

1st Lt Light Artillery
James Jerome Sept 9, 1863

My very dear Mother,

I write simply to assure you and my dear little daughter, and all at home, of my constant remembrance and kindest love.

The Enemy yesterday attacked, with the Ambassadors and four mortars, Fort Moultrie, and were repulsed after a severe and gallant bombardment.

Last night an assault was made by them, in barges, upon Fort Sumter. The assault was signally repelled, we captured 19 Commissioned Officers, 102 non-Commissioned Officers and Privates & six barges. It is supposed that we killed, and wounded, and drowned between ten and three hundred of the Rebels. Our Iron Clads performed Signal Service. We captured also the Flag which floated from Sumter when that Fort was surrendered by Anderson. and which the Enemy had brought in, in the expectation of again planting it upon the walls of that Fort.

Day before yesterday I proceeded with two with two Light Batteries to engage the ship of War Pawnee but she would not come within

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range and after firing a few rounds shots
retired.

Through God's great mercy, I am still quite
well. I think matters are assuming a rather
more favorable aspect, and if the Enemy will
only delay a little longer any contemplated attack
by the way of James Island, we now have some
planned or well and formidable line of defenses.
The Enemy will find it a very difficult matter
to enter the Harbor. What I want you is the
positive destruction of the City by the long range
Parade Batteries of the Federal, located on Morris
Island. The Seabirds are busy as bees placing
them in position and apparently are training them
upon the City and our James Island Batteries.

Our Batteries are always firing night and day.

Do my dear mother kiss my precious little
daughters for me, give her love to all at home,
and remember me ever as

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Your affectionate son

Charles S. Jones Jr.

Miss Mary Jones

Northampton

I have had no letters from home yet