

A LETTER HOME FROM CAMP PARAPET



TRANSCRIPT OF A LETTER FROM PVT. RUFUS KING TO HIS FRIEND STEPHEN W. GODFREY IN WESTON, FAIRFIELD COUNTY CONNECTICUT:

"Camp Parapet, December 29, 1862

Friend Stephen,

As it is raining like the deuce here this morning; so thinking that you might like to hear from King, so I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am in the land of living yet also in the land of n- - - - s and secesh; also of oranges which a fellow can go out and pick in his coat sleeves. It is as warm here now as it is up in your parts in May. Tell Edson not to go it too strong for if he does he may as will give it up as a bad job and do as I did and that is come a soldering. I wish you a Happy New Years and all the rest of the folks up in those parts. I suppose it is cold weather up in Weston and likely as not it is sleighing and you are carrying the girls out a neighboring while I am a poor miserable soldier, but I bet

that I have more fun this week than you will have in all winter but I shall not be sorry when my time is out now. I tell you well it is only 5 months more anyhow and then I shall be free; but I have forgotten to tell you where we are. We are about 9 miles above New Orleans at a place called Carrollton where we expect to stay a spell. Tell the captain that I should like some of his cider and apples but I must end for my paper is done. From your friend, King. Write soon to Rufus King Rowland, Co E. 23rd Regiment C I, Banks Expedition."

SCANS OF THE ORIGINAL LETTER:

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