

On Board Ship In the Mississippi river
April 27th 1862

Friend Puseb sit down to write to
you a few lines to let you know
that i am in the land of the
living i hope that these few
lines will find you well and
though as i am i have been on
this ship so long that i am tired
we have been on board so long that
we are getting prittly lassy and do
not know what to do with ourself
we have bee on board ever since the
16th of April we did expect to go into
fort Jackson when we took it but
it seems that we are not agoing
to the fort this forenoon fornoon
when i was a writing a letter
for one of our boys the news com
that the fort had surrendred and
we was not a going to the ^{fort} but
we was going up above the fort
in some of the villages i think

that we shall have to fight if
they do not give the place up
but i do not know we are ~~getting~~
getting reddey to start now
while i am a ~~writ~~ writing this
Henry is well and hearty he and
i have good times i think that
it wold do us good to go get in
one good fight with the rebbles
for my part i should like to
fight one good battle and let
them dam rascals know what
we are made on it wold do our
boys & good to fight they have
lay still so long i am not sorry
i come way down here in ~~the~~
dixie land i suppose that all
the folks ~~are~~ around there ~~that~~
thought i was afraid to go to war
the made so much fun about
my cecisting. but i ask you
which is the bigist cowards
ask George Colton when he is

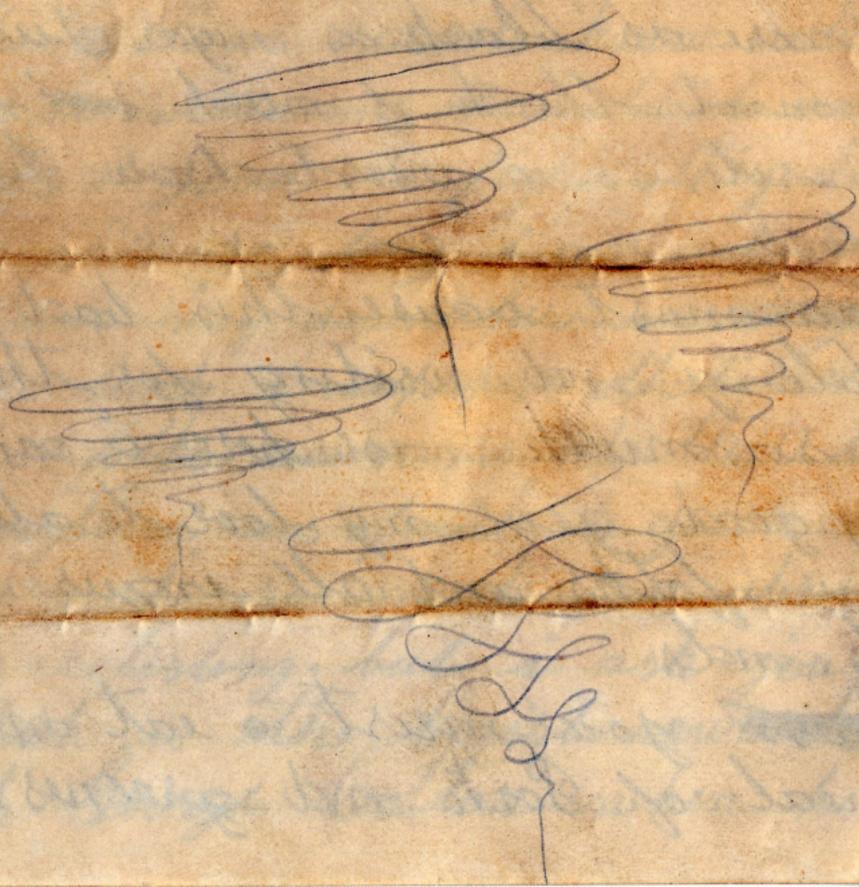
a going to put his foot on
that gentleman neck that he
spoke about & he is a brave boy
he can brag and that is all he
can do i wold not come home
now if i could i suppose that
it wold not make much diference
if i never come again with some
folks. but no more of this i hope
that we shall all get home safe
i wish that you could see us
we are as black as nigor Iule
i cannot think of much ~~not~~ more
to write so i must draw to a
close

you must excuse this bad
spelling and writing for there
is so much noise here i cannot
very good give my love to all
your folks and all inquiring
friends
~~you~~ you must eat one
meal of Pork and greens

for me for i cannot get any
write to me as often as you
can and i will do the same

