



Mr. J. Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.



Saturday April 10th 1864
Wallingford Conn.

My Dear Brother Russell

I write you these few lines to inform you that I am very much in want of Five Dollars \$5.00 Benton Whipple is a going up Home today Please Enclose it in a letter and send it Down by him or send it by Mail soon as you can There are some things which I forgot to get which I am very much in need of Do not forget to send it If you send it by mail Direct your letters to
Company K 12th Regt. C.
V. I., Wallingford Conn.
or Elsewhere Care of Capt.

J. D. Roche About Two thirds
of the Regiment have Reported
The Remainder are reported
Absent without leave The
Regiment is expected to leave
here for the Seat of War
some day next week It
is said that we leave on
board the Steamship Mississippi
And Report to Major General
M. P. Banks at New Orleans
The 9th C. V. have Reenlisted
and are on there way
home Cousin ^{Andrew} goes Home
today & is to come back
next Monday I have not
time or shall I try to get
at pass I have bid you all
Good Bye for the last
time untill my return
from my present Term
of Service Hoping that
we shall all meet again

in this world If God should
will it otherwise then hoping
that we shall meet in the
life to come Thomas Costello
& John Pasco have not
Reported hear as yet Cap.
Roche found no fault for
my not Reporting sooner
I will now bring this
to a close Good Bye for
the present Give my Love
to the Family & Take a
Large Share to yourself Also
Give my Best Regards to
All Enquiring Friends Please
Write Often & I will do
the same Also tell the
Family to write Often as
they can make it Convenient
Ever your Affectionate
Brother Henry
Chas. J. R. Lord L. H. Lord



Mr. J. Russell Lord
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Conscript Camp New Haven Ct.

Thursday April 28th 1864

My Dear Brother Russell

I write you these few lines to inform you that I am well with the exception of the Thumb of my right hand it is badly swollen and pains me so that I cannot sleep much I think that it will be a Hellor I can hardly hold a pen in my hand to write I fear that I shall be unable to write for some time if it should be so I will get some one to write for me so that you will hear how I am getting along As my Thumb pains me so bad I will get Friend Julius Taseo to finish this for me we left walsingham at 9.0 clock Sunday forenoon we went on board the Steam

ship Gen McCullen at New Haven at
12 O'clock at night, we left New Haven
and we arrived at New York the next
morning the small pox broke out on
board the ship and we were ordered
to return back to New Haven Charles
Madely was taken with it and was left
at New York we arrived back at New Haven
last evening and we are now stopping at
the conscript camp and the prospect
now are that we shall stay here some
time i do not think that we shall
get paid very soon and i am badly
in want of some money as i have
had a good many things to buy
my money is played out and i
should like to have you send
me 10, dollars if you can make it
convenient send 5, dollars any way and
10, if you can i will now bring this to
a close please write soon without fail
give my love to the family and take
the largest share for your self also

give my best regards to all enquiring
friends Good Bye untill you hear
from me again This is

From Your Ever Affectionate
Brother Henry
J. B. Lord L. H. Lord
P. S. Send me the money
if you possibly can
L. H. L.
N. B.

Direct your letters untill
further notice to
Co. K 12th Regt, C. V. Conscript
Camp New Haven Conn. or
Elsewhere
Care of Cap. J. D. Roche

L. H. Lord
P. S.

My watch has gin out and
I want some money to get it fixed
and I shall have to hire my washing
done untill my thumb gets better L. H. L.



DUPLICATE
Mr James Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

Camp Near Carrollton La.
Tuesday June 14th - 1864

My Dear Brother Russell

With pleasure I now send
myself to try to write you
a few lines knowing that
you are always glad to hear
from me I am happy to
inform you that I am well
at present with the exception
of my thumb which I am glad
to be able to state is gaining.
slowly I am very sorry to
hear that you have met
with so bad an accident in
spraining your leg I hope
that it is now quite well
I sincerely hope that these
lines will find you & the
Family in good health I was
paid on the fourth day of
this month by the United

