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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

Cancellation stamp New Orleans, LA. Sep 30, 1863

3 cent US postage stamp in upper left corner

L.H.L. is written in the bottom left corner sideways

Addressed to:

James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County Conn.

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Camp in the field near Paterson Ville, Louisiana

Monday September 21st, 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

I received your welcome letter bearing date of August 30th. Last evening and was very glad indeed to hear from you. I am well at present and am in the hopes that these few lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. Two brigades of the 1st Division, 19th Army Corp. left Brunswick Bay yesterday noon. Our Brigade and the 1st Brigade. We marched about eight miles when we drew up in line of battle and halted for the night. Our right resting on Bayou Teche & our left extending to the woods. The 1st brigade is in advance. Our brigade is in reserve. We have been the 2nd brigade, 1st division. We

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are now the 3rd brigade, 1st division, 19th army Corp. Our brigade is under the command of Col. Merrit of the 15th New York Voll. The division is under the command of Brig. Gen. Witzel. The Army Corp is under the command of Maj. Gen. Franklin. Our position in the line has been changed since our last campaign; The 114th N.H. is on the right. Next is the 12th Conn. In the center is the 8th Vermont. Next comes the 75st N.H. On the left is the 160th N.Y. We are a bully good brigade what there is left of us and Mr. Reb will find that we can do some fighting yet if our numbers are small. I think that we shall remain here a few days until the 13th Army Corp comes up with us. I expect we left the Bay to make room for that Army Corps. It was then at Basheer City. When they come up with us there

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will be a grand forward movement. Then it will be “How are you Rebs?” We expect to march to the Rio Grande by an overland route & and have something there for the French in Mexico to look at. The boys are in good spirits and are anxious to get at the chickens, pigs, sheep etc. that they will meet with on the route. We are bound to live high. Way up in the garret during this campaign. I expect that it shall be a long campaign and I hope that I shall be able to go thru with it. I have not heard from Cousin Andrew since last I wrote. Julius Paseo is well and is with us. He sends his best regards to you and the family. Benton Whipple is with us and is in good health. He sends his compliments to you and all enquiring friends; Thomas Costellon is with us and is well. 2nd Sargent Alexander W. Avery is

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in command of the company. As yet corporal Orin L. Stortard is acting orderly sergeant. That is all the officers the we have with us commissioned or noncommissioned. Our company numbers fifteen privates (15). Other companies of the regiment are about the same. We number about one hundred fifty men fit for duty including the whole regiment. I will now bring this to a close as the mail leaves here at twelve o'clock and it is nearly that time now. Please write as often as you possibly can & I will do the same. Give my love to the family and take a large share to yourself. Also give my best regards to all enquiring friends. Goodbye for the present. This is from your affectionate brother Henry

Mr. James Russell Lord

Luman Henry Lord

N.B. Write, write, write

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