Direct your Letters the
same as you wold if i
was at ship island

From Julius N Case
your friend forever



An embossed seal in the top left corner of the envelope, depicting the United States flag with stars and stripes.

Ship Island Miss
May 5th

James Russell Lord Esq

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

Camp Tarapet Jefferson Parish La.
Monday May 19th. 1862

My Dear Brother Ben

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
am well at present and hope
that you and the rest of the
family are in the enjoyment
of the same blessing. One of
the men belonging to our regiment
came from Ship Island a few
days since and informed me
that he saw Cousin Andrew
a short time before he left
there he informed me that
he was well. We are now
expecting that those men belong-
ing to our Regiment ~~will~~ that were
left at Ship Island will be heard
from every day. That is all that
are able to come I have not heard
from him. Please since we left
there. The rest of the boys belonging

to our Regiment from the Towns
of East Windsor & Enfield are in the
enjoyment of good health & peace
I send you a Continuation of my
Rebellion Record from May 4th
to this date I have kept a daily
record since I left Hartford Ct.
and have send it all home if
there are any parts of it that
you have not received please
let me know and i will send
the parts that are missing to
you again as I have it all in
my memorandum book We
have received no money as yet
since we left Hartford We
do not expect any more untill
the last of next month I will
now say one word in Regard to
the Origin of this wicked Rebellion
From what I can hear from the
Loyal people in this vicinity I
think that the first starters of
this Rebellion were Southern
Politicians backed by Southern
Slaveholders & the Labouring

population of the South had their
chois to Either be killed by
the leading Cesh, Starve or
fight And most of their men
that they have in their Regiments
would not be there if they
could possibly help it I will
now bring this to a close
Write soon as you convenient
can Without Fail after you
receive this Give my Love
to Father Mother Brothers
Sisters Grandmother & take
a Big Share to Yourself
Also Give my best Regards
to all Enquiring Friends
& Tell them all to write
to me and give me all
the news that they can
think of Good Bye for the
present

This is from your
affectionate Brother
Mr. Jas. Russell Lord G. Henry Lord
P. S. Direct Your Letters

To Care of H. 12 Race St. C. No
N. E. Dr. New Orleans La.

Sumner Henry Ford

P.S. I shall send you three fresh
stereographs Published in the City
of New Orleans L. H. Ford



UPHOLD THIS FLAG, OR LET IT
BE YOUR WINDING SHEET.



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Soldiers Letter
J. H. Bradford
Chaplain 12th Co

Gen. Russell Lord Esq.

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

Gildersleeves Landing July 9th 81

Dear Brother & Sister

I thought

i would drop you a few lines

Little Joe has ben very sick
with braine fever did not

expect he would live from

hour to hour the doctor vis-

ited him twice a day for 7

days he now is all rite but

is very weak Nellie Cried the

other day to see him try

to eat some cracker & tea

he wanted to feede himself

& he could not get the tea

spoon to his mouth he was

so weake he is gaining fast

in strength now Nellie

was taken Wednesday with
Colra Meorbis Doctor maid 2
Calls to her she is all rite
now thanks be to god we
are all spared.

have my tobacco set out &
set over wone peace the
ground warmer are to work
on bactley had entended to
come up last wednesday
but sickness in the family
prevented me now i cannot
get away till after haying
shal try to come up August
3^d. I wrote a letter to Sarah
four weeks ago have recieved
no reply has she gone to
Boston please write & give
me all the news

Your Brother
Joseph C. Lord

Your Love to you. All

Do not
fail to reply

Due 3



Mr. P. K. Lord
Warehouse Point
Conn.

