Barrancas Barracks Florida
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I have just sent you a letter by Dr Terry - he leaves this evening - I went this morning through the Navy Yard - It is a most delightful place - The Officers quarters are very fine some of the choicest and sorest flowers - I send by Mr Ramsey a lot of cuttings which I obtained from the Gardner at the residence of Commander Randolph - He says there is no difficulty about raising them from the cuttings and that the cuttings will be good for a week - Ramsey promises to go ~~[illegible]~~ through direct and I hope you will be able to raise them - I send enclosed also some leaves of an air plant which will live by just hanging them up in an open room or rather room with windows open so they can get air - I have made arrangements to have some flowers sorted and will take them home with me when I go - You My Darling must write me what you wish most and I will endeavor to get them for you - Tell Ma to send me word what she wishes most and I will en=

deavor to obtain them - You know that I know very little of flowers and therefore must depend on what they tell me - I was charmed with the Yard and residence of Com Randolph I have now before me one of the sweetest scented flowers I ever smelled - I wish I could send it to you filled with fragrance but the gardener told me it would lose its sweetness in two or three days - So far my experience here is more like visiting a watering place than being on a Military Campaign and if matters go on this way I can't be very much dissatisfied ~~now~~ considering that I am away from my own sweet Darling - But Nannie I can't be Contented away from you - but to resume the tales about mud and bad roads and bad treatment is all stuff - Some men you know are certain to grumble - and I believe would grumble if by some accident they were placed in Paradise - Good by Dearest - I have not heard from you and am quite anxious to hear - My love to all I am hurried to meet an appointment Good by Darling - Your own true

Hubert