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A print of New Orleans sized 8 ¾" X 5" at the top of page On lower left corner is the name of the mapmaker: Louis Swartz New Orleans (all in Caps)

Camp Parapet Carrollton LA July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Dear brother Russell, With pleasure I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines knowing that you will be glad to hear from me. I received your letter bearing date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> some time since and was glad indeed to hear from you. I also received three newspapers which you sent me and was glad to receive them. I have been in the enjoyment of very good health the past two weeks. I have had a bad finger said by our surgeon to be a felon and have also had a touch of the diarrhea. Have not done any of my duty of any amount for the past two weeks but am now quite well. As good as new. I hope that yourself and the rest of the family are in the enjoyment of good health. The weather here is not as hot as I expected it would in the summer although it very warm most of the time. There is more steady warm weather here than there is in the north at this time of the year. [*Get we illegible*] have a good many fine days with a fine cool breeze. Some days are very sultry and hot with

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nearly any air at all stirring. Such day make one feel very uncomfortable and makes one sweat like blazes. We have had considerable wet weather here of late as you will see by letters which I have lately wrote home. The water in the river is considerably lower than it was when we first landed here. I should judge that it had fell twelve feet. The people that live about here say that it will fall as much more. Making a fall in all of twenty five feet. The water does not now come within five rods of the levee. There is not now at present but the regiments of infantry at this point. Our regiment, the 18<sup>th</sup> Main and the 8<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire, all of the batteries of artillery that were here have gone up to Baton Rouge. The ship of war Portsmouth lays out in the river opposite us yet. The 13<sup>th</sup> Conn Vols. are in the city of New Orleans also the 26<sup>th</sup> Mass Reg. and the 13 Main is at Forts Jackson & St. Phillips and New Orleans. Neal Dow, their colonel has been raised to the rank of Brigadier General. The men under his command do not speak very highly of him. The 9<sup>th</sup> Conn. Vol. are up at Baton Rouge with General William's brigade as are nearly all the remainder of the troops belonging to General Butler's division. There are a few

companies of our troops up to Lake Pontchartrain to man the forts there. There are but a very few men left at Ship Island. We now have plenty of fruit here. Watermelons, mushmelons and figs. Figs are just beginning to get ripe and there is any

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of them here. The trees hang as full as they can stick. Oranges will soon be ripe. The trees hang full of them. There were some ripe when we first landed here but they were not a very good kind. They were too sour.

I see by your letters that you are to work for Willard Bancroft also that you like very much. I think that you have a good job and are getting good pay. Save your money and if you good health you will come out all right. And I am in hopes that you will do both. I would not advise you to follow in the footsteps of your older brothers. Their doings should be a warning to you. Follow the advice of our dear Mother and take good care of yourself and also of your money and will come out all right in the end. Remember this advice and harken to it coming as it does from and elder brother. One who wishes you well. I've had sad experiences and has seen more of this wicked world than his younger brother.

Enclosed I send you a check for the third payment of Ten dollars when due me from the state. We will see that it is made payable to yourself or your order. Some say you can draw it soon as you receive it, whether you can or not I do not know. Some checks that your boys sent home were cashed by the banks in Hartford. I think that there is no bank in the state of Conn that would object to paying the cash for those checks. Soon as we are paid again I will send most of my money to you by express and I expect you to take care of it for me until I get home. Nearly all the money I receive from time to time while I am in the service I shall send home to you by Adams Express. Write me if there is no express office in [Agamoon? *Illegible*] and if you want me to send it there or to the Point. If it should be so that I never see you again on this Earth

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I want you to divide the money that I send you equally and give one half of it to our dear sister Melissa. But I hope and feel as if I shall home once more and meet you all again under our Father's roof and I hope and pray that the day may not be far distant when we shall behold each

other face to face and can speak out thought without having to commit them to paper. Also may the day not be far distant when peace and happiness will once more reign throughout this now distressed country and may the people learn wisdom through out the land by the trial which we are now passing through. I have not received the box which was sent me from home by Adams Express as yet. There have been several steamers arrive in New Orleans since the Rhode Island arrived but they were all from New York. If my box was marked to go by the Rhode Island I think that it must lay in the express office in Boston yet they will most likely send it from there the first time a ship leaves there for here. I expect that it is not very often that a ship leaves there for here. Most of them sail from New York. You should always bear this in mind and to direct anything at all that you want to send here per one steamer or another. Col. Denning to the contrary not withstanding if you had not directed it per steamer Rhode Island. I should have most likely had it a long time ago. A number of boxes have come here lately by express. Four or five have come to men belonging to our company since the other day that I was down to the city of New Orleans. I will now bring this to a close and copy of off the remainder of my memorandum up to date and send it to you with this. Write as soon as you can make it convenient without fail. Give my love to Father, Mother, brothers, sisters, grandmothers and take a large share to yourself. Also my compliments to all enquiring friends. Good Bye for the present. This is from

Your Affectionate brother Henty

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