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Dear Bess:-

Another week gone and still no letters. I know they are somewhere in France though and that I'll get 'em some day. Captain Cabock who is going to school here is a real happy man today; he got about thirty letters yesterday. They were the first he'd received since coming over.

We have been working as hard or harder than usual this week. I've studied more and worked harder the last three weeks than I ever did before in my life. It's just like a university only more so; right out of one class into another and then examination and thunder if you don't pass.



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We had a maneuver yesterday and General Pershing himself was there. I was in command of a battalion of artillery and he did not even come around to see if I could fire that many guns. I'm very happy that he didn't, because we had more figures and things than would fill an old Ray's arithmeton. My part was mostly play like except the figures. I was supposed to have three batteries, which were represented by three second lieutenants. Had a second lieut. for adjutant and a major for regimental commander. We had a good time and walked about six miles besides. There were Major Generals Brigadiers Colonels Majors and more lincolns than a Tammany funeral.



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It was a very great pleasure to see a Major General click his heels together and nearly break his army comming to a salute when The General came along. You don't often get to see Major Generals do that.

We are going to have a critique on the problem today and, I suppose will get a lot of useful and useless information. I'll sure be glad when I get back to the battery and don't have to figure $x - y = pdq$ or some thing else equally as enlightening.

Everyone in the room as usual on Sunday is writing home and everyone as usual is stuck for some thing to say except Joe Arransmith he can write volumes over a dead sparrow but the rest of us can't. We're told

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all we know about the scenery
the people the place and about
all we can say is that I love
you and wish I had a letter
and wish I could see you and
go to church tonight.

Please keep writing because I'll
get them some day and I'll write
just as often as artillery will
let me.

Yours always
Harry.

Harry J. Truman
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American E. F.