

**A2004-061.0005.0008: Letter 38, September 19, 1864**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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**

Size 3" X 5 1/2"

3 cent US postage stamp bottom left corner

Cancellation New Orleans LA date of Jun 30, 1864

Addressed to:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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Pleasant Valley near Sandy Hook Maryland  
Saturday September 19th 1864

My dear brother Russell,

I received your welcome letter bearing date of Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> last evening and am very glad indeed to hear from you after so long a silence. I hope that you will be more punctual in writing to me in future for your letters are always welcome and when you do not write I miss them very much.

Enclosed in your letter I found a five dollar greenback and some postage stamps. I thank you very much for the money also for the stamps. I also received some newspapers from our sister Cornelia and am

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very glad to get them. I am much obliged to her for sending them. I am well at present and am in hopes that these few lines will find you and the family in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I have been up to the front since I last wrote was gone from here three days and two nights arrived back here last evening. Saw cousin Andy B. Whipple, J. Paseo, S. Cobble and Corporal Sherman and all of the boys. They were well when I left there. Our front is now near Berryville, VA. Twenty two miles from here Cousin Andy had two letters for me. One of them was from cousin Maither Fish, the other was from cousin Nary Fish. Some of my letters

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the letters that have been sent me have been lost, I think that Mosby, the village chieftain has them. Two of them were from our sister Cornelia. I do not think that I shall get them. It has been so long since they were sent me. There has been fighting at the front the past week. I shall go up to Harper's Ferry, MA soon as I finish this letter and shall get myself some tobacco and some letter envelopes. You need not send them as I can get what I want now I have money. Perhaps you will send them before you receive this but I hope that

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you have not. I can now get along very well and I do not want to put you to any more trouble than I can help. I shall try to make the money you sent to me last me until I get paid, which I hope will be soon as the interest on it now amounts to something and I think that I may as well have it as the government as long as it is due me. I am glad to hear that Brother Edward had a good crop of tobacco this season. Also to hear that our Father's fingers are doing so well. I am very glad to hear that Father has a good crop of tobacco and to hear that you will be helping him do his work. I know that you are a good boy and will do what is right. You write me that you were near enlisting in Uncle Sam's service

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and wearing a shirt of blue for one year. I think you came very near doing a very foolish thing. I do not want to have you enlist on no considerations. Not even if you could get one thousand dollars bounty. I want to have you keep out of the service if you can and take care of things at home. You can do well enough at home if you have a mind to and I know that you have a mind of your own. There is one thing that I want to inform on your mind and I do not want you to forget it and that is do not stump any one to enlist and do not take any stumps from any one. Remember this from me. We have had fine weather here the past three days

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It has been clear, warm and pleasant. It seems good after having such a long spell of bad weather. 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 and believe me to be

Ever your affectionate brother, Henry

Mr. J. Russell Lord

L. Henry Lord

Russell, I think of thee though far away

N.B. Write. L. H. L.

P.S. Direct your letters the same as you have done L. H. Lord

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