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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

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3 cent US postage stamp attached to the upper right corner with a
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Addressed to:

Mr. Jam. Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

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Camp Russell near Winchester, VA

Tuesday eve. Dec. 13th, 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 received your welcome letter bearing date of the 1st & 2nd last Friday eve and was very glad indeed to hear from you. I have received five letters since I wrote home last. One of them was yours (above mentioned), one from our sister Cornelia, two from our sister Melissa and one from our cousin Mary Fish. I received a letter from our sister Melissa this morning bearing date of the 8th last and was glad indeed to hear from

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her and my friends at home. I am very happy to inform you that I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find you, the family and all our friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I am writing this in my New Albany by the side of a good time, I have a fine place built of stone and a brick chimney. Myself and Martin Long (of co. K, 12th Reg. C.V.) are chums.*[in two runs the illegible]* Shebang. We have it built about four feet high with hewed logs and banked up with dirt on the sides. For a roof, we have our shelter tents. Our shebang is eight feet square. It is not finished yet but when we have it done we expect to have a sturdy shebang. We have built us a bunk of boards to

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sleep on. We have to work on it every day by odd spells (when we could find time) since the sixth last. We should have had it done ere this if the weather had not set in so cold and froze so hard. It was very cold indeed on the 7th & 8th. The ground froze to the depth of five or six inches. On the evening of the 9th it commenced snowing. Snowed all night. The snow fell to the depth of one foot on a level. It has been very cold and freezing ever since. There is now tip top sleighing here. Parties are out sleighing every day. I have suffered some with the cold, especially nights. It was so cold last night and the night before that I did not sleep much but sit up by the fire when not on guard. We have plenty

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of wood brought to us. All we have to do is cut it. It is not quite as cold tonight. I expect to draw another blanket (woolen) tomorrow and when I have my shebang finished I think that I shall sleep warm enough. They have commenced to give furlough. I hope to visit a short time with you this winter. I shall try at all events. I paid a visit to my Regiment today. Saw Cousin Andrew, J. Paseo & T. Gobbe. They were in good health. The fighting in this department is now about over for this winter.. I am glad to hear that you received the money that I sent home all right. I am also very glad to hear that you had a good Thanksgiving & good supper

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And good times Thanksgiving eve. I should have liked very much to have been with you. As you say I should have enjoyed myself much. But never mind. Perhaps we may have a good Thanksgiving together yet. Let us live in the hopes. The watch you have was warranted to me to run good for one year. If it did not prove to be a good one as good as recommended I was to have another in place of it. You write that it has stopped again. Perhaps you had better exchange it for another. Do as you think best. You have now had a fair trial of it and must know by this time whether it is best to keep it or not to keep it. Do as

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you think best about it. I am very sorry to hear that your knee troubles you again and hope that it is now quite well. I will now bring this to a close as it is most ten o'clock P.M. and I have to go on guard from ten to twelve o'clock and when I come off guard I think that it will be time to turn in for the night. The mail leaves here at seven o'clock A.M. every morning and we now receive mail every evening. Please write soon without fail. 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

L. Henry Lord

Mr. J. Russell Lord

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