States Paymaster Fifty nine
Dollars & five cents (\$69.05)
The Amount Due me from
Government up to & including
April 30th 1864 Fifty Dollars
of it was Bounty money The
remainder was my monthly
pay I was owing to the Boys
of our regiment Forty four
Dollars (\$44.00) which I paid
soon as I received the money
I was also in Debt to one
Lutler Five Dollars which I
have paid Twenty Dollars of
this money I had been owing
the Boys since last January
The remainder as you know
I borrowed in Hartford while
I was at Home on the Quilongh
I am now on a Square and
intent to remain so This
paying for Dead Horses is
bad Business Enclosed I send

you a Check for the Eighth
Bounty Payment of Ten Dollars
(\$10.00) which has been Due
me from the State of Conn.
since last Sunday I got the
check for the Seventh payment
in Hartford Ct. and drew the
money on it at the State
Bank Cap. Roche went there
with me and told them that
it was all right I received a
letter from Friend Lydia
Yesterday and was very glad
to hear from her when next
you see her please give her
my Love I also received some
Newspapers sent me by Aunt
Sister Cornelia Tell her that
I thank her very much for
them I wrote Home to Aunt
Mother on the 10th of this
month The same day I mailed
a Record of our Company

to Our Mother I have
also sent one to Our
Sister Cornelia I paid Two
Dollars each for them They
were got up & printed in
the City of New Orleans I think
that they are a good thing
and I hope that they will
be kept nice When you get
the money on the State
Check that I shall send
you with this I want
you to give it to our
Sister Cornelia and tell
her that it is a Present
sent her by her Brother
Henry I want to have her
and Our Sister Melina go
down to Hartford and get
their Photographs taken
and send me one of each
also tell her that I want
to have her get a Frame

for third Record of Co.
K 12th, Conn. Veteran Regt.
The Boys from about home
in this regt are all well
with the exception of
Thomas Costello he is in
the Hospital at New Orleans
I have not heard from
Charley Readcliff since
we left New York I will
now bring this to a close
hoping to hear from you
soon Please give my Love
to Everybody & take a large
Share to yourself
Good Bye for the present
This is

Yours Affectionate
Brother Henry
Mr. J. Russell Lord
L. Henry Lord
N. B.
Write Write Write
L. H. Lord

N. B. Direct your
Letters to L. H. Lord Co.
K 12th Regt C. V. U. New
Orleans La. or Elsewhere
Care of Cap. J. D. Roche

P. S. When next you
write me let me know
if you can read this as
you see it is written with
a lead pencil and I fear
it will get rubbed out
My thumb is not sound enough
yet to allow me to write
with a pen and it is hard
work for me to write
with a pencil yet I think
that you will be able to
make it out I hope that
I shall soon be able to
write with a pen
L. H. Lord



Mr. James Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.
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Camp near Carrollton La.
Saturday June 25th. 1864

My Dear Brother Russell

Having a few leisure moments
I thought that I would improve
the opportunity by writing you
a few lines 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 in the
enjoyment of the same blessing
as good health is the best
gift that we can enjoy in this
life My Thumb is getting better
now fast but is not sound as
yet It has improved greatly
within the past three days but
it will be some time yet before
I shall be able to go through
the Manual of Arms with it It
is so tender I do not expect

Remember you know in former of them you are not on the bank that is what I call business

to be able to do any Military
Duty for a month to come
I am very sorry to hear that
your sprained knee gets better
so slowly you must not get
the blues I hope that it is now
quite well I expected ear now
to be at Morganzie but there
was not enough Steamers here
to take us We marched up to
Carrollton and waited there
Twenty four hours for a Steamer
to take us and then returned
to our old Camp again We
are now waiting for Transportation
We may leave today and we may
not Most of the Troops have left
here We are having some very
warm weather here these days
I left my Discharge Paper at Home
in the second Beamor, I want
you to keep it safe as it
may be of use in time to come

