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Carolina during the war. White soldiers from Worcester, a hotbed of abolitionism, protected refugee slaves