

Some where in France.
Fri. Sept 21st

Dearest Mother:-

Just a line to say I'm
well and getting along all
right. I suppose you have
been worrying about me I
havent written in so long but
really mother you dont know
the circumstances and con-
ditions. I really havent had
any chance to write before
and now I dont know when
this letter will go out. I hear
from Helen quite regularly
and from John and Vera from
Helen recently but none from
you or Dad in some time. The
letter I got from Helen today,
she said, Dad was complaining
of a pain in his side & she
felt it wasnt anything serious.
Seems as though he has had
enough troubles for a time.

In your last letter you
told me about the Astorian
apples. My! They must be grand
if they were better than ever
before. I havent tasted an apple
this summer and you know
I was always strong for them

back home.

Now mother, dear, don't worry
about my ^{time} going to be a fright.
I'm going to write just as often
as I can and if you don't
hear from me regularly, remember
it isn't because I neglect writ-
ing or forget home or anything
like that, it's because I haven't
the time or opportunity of writing.

Now write me often and
tell me all the news.

With Love to H.C.
Dad!

Prof. Dan J. Derby
Co. E. 30th Inf.

(Annals)

Somewhere in France
Fri. Sept 27th

Dearest Mother-

Just a [?] to say I'm well and getting along all right. I suppose you have been worrying about me I haven't written in so long but really mother you don't know the circumstances and conditions. I really haven't had any chance to write before and now I don't know when this letter will go out. I hear from Helen quite regularly and from [name?] and one from [name?] recently but none from you or Dad in some time. The letter I got from Helen today, she said Dad was complaining of a pain in his side. I hope it isn't anything serious. Seems as though he has had enough troubles for a time.

In your last letter you told me about the [?] apples. My! They must be grand if they were better than ever before. I haven't tasted an apple this summer and you know I was always strong for them

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Now mother, dear, don't worry
about me I'm going to be alright.
I'm going to write just as often
as I can and if you don't
hear from me regularly, remember
it isn't because I neglect writ-
ing or forget home or anything
like that, it's because I haven't
the time or opportunity of writing.

Now write me often and
Tell me all the news.

With Loads of Love to [?]

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