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From:

L T S T BERNSTEIN

HQ ISC ORD SEC USAF

APO 708 SAN FRAN CAL

July 8th

(Sender's complete address above)

To: THE JACOB THUMANS

15 YORK STREET

GROVE HALL 21

DORCHESTER, MASS

See Instruction No. 2

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dear Ones,

Just a short note to say hello - Mother and Daddy sent me the full report of the wedding and the family gathering and I imagine that every thing seems a little quiet and relaxed after that excitement. Judy and Hank are very fortunate and they were able to get off to a happy start in the married life.

There is not much news from here - fortunately this season of the year is the most comfortable. We are below the equator so that while it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere it is winter here in the Southern hemisphere. To be sure on Espiritu Santo winter does not mean the same thing that it does in New England - it just means that the days and nights are a little cooler and that it doesn't rain quite so often!

I think that within the near future I will probably be changing my address - you know how the army is; it is impossible to guess where, when, or why you are going and there is no point in planning on anything. Slowly but surely as this place gets farther and farther to the rear of the areas where there is action, it loses in importance and gets cut down in size and activity. Of course I don't know what my next job will be like or what kind of officers and men I will be with; I do know that so far I have been lucky in having a comfortable assignment and a lot of fine friends - when I look back on the past year it has been pleasant even with all the ups and downs that made me complain at the time. Well, you know what everyone says about the army - the soldier isn't happy unless he has something about which to complain.

OK for tonight - my love to you both and to all of the family - keep well and happy -

Your loving Grandson,

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From: LT S T BERNSTEIN
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Instruction
No. 5

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