

A2004-061.0002.0001: Letter 9, February 9, 1863

12th Connecticut Infantry, Co. K

**From the Luman Henry Lord Collection of South Texas Archives
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*Letters from Luman Henry Lord to his brother William while he was
in Louisiana from 1862-1865*

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Envelope

size 3 ½ “ X 5 ½ “

There is an image printed on the left side of the envelope covering almost ½ of the front of the envelope. In this image, a young woman offers a wounded soldier a drink of water as a battle rages in the distance.

2—3 cent US postage stamps are attached to the upper right corner with a cancellation stamp reading New Orleans Feb 9 3228?

Addressed to:

Mr. Jam. Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn

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Camp Stevens near Thibodaux, LA

Wednesday February 4th 1863

My Dear Brother Russell,

With pleasure I now seat myself pen in hand to write you a few lines knowing that you will be glad to hear from me and I received your welcome letter bearing dates of December 28th, 62 some time since and was very glad to hear from you and the folks at home. Glad to hear that yourself and the family were in the enjoyment of good health. I am in the enjoyment of very good health at this present time. Have not felt better since I enlisted in the Union Army. I am in hopes that these lines will find yourself and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I see by your better than the package of money that I sent by express arrived safe and sound (enclosed I sent you

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a check for ten dollars which is the fourth bounty now due me from the state of Connecticut expected that you know how to get it as well as I can tell you I want you to send me a box by express soon as you conveniently can after you receive this. Julius Paseco wants some things sent him. Says that he shall write to his folks for what he wants them to send him tomorrow as he is on guard today to have those things that are sent to others in my box marked so that I will know who they belong to except they are marked I shall consider them as belonging to myself. Have the box bound the same as the one was that you sent me last as they sometimes get broke often when they are only mailed. (I will now tell you what I want sent: one pair of good

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suspenders, one silk pocket handkerchief high, two bottom pocket handkerchief. Our mother wrote sometime since that she was making me some shirts to send to me. I wrote that I did not want them at the time. If she has them done she may send them. Perhaps they are wore out ere this. If they are the need not make any more at present as I have now two good ones and can get more if I want them. That is all the things in the clothing line that I am in want of at present as I have plenty. If I had any more I should sell them or throw them away. I have more already then I like to carry when we are on a march. I want sent two boxes of Ayers Pills and one small bottle of pain killer. Send me (20) twenty sheets of fine sand paper. Enclosed you will find a sample

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of what I want sent. Send some smoking tobacco. The same as the other was if you can get it, a few pipes, send fifty cents worth of chewing tobacco. Send thirty sheets of writing paper and as many envelopes. Fifty cents worth of three cent postage stamps. Send a few matches in a tin box. Some cheese, a hunk of dried beef, some Baker's cookies & cakes. A box sent here by Express now is not long in coming. We get things sometimes in two or three weeks after they are sent from home. Hardly anything is spoiled in coming here now. Tell our sisters Cornelia and Melissa that they may make a cake and send it to me if they like. Tell brother Will that he may send me a couple quarts of the same old stuff if he

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likes. B.M. Best Reserve will do. Nearly all the boys in our tent have had some sent and I would like to return the compliment. Have a tine can made that will hold the stuff and have it sealed up tight as that is the way that the boys have had it sent here of late and it is not meddled with. Send me a spool of white cotton thread and a cheap thimble and a memorandum book that I can carry in my coat pocket. I am not particular about it having dates in it. I believe that I have mentioned all that I am in want of at the present time. Cousin Andrew Julius Paseco and Benton Whipple are well and send their best respects. Wm. Allen Lima Pease and Thomas Costellon are in

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the hospital at New Orleans or was there the last I heard from them. I want you to keep an account of the things that I have sent for. I will pay for them out of the money that I have sent home. A contraband nigger was shot by a sentinel in our camp yesterday. I was on guard at the same post the day before. I had not been relieved over half an hour when he was shot. Niggers have been allowed to pass in and out of camp when they had a mind to but yesterday morning the sentinels had orders to let no one pass their beats black or white. The sentinel says that he halted the nigger six times before he fired. He lived but a short time after he was shot. Two soldiers were shot in [*Hifoclause sp??*]

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last night. A squad of soldiers were sent there to bring back some of our men who were staying over their passes. They saw these men and halted them and they started on a run and they fired on them. I have heard that both of them are dead. The squad sent was commanded by sergeant Amos Bray of our company. I will now bring this letter to a close. Please write as soon as you can make it convenient after you receive this without fail. Give my love to Father, Mother, Sisters, Brothers, Grandmother and take a large share to yourself. Also my compliments to all enquiring friends. Goodbye for the present. This is from your affectionate brother Henry.

J. R. Lord esq. L.H. Lord

N.B. write L.R.L.

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