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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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Addressed to:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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Camp near Chain Bridge Maryland
Five miles from Washington D.C.

Saturday July 30th 1864

My dear Brother Russell

With pleasure I now seat myself pen in hand 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 and am in hopes that these lines will find you and the family and all of our friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. My thumb is not quite sound as yet. Since I left home I have excused from all duty by our surgeons since I reported to the regiment at Wallingford Co. It has been a very bad thumb. You can

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bet it continues to discharge some as yet. Doctor Cummings told me while we were at Bermuda Landing that he thought I would lose my thumb up to the first joint but I think that I shall save it as it is doing well now. Although I think that it will be some disfigurement but it will be better than no thumb. A part of our Army Corp is near the Shenandoah Valley with the Sixth Army Corps under General Wallace. The remainder of our Corp is to report there. Troops are arriving here from Bermuda Landing every day. The enemy holds the Shenandoah Valley at present. They are at present under the command of the rebel General A. P. Hill. Their numbers are said to be from twenty five to forty thousand. They hold the Valley and are gathering the crops.

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Last evenings papers state that they several thrashing machines in operation. It is feared about here that they contemplate another invasion of Maryland or Pennsylvania but General Grant is not the man to be caught napping. They will find that he is wide awake to their schemes. And the General is able to hold his position in front of Petersburg & Richmond. We are encamped at present on the heights of Georgetown or Maryland Heights as some men call them and near Chain Bridge. The watch you let me have turned out to be a poor affair. The main spring broke and I had it fixed in Carrollton, LA. It cost me \$1.50 to get a new main spring. It ran for a short time and that broke. Got a new one in it again for half price (.75). Broke about half a dozen crystals. Could not make it run fast enough. I had a good

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mind to throw it away. Finally sold it to Levi H. Clark of our company for nine dollars. He is to pay me for it next pay day. He traded the watch in Algiers LA. He got for it seven dollars cash and two dollars in trade. I think that made a good trade. The [*Cinometer Esapents?? Illegible*] are not worth muck when they once begin to fail. They soon play out. I see by your letter that our Mother is writing to me. I shall be looking anxiously for it until I receive it as it is now some time since I have received one from her and I prize her letters very much as they are always good ones and give me all the news. One hundred day men were arriving in Washington D.C. the day we left there for this place. They looked as if they had just come out of a bandbox. I expect they to protect Uncle Abe. I will now bring this to a close. Hoping to hear from you soon. Give my love to the family and all enquiring friends and take a large share to yourself. Goodbye for the present. I remain every your affectionate brother always.

Mr. James Russel Lord/ L. Henry Lord

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