





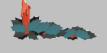
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FROM YOUR
COMMANDER AND
0FFICERS:



MAY THE MAGIC OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FILL YOUR HEART WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS THAT LASTS ALL YEAR LONG. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



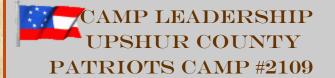
THESE NEXT WORDS ARE FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY JOHN SHROPSHIRE OF THE TEXAS 5TH. HE WAS CAMPED ON THE RIO GRANDE ON DECEMBER 26TH, 1861, AND WOULD

HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE ENEMY WAS THERE INSTEAD:

DEAR CARRIE. ARRIVED AT THIS PLACE LAST NIGHT, OUR MULES & OXEN BROKE DOWN. HAVING BEEN OUT HOURS WITHOUT WATER. WE CAME A NEW ROAD NEARLY ALL THE WAYFROM FORT DAVIS. THE ROAD WAS VERY HEAVY. & WATER WAS VERY SCARCE. OUR HORSES ARE ALL IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS COULD BE EXPECTED, ALL POOR & SOME OF THEM VERY POOR. CHRISTMAS DAY 1861 WILL BE REMEMBERED \boldsymbol{A} LONG TIME BY THIS REGMT, NOT A MAN OF WHICH I GUESS. BUT WOULD HAVE GLADLY BEEN AT HOME. THOUGHT OF YOU MANY TIMES & HOPED THAT YOU WERE ENJOYING A GOOD TIME. THE EGGNOG &

GOOD THINGS YOU HAD TO EAT I SINCERELY HOPE YOU HAD THE GOOD APPETITE TO ENJOY. I COULD HAVE ENJOYED A DINNER WITH YOU AMAZINGLY. ... I CAN NOT SAY HOW MUCH GLORY WE WILL GAIN, BUT I CAN SAY THAT WE WILL HAVE DONE AS MUCH HARD WORK AS ANY OTHER SOLDIERS IN THE CONFEDERATE SERVICE. CAVALRY ON THE MARCH HAVE A HARD TIME AT BEST ON THE MARCH BUT ESPECIALLY DO THEY SUFFER WHEN THEY MARCH THROUGH WILDERNESS WHEN SCARCITY OF EVERY THING ESSENTIAL COMFORT PREVAILS. CANDIDLY CONFESS NEVER WOULD HAVE COME THIS WAY HAD I IMAGINED THE COUNTRY WAS SO MEAN. IN AFTER YEARS WHEN CHARLIE'S GRAND CHILDREN GET OLD THIS COUNTRY WILL BE USED FOR RAISING SHEEP. IF I HAD THE YANKEYS AT MY DISPOSAL I WOULD GIVE THEM THIS COUNTRY AND FORCE THEM TO LIVE IN IT.

I INTENDED TO WRITE YOU A LONG LETTER BUT CAN NOT WRITE FOR THE MEN AROUND ME. SEND ME BY MAIL ALL THE GOOD NEWS YOU CAN GET THROUGH BY MAIL. I CAN NOT WRITE ANY MORE. AS SOON AS WE GET INTO QUARTERS, I WILL WRITE YOU AGAIN GOOD BYE. WRITE TO ME EVERY DAY. GOD BLESS YOU & CHARLIE.



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