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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

To address:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

From address:

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[Upper left corner of page one has these words in an upside down semi-circle: "N. B. Write"]

June 8th, Camp Convalescent
Post Williams, Baton Rouge, LA
Monday, July 20th, 1863

My Dear Brother Russell,

With pleasure I now seat myself pen in hand to write you a few lines knowing that you are always glad to hear from me. I am happy to inform you that I am well and present, and am in hopes that these lines will find yourself and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. Julius Paseo is well and sends you his best regards. His wound is nearly healed and is closing finally. I saw Albert Cobb, 25th Reg. C.V. of Windsor Locks yesterday, he has been very low with the typhoid fever but is now gaining slowly. He is very weak. His Orderly, Sargent Lamphear of Windsor Locks is with him most of his time & does everything for

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him that he can. He is in the same hospital that I was (Church Hospital) which is the best hospital in this City. I shall visit him as often as I can get a chance. I was with him most of the day yesterday. Kibbe 25th Reg. C.V. is nurse in a Hospital near me. I see him nearly every day (Orin Kibbe of East Windsor) I recognized his countenance soon as I set eyes on him. There has been a fight down the river on the [Bayou Lafourche, *illegible*] & near Donaldsonville since I wrote last. Our Brigade was not engaged in it. There were but two brigades engaged, Generals Dwight & Lain. Our side lost over one hundred and fifty wounded. The enemy's loss is not known. Our wounded have been sent up here, the enemy has retreated toward [*Thibolanse, ? Illegible*] and the Mississippi

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River is now clear. Major General U. S. Grant, the hero of Vicksburg passed through here the other day on his way to New Orleans. The father of waters is now clear. The Grand Southern Confederacy is cleft in twain. The back bone of the rebellion is broken. Southern rebels look down in the mouth. Now is the time that they need all the sympathy of their Copperhead Brethren of the north. I have heard southern union men say that the *[bones ? illegible]* of the northern Copperheads only tended to encourage the rebels & prolong the war. What we want is a United Union Sentiment in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war until the rebellion is finished. Every Union loving man should give his unconditional support to the national government & delay in this crisis. I intend to

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join my regiment soon as I can get a chance. Passes are given to nine month men that are able to join their regiments but no three year men have been sent from this camp to join their regiments as yet. Reports say that they are to take the place of the nine month men that are nursed in hospital & those that are well enough as most of the nine month men's times are now about expired & they are very anxious to get home. I will now bring this to a close as I can think of no more to write today that would be of interest to you. I shall send you a copy of my Memorandum Record with this up to date. I have kept a diary and have sent it all home from the time that I left Camp Lyon Hartford, Connecticut up to this date. When next you write, please let me know if you have received it all. If any parts of it are lost let me know the dates between the lost parts of it. Write soon without fail.

Please give my love to everybody & take a large share to yourself.

Goodbye for the present. From your affectionate brother, Henry. Mr. James Russell Lord Luman [*hurry home ? illegible*]

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