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Soldiers Letter
O H B Ford
Chaplain 12c

Mr. J. Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

Alexandria Louisiana

Saturday May 16th 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 your welcome letter bearing date of March 14th 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 9th) We received marching orders that afternoon. Fell in in the evening and marched until twelve O'clock at night marched all the next day from four O'clock in the morning until

sundown The next day (May 11th)
I was taken sick with the fever &
chills & rode back to our old Camp
Grounds near Alexandria on one of
the Teams belonging to our ~~Baggage~~
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 Pine 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, are stoping 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

I have had the Chakes 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
York State I hope that I shall
soon were it off The Troops have
all left hear excepting our Brigade
We are expecting to leave tomorrow
or the day after Our Destination is
not known but I expect it to
be Fort Harrison Cousin Andrew
is not verry well Julius Parco, is
sick and in the Hospital in this
Town I have not scene him since
last monday Benton Whipple
& Thomas Costello, are sick in
Opolousas which is 92 miles from
hear I have not heard from them
since our arrival hear John Moffit
is in poor health and has been
poor some time past I have
not scene him since our
arrival hear He came with

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
is Twenty Five Dollars per. bottle
Eggs Five Dollars per doz Cigars
Fifty cents a piece 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
apitite was not half satisfied
He paid \$250 for half a dozen
Eggs & paid \$200 for a small

pass Book such as they sell
at Home for five cents a piece
Wee have not been paid as
yet soon as wee are I shall
send you most of the money
Wee have over four months
pay Due us from the National
Government & The State of Conn.
will owe me Ten Dollars on
the 10th day of next month
I shall send you the Check
for it soon as it is Due
I hope wee shall be paid soon
Yet wee may not be paid in
some time I expect to send you
Forty Dollars certain when wee
are next paid That is if they
give us four months pay
Which I think they will I will
now bring this to a close I can
write soon without fail after
you receive this & I want

you to write Often Do
not wait untill 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 can not
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 Share 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
N. B. Write Write Write
L. H. L.



Mr. Jas. Russell Lord
Warehouse Point,
Hartford County
Conn

Camp Stevens Near Tibodaux La.

Wednesday February 4th 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

With pleasure
I now send myself pen in hand to
write you a few lines knowing that
you will be glad to hear from me
& I received your welcome letter
bearing Date of December 28th, 62 Some
time since & was very glad to hear
from you & the folks at Home
Glad to hear that yourself & 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 & the family in the
Enjoyment of the same blessing
I see by your letter that the Package
of money that I sent by Express arrived
safe & sound Enclosed I send you

a Check for Ten Dollars Which is
the fourth Bounty now Due me
from the State of Conn. I expect
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 Lisco 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 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
open when they are only
nailed I will now tell you what
I want sent One pair of Good

Suspenders One Silk pocket ^{hand}kerchief
Two Cotton Pocket Handkerchiefs Our
Mother wrote some time 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 or this If they are she
need not make any more at present
as I have now two Good ones &
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 than I like to carry when
we are on a march I want send
two Boxes of Rogers Pills & one small
Bottle of Pain killer Send me (29)
Twenty sheets of fine Sand paper
Enclosed you will find a sample

of what I want send Send some
Smoking Tobacco, The same as
the other was if you can get it
a few pipes send fifty Cts.
worth of chewing tobacco Send
Thirty sheets of writing paper &
as many Envelopes Fifty Cts.
worth of three cents postage stamps
Send a few matches in a Tin Box
Some Cheese A Hunk of Dried
Beef some Bakers Cookies &
cakes A Box send hear by Express
now is not long in coming We
get things sometimes in two or
three weeks after they are send
from Home Hardly anything
is spoild in coming hear now
Tell our Sisters Cornelia & Melina
that they may make a cake &
send it to me if they like
Tell Brother Mills. That he
may send me a Couple quarts
of the real old Stuff if he

