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Gerald Coleman

Fri - May 26, 1944

Dear Brother Jack:

I just received a letter from you today, mailed May 19. You wrote it on May 16 - so it took about 10 days to get here.

You mentioned in your letter that you had written me before, but I didn't get it, Jack. This is the first letter I've had from you since I've been overseas, except one that was forwarded from the States.

Jack, I have moved, and am now somewhere in the Admiralty Islands. My new address is:

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San Francisco, Calif.

I surely wish you could get some time off and visit me, but I

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may be too far away now - I don't know
just where you are either. Maybe
there will be some way for us to
see each other. If you ever get
a chance to come where I am, just
ask for the 307th Group, 372 Squadron -
and you will find me. Gosh, I sure
would like to see you, and take you
for a plane ride. I've given
several Marines & CB's rides since I've
been over here - they really like it!

I'm glad you are getting some beer
now, Jack. I've had one bottle since
I've been here. As you know though, ~~Combat~~
air crews get whiskey for missions - 2 cups
per man for each mission - we usually
get it in quarts - kinda save it up.

Yes, this is pretty hard work, Jack.
I just got in this afternoon and am
kinda tired. I have enough mission

now for the Air Medal + 2 oak leaf clusters,
but still have a long way to go. I've been
over 4 months now, and haven't had a
rest leave yet. We are supposed to get
one about every 2 to 3 months, but it
looks like I won't, for a while.

As you know, a fellow doesn't see
much civilization except Army here - I've
seen 2 white women in the last 3 months.
~~There are some natives here - but one~~
look at them is enough. I've also
seen some Jap prisoners. As yet I
have no souvenirs, but there are plenty
around if we would pay the price.
I'll wait + get them some other
way.

I'm glad you are getting a rest now,
Jack, and I really hope you will get
to go home soon. I know it seems

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like 10 years to you - because I've only been away 4 months - it seems so long.

Kathy sent me 3 snapshots of Gerry the other day, so I'm sending you one. She works everywhere now, and talks a blue streak. You know I would love to see her -

There is our car in the background - I don't remember whether you ever saw a picture of it. Kathy & the baby were well the last I heard. Lou wrote that Ray was going in the Army in May.

Well, I had better close for now - be sure & write me real soon, Jack, & I promise to answer. If we can get mail to each other in 6 or 8 days, it isn't bad at all.

Write me soon -

Your loving brother
Percy