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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	1 volume
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	New Orleans, Louisiana; Thibodaux, La.; Vicksburg, Miss.;
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1862-1863
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	N/A
<b>Language.</b>	English.
<b>Summary.</b>	Diary of Confederate Cpt. Lewis Guion, during the Civil War.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Lewis Guion, the son of a sugar planter, was a jurist of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. He studied law at the University of Virginia and practiced law in Thibodaux and New Orleans, Louisiana. On March 12, 1862, Guion enlisted as an officer in Company H of the 26th Louisiana Infantry Regiment under the leadership of Colonel Duncan S. Cage. After the Civil War, Guion established a sugar planting partnership with his brother-in-law, Francis T. Nicholls.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The diary describes Guion's departure from New Orleans (Apr. 24, 1862), his Company's march from Camp Moore to Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, and Greensburg (May 4, 1862), and military activities around Chickasaw Bayou and Yazoo Lake (Dec. 24-29, 1862).

Entries after May 18, 1863 give a daily account of the Siege of Vicksburg and events following the siege. Entries describe routine activities, the receipt of Northern and Southern newspapers by the besieged, the arrival of couriers from Johnston's army, camp food, and daily rations. The diary lists names and gives total numbers of daily casualties during the siege, recording information about individuals killed.

**INDEX TERMS**

Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry Regiment, 26th.

Diaries.

Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Casualties--Statistics.

Vicksburg (Miss.)--History--Siege, 1863.

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