

**A2004-061.0007.0004: Letter 48, March 16, 1865**

**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 upper right corner

Cancellation Harpers Ferry date not legible

Addressed to:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Conn.

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Summit Point Station near Charleston West Virginia

Thursday Mar 16, 1865

My dear brother Russell,

Your kind and welcome letter bearing date of Feb 26<sup>th</sup> came to hand in due time and I was very glad indeed to hear from you. I happy to inform you that I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find the family and all our enquiring friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. There was a smart skirmish in our guard yesterday. The enemy was driven back and all is quiet today. I have not heard the particulars of the fight as yet. It has been raining here the last two days and the snow has all disappeared. I do not think that we shall see snow much more this

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Spring I hope not at all ever, I have seen enough of it for one season. Our regiment was paid our monthly pay last Saturday up to and including December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1864. I received four month's pay sixty four dollars (\$64.00). The paymaster did not pay us for the last two months as the pay rolls were not made out. The government now owes me two month's pay and the fourth installment of between bounty (due the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month). Two month's pay is thirty two dollars. The fourth installment of bet Bounty is fifty dollars total now due me is 82 dollars (\$82.00). We expect to be paid again this month. I have been rather extravagant since last pay day. I ran a bill of twenty dollars with our father that is a larger amount than I have had of all the letters since I have in the service. Previous to this I have paid him

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And I intend that it will be the last letter bill that I shall owe while I am in the service. I was also in debt to the bays of our battalion to the amount of ten dollars. I paid those debts which left me thirty four dollars. I am owing brother Wilson and friend Sidney Allen each a small bill which I intend to pay the balance. I intend to keep for my own use after this date. I shall endeavor to have money by me at all times while I am in this show. If we are paid again this month I shall send you all the money that I receive. In future I shall try to be more saving than I have been in the past five months by looking over my accounts. I see that I have not been as saving during the past year as I was during the first two years. I was in the service.

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And by good rights I should save more as my pay has been increased and have bounties which I did not have the first two years I was in the service. I see by your last that you have got a job over to the Locks. Well it is better than needing a job I expect that labor will command a high price at home this spring. I been by your letter that you are thinking about taking some [? Illegible] land this spring of B.P. Barker. Also that brother Wilson thinks of raising tobacco near Washington. I hope that both of you will get good jobs and do well. I learn by your letter that brother Edward is driving Barker's Mill team. As yet I [voted yesterday for State Office and member of Congress (the agents for the State of Ct. were here). My ballot was enclosed in an envelope and sealed. It will be sent to the

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Town clerk of East Windsor and I expect that it will be opened at the polls on Election Day. The ticket that I voted was the right kind of course (Republican Union) headed by Governor Buckingham. I think that he will be again triumphantly re-elected. I think that my native state will have him for their governor as long as this Great Rebellion lasts. At all events I can think of no one at present who is more worthy of the office. He has been a good governor and has always done his duty as well as or better than most men would were they in his place. Cousin Andy and friend Julius are in good health at present. I see them nearly every day. I have received no letters from home since I last wrote. I will now bring this to a close as I can think of no more at the present that would be of

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Interest to you. When next I write you I hope to give you a longer, better and a more interesting letter. Please write soon as convenient without fail. Give my love to the family and all enquiring friends and take a large hare to yourself. Good-bye for the present and believe me to be

Ever your affection brother

L. Henry Lord

Mr. J. Russell Lord

N.B. direct your letter until further notice to:

L.H. Lord

Cor, B12th. Battalion C. B. B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Division 19<sup>th</sup> A.C.

Washington D.C. L.H. Lord

And in a bubble: "N.B. Write Write Write L.H.L.

P.S. If friend Sidney Allen is yet on the Point please give him my best regards and tell him that I would be pleased to have him write me a few lines. If he is not on the Point, please send me his address so that I can write to him and send him the money that is due him.

Luman Henry Lord