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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Title:	George S. Smith Diary
ID:	MSS.1607
Date [inclusive]:	1863-1865
Physical Description:	0.025 Linear feet (1 Diary)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Civil War diary of George S. Smith, sergeant in Company C of the 48th Ohio Regiment, covering his service in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas, 1863-65.

Preferred Citation

George S. Smith Diary, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.

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Biographical/Historical note

George S. Smith, possibly from Highland County, Ohio, was a sergeant in Company C of the 48th Ohio Regiment during the Civil War. His regiment served in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas.

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Scope and Contents note

The thirty-five page diary covers the period October 1863 to November 1865. It contains entries describing battles in Louisiana and Alabama. Smith was involved in attacks on Ft. Blakely and Spanish Fort, Alabama. In addition, his entries chronicle the surrender of Mobile and a magazine explosion in that city on 25 May 1865, which caused significant loss of life and damage to buildings and ships docked

in Mobile Bay. His diary also describes his duties in Galveston, Texas, where he guarded a Freedmen's camp, and contains lists of expenses, letters received and written, and battles in which he participated.

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- Blakeley (Ala.)
- Mobile (Ala.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Texas--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- War and Military

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Diary	Box 1058 Folder 4

Smith, George S.

Box 0

Folder 0

George S. Smith diary

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