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12th 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

There are two, three cent postage stamps that have been cancelled. There are three circular ink stamps. One saying, “New Orleans LA ‘64”, another saying, “[ineligible Leans] LA and a third saying, “[ineligible] LA. On the address side of the envelope, on the left hand side, it says, “Care of Luman Lord.

On the address of line of the envelope it reads,
“Mr. J. Russell Lord”
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

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\$2.00 Carrollton LA June 2th 1864

Due to W.M. Rack, Sulter of the 12 the Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, the sum of two dollars, which the Paymaster of the said Regiment will please deduct from my pay on the next regimental pay-day Henry L. his x mark Lord

I certify that Henry L. Lord is an enlisted member of my company.

No. G.W. Steadman
H Co. K 12th Con. Vols

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There is a seal imprint bearing the letters "P&P" in the upper left-hand corner.

Camp near Algiers LA.

Sunday Eve July 3rd 1864

My dear brother Russell,

Last Friday I was at Morganza, LA. This evening I am one hundred and seventy five miles from there and within ten miles of our old camp at Carrollton. On the west bank of the Mississippi River and opposite New Orleans we are on the same ground where we were last fall when the expedition was got up for Sabine Pass. I finished a letter to our sister Cornelia last Friday July 1st. It had not been in the mail bag over half an hour when we received marching orders were ordered to have two day rations cooked and be ready

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to leave at a moment's notice. Our Brigade went on board transport yesterday afternoon, left [morganzie ineligible] Bend yesterday eve. We started down the river; our regiment and the 47th Pennsylvania were on board the Steamer Luminary. Last night as we were sleeping on the deck of the steamer, a member of our regt. Jerry Sullivan of Co. J. clothes caught on fire from the sparks of the smoke stacks of the steamer. Someone woke him and he ran and jumped overboard. It is said that he is a good swimmer but whether he saved himself or was drowned, I do not know. We halted a short time at Baton Rouge, arrived at New Orleans about

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one o'clock this p.m., landed at Algiers at three p.m. and went into camp near the town. Our regt, the 8th Vermont, 47th Penn. And one battery of artillery are here. It is now rumored that our army corps is to rendezvous here and then take transports from here to Fortress Monroe and then report to Gen. Grant. It is also rumored that Gen. Dick Taylor is threatening Brashear City and we are to go up there. Tomorrow is the glorious fourth. I wish I was at home to celebrate it with you. I see by the New York Herald of June 25th, that the term of Service of the 10th Mass. Infantry Volunteer Regiment was then in New York, what there is left of them, one hundred

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and fifty in number. I expect that the Westfield Boys must now be at home if there any left alive. I see that they are from the front at Petersburg and they must have had a hard time of it since Gen. Grant commenced his Grand Campaign. B. Whipple, Cousin Andy, J. Paseo and Corporal Sherman and Z. Lobbe are well and send their best regards to all. I will now bring this to a close as the light that I am writing by flares so that I can hardly see to write. Please answer this soon without fail. If I have time to write I have something for your private ear which I shall write you tomorrow. Give my love to everybody. I remain your affectionate brother L.H. Lord

J.R. Lord

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11 O'Clock A.M.

Camp near Algiers LA

Monday July 4th 1864

My Dear Brother Russell,

This day is the 88th anniversary of our national Independence and as I always feel very patriotic on every glorious fourth, I thought that I would write you a few lines on the subject. This is the great day of all loyal Americans and all lovers of free institutions. I expect that you are enjoying yourself. [Really inedible] about this time, the day was ushered in here and at New Orleans by the firing of cannon and the ringing of bells. There was quite a racket here this morning you can bet I have just returned from walking about the city. There is not much doings

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here. Troops continue to arrive at this point. There is now over one entire division here. An expedition is on foot for some point to, may be Brashear or Mobile and it is possible that it is to reinforce General Grant. One whole brigade is now marching past us as I am writing. A mail arrived for us yesterday. I did not receive any letters by it but received six newspapers which were sent me by our sister Cornelia (three copies of the Waverley Magazine and three copies of the Hartford Courant) I am very glad to get them. Tell her that I thank her very much for sending them. I like the Waverley very much. There are some splendid stories in them. The weather here at present is very

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warm. I hear the roar of artillery as I am writing on the other side of the river near New Orleans. I think that they must be celebrating over there. I will now bring this to a close as I have something to write for your private ear. You can make it public to whom you please but my name is not to be mixed up with the affair. Please write often and 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 I remain ever your affectionate brother.

L. Henry Lord

Mr. James Russell Lord

L.H. Lord

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