

Hq 1st Bn 254th Inf.

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Dear Folks:-

I took my exam for gas corporal yesterday and passed with flying colours. However, it still requires the signature of the personnel officer to make it legal. Thus, I think that it is safe to address your next letter to Corp. Oakley.

I recieved both package and pens, but still no drawing instruments and watch. Both are vitally needed so, as the expression goes "on 'a ball".

The battalion went on bivouac last night (naturally it rained) but I was lucky and welshed out on the deal. This operations non-com business is really quite the life - provided that we aren't making out schedules. On those days I sometimes wonder if up is down, and even then I don't

especially care. The S-3 (Plans & Training) who is my boss is Jewish, incapable, and very officious. However, he has complimented me on my work, so everything seems to be O.K.

But if any transfers to Ordnance or the like are available, please let me know and I will try to get out of this outfit. I really like the army, and it seems to be a reciprocal agreement. However, I think that I could gold brick better in some other branch.

I just received your telegram, and if you think that I am going to walk three miles to the telegraph office - your crazy. I have been very busy, but not too

busy to write. I apologize,  
and I will try to see that  
I am not so lax in the  
future.

Went to Natchez over  
the weekend, and got some  
gifts for Blossom, Chas. Jr & Sr,  
Mother, Dad, Norma, Poppy, but  
I'll be damned if I can think  
of what to get for Vic. I  
will send these as soon as  
I can get suitable materials  
for a package.

Fahrwohl & love

Bruce