

April 20, 1978

Dear Junius:

It was so nice to hear from you . I am sorry that I havent better photos to send you. I am encloseing the only two that I have. They were taken at Les Ezyies, France in 1964, the one with Doug Byres and me at a first glance looks like one discovered an ostrich nest. It also has a good picture of Marie and Tixier with Henery Irwin on his knees. It is so sad about Henery, he was found dead a few days ago in Pullman Too he was like a son to Marie, it is a great loss to the profession and a great friend.

The other picture is of Francois Boardes and I. Junius I called Idaho State University and asked them to send direct to you some photos showing some side shots of blade detachment. Since my chest surgery I have been using a hammer handle with a copper tip and find that I can remove blades of approximately four and a half inches in length, I do this on my knees and hold the butt of the handle in my right hand with the left exerting the outward force. I would like to have the photos of Les Ezyies returned if possible and hope that Mae Jones of ISU will send much better photos, You should hear from her in a few days.

I had such a nice letter from Dick and Betsy Gould, he got to see one of the last of the gunflint makers making blades and is going to send me samples of his work which I will cherrish.

I saw my Doctor again and he said that the trip may cost me a leg so I am so dissappointed that I will not see you in Tuscon, maybe next year in Vancouver and then you can visit me in Idaho.

Your friend, Don

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