**"The Union, the Constitution,
AND THE
Enforcement of the Laws."**



Louis Schwatz New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS

Camp Parapet, Burlington La. July 22nd 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 22nd some time since and was glad indeed to hear from you I also received three newspapers which you sent me & was glad to receive them I have not been in the enjoyment of very good health the past two weeks I have had a bad finger laid by our Surgeon to be a felon & have also had a touch of the diarrhoea have not done any 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 be in the Summer although it is very warm most of the time there is more steady warm weather here than there is at the North at this time of the year Yet we have a good many fine days with a fine cool breeze Some days are very sultry and hot with

scarcely any air at all stirring Such days make one feel very uncomfortable
& makes one sweat like blazes We have had considerable wet weather
hear of late as you will see by letters which I have lately wrote
Home The water in the river is considerable 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 three regiments of infantry
at this point Our regiment The 15th Main & The 8th New Hampshire
all of the Bateria 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 13th Conn. Vols. are
in the City of New Orleans also the 2^d Mass. Regt & the
13th Main is at Fort Jackson At Phillip's New Orleans deal
Low their Colonel has been raised to the rank of Brigadier
General The men under his command do not speak very highly
of him The 9th Conn. Vols. are up at Baton Rouge with General
Williams Brigade as are nearly all the remainder of the
troops belonging to General Butters Division There are a few
Company's of our troops up to Lake Ponchartrain to man
the forts there There is but a very few men left at Ship
Island We now have plenty of fruit here watermelons Mushrooms
& figs &c figs are just beginning to get ripe and there is any

amount 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
Baneroff also that you like very much I think that you have a good good
and are getting good pay Save your money and if you have good health
you will come out all right And I am in hopes that you will do better
I would not advise you to follow in the footsteps of your Elder Brothers Their
doings should be a warning to you Follow the advice of our Dear Mother
and take good care of yourself & also of your money & you will
come out all right in the end Remember this advice and harken to
it coming as it does from an Elder Brother one who wishes you well
Has had sad experience & 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 and from the State You will see that it is
made payable to yourself or your Order Some say that you can
draw it soon as you receive it whether you can or not I do not know
Some checks that our boys sent home for the second payment were cashed
by the Banks in Hartford I think that there is no bank in the State of Conn.
that would oblige to paying the Cash for those checks Soon as we
are paid again I shall send most of my money to you by Express & I
shall expect you to take care of it for me untill I get Home scarcely all
the money that I receive from time to time while I am in the Service
I shall send Home to you by Express Write me if there is
an express Office in Annapolis and if you want me to send it there or to
the Point if it should so be that I should never see you again on this Earth

I want you to divide the money that I send you equally and give one half of it to our Dear Sister Cornelia & the other half to our Dear Sister Abigail. But I hope and feel as if I should see home once more & meet you all again beneath 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 & can speak our thoughts without committing them to paper. Also may the day be not far distant when peace & happiness will once more reign throughout this now distracted Country and may the people learn wisdom throughout the land by the trials which we are now passing through. I have not received the box which was sent me from Home by Adams Express as yet. There has been several Steamers arrived 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 bear per one Steamer or another Col. Deming to the contrary notwithstanding if you had not directed it per Steamer Rhode Island I should most likely have had it along while ago quite a number of Boxes have come here lately by Express Four or five have come for 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 off the remainder of my memorandum up to date and send it to you with this Write soon as you can make it convenient. Without Fail —

Give my Love to Father Mother Brothers Sisters Grandmother & take a large share to yourself also my Compliments to all Enquiring Friends Good Bye For the Present This is from

Your Affectionate Brother Henry

Lt. Russell Lord Esq;

Luman Henry Lord

Faded handwritten text, possibly a return address or recipient name.

