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Dear Gang,

I received your very fine letter of July 2nd, 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 understand that you were on your summer vacation, and a lot 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 resourceful 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 everywhere. I am sure your mother is very proud of you for going out and finding a job. I am sure your Uncle Jack thinks you are the best worker on his farm. I really do like a farm. I have a good friend that owns a farm and each year I spend a few weeks with him, and I really try to enjoy myself, and a grand time is really had by me. I always did look forward on going again as soon as possible.

I used to go to Bakersfield quite often when I was stationed in California to your Aunt Maggie's big ranch on the outside of Bakersfield. She has quite a large of cattle, and I am sure you do all you can in your power to help her out.

I do know now that Dan is going to a grand and well liked fellow. I want to congratulate you upon being chosen all American Citizen of the Ym-Y Club, and I am sure you will continue to abide by the laws of your town and your...
wonderful country. This award is quite an honor and you deserve a lot of credit for it. You have made a lot of people very proud of you.

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

What all did you do on the Fourth of July? Did you have a lot of fireworks, and really did celebrate the Fourth with a big bang. Sure it is a lot of fun to see set of 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 very much of a miss. But it is the kind of miss I do not want to witness again next year.
I did receive a very nice letter from Carole Myron, and she sent a very nice letter. It was good hearing from her, and I shall continue waiting to the best of you always.

I am sure your Aunt Ivie had a very nice trip to Europe. Have you been in an airplane? I like to ride in a plane. I plan to go to Japan in a plane, and it only took 15 days, whereas by boat it takes about 15 days. I am sure you had a long remembered time at the zoo and traveling through Chinatown. I hope to close for now, and I want to thank you again for the grand letter. I shall be looking for your letter in the near future.

Say "hello" to your mother and sister, and may God bless you and everyone of you always.

Your friend,

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JuLy 23, 1953

Dear Gary,

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Your friend
[underline] John [underline]