

A2004-061.0006.0005: Letter 43, December 16, 1864

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 R. Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn

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Latest from the Shenandoah Valley, Headquarters, Commissary
Substance, Guard detachment, 12th Battalion, C.V. Camp Russell near
Winchester, Virginia. Friday morning 5 o'clock A.M.

December 16th, 1864

My dear brother Russell, Nails- my dear brother I want some nails. My
shebang is not yet finished properly and I do not see how it can be
without nails and nails. It is impossible to get in this department. I have
to get them of the quartermaster and the letters have sent to Winchester
after them but could not get them. It is an impossibility to get them here.
I have hunted every place where

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there has been any fires. Have found some but they will nearly all break. Cold winter is now upon us and my shebang is not finished yet.

Yesterday I got most discouraged. Got mad and swore some, could not help it. I drew a new shelter tent and a new woolen blanket yesterday.

Put up the shelter tent the best I could but could not make it work right for I had no nails. I want to make a door for my shebang but have no nails. It is not closed up as tight as I would like to have it. But how can I help it? I have no nails. The bunk that I sleep on has not a nail in it. I want nails. I want to have you send me a box by Express soon as possible after you receive this. Send me two lbs. of ten penny

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nails, two lbs of eight penny nails and two lbs. of shingle nails. Also send me a small hatchet such as you use for cutting tobacco. Have it sharp. Send one lb. of good hemp twine, two lbs. of smoking tobacco, one dollar worth of good Navy Plug chewing tobacco, one quart each of Hickory nuts and chestnuts.(if you can get them handily)(do not put yourself to any trouble to get them). And stick in a few Bakers cakes. Send two lbs. of good butter. It was cold as blazes yesterday but the weather has moderated and it looks as if we should have more snow. Perhaps you may think strange my writing so early in the morning. The reason why is that I have guard. Came off guard and am writing by candle

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light. I do not now get much time to write in the daytime. Have my guard duty to do and seven times to supply with wood by night and day. And once in every four days we have to deliver supplies to the commissary up of Brigaster VA. Keeps us quite busy these days. You see that we have got a name for our camp. It is called Camp Russell in respect to the memory of the late lamented General Russell, the gallant commander of the Sixth Army Corps, killed in battle near Winchester Sep. 19th. The same battle in which Col. Peck was mortally wounded (since died). The 12th Reg. C. V. is now no longer a regiment. It has been consolidated into a battalion of five companies; Poor Co. K is now no more. It

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is among the things that are past and gone. Companies G, H, I, and K have been discontinued and the men belonging to them have been transferred to the other six companies. I am now a member of Co. B. Cousin Andrew & Julius Paseo are also members of Co. B. Theodore Cobbe & Daniel Sullivan are members of Co. F. Co K has been divided or I should say that the men have been transferred to Co. B, E, and F. Most of the old officers of the regiment have gone home. Some of them for good, their time of service being out. A good many of the non veterans have gone home their time being out. We now have a very small battalion. James D. Roache is now Captain of Co. B. Henry Gibbons, formally an orderly sergeant

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of Co A is now 1st Lieut. Of Co. B. Smith R. Parker is our orderly sergeant. I have received no letters since I last wrote you (which was last Tuesday the 13th). The last letter I received from home was from our sister Melissa. It came thru from Warehouse Point to our camp in just three days. That is what I call quick travelling. My health is good at present and I hope that these lines find you, the family and all of our friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I will bring this to a close as the mail leaves here at seven o'clock A. M. Please write soon without fail. Give my love to all. Goodbye for the present and believe me to be ever your affectionate brother Mr. J. Russell Lord L.H. Lord

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P.S. When you send the box please put in it a package of letter envelopes and some letter paper

Luman Henry Lord

N.B. Direct until further notice to – L. H. Lord, Co B. 12th Reg C.V., 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 19th A.G. Winchester VA or elsewhere

In care of Andrew J. Fish

L.H. Lord