Morris Island July 21, 1863

Dear Father & mother,

I take this opportunity to let you know that we are all well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same we are doing on Morris Island we are so close to Fort Sumpter that we can't get any closer I'll let you more I have guns planted there I think Sumpter will fall I helped draw mortars last night within a mile and a half of Sumpter and

To Elias Pierce of Marion

Write soon and let me no whether you get the check or not

You some money

To i must bring this to a close hoping by the next letter i can say charleston is ours i am very near shure it will be ours though i may go under before we conquer no more at present i still remain your son G H Pierce

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Within a half a mile of Fort Wagner we have
about twenty guns mounted close to the
rebels' works with the no nothing about their
say that Fort Sumter can throw shell a mile
to our rear but I have
Saw him do it yet
the rebels say that
if we take Fort Wagner Charleston is ours
our forces has pride to
Storm it twice but
lost a mother storm made
our brigade will have
it to do but I hardly

Think gine
Gilmore will try
to storm it again
we have it midlen hard now but I will
go through all I can
for the sake of taken
Charleston if I only
had the means
I could write you a
middlen good letter I had
to dig this paper pencil
and find when we left

earny thing behind but
our guns blankets we
have bin laying old
for about two or three
weeks without any
shelter only our blankets
Enos is gone to send