

**A2004-61.0003.0007: Letter 22, November 3, 1863**

**12<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry, Co. K**

**From the Luman Henry Lord Collection of South Texas Archives  
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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**

Two three cent U.S. Postage Stamps with cancel stamps on them.

Ink stamp that says “New Orleans, Nov 13, 1863.”

Mrs. James Russel Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

There is also “L.H.L.” in all four corners of the envelope.

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Camp in the field near Vermillion Bayou, LA. Tuesday evening  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863.

My dear brother Russell,

With pleasure I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines knowing that you are always glad to hear from me. I received your welcome letter bearing date of October 11<sup>th</sup>, last Sunday evening. I also received a letter from our mother. I was glad indeed to hear from home and very glad to hear that all were in good health. I received the money you sent me all right. I also received the postage stamps, letter envelopes, writing paper and all safe and sound. I also received the postage stamps that mother sent me and the verses and

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tell our mother that I cannot thank her enough for the letter that she sent me. I have read it over three times and have not done with it yet. It is just what I have been looking for. I prize it very much. Tell mother that I found no trouble in reading it. It was written quite plain. I could read it as fast as I could. If it had been printed tell her that I shall answer it soon as I can get a good chance. It is a good long letter. In it I find all the news from about home and that is what I want. The things you sent me arrived just in time as I was out of postage stamps, nearly out of tobacco, letter paper, envelopes and had but 32 cents in my pocket. I thank you very

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much for sending them so promptly. I received a letter from my friend Charles [Gage ineligible] last Sunday evening. He was well and in the city of New Orleans, wrote that he had pleasant passage out. I should like very much to see and have a talk with him. Benton Whipple is well and sends his best respects. Julius Paseo came to the front last Sunday. He is well and sends his best regards. I have not heard from cousin Andy since I last wrote. I wrote him a letter the other day, am expecting to hear from him soon. Tom Costello is in good health. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present and am in hopes that these lines will find you and the family

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in the enjoyment of the same blessing. We left our old camp ground last Sunday morning and arrived here yesterday evening. Marched over the same ground that we went up on, are about forty miles nearer New Orleans than we were when I last wrote. The prospects are now that we shall stop here sometime as our camp is laid out in company streets and we have orders to drill three hours every day and have dress parade every evening. General Grover's Division is near us on the east side of the bayou. The 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps is about fifteen miles above us at Carencro Bayou. I shall write no more at present about our going to Texas. When we get there I will let you know a little

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something about it we find the country between Burwick's Bay and Opelousas almost deserted as we pass through a good many of the planters have left their plantations. All of their slaves that are good for anything have been sent to Texas. There is no slaves left but young ones and very old ones and they are but a bill of expense to their owners. Most of the citizens have left most of them that we meet with are old men. The crops have gone and are gain to ruin throughout the country. Cotton and tobacco is spoiling in the fields. Corn has not been picked. We find plenty of it for our horses and mules. Their potatoes have not been dug. The fields

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are choked up with weeds and everything is going to ruin as fast as it can. Good enough for them. It is just what they deserve. It will teach them a lesson not soon to be forgotten. Negro property is poor fruit at present. I have wrote this much since retreat and it is getting late and our regiment has to go on picket tomorrow, so I will now bring this to a close. Please write often. Give my love to the family and take a large share to yourself. Also give my best regards to all enquiring, friends good-bye for the present. I close this by subscribing myself.

Your ever affectionate brother,

L. Henry Lord

J. Russell Lord

N.B. Write

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Luman Henry Lord

James Russell Lord

N.B. Write

L.H.L.

Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1863. This letter was wrote last Tuesday evening but I have had no chance to send it since I am well at present and am in hopes that these lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. The Enemy are said to have received reinforcements from Arkansas and Texas. And are said to be in those above the town of Lafayette. They

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are expected to be down upon us at any moment. We have a colored regiment now at work throwing up earthworks and digging rifle pits. The 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps has fallen back on a line with us. They are on our left. The enemy are said to be under command of General Dick Taylor and Green. If the enemy are in such force as they represented to be from fifteen to thirty thousand. A great battle is impending which will take place on the banks of this bayou. The enemy being the attending party and may God help the Right.

Good-bye for the present,

L.H. Lord

P.S. I send you my memorandum record with this up to date by it you will see what we have been up to of late.

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