

Jeff. Barnack's Dr.

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My dear Father

I regret exceedingly to hear
of your indisposition and now that
I cannot get home before leaving for
the south, am embarrassed to say for
Fort Towner to be ready to oppose
the Mexicans should we be required
I was prevented from applying for a
leave when I first arrived here on
account of having no Office to my
company and expecting to remain
for at least several months.

Still I am in hopes that this excitement
will blow over by the fall and then I
will apply for six months. Should
we have difficulty you know it would
be better for me to be with my
-parent to participate in all that
is going on. Fort Towner is out of the