



PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL
 UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
 SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
 GILMER, TEXAS

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 Each Month at 7 PM
 at the Historic Upshur Museum
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FROM YOUR
 COMMANDER AND
 OFFICERS:



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, WE
 ARRIVED AT THIS PLACE
 LAST NIGHT, OUR MULES &
 OXEN BROKE DOWN,
 HAVING BEEN OUT 36
 HOURS WITHOUT WATER.
 WE CAME A NEW ROAD
 NEARLY ALL THE WAY
 FROM 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 A LONG
 TIME BY THIS REGMT, NOT
 A MAN OF WHICH I GUESS,
 BUT WOULD HAVE GLADLY
 BEEN AT HOME. I
 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 A WILDERNESS WHEN A SCARCITY OF EVERY THING ESSENTIAL TO COMFORT PREVAILS. I CANDIDLY CONFESS I 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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