likes B. P. H., Best R. G. will
do, clearly all the Boys in our
tent have had some send &
passed it around & I would
like to return the Compliments
Have a Tin Can made that
will hold the Stuff & have it
sealed up tight, As that is the
way that the Boys have had it
sent hear of late & it is not
meddled with Send me a spool
of white Cotton Thread & a cheap
Thimble & a Memorandum Book
that I can carry in my Coard
Pocket I am not particular about
its having dates in it I believe
I have now mentioned all that
I am in want of at this present
time Cousin Andrews Julius -
Baker & John Mead & Benton
Whipple are well & send their
Best Respects Wm. Allen Jim
Lease & Thomas Costello are in

the Hospital at New Orleans
or was there the last that
I heard from them I want
you to keep an account of the
things that I have sent for &
pay for them out of the money
that I have sent home &
Contraband chigger was shot by
a Centinel 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 chiggers have been
allowed to pass in & out of
Camp when they had a mind to
do yesterday morning the Centinels
had orders to let no one pass
their beats Black or White The
Centinel says that he halted
the chigger six times before
he fired he lived but a short
time after he was shot Two
Soldiers were shot in Mississippi

last night A Squad of Soldiers
were sent up there to bring
back some of our men who were
there staying over their passes
They saw these men & halted
them & they started on a run
& they fired on them I have heard
that both of them are Dead
The Squad sent were Comanded
by Sergeant Amos Bray of our
Company I will now bring
this to a close Please Write
soon as you can make it
Convenient after you receive
this Without Fail Give my
Love to Mother & Mother Sisters
Brothers 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
V. R. Lord Capt. L. R. Lord
K. B. White L. R. L.



S. R. Lord Esq
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

Camp Stevens near Tibodana La.
Saturday Evening Feb. 7th 1863
Dear Brother Russell

You will please
excuse this short letter as it is
most, roll call & I have to go
on Guard tomorrow I am well
and hope these few lines will
find yourself & the family in
the enjoyment of the same blessing
Our 1st Lieutenant, Francis
arrived here a few days since
he is well & hearty When you
send the Box which I have wrote
for send me a quarter of a lb.
of Composition Tea It is a
fine substance & is very usefull
I have sent you a Check for
the fourth payment of Ten
Dollars now Due me from
the State of Conn. We
were paid two months pay

by the Government Paymaster
yesterday Twenty Six Dollars
The amount due us up to
& including the 31st day
of December I have sent
home to you by Adams
& Co's Express ~~the sum of~~
Fifteen Dollars The State
Check I sent in a letter
Give my Love to

all
Please Write soon as
you conveniently can
after you receive this
and let me know if
you received the Check
And the money safe
& all right This is from

Your Affectionate Brother
S. R. Lord Henry
S. R. Lord Little Lord

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn,

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Camp Reno, Brashear City Near
Burwicks Bay State of Louisiana
Monday March 2nd. 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 Rebeldom
I am happy to inform you that I am in good
health at present And I hope that these
lines will find you & 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 reading
my memorandum which I shall send you
with this & that was from Brother Wilson
I think that I must have had letters on board
the Cold 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
& The other was brought to New Orleans to
be dried I think that you must have sent

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 Greener We have
stationed at this point Five Regiments of
Infantry viz. The 75th, 114th & the 168th.
New York Volunteers The 8th Vermont & The
12th Conn. We also have three Batteries of
Artillery two Companies of Cavalry & three
Gunboats The Land force is under the
Command of Brigadier General Whitzel We
have a Picket Line stationed a few miles above
here at the mouth of the Stachafalaya
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 A short distance
below where the Stachafalaya River empties
into Burwicks Bay is the Bayou Boeuf
The Stachafalaya River & The Bayou Teche
join each other at the Head of Burwicks
Bay The Battle that we had with the
Rebels on the 14th day of January last
was fought on and near the Teche and

about fifteen or sixteen miles above
here is reported that the Rebels are
gathering there again in force and are
Building 200 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 13th 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 & sound and was very good
I wish Mr. & Mrs. Knight a long life &
much Happiness Please give them my
Compliments I was very glad indeed to
hear from Home & to hear that all were
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 Obligated 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

