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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

Size 3" X 5 1/2"

3 cent US postage stamp upper right corner

Cancellation Harpers Ferry [date not legible]

Addressed to:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Conn.

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(written upside down at the top of the page) N.B. Direct your letters the same as you have done L. H. Lord

Harpers Ferry, Virginia

Monday eve. Aug. 22nd, 1864

My dear brother Russell,

You will please excuse this brief letter as it is written in a hurry for I want to mail it this evening as I do not know when I shall have a chance to write again. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present. I have but one shirt to my name. I have to go without any when I wash it until it gets dry. The one I have is most worn out and I shall soon be without any at all. I have tried to draw some ever since we arrived in this department buy could not yet and cannot tell how long it will be before I can draw some. I would have you send

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me some but I think that I may not get them in some time and it would be better for me to buy them. I could buy some in Harpers Ferry at four dollars each. If you can make it convenient I should like to have you send me ten dollars (10). Also send me some writing paper (letter paper). I wrote to our Mother on the 20th last. When next you write, please let me know if she received the letter. I gave it to Lt. Col. Peck 12th Regt. VA to mail for me as the mail had gone. I have received the picture that my sister Melissa sent me as you will see by my letter to our Mother. It is a splendid photograph

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and looks just like her. I shall prize it very much. General Early, Grand Army attacked our horses yesterday morning at daybreak. Two miles west of Charleston. The 6th Army Corp was the first attacked. The 8th Corp and our Corp were offered to their support I paid a visit to our regiment yesterday morning. The boys of the regiment from about home were there. All well. They [*dwell?? Illegible*] in to go to the front which was there. Our ammunition and supply trains were ordered to go to Harpers Ferry under cover of the [*huns???illegible*] on Boliver & Maryland Heights. Wounded men were being brought to the rear as I left some with

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an arm off and some with a leg off. Some shot through the head, some through the body & many of them are mortally wounded and there must be a long number killed. One Pennsylvania Regt. lost every commissioned officer yesterday before ten o'clock A.M. The battle has lasted all day yesterday and all day today. I heard very rapid discharge of the infantry this forenoon. Our teams have remained hitched up since our arrival here ready for a withdrawal. If Sheridan gets the word of it. Write soon. Give my love to all. I remain every your affectionate brother
L. Henry Lord

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