

Hosmer, James Kendall, (1834-1927)  
Diary, Nov. 1862-March 1863. Long Island and Louisiana.

1 vol. mss. 25cm

Incomplete copy by at least two unknown copyists of a military diary kept by Corporal J.K. Hosmer, Deerfield's Congregational minister, enlisted in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Mass. Volunteer Infantry, and was part of a detail assigned to guard the regimental flags or colors. The regiment participated in the Port Hudson campaign, and was mustered out after nine months. Hosmer later published his war-time experiences in *The Color Guard* (Boston, 1864). This copy includes the transcription of a letter, filling 19 pages, from Hosmer to his parents describing the death of his brother Edward in Baton Rouge on Jan. 16, 1863, and a poem, "the Dying Soldier," dedicated to Edward Hosmer. At the beginning of the volume, the writer notes the death of "Mr. Hosmer" on April 24.

This copy is essentially the same as George Sheldon's transcription of the diary (kept in Box 8H-Civil War-fol.2), but it ends a few months earlier than Sheldon's copy.

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