J. Russell Lord
Warehouse 3
Connecticut



Camp Parapet Ga. Tuesday September 2nd 1862

Dear Brother Russell



I received your letter bearing
Date of August 10th. some time since I was very glad
to hear from you I am well at present & I hope that
these few lines will find yourself & the rest of
the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing
We were paid two months pay yesterday Twenty
six Dollars (26) We have now over two months
pay due us We were paid up to the first day
of July last I have sent you home Ten Dollars
of it by Express It may be at the Express Office
when you receive this It has been bad and rainy
weather for the past two days soon as it gets
fair I shall have two more pictures taken &
shall send them home The Balance of the
money I shall keep in case that I should
need some I was nearly out of money when they
paid us this time as I have not been very well
and used it for things of which I stood in need
I could not eat much of the stuff that was felt
out to us by the Government Salt Bross & heard bread
went against my stomach If I had my health I should
have sent home more money If I have my health
untill next pay day I shall send home nearly all
the pay which I shall receive Had we been paid
up to the first of this month I should have sent
home Thirty Five Dollars If one has money hear
they can buy whatever they like such as soft bread

cheese cakes pies eggs Butter &c If one gets sick hear and has no money they fare rather hard It is always best to keep a little money on hand in case one should stand in need of it Everything in the eating line is very dear hear I could buy as much at home for a ten cent piece as I can hear for a Quater of a Dollar I shall buy nothing excepting that of which I stand much in need Every man in our Company that had not received their ten Dollars Bounty from the Town of Stonington received it last week with the Exception of the men that were from the towns of Enfield & East Windsor We received none Our Captain (C. Kempton (Spot)) says that we are not entitled to it as we received Bountys from the towns that we belonged to John Moffit received his ten Dollars bounty from the town of Stonington while he was in Camp in Hartford There are seven of us that have not got it Myself for one & Andrew J. Birch Benton J. Whipple Thomas Costello, which makes four from the Town of East Windsor From the town of Enfield there are three that have not got it namely William W. Allen James M. Pease & Charles H. Taseo I do not see why we are not as much entitled to it as the rest of the men in the Stonington Company If I should live to get home I shall enquire into it It looks queer to me why all should get it but us seven I do not think that the people of the Town of Stonington put a proviso in their vote stating that ~~the~~ men got no bounty from the towns where they belonged that they would pay them ten Dollars I should like very much to know

how the vote read Since I wrote last General Phelps has been appointed Acting Major General & Colonel Cahill of the 9th Conn. Co. has been appointed Acting Brigadier General Our Regiment is in his Brigade His Brigade consists of the 9th & 12th Conn. Co. The 8th New Hampshire The 15th Main Co. & Two Batterys Our Brigade was reviewed on Friday last by General Butler & last Sunday morning by General Cahill General Cahill complimented our Regiment very highly He said that we marched the best of any regiment ~~in the~~ in the Brigade Our Brigade is called the Second Brigade Col. Dudley of the 30th Mass. Co. has been appointed Acting Brig. Gen. Two more Colonels of our Division have been appointed - Acting Brigadier Generals which makes four Brigades in the Division The 1st Louisiana Regiment is now full & the 2nd will be shortly One of the Prisoners confined in the Guard house was shot & severely wounded last evening while attempting to run past the Guard that was stationed on duty ~~in~~ in front of the Guard house The sentinel on Guard shot him in compliance with the Orders of the Officer of the Day Lieutenant Roach of our Company was Officer of the Day he ^(the man that was shot) was put in the Guard house yesterday afternoon he was Drunk & Disorderly There was any amount of Drunkenness and Fighting about Camp yesterday & Quite a number got in the Guard House Lieutenant Roach shot up every place near our Camp where Liquor or Beere were sold The man that was shot and the man that shot him were both members of our Regiment & They were both of them Irishmen

