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Camp of 11<sup>th</sup> Me Vols Co. H.  
St. Helena Island, Port Royal,  
Harbor, S.C. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

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