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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Soldier Letter Analysis**

**Date of the Letter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author of the Letter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audience/Recipient of the Letter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where was the letter written?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What details about soldier life does the author discuss?**

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**How does the author feel about his home?**

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**How does the author feel about his current situation?**

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Some where in France.  
Fri: Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

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 & 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 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 <sup>time</sup> 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 L. Derby  
Co. E. 30th Inf.

(Annals)

Somewhere in France  
Fri. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

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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back home.

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 [?]

[?]

Corp Sam L. Derby  
Co. E. 30<sup>th</sup> Inf.