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(Belluno)

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Guerido Amigo Ricciardi:

Thank you

very much for your cordial
telegram and all my congratulations
on your high office. We had
no one of us ever thought we
would be ministers and I am
happy and proud that you
are a minister and such a
good one *

To give you news of our

friends: Hans, as you know, is dead.
He worked with us, the allies, in this war and then
you. Walter, a natural enemy in Germany.



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Commanded ~~the~~ ^a Polish Division for the USSR in this war, was hunter of war in Poland afterwards and was assassinated by some Ukrainian a few months ago.

Regler (Gustav) is in Mexico; very bitter. His wife, lovely Marie Louise, died and that made things worse for him. Because he was such a violent Communist he is now, without his battle, like an un-frocked priest.

Campesino, according to last reports, was working on the metro in Moscow.

Neither Huter nor Modesto, as far as I have heard, were anything very special in the last war.



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of the Spanish doctors in the
12th Brigade ^(after long prison terms) all are well, except
Julio Negatero who was tortured repeatedly
and then shot.

José Luis Herrera, whose promotion
to Captain we celebrated at Moraleja,
is in Cuba. I helped bring his brothers
over too and one of them served with
me (Roberto) during this last war.
(Very deaf and very brave)

about your own people you
know of course.

Negren is still the best
for a rescue but it looks, with
present politics, as though the



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Spanish Republic is fucked / (futtuto)
for a long time.

Exile, as you know, is very
destructive to people. But we have
very good people in Spain who are
still alive and more born every year.

I write you in English because you
can always get any parts translated
for you that are not clear.

Martha and I broke up in
1944. She was very brave and very
beautiful but she became too
ambitious for me and I need a wife in bed and
not on
some other front. She was always
a loyal friend to you. When you



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wrote me ^{from N.Y.} was at sea on
secret anti-submarine work but
she attended to the matter as
best well as we could.

about coming to Rome:

I am on vacation after working too
hard and on Doctor's orders to
take it easy. I want to see you
but not the press etc. am too old
and too ugly to be photographed
(the class of '99 will all be 50 next year)
and when I have to take about
myself it makes me nauseated.
Plan to go from here to Venezia
(Hotel Gritti) and do some deck
shooting with some friends in the



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marshes north of Venice. Then to
a country house near San
Giuda and then to the marshes
down the coast for some more
shooting. Then night stay
outside Rome and be able to
drive in and out and have
fun without being a public
character. We could meet
anywhere you want and
have a few drinks.
Imagine you get tired of
being a public character too
even though it is necessary for
your post.



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Saw picture of you decorating
 great cinema war Hero
 112 good decorations & wounds)
 Highest ranking officer of
 the cinema. Saw picture with mixed
 emotions. What decorations did
 you get for JARAMA and
 VILLAMAYOR?

I think our decorations are in
 the heart and I know my wounds are in
 the head and body. But if we get old
 and ugly it makes no difference so long
 as we can back. But the poor
 cinema heroes have to not only be brave
 and have high rank but also be
 beautiful.



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all cinema heroes very brave.
 all cinema heroes have good
 rank. all cinema heroes have
 good decorations. all cinema heroes
 are HEROS
 Cinema Heroes dead = 0
 Cinema Heroes wounded = 0.

Mister Papa (highest rank CAPT. Permanent
 rank of MISTER) Debarbed 6 June (45 years old)
 OMAHA Beach in Normandy where a German
 Division was holding ANTI-INVASION
 MAPPEERS. Mister Papa had 57 stitches in the
 head and a black-and accident in London when he debarked
 head and commanding officer asks me always
 to wear the wool helmet liner as sight
 of head has bad effect on new troops.
 Afterwards from my birthday on am
 with 4th Infantry Div. (13,500 men plus
 spare parts. horses 24,685 killed and
 wounded 12 missing or prisoners)
 So I always think great and valorous

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Cinema heroes must have
had some great lucky
charm never to have
losses. My dearest boy had no such
luck. He was wounded 3 times and taken prisoner.
captain and ~~prisoner~~ ^{prisoner}
basis of this whole
talk. The moral is: Next time we
must all get cinema jobs
before we begot. Safer than
Papal Benediction.

Excell. Señor Ministro
Chadwick and

hope we meet soon and thank
you very much for the telegram.
your friend

Ernest Hemingway