Russell Gee to Kieth Graham

A letter written by Private Russell Gee, a member of the 1354th Quartermasters, on a southwest Pacific island during World War II to Kieth Graham, Clyde, Kansas. Gee writes to his friend about entering the U. S. Army, the locations where he has served, and his family.

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On a S.W. Pacific Island
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Dear Kieth —

How is every little thing? Youll probably be dazed to get a letter from me, considering that it's about my first attempt in your direction. Been a long time since we tried to drink those Russell honky tonks dry, hasn't it? Ive been thinking about writing to you and Liz for a long time, but didn't know where you were. Im taking a chance on this one getting to you.

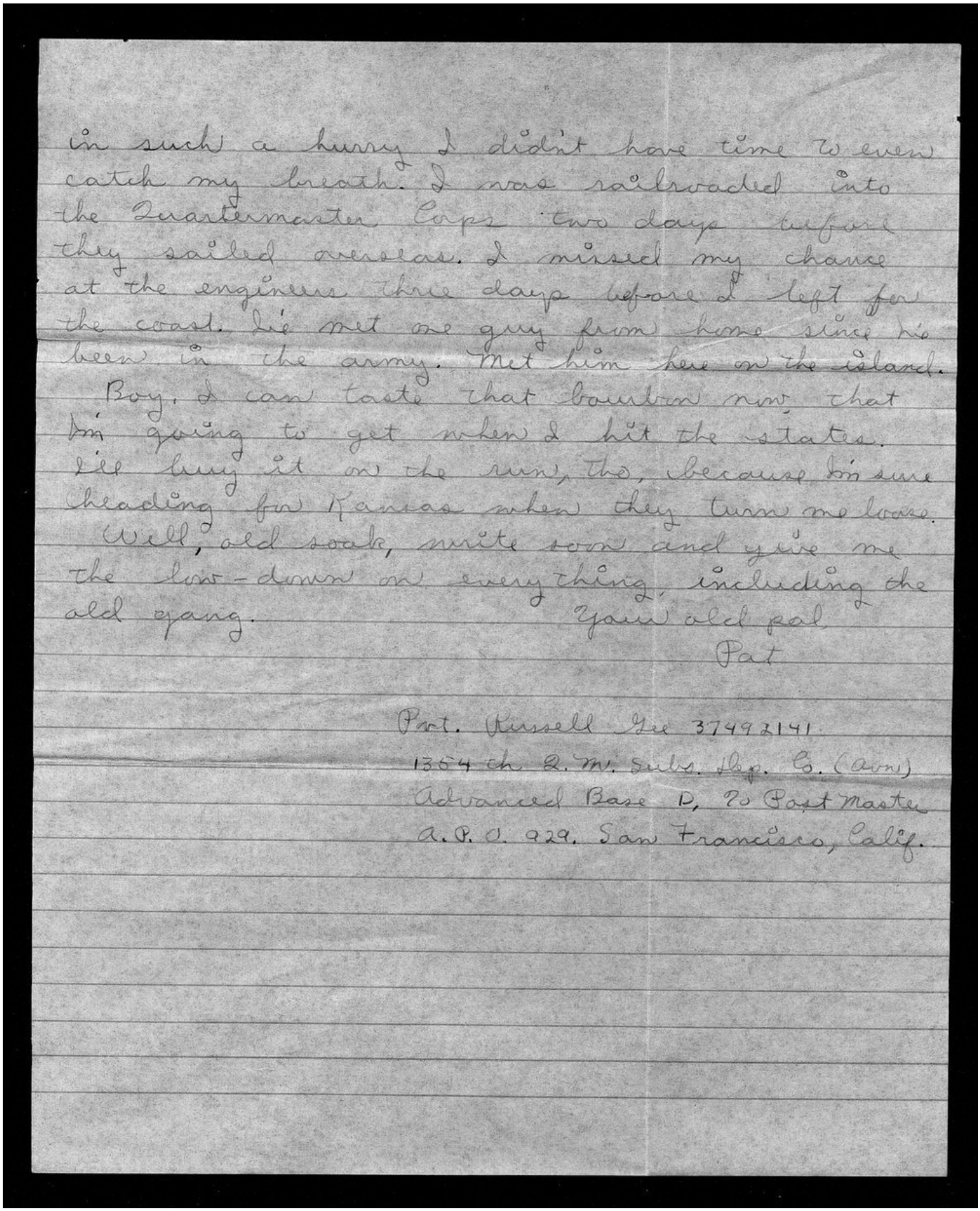
I found myself in the army at Leavenworth last December 19, took my training in Texas and shipped overseas the 17th of May to Australia. Ive been away from Australia going on two months on this island now. What are you doing now? How is Liz? Like to be going on a good one with you two's.