The man that was shot was taken to the Hospital and I don't know
how he is today I have not heard as yet I think that it is
doubtfull if he lives through it Last evening at 9 O'clock just
as the Drums commenced to Beat for Roll Call The Guards
Commenced firing throughout our lines The Drums beat
the long roll We fell in Double Quick Colonel Colburn
Gave us Orders to take the Parapet Double Quick We thought
surely that the Enemy was close at hand We were ordered
to Load The Big Guns were maned & in about five minutes
time we were ready for the approach of the Enemy
It proved to be a fals alarm we were ordered back to
our Company Streets the Roll was called & then we
broke ranks and retired to our Quarters What raised the
alarm I have not heard as yet Every man that was
able turned out several turned out and fell into the
ranks that was on the sick list & have been for some time past

The Stars & Stripes must be upheld Our Flag shall wave
to the Rio Grand & Treason shall go Down If the Rebels
should dare to come here to retact us they will find that
we are well prepared to meet them I expect that we are able
to give them a nice little Fight Quite an interesting Correspondence
passed a few days ago between Generals Phelps & Butler as
I see by the New Orleans Daily Delta It has been forwarded
to Washington by General Butler I expect that you will read it
long ear you receive this in the Northern Newspapers The
Correspondence that I refer to is in relation to that Everlasting
Nigger Question I will now bring this to a close as I think that
I have wrote about enough for this day Give my Love to Gath
Mother Brothers Sisters Grandmothers & Take a Large Share to
Yourself & Also Give my Compliments to all Enquiring Friends
Please Write soon as you can make it convenient after you receive
this Good Bye for the present This is from your Affectionate Brother Henry
Mr. James Russell Lord & Luman Henry Lord



NEW ORLEANS
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Esq. Russell Lord Esq
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn



Hospital of the 12th Regt. C. S. Vol.
Camp Parapet, October 15th. 1862
My Dear Brother Russell

I received
your letter bearing date of September
21st & 22nd on the fourth day of this
month & was glad indeed to hear
from you also to hear that all were
well at home You will hear through
the letter that I wrote to our Sister
Malissa yesterday that I am not well
and am in the Hospital I am gaining
every day now & think that I shall
soon be able to regain my Regiment
All the medicine that they give
me now is Whiskey & Quinine I
have taken Quinine enough since
I have been here to kill a Horse
We have good nurses or waiters they
are willing to do anything for
the men that are sick & unable
to help themselves We have good
buildings to stay in they are well

done off I am glad to hear that
the pictures that I send & the money
arrived safe and the Port name
also to hear that they were so
well pleased with them I feared
that the pictures & the port name
may have arrived in a damaged
condition I hope that when we
are paid next that we shall get
four months pay so that I can send
home some money of some amount
On the first day of next month
we shall have four months pay
due us which will be Fifty Two
Dollars I think that we shall be
paid again in the course of two
or three weeks Yet we may not
be paid for a month to come I shall
send you all I can possibly spare soon
as we are paid again let it be sooner
or later You write that you will
put my money out at interest if
I want you to I leave it in your
charge you may do as you please

I think perhaps that it will be
best to put it out to interest but
be sure & have it in a safe place
& in your name & look out that my
Creditors do not get hold of it
I think that you are sharp enough for
that I want you to keep a correct
account of all the money that
I send home After this I intend to
send home to you more money than
what I have done I think that
you have done well the past Summer
& have not been very extravagant
I am glad to hear that you have
saved so much money from your
wages Look out & save your money
and you will be all right Money
is the main thing these days The
weather today is fine cool & pleasant
I think that the hot weather is now
about over with for this Season I
am out of postage stamps & when
you write me again I should like
to have you send me in your letter

