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Dear Brother

I recd your kind letter day before yesterday. and this is the first opportunity I have had to answer it. of course you have heard that we have left Beaufort and are now within seven miles of Charleston with a force of about 18000 Infantry Artillery and Cavalry all told the rebels are on the same Island we are with about the same force. What with the fleas musketoes black ants Brooming of Cannon and a skirmish almost every day we are having pretty lively times - we have been brigaded over since we arrived here we are now the first Regt. in the first Brigade there is one Mass and one of Cannon. Regt. with no in our brigade. So you see we have been assigned the post of honor in this Division. I think we will have a hard fight here as this is the door to Charleston and if we lick them which we will do we will walk in to that hell hole of secession and if I could have my way I would devote every thing even to a hen coop to the