I have not heard from Cousin Frank since
i wrote home last only through Sister Melvin's
letter I am very sorry to hear that he was
sick & in the Hospital I hope that he is —
now well again for it is very bad to be —
sick away from home & ones friends I hear
that James McLease has got his discharge & 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 Andrew
Julius Pusey John Moffitt & Benton Whipple
are well & send their Best Regards The
weather here now is fine & pleasant I will
now bring this to a close as it is getting
dark Roll Call & 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
& Take a Large Share to yourself & also
Give my Best Respects to all Enquiring
Friends Good Bye for the Present
This is from
Chas. B. Write Your Affectionate Brother
Henry
Chas. James Russell Lord L. Henry Lord

Olden's Letter
J. Mather
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James Russell Lord Esq
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

Camp Reno, Brashear City
Near Burwicks Bay Louisiana
Wednesday April 8th 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

With pleasure

I now send myself pen in hand to write you a few lines informing you that I am in Good Health at present & am in hopes that these lines will find yourself & the Family in the Enjoyment of the same blessing which is the best gift one can have in this life I received your letter bearing Date of March 10th, on the 26th day of last month & was glad indeed to hear from you and the folks at Home Glad to hear that all was Bright at Home You will see by my letters to Our Mother & our Sister Cornelia that I have received the Boxes which were sent

me
x by Adams & Co's, Express all right
I thank you very much for the
things which you sent me Thos O'Leary
& Baloni's Canteen were Zip Top I will
do you as good a turn if I ever
have a chance I got a pass last
Monday Morning and went down
on the Cars to Camp Mansfield
near the Bayne Boon I saw
Cousin Frank, he was then
in good Health & on Guard He
was very glad to see me you can
bet I also saw Friends Charles
Gage Henry Cleton Albert
Cobb & others of my acquaintances
They were all well and Glad
to see me & I was glad indeed
to see them you can bet Charley
Gage says that he enjoys the life
of a Soldier much better than he
expected he is looking very well
I found Friend Cleton looking

much better than I expected to
find him he says that he likes
soldiering very well much better
than he expected When I went there
I found Ben. Polishing up his Rifle
Charley was on Police Duty I do
not see as they have changed much
since I saw them at home excepting
they are somewhat tanned up (being
in this warm climate) like ourselves
All. Cobb is about the same as
ever I do not see much change
in him There is a Brigade or more
at that Point Yesterday evening
another Brigade arrived at Bayne
Kamus Four miles below here
We received marching Orders last
Monday evening are ordered to hold
ourselves in readiness to march at
a moments notice we may leave
here in less than one hour time
& we may not leave for two or

Three days but I expect that we
shall not stay here long I expect
that we are to cross the Bay
& march over the same ground that
we did on the 14th of January last
in the Direction of Franklin How
much farther we shall go I cannot tell
as yet If the Enemy stand their Ground
we shall have something of a Fight
They are above us in Force & hold the
same Ground that we went over
in January last We are now well
prepared to march against them Having
a Force of Twelve Thousand men or
over (12,000) within eight miles of the
Bay We have Three Brigades of Infantry
besides Artillery & Cavalry The 21st Indiana
is now an artillery Regiment
& they have some Splendid Pieces you
can Bet The Rebels about here will
catch Hail Columbia if they stand their
Ground before many days are past The
Bonie Blue Flag must give away
for the Stars & Spangled Banner
O say - can't you see by the Dawn early



Mr. J. Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

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Addressed *J. H. Lora*

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at 10:45 AM. by the report of the
the first shot more it has
of the first shot more it has
of the first shot more it has

Lord Hudson Lc.

Saturday June 6th 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

Having a few leisure moments
I thought that I would improve
the opportunity by writing you
a few lines. The Siege of this
Rachel Stronghold is progressing
favourably & I think that it
will fall before many days.
We are planting mortars on
shore & getting our artillery
into position. It is reported that
the place is to be Bombarded
in Good Style on Monday
next. We expect that Lord
Hudson will be in our power
by next Tuesday night. We
have not had much hard
fighting since I wrote last,
but skirmishing continues

