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To

MR. JOSE G. GARCIA  
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MERCEDES TEXAS

From

CAPT. HECTOR GARCIA MLC

(Sender's name)  
591ST ENGINEER BATT REGT.  
MEDICAL DETACH. FIRST BN.  
(Sender's address)

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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

APRIL 9, 1943.

(Date)

*Capt Hec Garcia*  
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

DEAREST FATHER:

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM FINE AND DOING GOOD WORK AND NOT TO WORRY AT ALL ABOUT ME. I HAVE BEEN WORKING A LITTLE HARD LATELY AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY I HADN'T WRITTEN TOO MUCH BUT I THOUGHT I BETTER SEND THIS V MAIL LETTER TONIGHT, CAUSE THE YOU MIGHT BE WORRIED.

I HAVE BEEN HEARING QUITE REGULARLY FROM YOU AND COTA AND BONE AND KICO AND DALIA AND EXCEEDINGLY GLAD THAT EVERYTHING AT HOME IS FINE AND THAT YOU ARE ALMOST FINISHED WITH THE HOUSE AND THAT IT LOOKS VERY NICE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FINISH IT QUICKLY. I KNOW THAT MATERIALS ARE HARD TO GET BUT I KNOW THAT YOU CAN GET THEM IF YOU WANT TO. I ALSO AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE GETTING THE ALLOTMENT BUSINESS STRAIGHTENED OUT AND THAT YOU WILL COLLECT YOUR BACK PAY THAT IS COMING TO YOU. SO LETS HOPE IT WORKS OUT ALLRIGHT.

TODAY I GOT A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY FROM THE BRITISH KINGDOM. YOU SEE WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND I PUT IN AN APPLICATION AND MOST OF THE DOCTORS WHO WERE IN ENGLAND AT THAT TIME PUT IN AN APPLICATION AND THEN THEY PASSED ON US SO NOW THAT I HAVE MY CERTIFICATE I AM IN THE MEDICAL REGISTRY TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND THE NUMBER THEY GAVE ME IS 1551 OF COURSE WHEN I SAY ENGLAND I MEAN THE WHOLE ENGLISH KINGDOM WHICH IS RATHER BIG. THE CERTIFICATE IS LIKE A SMALL DIPLOMA LIKE THE ONES WE GOT IN SCHOOL AND IS GREEN IN COLOR AND MEASURES ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL LIKE IT WHEN YOU SEE IT.

COTA HAS WRITTEN ME AND SHE TELLS ME THAT SHE IS FINE AND THAT EVERYTHING AT HEBBROSVILLE IS COMING ALONG ALLRIGHT AND THAT SHE ENJOYS HER WORK. I HOPE THAT SHE LIKES IT AND ALSO SHE HAS TOLD ME THAT SHE HAS TAKEN HER MED. APETITUDE TEST AND HOPE TO GET IN AT SCHOOL NEXT YEAR SO LETS HOPE SO. I AM GLAD THAT KICO AND BONE CLEANED THE GUNS AND I AM GLAD THAT THEY ARE MAKING THE SHOTS COUNT CAUSE LIKE THEY SAY BULLETS ARE RATHER SCARCE NOW. WELL WHEN I GET BACK I GUESS WE WILL GO AND TAKE A COUPLE OF DAYS SHOOTING RABBITS AGAIN. I ALWAYS DID LIKE TO SHOOT RABBITS. I AM ALSO GLAD THAT BONE IS IN SCHOOL AND I HOPE HE IS ABLE TO FINISH HIS YEAR. I WISH HE WERE OLDER AND IN MEDICAL SCHOOL SO THEN HE COULD GO AHEAD AND FINISH BUT ANYWAY BY THE TIME HE GETS IN AND TRAINED THE WAR WILL PROBABLY BE OVER AND THEN HE CAN GO RIGHT BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN. IT WON'T BE LONG. THE ALLIES ARE DOING A GOOD PIECE OF WORK AND WILL SURELY SHOW GOOD RESULTS QUICKLY.

I HOPE THAT YOU GOT A BOX OF BOOKS AND OTHER THINGS THAT I SENT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND I THINK ITS ABOUT TIME THAT YOU WILL BE GETTING IT. I GOT THE BOOKS FOR YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU READ IT ALSO. I HAVE ALSO SENT COTA SOME MORE BOOKS IN FRENCH AND HOPE THAT SHE GETS THEM. I HAVEN'T WRITTEN MUCH LATELY CAUSE I HAVE BEEN SO BUSY. RIGHT NOW I AM TRYING TO PICK UP A LITTLE ARABIC HERE AND ALSO LEARNING A LITTLE ITALIAN. THE ITALIAN IS EASY BUT OH LORD THE ARABIC IS HARD. FOR INSTANCE TO SAY GOOD MORNING THE SAY SOMETHING LIKE "SALAJ HER" AND TO SAY GOOD EVENING "CELLAM ALLEY KUM". AND ALSO TO SAY HOW ARE YOU THEY SAY SOMETHING LIKE "KERAACK" AND ALLRIGHT IS "KLABES". THE WHOLE LANGUAGE IS SO GUTTURAL HOWEVER THE ITALIAN IS EASY AND I HAD A READ AN ITALIAN FRENCH DICTIONARY AND WILL TRY TO LEARN IT EASY. FOR INSTANCE HOW ARE YOU THEY SAY "COMMO SE VA" AND GOOD DAY "BON JORNO". IT IS A COMBINATION OF SPANISH AND FRENCH AND I CAN LISTEN TO THE RADIO HERE AND GET OR UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING OF THE ITALIAN PROPAGANDA AND TALKS, SO I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE.

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM TONO LATELY BUT I AM SURE HE IS ALLRIGHT I AM INTENDING TO WRITE HIM RATHER SOON. MILA AND HER BABIES WROTE ME AND SHE SEND ME A LITTLE PICTURE OF THE BABIES WHICH I LIKED. I HOPE TO WRITE TO THEM BOTH SOON. WELL EASTER IS ALMOST HERE AGAIN AND THEN I GUESS THE SPRING. I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME IN EASTER AND A BOVE ALL I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO GO TO CHURCH AT LEAST EASTER SUNDAY.

MY FRENCH AND SPANISH ARE DOING FINE DOWN HERE AND ANYONE OF THEM WOULD BE ENOUGH BUT I AM TRYING TO LEARN ARAB. WELL, FATHER WRITE SOON AND HAVE THE BOYS WRITE ME AND HELP YOU. WORK ON THE HOUSE. AGAIN AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU

YOUR SON, HECTOR.

V-MAIL