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May 13th

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Uncle Lou,

I am holding down the fort while the rest of the command is out in parade and review in honor of V-E day; I hope the rain holds off. Your letter of the 4th from Buffalo came today. Glad you were able to squeeze in a family visit while you were East. The reactions to V-E day out here were quite naturally centered on its affect ~~on~~ on the rotation and discharge policy - we had been looking forward to the defeat of Germany for so long and the inevitability of the surrender was so taken for granted that when the news came through with the Truman speech it was almost anti-climax. The boys are waiting for the first visible results of the end of the European phase in increased shipping and more personnel to these regions and then they will really be enthusiastic about the end of war in Germany. My own personal hope is that within the next twelve months the rotation policy will be clarified and made effective so that by the time I am eligible it will be working well enough to take me back stateside. The announced point system makes it look as though I will be in the service for the duration plus six plus!!

General MacArthur's taking over of the Army forces in the Pacific areas has given a shot in the arm to the closing up of these rear echelon bases but it is still impossible to predict how long I will be on this rock. Chances are now that staff sections will stay for some time with the unpleasant task of cleaning up the odds and ends that go with closing a base. Everything is gradually closing down - I have practically given up hope of ever getting a bridge game!

OK for now - good luck to you, Uncle Lou, and my love to all - Love,

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