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**12<sup>th</sup> 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 ½ x 5 ½

3 cent US postage stamp attached to the upper right corner with a  
cancellation stamp reading WASHINGTON DC

Addressed to:

Mr. J. Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn

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Summit Point near Charlestown, West Virginia

Thursday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1865

My dear brother Russell

Your welcome letters bearing dates of the 5<sup>th</sup> last came to hand on the 13<sup>th</sup> last and I was very glad indeed to hear from you. I also received one from our sister Melissa on the 19<sup>th</sup> last. It bore date of the 10<sup>th</sup>. I was also very glad to hear from her. I have not as yet received the letter that our sister Cornelia wrote me. Sister Melissa wrote me that enclosed in it was fifty cents worth of postage stamps. I have not received it and I do not think that I shall. I think that it is lost

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or it may have been hobbled at headquarters. Sister Cornelia wrote me some time since that she would two pocket handkerchiefs by mail. If she has sent them I have not received them. Please let me know if she sent then when your write. They are very high priced here. The sellers charge two dollars apiece for silk ones. When next you write me send me some postage stamps for I have but two and there is none to be bought here. I received two newspapers last eve, from our sister Cornelia. The Covenant and Waverley. I wrote to our mother on the eve. Of the 10<sup>th</sup> last but not as yet heard whether she has received the letter or not. I am happy to inform you

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that I am well at present and hope that these lines will find you, the family and all our friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. I think that you and brother Wilson are doing well this winter. Wood chopping brings a better price than it did before the war but I expect that one dollar now at home is no better than fifty cents was four years ago. Since my arrival here I have had a talk with our Cap. J. D. Roach in regards to his letting me have a furlough to go home this winter. He said that he thought that I was entitled to one but thought that had been with the regiment during the campaign of last summer and fall by right ought to have the

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first chance and wanted to know of me if I did not think so. I thought that he was about right for to tell the truth I have not had very hard times during the past year as compared with the boys of the Reg. He said that if we remained in this department, he thought that would be a chance for me next spring and that he would let me go before that time if he possibly could and I let it go at that for I could see that I could do no better. I learn by your letter that our father had a good crop of tobacco and that he got a good price for it and I very glad of it. It will give him a good lift these hard times. I learned by sister Melissa's letter that Lovina Cobb is married. I hope

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that she has got a good man for she is a good girl. As I am writing it is raining like blazes and I have to go on Picket guard at one o'clock this P.M. I have my new quarters for the winter finished the best I can with what I had to do it with but I have not moved into my shebang as yet. The past ten days I have been tenting with friend Julius Paseo. Two young men by the name of Gordan and Robin are his chums but Gordon has gone home on a furlough and I take his place until he gets back which will be the last day of this month. I expect by that time to have my shebang finished in good shape. Gordon is cook for

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the captain and Julius and Robin are the cooks for the company. Cousin Andrew and friend Julius and Gobbe are well and send their best regards to all enquiring friends. I think that friend Julius and cousin Andrew will be the next two men to go home. I think that they will get furlough about the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month. Since my arrival here I have got an order for the tenth bounty payment of ten dollars. Have sent it to the state paymaster at New Haven and have got the money on it. With four dollars of the money I have bought me a small stove. I bought it second hand of one of the officers of our regiment, He had built for himself a fireplace and

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chimney of brick and had no use for it and it was just what I wanted. Since my arrival here I have been very busy, have been on guard three times. Done one day's work on one of the block houses or small forts, and have built a shebang. You can bet that I have not had much idle time. I also have to take care of my rifle & equipment and keep them shining and have been on one general inspection. We are bothered considerable by squads of guerillas. They sometimes fire on the boys as they are farming. Last Monday I was over to the Brig. Commissary to get rations for our regt. A squad of guerillas came in light and captured one of our picket posts. Took a

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team of mules and the driver. Two other teams barely escaped. They also captured some of our men who were chopping wood in the woods. Our pickets fired on them. Chase was given after them. The most of them have been caught. What is done with them I have not heard as yet. They numbered about twenty-five men and were mounted. All of this happened in sight of our camp in the daylight. We are building block houses or small forts all along the line of the railroad for our pickets to take refuge in in case they are attacked by a superior force of guerillas. There is a wide ditch around each fort and in advance of that within easy rifle range the forts are surrounded by the tops of trees with the butt ends of them in the ground

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and the tips of them sharpened. The guerillas would find hard work to get through them under fire as they would be. The block houses are banked up on the sides with sand and the tops of them are covered deep with sand. There are port holes all around the forts and plugs to plug each hole up with. Capt. Roache is engineer on one of them. I will now bring this to a close as dinner is ready and it is most time to get ready for picket. 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 Mr. J. Russell Lord L. Henry Lord Turn over

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N.B. Direct your letters until further notice to L. Henry Lord, Co. B, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.V., 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 19<sup>th</sup> A. C. Washington, D.C. or elsewhere

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