day & night There is ^{not} ~~not~~
a day passes but there is
more or less killed & wounded
I think our loss now including
killed & wounded is three
thousand or over & the Enemy
must have lost as many
Our Boys are in good spirits
& we are bound to win the
other night we heard the
Rebs. Singing the Bonnie Blue
Flag My Own Native Land
&c Everything was quiet firing
had ceased on both sides
Our Boys sang the Star -
Spangled Banner Hunt
Columbia Yankee Doodle John
Brown &c A whole Regiment
would join and sing at
one time It made the
woods about Fort Hudson
ring you can see Our
Boys holow over to them at

times & ask them if they
have plenty of Corn Diggers
I suppose that you are aware
that they have no bread
but corn bread The Rebs.
had some of their Artillery in
position every night & open
fire on us but our Batteries
soon silence them They can
do nothing with their Artillery
by day as our Sharpshooters
would pick off their Gunners
I was taken with the Chills
& Fever or Fever & Ague the
next day after I wrote to our
Sister Cornelia I had them
again yesterday very bad
I got some medicine of our
Physician he told me to keep
quiet under the Quacks
not go out in the hot sun
I feel better today but I
expect that I shall have them

again tomorrow Several men
in our Regt have been taken
with them since our arrival
here & it is not to be wondered
at Three Companies of our
Regiment are in front today
 skirmishing with the Enemies
our Company is one of the
They are protected by a Bluff
Log & I am just in the rear
under the shade in a Ravine
but am within speaking distance
The Enemies bullets go whizzing
over my head as I am writing
I shall not go to the rear if
I can help it as I want to
see this though I have seen
it so far & I hope that I shall
be able to march into Fort Hudson
with the Regiment when it
falls as Fall it should give
My Love to all White Lion —
From Your Brother L. Henry Ford



Mr. E. Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

Fort Hudson La.

Wednesday June 10th 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

I received your welcome letter
bearing Date of May 3^d. Last
Sunday & was glad indeed
to hear from you Glad to
hear that you were in good
health & to hear that you
had got a Good place for
the summer I think that
you are getting good wages.
I am happy to inform you
that I am well at present
& am in hopes that these
few lines will find you in
the enjoyment of the same
blessings I have been troubled
of late with the Chills &
Fever but am all right &
again now The Siege of

Fort Moulson still continues
by day & night. Our Lines
of the Rebels lines are nearly
the same as when I last wrote.
General Mitchell told Captain
De Groot of our Regiment
that we should be in Fort
Moulson next Sunday night.
The place will be Bombarded
tomorrow. It is a very bad
place to get artillery. Roads
are being made & we are
bringing up our artillery
& mules and getting them
in position as fast as we
can. Comin & Andrew
came back to the regiment
this morning. He is much
better but is not quite
well yet. I heard from
Friend Henry Weston yesterday.
He sent me his compliments
& said that he was all

right. One of our Boys came
up from New Orleans yesterday
said he saw Julius Parson
just before he started. He
said that Julius was getting
better fast & was now
nearly well. Benton Whipple
I hear is at Beauregard
and nearly as well as
ever. I have not heard from
the other Boys in this
Department from about
home since I wrote last.
I will now bring this to
a close. Good Bye for
the present. Please write
soon without fail & give
me all the news you can.
Give my Love to Mother,
Mother, Sisters, Brothers,
Grandmother & Jake &
Largie. I have to go now.
Also Give my Best Regards

light &c Our cause it is God's Triumph
we must 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 you can think
of &c Give my Love to Father -
Mother Brothers Sisters Grandmother
& take a large share to yourself
Also give my Respects to all Enjoining
Friends Good Bye for the present
This is from

Your affectionate Brother

Henry
L. H. Lord

Mr. James Russell Lord

Luman Henry Lord

N. B.

Write Write Write

L. H. L.

Give away but
not forgotten

L. Henry Lord



to all Enquiring Friends
This is from

Your Ever Affectionate

Brother Henry

Mr C. Russell Lord

L. Henry Lord

A. B. White

L. H. Lord

Russell

Always Remembered

Henry

P.S.

Dear Brother I hope with you
that the time is not far distant
when this cursed Rebellion will
be at an end & we can see - &
each other & have a good Christian
talk together L. H. Lord