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12th Connecticut Infantry, Co. K

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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

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County Conn.

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[Upper left hand corner, there is a circular imprint that says “Winslow Hills”]

Camp Roenor, Brashear City, Near Berwick Bay, State of Louisiana
Monday March 20nd, 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 & to hear how matters and things are in this part of Rebellion. I am happy to inform you that I am in good health at present and I hope that these lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing which is the best thing that one can have in this life. I have received but one letter from home in some time, as you will see by searching my memorandum, which I shall send you with this and that was from Bother William. I think that I must have had letters on board the Ella Warley, I see by the newspapers that they have fished up two of her mail bags. One of them was sent back to New York and the other was brought to New Orleans to be dried. I think that you must have sent

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the money that I wrote home for on the 19th day of January last about that time, if you did I may get it yet as it may be in one of the bags that was fished up. Our camp as you will see by the heading of this letter is called Camp Roener. We have stationed at this point, five regiments of infantry by the 75th, 114th, and the 160th. New York Volunteer's, the 8th Vermont and the 12th Conn. We also have three Batteries of artillery, two companies of cavalry and three gunboats. The land force is under the command of Brigadier General Whitzel. We have a picket guard stationed a few miles above here at the mouth of the Atchafalaya River. One of our gunboats goes up there every evening, two men are detailed every night from each company in the regiment to go up on the gunboat at short distance below where the Atchafalaya River empties into Berwick's Bay is the Bayou Boeuf. The Atchafalaya River and the Bayou Teche. Join each other at the Head of Burwick's Bay the battle that we had with the Rebels on the 14th day of January last was fought on and near the Teche and

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about fifteen and sixteen miles above here is reported that the Rebels are gathering there again in force and are building two new iron clad gunboats above there. If that is true, I expect that we shall have to go up and whip them out again. I received a letter from you this evening bearing date of February 15th. Enclosed was the five dollars that I wrote for. I received one from my sister Melissa bearing the same date. Enclosed was a piece of Miss Hannah Cobbs wedding cake. It arrived here safe and sound and was very good. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Knight a long life and much happiness. Please give them my compliments. I was very glad indeed to here from home and to hear that all was well. I also received two newspapers from our sister Cornelia which I am very glad to get. I wish that you would send me a copy of the Hartford Courant or The Press once in a while and I will be much obliged to you. I would rather have either of those papers than to have the Post as there is more news in them. Although, I like the Post very well.

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I have not heard from Cousin Frank since I wrote home last. Only through sister Melissa letter I am very sorry to hear that he was sick and in the hospital. I hope that he is now well again for it is very bad to be sick, away from home and one's friends. I hear that James M. Pease has got his discharge and is on his way home but I do not know as it is true. Bill Allen is yet in the hospital at New Orleans. I have not heard from him of late. Tom Costello is now well and is with us and doing duty. Cousin Anderson Julius Paseo John Mofit & Benton Whipple are well and send their best regards. The weather here now is fine and pleasant. I will now bring this to a close as it is getting near roll call and lights are not allowed to burn after retreat. Please write soon as you can. Make it convenient after you receive this and give me all the news you can think of. Give my love to Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters, Grandmother and take a large share to yourself also. Give my best respects to all enquiring. Friends, good-bye for the present. This is from Your affectionate brother, N.B. White ["N.B. White" is circled],

Henry

Mr. James Russell Lord L. Henry Lord.

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