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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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Addressed to:

Mr. James Russell Lord

Warehouse Point

Hartford County

Conn.

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Fort Roche near Charleston W.V.

Friday Eve. March 24th, 1865

My dear brother Russell,

Your kind and welcome letter bearing date of the 20th last came to hand this eve. and I am very glad indeed to hear from you. You are quite excusable for not answering sooner for I learn by your letter that you have been troubled by a boil on your right hand. I hope that it is now quite well. I am happy to inform you that I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find the family and all our friends in the enjoyment of the same blessing. We have had very bad weather here the past week. The wind blowing like sixty and it being rainy most of the time.

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Three of our picket posts were relieved last Monday by the 49th Penn. Regt. Vol. and we moved our quarters to the block house (or Fort Roche as we will call it). The post that I was on and the one that Cousin Andy was on and another post were the ones that were relieved. Cousin Andy is well and sends his love to you and all enquiring friends. Friend Julius Paseo is also in good health and sends his best regards to you and all enquiring friends. I have built a new shebang near the Fort. It is a staving one. I finished it last Wednesday eve. It is built of logs and plastered on the outside with mud. For a roof we have our shelter tents. I have a good bunk to sleep in and a stove inside have things bully. We were only two days in building it. This makes five

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shebangs that I have helped build during the past winter. We can now build quarters in in one fourth of the time that we could at first. We have now got used to it. As soon as the block house is finished we shall move into that (our company) (Co. B) and then the guards will be relieved by day. There are two besides myself in the shebang with me by acting Orderly Sargent. In the shebang L. Parker and James J. McCauley. Jim McCauley is my chum and is from Thompsonville, Ct. Cap. Roche said this eve. That the rampart of the Fort had to be sodded or turfed over and that if any three men of this company would volunteer to do it that he would excuse them from all other duty for six days and that if it was finished by that time he would give the men a

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pass to go down to Harpers Ferry and be gone one day. Myself and James McCauley and James Crowley have took the job. We commence on it tomorrow morning He (Capt . Roche) says that we may do it in three days if we like and that he will excuse us for six days. We are to have the sod brought to us. I think that we can lay them in four days if we have good weather. Yesterday a squad of enemy guerillas made a raid near Halltown. They ran against a post of Gen. Hancock's vet. Corps. They lost, including killed and wounded, about eighty men. Our loss was about twenty, including killed and wounded. I learn by your letter that brother Wilson has got a job near Washington raising tobacco. He gets good pay and I hope that he will have good luck. If he is prudent he can lay up something this year and I hope that he will be. If we remain

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In the valley perhaps it will be so that he can pay me a visit this spring or next summer. I should like very much to see him. I hope that you will get a good job and do well in the coming summer. I will now bring this to a close. Hoping to hear from you soon. Please give my love to the family and all enquiring friends and take a large share to yourself. Goodbye for the present. I remain as ever your affectionate brother. L. Henry Lord Mr. J. Russell Lord

N.B. Write, write

Russell, I think of thee though far away. Henry

N.B. Direct the same as before L.H. Lord

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