

Negro Physicians
(Mizell)

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Dear Colonel Michie: On July 31 I received a letter from First Lieutenant Von D. Mizell at Camp Livingston stating that if he could prove that he is needed and wanted in Fort Lauderdale he might be relieved from active duty and allowed to go home. He has asked me to write you.

I have been in Fort Lauderdale the past three winters and have always gone by to see what Mizell was doing. Almost single-handedly he built a hospital of about 25 beds. This was the result of a beginning in a little cottage. I have had only the best of reports on what he was doing. As far as I was able to determine, this whole venture depended upon him and was really an important contribution to the medical care of Negroes in that community. I can't imagine that this little hospital, which was always crowded each time that I saw it, could possibly be continuing to function without Mizell's presence. Nothing which I have heard about him would indicate that he was not wanted in that community. He made a real contribution to the medical care of Negroes in that area.

Very truly yours,

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