

**A2004-61.0003.0008: Letter 23, November 27, 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**

Three cent U.S. Postage Stamps with a cancel stamp on it

Circle with “New Orleans LA Dec 26, 63”

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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There is a small circular seal in the top left hand corner of what looks like a flower.

Camp in the field near New Iberia, Louisiana

Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear brother Russell,

Having a few leisure moments I thought that I would improve the opportunity by writing you a few lines knowing that you are always glad to hear from me. I am happy to inform [s ineligible] you that I am well and am in hops that these lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing I heard from Cousin Andrew today through one of our boys that has just come up from New Orleans. He said that he was in Camp Convalescent near Barracks Hospital, New Orleans LA when he left said that he was nearly well and expected to be with the regiment soon.

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Benton Whipple Julius Paseo and Thomas Costello are well and send their best respects to you and all enquiring friends. I wrote a letter to our sister Cornelia last Sunday. Enclosed I sent you a bounty check for sixth payment of ten dollars which has been due me, from the state of Conn, since the first of last month. Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day and I was on Picket Guard. I thought of home. You can bet and the many good things that you would have. It is a day that is cherished in the memory of every Son of New England. Visions of home and friends, chicken pies, roast turkeys and etc. float through my mind and I hope that I shall be with you all on next Thanksgiving Day. Chicken Pies will suffer.

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you can bet I send a continuation of my rebellion record with this. Give my love to the family and take a large share to yourself. Also give my best regards to all enquiring friends. Please write often and I will do the same. Good-bye for the present. This is from your ever affectionate

brother Henry L. Lord

Mr. J. Russell Lord

L.H. Lord

K Co. 12<sup>th</sup> Regt.

C.V.

Near New Iberia, LA

Mr. James Russell Lord

Luman Henry Lord

J.R. Lord

Warehouse Point Hartford Co. Ct.

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Luman Henry Lord

K. Co. 12<sup>th</sup> Regt. C.V.

Near New Iberia, LA

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There is a seal in the top left hand corner of the paper. It appears to be a family crest of some sort.

In Camp Near New Iberia LA.

Friday afternoon December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1863

My Dear Brother Russell,

Having a few leisure moments I thought that I would improve the opportunity by writing a few lines to you and knowing that you are always glad to hear from me I received your welcome letter bearing date of Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> on Saturday last. I am very glad to hear from you buy sort to hear that you have been poisoned by Poison Elder. I hope that you are now quite well of it. I also received a better from our sister Melissa bearing date of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> which I am very glad to get. I am very glad to hear that the family are all in good health as good health is the best gift that

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We can have in this life. I also received a newspaper (the Hartford Courant) sent me by our sister Cornelia at the same time that I received your letter I was very glad to get it. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present and am in hopes that these lines will find you and the rest of the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I have not received those pictures as yet but expect to by the next mail. General Weitzel left New Orleans a few days since on board a steamship bound for New York. General Emory is now in command of our division. We have moved our camp about one and a half miles towards New Iberia. We are now in sight of the own our camp in close by General Emory's headquarters and

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About one mile below the town General Grover's and General Washburn's divisions are in advance of us. General Franklin's headquarters are in town. We have a line of fortifications above the town. There is some skirmishing in front every few days but nothing very serious or alarming. We moved our camp but Wednesday while we were moving there came up a hard thundershower. Loud thunder and sharp lighting the rain poured down in torrents. We got wet to the skin. The ground was covered with water we had to wade in water where it was over our shoes. Three men belonging to our regiment were struck by lightning. One of them was killed. The other two were stunned for a while. Two mules were also killed by lightning.

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We had to lay that night on the wet ground with wet clothes on [10? Ineligible] cleared off very cold now may imagine the situation that we were in but it is impossible for me to describe it, that is the life of a soldier. For you how do you like the picture I will warrant you that it is not overdrawn. Cousin Andrew is well and doing duty he sends his best regards to all enquiring friends. Benton Whipple, Julius Paseo and Thomas Costello are well and send their regards to all enquiring friends. I will now bring this to a close. Please write often and I will do the same. Give my love to the family and take a large share to yourself. Also please give my compliments to all enquiring friends. Good-bye for the present. This is from your ever affectionate brother Henry

Mr. J. Russell Lord

L.H. Lord

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