John Davidson writes to his parents that the marines to which he belongs is detailed to guard the city of San Francisco l for a month from the sailors and marines on the warships that are now assembling at the harbor there. This is their first - shore leave in two years and s usually there are high times on such occasions. He also writes that he is to take an internasuch occasions. He also writes tional telegraph course which - includes learning the Morse code. - This is required of all marines.