



RECAPTURE OF BATON ROUGE, LA., DECEMBER 17, 1862.—FEDERAL TROOPS, UNDER GENERAL GROVER, OCCUPYING THE CITY.—FROM A SKETCH BY F. H. SCHELL.

Severe fighting had taken place for the possession of Baton Rouge in 1862, and it remained in the hands of the Confederates in December. At that time Banks' expedition up the Mississippi approached the position, and the Confederate garrison evacuated the batteries without offering battle. Grover's troops sailed up the river in transports, conveyed by a detachment of Farragut's fleet. They entered the town without opposition, and it continued a Union post to the close of the war.