

3434 Eighty-seventh Street,  
Jackson Heights, New York.

Dear Señora Antunes,

Thank you so much for your kind and appreciative letter. We can readily understand your relief in knowing that your son is receiving proper care. But because of his fine quality of character, habit and personality, it is a definite pleasure to us to give him that care. He is young enough to take his place in our household as a son; yet he has the maturity, understanding and broad interests of a person of our own age, and so he is highly companionable. We want to keep him with us until he has regained full vigor, and I know that we shall miss him after he has left.

Considering his illness, Nemecio's progress is thoroughly satisfactory. His condition was serious, but not as serious as it might have been. But since he did have a ruptured appendicite abscess, a long period of draining is inevitable. It is the normal expectancy in a case such as his.

The incision was about three inches long. At present about an inch remains open, allowing a very slight drainage. We change the dressing every other day, and the doctor is entirely satisfied with our reports. Remecio has now been here for four days, and it is most gratifying to watch his strength increase. He comes down stairs to table for lunch and dinner, and he sits in the library in the afternoon and evening. His appetite is excellent, and he is very tolerant of the simplifications and restrictions required by the war, not only in food, but also in the household in general.

Of all Remecio's good qualities, I am perhaps most impressed by his fine disposition. He is gay and contented and considerate of us in every way. The fact that he does not give in to restlessness during such a long period of confinement, is quite remarkable in a boy as young, vigorous and large as Remecio.

Please be sure that we shall report to you faithfully and honestly. If we tell you that he is well, you can believe that he really is.

We send you our warmest greetings, and are delighted that we can send you good news.

Sincerely

Blanchette Arnaud

Dec. 4.