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12th 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

A three cent postage stamp with a cancel stamp on it, There is a circular ink stamp saying, "Old Point Comfort LA Jul 25." On the left hand side of the envelope it says "Care of L. H Lord Esq." and on the address line:
Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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Bermuda Hundred LA

Saturday July 23rd 1864

My Dear Brother Russell,

Having a few leisure moments, I thought that I would write you a few lines hoping that they will be acceptable. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present and am in hopes that these lines will find you and all of our friends at home and elsewhere in the enjoyment of the same blessing as good health is the best gift that we can have in this life.

Cousin Andy, B Whipple, J Paseo, T Lobbe and Corporal Sherman are well and send their best regards to all enquiring friends, yourself included. Nothing remarkable has transpired about here since I wrote last

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Gen. Foster and our gunboats were to work on the Rebs. Yesterday and last night with what success, I have not heard as yet. Two Brigades of our Army Corps have gone to the front. All of our Army Corps has not arrived here as yet. A part of it is chasing the Rebs that lately invaded Maryland and threatened the capitol of the nation. The Richmond Press say that had not our Army Corps (the 19th) arrived from New Orleans just as it did that they would have had Washington and compelled us to raise the siege of Petersburg and Richmond had we been one day later, Washington would have been theirs (Let them tell the story). I can hear the report of artillery in front as I am writing. I expect that they are popping away at each other a letter just to

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keep their hand in Richmond. Papers say that Gen. Grant is contracting his lines around Petersburg and Richmond. The Historical places of Point of Rocks and City Point are not far from us City Point is about four miles from our camp ground on the east bank of the Appomattox River. The Carrs run to City Point. Our regiment is out drilling for the first time since we left New Orleans and went home on a furlough last February. There are somethings which I wish you to send me soon as you conveniently can after you receive this as I am badly in want of them. I have not one cent of money and do not expect to be paid again for some time, perhaps not until next September. I am not able to do my own washing as yet on the account of my thumb. I borrowed

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one dollar today to pay my washing bill. Most of our boys are short of money and it is hard to borrow it of them at present. Please send me three or four dollars by return mail. Also send me fifty cents worth of postage stamps and some letter paper and envelopes as I am newly out of those articles and when we go to the front perhaps I shall not have a chance to get them, as letters are not apt to be very near the front. Letter paper sells here at two cents a sheet, letter envelopes two for five cents. I think that I can have it sent from home by mail as cheap as I can get it here. I have received no letters from any one since I left Louisiana. I am in hopes to receive some soon as I am anxious to hear how my friends are getting along and I will now bring this to a close. Hoping to hear from you soon, give my love to all. Good-bye for the present. I remain ever your affectionate brother.

Henry

Mr. J.R. Lord

L.H. Lord

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Mr. James Russell Lord

Luman Henry Lord

N.B.

Direct you letters until further notice to L.H. Lord

Co. K 12th Regt. C.V. 19th Army Corps Bermuda Hundred or elsewhere
via Fortress Monroe LA

Care of Cap. Roche

L.H. Lord

Bermuda Hundred LA.

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There is an imprint seal on the upper left hand corner of the paper.

Camp near Summit Point W. La.

Monday April 17th 1865

My dear brother Russell,

Your kind and welcome letter bearing date of the 10th. First came to hand last Friday eve. And I was very glad indeed to hear from you. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find you, the family, and all of our friends at home or elsewhere in the enjoyment of the same blessing. We are having fine weather here at present, warm and pleasant. I wrote to our sister Melissa last Saturday. That eve a telegraph dispatch came that Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States had been assassinated or murdered in a theater in Washington D.C. I could not believe it but yesterday it was

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confirmed and all the flags were at half-mast. It has also been reported that Wm. H. Seward our Secretary of State has also been assassinated and that his life is despaired of it was a base and cowardly deed and I hope that the parties concerned in it will be caught and receive a just punishment. But I know of no punishment bad enough for them. I think that the leaders of the rebellion will not find any better friend in Andy Johnson that they had than they had in Abraham Lincoln. The army feels very sorry for the sons of our late president (Honest Uncle Abe) and nearly all wish that he could have been spared to us until our present troubles were at an end. He was a good man and had many trials while he was President. May his Lord rest in peace. We all hope that he is in a better world. Yesterday we had brigade review and moved

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our camp a short distance. This forenoon we have been policing our new camp ground I learn by your letter that our brother Edward is one of the night watchman on the Railroad Bridge near the Point. I think that it is a good job and I am glad that he has got it. I received a letter from our brother Wilson a few days since we wrote that he was well and that he liked his new place very much cousin Andy J. Paseo and Z. Lobbe and Charley Radcliff are well and send their best regards to you and all enquiring friends. I should like to be at home just now and help you eat some of those salads as we are rather short of rations at present. We have had no bread since yesterday morning everything what we have bought. We have been on short rations now for

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some time we do not get as much as we did by one third and I am out of money again. I borrowed one dollar this morning and promised to pay it soon as I could get some money from home. I bought one loaf of bread for which I gave fifty cents (.50). I finished it for my dinner and now I have more again but we expect to draw some this evening. I would like to have you send me five dollars (\$5.00) by return mail. I will now bring this to a close as it is most time for drill. Please write soon without fail. Give my love to the family and all enquiring friends and take a large share to yourself. Good-bye for the present. I remain as ever
Your affectionate brother

L. Henry Lord

Mr. James Russell Lord

N.B. direct your letter until further notice to L.H. Lord Co. B 12th Ct.

Vol. Battalion 2nd Brigade, 1st Division 19th A.C. via Washington D.C.

N.B. Write Soon

L.H. Lord

Russell

Out of sight but never out of mind

Henry

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Imprint seal in upper left hand corner.

Warehouse Point April 30th, 1865

My Dear Brother Russell,

I now seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. We are all well but Albert , he went in swimming in that brook in our pasture last week. He took cold and has a fever. The doctor has been here every day but he is better and is around the house. The fever has not left him yet. Wilson has watched the bridge three nights for John [Cone ineligible]. He has made the flower beds and has been very

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Busy since he came home. He has let himself to Mr. Baxter for five months. He gets 40 dollars a month and board. He is to go Thursday. Mrs. Baxter has got a baby. It is a girl. It is two weeks old. We received a letter from Henry last Saturday. He is now at Washington. He has seen Benton Whipple. We have got two letters for you, one from Henry and one from Julius. I shall send them with this. I wrote you a letter also. The Waverley and hope you have received them. I will write no more this time. Come down and see us as soon as convenient. I will now bid you good night from your

Ever affectionate,

Sister Melissa

James Russell Lord

Zilpha Melissa Lord

N.B. We have sent Henry the five dollars so you need not send it. He has received it all right, Melissa.

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