one Dollars worth of Postage Stamps and
(30) thirty three cent stamps & seven
one cent stamps I will now bring
this to a close as I can think of no
more at present that would be of
interest to you Please write soon
as you can make it convenient
after you receive this without fail
Give my Love to Father Mother Sisters
Brothers Grandmother & Take a Large
Share to Yourself Also give my
Compliments to all Enquiring Friends
Take Good Care of Yourself I will
close by bidding you Good Bye —
untill you hear from me again
This is from
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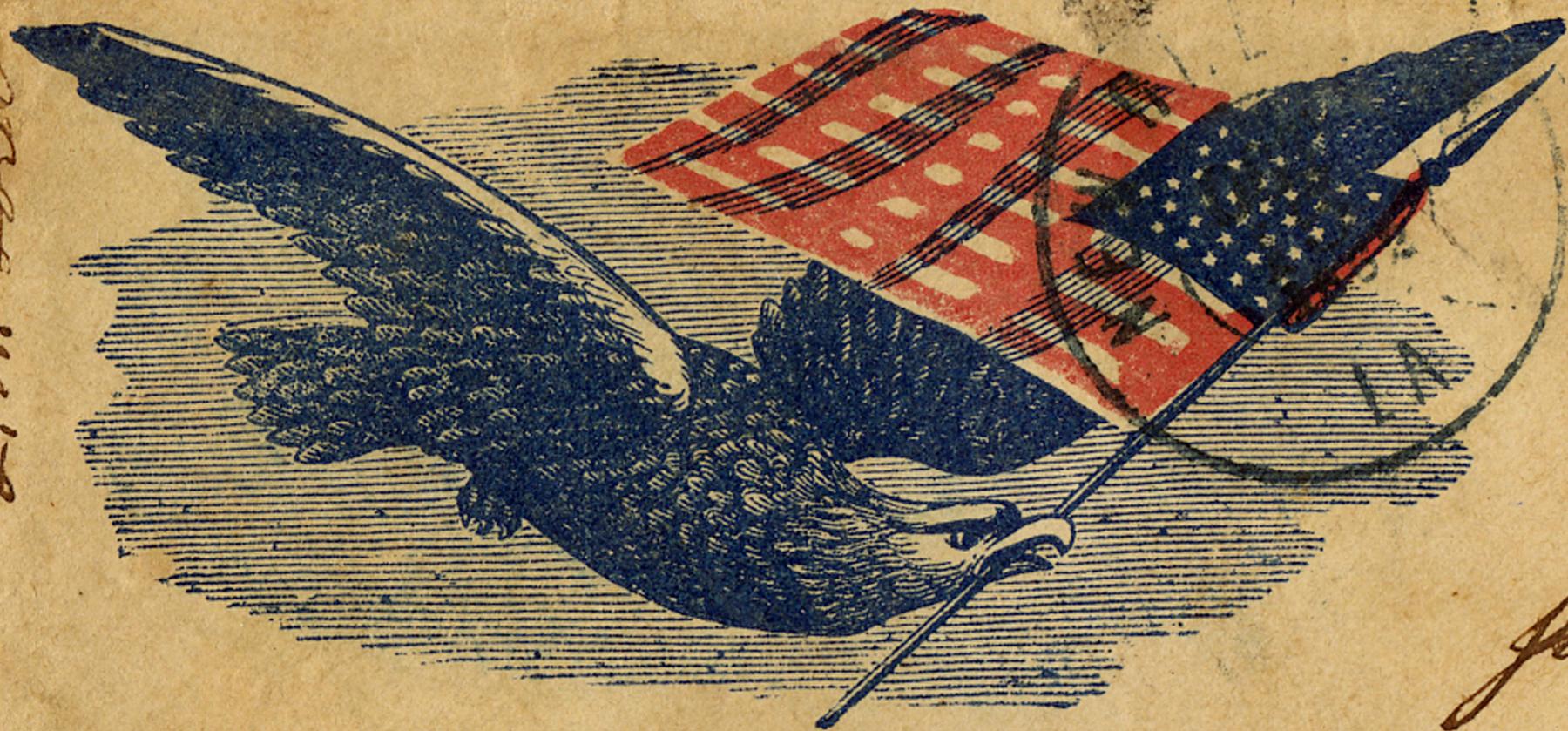
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A. B. White White
White
L. H. Lord

In Hospital. At Camp Parapet

L. H. Lord



Woe, woe, to the traitorous children of Mars,
Who challenge this bird, with his banner of stars;
We will teach them this lesson, that truth and the right
Are ever Triumphant, and must win the fight.

