

Barrancas Florida

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like that I would I believe be very well satisfied. We are going to have a long war and I may as well take it easy for I expect to be into it as long as it lasts in some capacity, as a private if I can't do any better. In common with several others I will be in an awkward situation when my twelve months are out, and I do not know what I will do. However it is not right to be borrowing trouble & I shall wait until it comes. The health of our Regiment has improved a good deal. Macou is very sick I did not see him yesterday. His doctors think that being so badly frightened about his condition his recovery is extremely doubtful. I am surpris'd at the way he takes his sickness, I thought he had more fortitude. I never saw men worse down on a man than his Drs are on him about his alarm. I do not think I ever saw a man as nervous and as uneasy about sickness as Macou, and I am satisfied that unless he can be quieted he will not get well. We have not a great many sick that's very sick men in the Regiment I hope we will soon be reporting less

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me very soon, I expect. I will spoil
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in the field - Three cavalry - Two artillery
Two muskies and seventy-three of infantry.

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I can but you need not look for
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Ch. S. H. D.



Mrs S. H. Deuch
Tusculum
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