

**A2004-061.0002.0005: Letter 13, May 16, 1863**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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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Addressed to

Mr. J. Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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Alexandria Louisiana

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Brother Russell

Having a few leisure moments I thought that I would improve the opportunity by writing you a few lines. I received welcome letter bearing date of March 14<sup>th</sup> some time since and was glad indeed to hear from you. You will please excuse me for not answering it sooner as I have not had a chance as you will see when you finish reading this. I wrote a letter to our sister Melissa last Saturday (May 9<sup>th</sup>). We received marching orders that afternoon well in the evening and marched until twelve o'clock at night marched all the next day from four o'clock in the morning until

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sundown the next day (May 11<sup>th</sup>). I was taken sick with the fever & ague & rode back to our old camp grounds near Alexandria on one of the teams belonging to our Baggage train with other sick men arrived back at camp about noon. The next day our regiment arrived the same evening the object of the expedition was to bag a Rebel Horse which was above hear about thirty miles in a time woods near the Red River. We captured about thirty of them the rest skedaddled we marched from camp down to the city last Thursday evening we have tip top quarters. Now we are stopping in a store near the court house our regiment is detailed to guard the city one half of the regiment is on guard one day & the other half the next.

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I have had the shakes every other day regular since Monday last. I had a hard time of it yesterday it was the hardest shake that I ever had either in this state or work state I hope that I shall soon were it off the troops have all left hear expecting our Brigade we are expecting to leave tomorrow or the day after our destination is not known but I expect it to be Port Hudson. Cousin Andrews is not very well Julius Pasceo is sick and in the Hospital in this town I have not seen him since last Monday. Benton Whipple & Thomas Costello are sick in Opelousas which is 92 miles from hear I have not heard from them since our arrival here. John Moffit is in poor health and has been for some time past I have not seen him since our arrival here. He came with

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us and I expect that he is in town somewhere. Wm. Allen I expect has got his discharge papers and is now at home. I have not heard from him in a long time. Enclosed you will find some Confederate money which I send you as a present. It is good hear but money is not of much account hear anyhow as it costs about Fifty dollars to buy a decent meal victuals. Wine twenty five dollars per bottle, eggs five dollars per doz., Cigars fifty cents apiece, a small plug of tobacco is worth two dollars & other things in proportion. One of the boys in our company (Levi A. Clark) eat eleven dollars & fifty cents worth of gingerbread yesterday after eating a hearty dinner & then said that his appetite was not half satisfied. He paid \$2.50 for half a dozen eggs & paid \$2.00 for a small

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ham. Book such as they sell at home for five cents apiece we have. We have not been paid as yet soon as we are I shall send you more of the money we have over four months pay due us from the National Government & the state of Conn. will owe me ten dollars on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of next month I shall send you the check for it soon as sit is due. I hope we shall be paid soon yet we may not be paid in some time I expect to send you Forty dollars certain when we are next paid what is if they give us four months pay which I think they will I will now bring this to a close. Then write soon without fail after you receive this & I want

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you to write often do not wait until you receive a letter from me but write anyhow as I am always glad to receive a letter from you & it may be so that I cannot always write when I would like to I will write to you all as often as I can possibly & I should like to have you all do the same. Give my love to Father Mother Sisters Brothers Grandmother & take a large yourself. Also give my compliments to all enquiring friends good bye for the present. This is from.

Your ever affectionate

Brother Henry

Mr. James Russell Lord

Luman Henry Lord

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