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Most darling Mama:

Monday morning 5:45 – the bugler is blowing reveille [sic] , and I am waiting for the company to form

This letter comes rather late – meant to write it yesterday in Reno but was rushed for time – Had a very enjoyable weekend – Had a date Saturday night with a girl whose people were Basks – French Basks (is it spelt Basque?) she could speak French Basks very fluently Is it not too similar to either French or Spanish – went to high mass with her at the Cathedral Sunday morning.

Shall have to make this letter brief as the days work is about to commence. I am getting busier each week – Our training schedule is being revised and we are going to take the company out into the magazine area and let them handle the ammunitions part of the time – My work is very interesting and I like it better all the time

Shall write again tonight

I love and adore only you

Loving son

John Harrod

Dearest mother of the [illegible]:

Am sending money order for the 10 spot – also sent some to Hoyt's & S & Q (paid full amount)

The armored corps come this week to inspect us so I shall work at my desk tonight – [illegible] called today by Battalion Commanders who order a stricter compliance with duty for all officers

Beautiful day again – received letter from you – The comedy is exceptionally good

I adore you

Loving son,

J. Harrod

Shall send you money order for my Bank account when my travel pay comes in