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J. H. BRADFORD
CHAPMAN, 1864

Gen. Russell Lord Esq,

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

Camp Kearney, L. N.
Sunday November 30th 1862

My Dear Brother Russell

I received your
welcome letter bearing Date of
Nov. 9th & 10th some days since Enclosed
were some Postage Stamps (one dollar
worth) which I was very glad to
receive I was also glad to hear from
you & the folks at Home & to hear
that all were well I am on the gain
& am now nearley as well as ever
I hope that Yourself & the family
are in the enjoyment of good health
which is the greatest blessing one can
have in this life The men of our
regiment up the river I am told
were paid on Thursday last I hear
that they received but two months
pay We have this day five months
pay Due us from the U. S. Government
which is sixty five (\$65.00) Dollars

We were last paid up to the 30th:
of last June We have seen nothing
of the paymaster here as yet
& I do not know as we shall untill
next pay day Yet we may be paid
here within a few days Perhaps tomorrow
We have been expecting to receive orders
to pack up & go up the river & join
the reg^t every day since Cap. Pouch
was down here but yesterday evening
Orders were received from Major
Leck for us to stay here untill
he sent for us He said that when
he wanted us he would let us
know it Col. Deming is Acting
Mayor of the City of New Orleans
& Our Lieutenant Colonel Colburn
is Superintendant of the New Orleans
& Opelousas Railroad & Major
Leck now has Command of
the regiment Things here are in a
sad condition large plantations of
Sugar & corn goin to waste for

the want of hands to gather them
most of the shiggers have left their
masters and come within our lines
& they can not get help to harvest their
crops Some Rebel Plantations have
been Confiscated to the U.S. Gov.
& Our Troops are trying to save
as much of the crops as they can
They were around here the other day
with rifles loaded, cocked & capped
hunting every Contraband shigger
that they laid eyes on making
them come down to the railway
Station at Carrollton & sending
them all up the river to Cut
-cain make Sugar & Molasses
& They will be protected by our
Troops & paid for their Labour
If this War for the Union is successful
these Rebels will loose their Fine
Plantations for Uncle Sam will sell
them to Loyal men & pocket the
money that he receives for them

