, but it is the kind of noise I do not want to witness again, next year.

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I did receive a very nice letter from Carol ~~Atty~~ Morley, and she sure did write a grand letter. It was good hearing from her, and I will continue writing to the both of you always.

I am sure your Aunt Luella had a nice plane trip to Europe. Have you ever been in an airplane? I like to ~~see~~ ride in a plane, I flew to Japan on a plane, and it only took 15 days, where as by boat it takes about 15 days. I am sure you had a long remembered time at the Zoo, and touring through Chinatown.

I have to close for now, and I want to thank you again for the grand letter. I will be looking for your letter in the near future. I say "Lella" to your mother and sister, and may God Bless each and everyone of you always.

your friend,  
John

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