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Send this as the Soldier's Messenger to his home.

Let it haste to those who wait for tidings.

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*May 12,* 1865.

General Hospital, Hilton Head, S.C.

Dear Parents & Brothers; I have felt  
so much sweet of each seeing home  
again since I got to Jacksonville,  
that it seems but two or three days  
since I wrote to you, but it has  
actually been a whole week yesterday.  
You see that I am a little far  
the north this time, I am coming  
sure but slow, just as I can stand  
the journey, I am in a healthy place  
right on the beach taking the  
sea breeze & having first rate  
care, & gaining strength very fast, I  
have had the olia are quite bad but have  
got most well of it, & my cough is lessening  
if we get good victuals good enough for  
any body. This morning we had cold meat  
and bread, <sup>stewed</sup> tomatoes, soft crackers & milk