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Dear Folks

I recieved the drawing instruments yesterday. They will really be a big help in my work. The only thing that I am worrying about now is just what I'm going to do with all the supplies I have accumulated. Rumor has it that we are going to move to Fort Meade Maryland about the 17th of January. Cross your fingers and pray.

I still have one more letter of recommendation to pick up, and I will submit my application as soon as this is done. I know that you are doing every thing in your power to get me in, and I am using what little

influence I have. However, please don't feel too bad if I don't get the appointment. I'm very skeptical, since this Division has such a low quota (10 men).

You should see me now. I honestly think that I'm getting fat. I now weigh 135. This army chow is really wonderful - I usually get seconds on every meal.

I just can't seem to get the time to send my Christmas presents, so you'll have to wait until I get my fur loagh.

We are on the alert this week, which means that

your son is working a 26  
hr day. This is just preparation  
for anything that might happen -  
civil disturbances, floods, etc.

Well, & dieu, and just  
imagine that I will be there  
when you open the presents  
on Xmas morning. I know that  
I'll imagine it.

Love —  
Bruce

P.S. How are chances on a  
dozen china marking pencils.  
Red & Blue?