



APO 853,
U. S. Army,
22 Feb. 45.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Palmer:

I have been informed that by next March you will have completed twenty long years of service at the Polytechnic Institute. I am proud that I have had the opportunity of getting valuable knowledge from you when I was a student at the Polytechnic. The "Alumni" will celebrate this memorable date because the students who have been at the Polytechnic know how much inspiration you have given us. As it is impossible for me to see you during this celebration in your honor, I decided to write you this short letter.

Perhaps you would like to know something about my new life. I have been in the army for the past four months. This has been the greatest occurrence in my life. My basic training is over, and as far as I see, I am not going to make any use of the Biology I studied. It is English which counts now.

I am teaching English to the trainees who come into the Army. I did not like English very much in High School but when Mrs. Palmer took me, she aroused my interest in this language and I made some improvement. Anyhow, I have had a lot of opportunities of using what you have taught me: both Biology and English.

I know that both the faculty and the present students of the Polytechnic Institute recognize that you are highly prized pearls in the field of teaching. I am wishing that God may lengthen and bless your lives so that you may continue inspiring the Puerto Rican youth. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Cordially yours,
Hermilio Lugo.