Had is still at home, or was a month ago. He was thinking of going to Denver to work.

My better half and two little fractions are living in Ellis. Ronnie is starting to school this fall as far as I know.

Butch is learning to talk now. Id sure like to see the little devil. (before he starts to High School) This month will be nine months for me. Never been home since I left home, but then I left the States

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in such a hurry I didn't have time to even catch my breath. I was railroaded into the Quartermaster Corps two days before they sailed overseas. I missed my chance at the engineers three days before I left for the coast. I met one guy from home since I've been in the army. Met him here on the island.

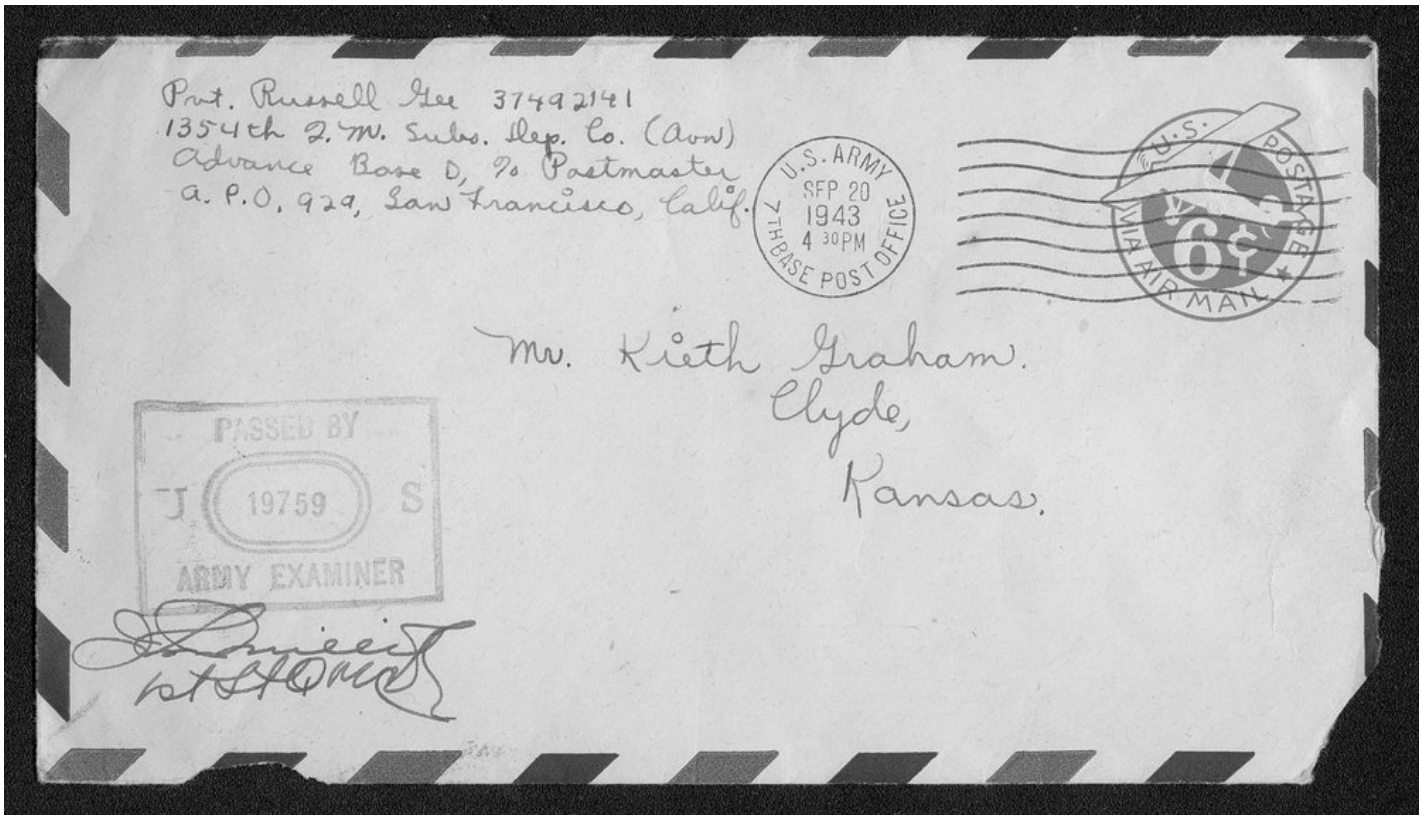
Boy, I can taste that bourbon now that I'm going to get when I hit the states. I'll buy it on the run, tho, because I'm sure heading for Kansas when they turn me loose.

Well, old soak, write soon and give me the low-down on everything, including the old gang.

Your old pal
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