I have received my State Bountys
up to June 12th 1864 (In full) I have
received my monthly pay from
Government up to and including
April 30th 1864 I have received the
Second installment of United States
Veteran Bounty The first Installment
I received in Hartford Ct. when I
was Mustered into the United States
for ^{Cervice} the Second Year of Three Years
The first Installment was Sixty
Dollars The Second Installment of
Fifty Dollars I received here last
Pay day After I have been Six
months in the Veteran Cervice I
shall have due me the Third
Installment of Veteran Bounty
which will be Fifty Dollars
besides my monthly pay The
Third Installment will be due
me on the 16th day of August
next I have Two Hundred and
Ninety Dollars (\$290.00) ~~but to get~~

Veteran Bounty yet to get besides
my State Bountys and monthly
pay If anything should happen me
that I should die or get killed My
Friends can get the remainder of my
veteran Bounty in full soon had
better keep my Discharge Paper and
this letter in a safe place and
then you will know how I stand
with the Government and with
the State of Connecticut I do
not write this having any presentment
of Death but thought that it would
do no harm as Life is always
uncertain no matter where or how
we are situated We have all got
to go to that bourne whence no
Traveler ever returns sooner or later
Life is ~~uncertain~~ ^{uncertain} Death is ~~uncertain~~ ^{certain} he
comes sometime like a Thief in the
night and when we are poorly
prepared he meet him I hope to pray
that we shall all live to meet
again in this life if it pleaseth

God but if we should not
then praying that we may
meet in a better world where
there will be no wickedness Sin
& misery And where the trials &
Tribulations of this life will be
over and all will be happy
I know that I have not always
lived as I ought to have lived but
by the help of God I will try to
mend my ways during the remainder
of my stay on earth The old saying
is that it is never too late to
mend where one has the disposition
I think that I have done every
well since I left Home I have
drank nothing stronger than Lager
Beer since I left Wallingford Ct.
& but little of that I have had
Whiskey offered to me nearly every
day but will not drink a drop
of it I have no desire for it It
almost makes me sick to look

at it & will make a Fool
of any man that drinks it to
excess Taking a drink now & then
is apt to lead to excess and the
only safe way to do is to
let it entirely alone And
then we know that we are
all right Drinking intoxicating
Liquors leads to other Bad
Habits such as visiting Houses
of ill Fame where one contracts
Bad habits gets Secret Diseases and
is hurried into an untimely grave
These habits persisted in makes
a man a Disgrace to himself
& to his friends (If he has any and
it is likely that he will not
have any if he continues such a
course of life long) and makes
him unfit for decent society I
hope that you will take the
advice of an Elder Brother that
has seen more of this wicked

world than you have and shun
all such bad associations I think
that you will keep clear of such
bad company As for myself
I intend to live on a Square for
time to come This Turning into
a Gunboat and Storming Hoops
is played out If I know myself
I shall keep clear of them How
is it with Brother Will's has
he turned into a Gunboat or
taken any Hoops lately How
many Bayous has he crossed on
Toujours How many marked
Baterys has he charged Has
he always been successfull in
his Assaults or has he been
often Repulsed Has he laid Siege
to any Strong hold since I left
Home did he force it to Capulate
One thing I have always noticed
in the History of Warfare and
that is if a place is closely

Invested & laid Siege to for a good
length of time it is most sure to
fall in the meantime it is
necessary to look out for the
Enemy in the Rear Please put
Wills, in mind of that But you
know that Buiness is Buiness &
I expect that he is Right on the
Job And that is what you
may call Buiness Ask him
if he has seen Mrs. Nellie Moore
latley If he has that is what I
call buiness Is she right on the
Job yet I will now bring this to
a close Cousin Andy, B. Whipple &
J. Pasco, are well and send their
Best Regards to All Enquiring
Friends Give my Love to Everybody
Write often & I will do the same
Good Bye for the Present & believe
me to be

Ever your Affectionate Brother
James Russell Lord L. Henry Lord

P.S. It is now rumord about Camp that
our Army Corps (the 19th) is orderd to goin
Shermans Grand Army in Georgia L. H. L.

the further orders
your letter came as you have done
direct

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Warehouse Point

Stearford County

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Camp near Carrollton La, June 28/64

