

**A2004-061.0003.0006: Letter 21, September 25, 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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**Envelope**

To Address:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

3 cent US postage stamp upper left corner

New Orleans, LA Sep 30 1863

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Camp in an open field near Pattersonville Louisiana

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Brother Russell

With pleasure I now seat myself pen in hand to write a few lines to you knowing that you are always glad to hear from me. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present & am in hopes that these lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I have received no letters since I wrote last. I wrote home to our mother on Wednesday last. I thought then that we should make an advance the next morning but we remain on the same ground as yet but I think that we shall more forward soon perhaps tomorrow. Our cavalry has been up on this side of the Bayou Teche as far as Franklin.

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They met with Rebel Force at Fort Bisland camp. Fort Bisland was deserted. The planters about here say that there is no rebel force to oppose us this side of Vermillion Bayou about fifteen hundred (1500) of our cavalry went up on the other side of the Bayou this morning. I hear that one division of our army corp (the 19<sup>th</sup>) went up on the railroad & are now at Camp Bisland. Our Captain James D. Roche has just arrived here from home & I have just had a shake hands with him. He is looking tip top. The sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) & bounty payment of Ten (10) dollars will be due me from the state of Conn. on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of next month. I have a blank check with me and shall have it made out soon as it is due and send it home to you and you can get the money on it. On the

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10<sup>th</sup> of this month. I was paid by Uncle Sam eight (8) months' pay, one hundred & four dollars

(104.00). I sent home to you the same day, seventy five dollars of it

(75.00) I expect that you

Received it [ear? Illegible] this I want you to send me fifty cents worth of postage stamps 25=

Cents worth of good writing paper same as this sheet that I am writing on. A package of letter envelopes & four dollars (4.00) cas. Send two of it in greenbacks, the rest in postage currency. Do not send anything but Uncle Sams' money as other money is no good in this part of the country. I do not now when we shall be paired again & I always want to be sure and have some money by me as I may see the time when it will be of use to me. I do not want much by me at a time a little will do me. Do not send anymore than I have written for I think that

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your dollars will last me until we are paid again and I do not want you to send me anymore, thank that amount. If I should be in want of more I will let you know it. Send the money paper by mail and direct it same as you have done. The weather here now is fine and pleasant just about cool enough for comfort. The nights are quite cool. We may be ordered to advance at any moment I think that we shall not remain here long. I hope that this cruel war will soon be brought to a close and that peace & unity will once more smile on our loved country. And I hope that there never will be another. Appeal from the ballot to the bullet in these United States of America. I think that it will learn the people of America a lesson not soon to be forgotten. I will now bring this to a close, write often as you can & I will do the same. Give my love to everybody & take a large share to yourself. This is from ----- [ N.B. write? Illegible]

Your affectionate brother Henry

Mr. James Henry Lord

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