

Route 1, Box 210
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April 1, 1978

Mr. Kim Akerman
Community Health
Box 312
Derby, West Australia 6728

Dear Kim:

Please excuse the long silence, but for the past year there has been much too much hospitalization--- a number of surgeries with the three initial surgeries done with obsidian blades. My surgeon has been most impressed, but it still is not the stage where he would like it to be known that he uses stone tools to do his surgery.

I find it most interesting to learn that the aboriginals of Australia have such interesting nomenclature. It certainly gives you a definite orientation of the parts of an implement by using the back and the belly, etc. Your observations are of great interest to me. They are indeed so useful for an interpretation of the behavior pattern.

My many thanks for the tools and the explanation of their usage. I find them most useful for instruction and the students are most excited about being able to see the pieces that you have provided.

One note that you may find useful in your Folsom experiment --- in order to take off two bellies instead of supporting it on the wad of leather, a small insert of bone will give greater resistance and permit the flake to terminate without moving the tip. Please keep up with your experiments, and hope the next letter will have more substance.

With kindest personal regards,

Don Crabtree

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Technology

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P.S. I had a very nice letter from Dick Gould. He is in Cambridge, England, working on a book which is in its final stages of completion and during off hours he has had the opportunity to spend some time with one of the last of the bladmakers making gunflints. This has been a most interesting experience and he has reported all of the minute details which no one else has done. Also he said that he is sending me a CARE package of some blades and a core which will please me to no end.

Route 1, Box 210
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April 1, 1977
Dr. G. W. ...
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Dear Sir:
Please excuse the long delay, but for the past year there has been much work on hospitalization a number of surgeries with the usual initial success and in some cases, by surgery has been most successful, but it still is not the same where he would like to be known that he was stone tools to do his surgery.

I had a very interesting job last year working for the State of Alaska. It certainly gives you a definite impression of the nature of the industry in using the rock and the shell, and your observations and of what is needed to make them are indeed a result for an investigation of the behavior patterns.

My many thanks for the tools and the explanation of their use. I find that most useful for investigation and the results are most exciting about being able to see the pieces that you have provided.

One note that you mention is useful in your findings experiment - in order to date all the pieces, a method of recording it on the way of testing, a small amount of bone will give greater reliability and permit the flake to survive along with the rest. Please keep up with your experiments, and hope the next letter will have more exciting.

Very kindest personal regards,

Tom D. ...
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