Friend Russell

I now seat myself pen in hand
to write a few lines to you thinking
that you would like to hear
from the sunny south i am well
and i hope these lines will find
you and the rest of your folks
The same as we are expecting to
leave here at any moment and
as i have nothing to do i thought
of you i thought i must write
a few lines we went on board
of a boat the 26 of June and
started to go up the river
we had gone about ten or twelve
mils when the cylinder head blew
off and the shaft broke and
they could not work but one

what and so we had to some back
and we are expecting a boat now
at any time i expect that we
shall go to Georgia that is the
talks now and if we do go there
you can bet that we shall see
some hard fighting but it will
be for what we enlisted for we
expect to see a few shot and shell
fly around our heads and it may
as well have it some first as
last i hope that we shall go
to Georgia for i want to see
the country. Andrew Fisk is with
me a cooking and we are a getting
glong top top i had one man
to help me cook but i got mad
with him for i had to do all
of the work myself and i got
him sent back in the company
and got Andrew but it is not
very pleasant to stand out of a
doors over a hot fire in this hot

sun for while we are a cooking the
vitals the sun is a cooking us
i have send you two books which
i thought you would like to
read well. Paus i have not much
to write and i will draw my
poor letter to a close i will
try to write you a better and
a longer letter next time The
boys send their ~~of~~ best respects
to you Henry is well and has
just gone to put some letter
in the mail give my best
respects to your folks and
to all inquiring friends write
to me as soon as you can and
i will do the same

This is from your true
Friend

J. N. Pasco

Company H 12th Co

White
excuse this poor letter and i will
write you a better one next time

Done of Thomas G. Lord



Mr. J. Russell Lord
Warehouse Point
Hartford County
Conn.

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2.00

Carrollton Lee June 2^d 1864

Due to **WM. RACK**, Sutler of the 12th 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.

I CERTIFY, that

Henry L. Lord

is an enlisted

member of my company.

No

G. W. Steadman

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Co. K 12th Con. Vols.



Camp near Algiers La.

Sunday Ev. July 3^d. 1864

My Dear Brother Russell

Last Friday I was at Morganzia
La. This Evening I am One Hundred
& 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
We ordered to have two days
Rations Cooked and be ready

to leave at a moments notice
Our Brigade went on board
Transports Yesterday Afternoon
Left Morganzie 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.
I, clothes caught on fire
from the Sparks of the Smoke
Stacks of the Steamer Some
one ~~wake~~ ^{wake} ~~awoke~~ him and he
ran and jumped overboard
It is said that he is a good
swimmer but wheather he
saved himself or was drowned
I do not know We halted a
short time at Baton Rouge
Arrived at New Orleans about

One O. clock this P. M. Landed
at Algiers at Three P. M. And
went into Camp Near the
Yoron Our Regt the 8th Vermont
47th Penn. & 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
Portress Monroe & then Report
to Gen. Grant It is also rumored
that Gen. Dick Taylor is threatening
Breashar City and we are
to go up there To morrow 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. In Regt. Vol. has expired &
that the Regiment was then
in New York what there is
left of them One Hundred

& 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 Ground at Petersburg
and they must have had a
hard time of it since Gen
Grant commenced his Grand
Campaign B. Whipple Cousin
Andy, J. Pusey, Corporal Sherman
and G. Hobbe 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
F. R. Lord L. H. Lord

11 O'clock A. M.

Camp near Algiers La.

Monday July 4th. 1864

My Dear Brother Russell

This day is the 44th Anniversary
of our National Independence
and as I always feel very
Patriotic on ~~the~~ every glorious
Anniversary 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 Bully 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

hear Troops continue to arrive
at this point There is now
over one entire Division here
An Expedition is on foot for
some point it may be Breashear
or Mobile and it is possible
that it is to Reinforce Gen.
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 send
me by our Sister Cornelia
(Three Coppers of the Waverley Magazine
& three Coppers 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 is some Splendid
Stories in them The weather
here at present is very

swarm I hear the Peour of
Artillery as I am writing
on the other side of the
River ~~to~~ ^{to} 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 publick to
whom you please but my name
is not to be mixed up with the
affair Please write often and
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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 Ford
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