

Hosmer, James Kendall (1834-1927)

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Note: This manuscript is a copy of the "Rev. James K. Hosmer Journal." The journal formed the basis for Hosmer's *The Color-Guard* (Boston, 1864), an excellent account of General Nathaniel Banks' Louisiana Expedition. Hosmer describes the journey of Co. D, Mass. 52d Regiment from Camp Miller in Greenfield to Camp Banks, Long Island, then by the ship "Illinois" to Ship Island, La. The journal then vividly describes Hosmer's activities as corporal of the color-guard during General Banks Louisiana Expedition. Hosmer describes New Orleans, Baton Rouge, the actions on Bayou Teche under Gen. Grover, the Red River campaign and the siege of Port Hudson. Various Deerfield men are discussed, including Edward Hoyt, Edward D. Galand, and George M. Wells. The journal has all the descriptive strength and poignancy of the book, with some interesting material not found in the book. The journal concludes at about page 198 of *The Color-Guard*.