The weather here for the past few days
has been fine & pleasant, I am writing
today in my shirt sleeves with no coat
or vest on last night it was quite
warm The mosquitoes bothered us
considerable I can think of no more today
worth writing about so I will now bring this
to a close Please write soon as you
can make it convenient after you
receive this without fail & Give me all
the news that you can think of Give my
Love to Father Mother Brothers Sisters
Grandmother & Take a Large Share to
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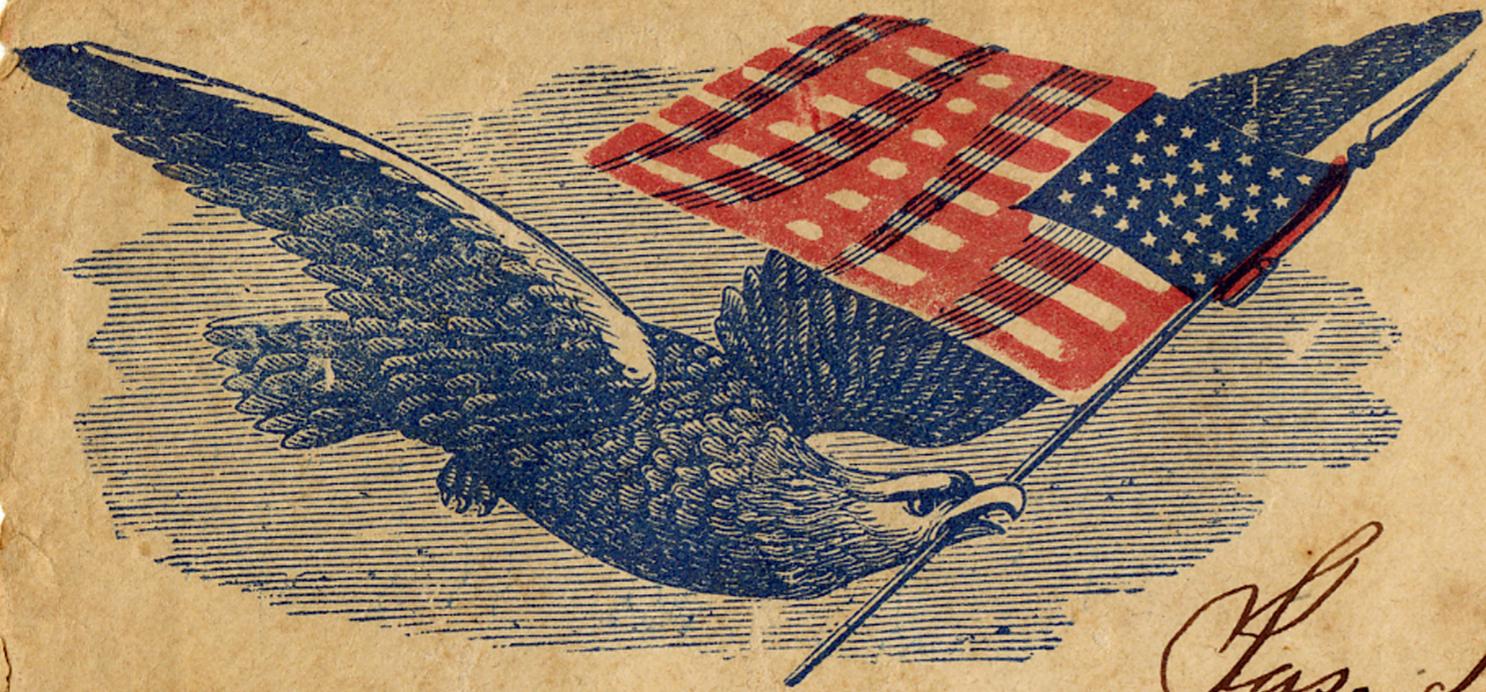
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Company H.

12th Regt. C. V.

Camp Kearney
Louisianne



Woe, woe, to the traitorous children of Mars,
Who challenge this bird, with his banner of stars;
We will teach them this lesson, that truth and the right
Are ever Triumphant, and must win the fight.



Gas. Russell Lord Esq.

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

[Handwritten flourish]

New Orleans L. & A. December 9th 1862
Dear Brother Russell

I am in the City of
New Orleans today as you will see by the
heading of this letter I come down after
my pay & have just received it I was paid
Fifty Two Dollars I am writing this in
Adams & Co's Express Office & have just let
the Agent have thirty five to send home
to you (\$35.00) You may Expect it soon
after you receive this I am now well & expect
to go up & join the regiment tomorrow morning
I hope that these few lines will find you
& the family in the enjoyment of good health
Please write soon without fail Give my
Love to all Good Bye for the present
This is from

Your Affectionate Brother

Henry
L. H. Lord

J. R. Lord Esq.

P.S. I would write more if
I had time but I have not as I have to get
back to Camp this afternoon & the mail
leaves here tomorrow on board the Steamship
Trade Wind for New York L. H. L.

Adams Express Company,

NEW ORLEANS, La.



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