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A Letter a Day
to Loved Ones Away

PFC J. H. Coleman
Co. 'B' 1st Bn. 1st Marines
1st Marine Division FMF.
c/o Fleet Postoffice
San Francisco Calif.
June 17, 1944

Dearest Gerald,

I received your letter of May 24
and I was very happy to hear from you
again. I would have gotten your letter
sooner but you forgot to put the
Regiment on the address. I am in the First
Marine (Infantry) Regiment. First Marines
on the address. You see we have four
other regiments in the First Marine Division.

I had a 48 hour leave over this to see you but you had moved up.

I knew where you were before
you told me. The fellows at Carney
(I think that is the airport isn't it?) field told
me where the 307th moved too. I
really felt blue but I ran into a
bunch of fellows over there that I knew
in Seattle Wash. Also found out that a
girl from Bremerton was an ensign
in the Navy nurse Corps & was
stationed at 8th Mobile Hospital. I
went down to see her. (I had taken
her out several times in Bremerton)



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She seemed very glad to see me
& upon my pitiful request, she
finished a quart of Lyons U-O-
for me. She wouldn't tell me where she
got it but I think she slicked some Army
officers out of it. ^{HA} As far as just battling the
breeze with her for about an hour or so I
may as well not have even seen her. They
have to be pretty careful, you know.

I'm on the promotion list for Corporal,
and when they get goons & ready to hand out
the rates I will make it. I think it is about
time but there are still quite a few men
left who made the original landing on
Guadalcanal.

I'm afraid my hopes of returning
home this year are shot all to hell. I'm positively
certain I'll have to make another push
before it is stateside for me. I only
hope my luck holds out. I've always
heard the third time is a charm.

I heard the news last night & noticed
that Liberators from where you are



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PFC. J. H. COBURN

blasted hell out of ~~Truck~~ Truck
again. Can't you tell me what
it is like on those big raids? I
often think of several times those
little bastards dumped everything but the
kitchen sink right on top of me & when
I know you are giving them a triple
dose it just tickles me all over, and
makes me feel so proud of you.

Don't you ~~worry~~ worry about any
souvenirs & don't pay these guys a hell of
a lot of money for anything. I'll see if
I can't pick you up something real
nice like a watch, flay, or chopsticks or
any one of a dozen things. I've already
sent a lot of Jap money home.

Boy, Gerry Lynn certainly is growing
isn't she. She is awfully cute too. I would
love to get a picture of you too. Got one?
I'm feeling fine now & gaining some
weight since I left New Britain. 4 months
they had me down to less than 160.

Be very careful & write whenever
Love Jack

P.S. we had 11 bottles of beer

me in 2 months. Good eh?