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TALENCE, LE Jan 8, 1980

Dear Don,

Many thanks for your letter of December 28. Well, on the 14th of December, I had that surgery done. They took off the nodule, all went well, I woke up feeling fine, and 10 hours later I almost died! A rare accident (0.2%, they told me), an oedema of the throat that strangled me in about 5 minutes. They rushed me back to the operation room, forced down an oxygen tube in my gullet, and fished me back with about 30 seconds to spare, I have been told. As I was already unconscious when they did that, I can tell you how it is to die from suffocation: very, very, very unpleasant.

Now I am back at the lab. I will not give courses again for a month or so, but the doctors feel that it is better for me to take back my work, slowly, than to remain in idleness, getting crazy with boredom. So, I write letters, and I will begin sorting the stuff from my Australian excavations of last summer. Taking my time.

I have no news from Calgary for now, so I do not know when and if I can come. But it is a bad part of the year for mail, which is very slow.

No, I ~~xx~~ never really tried to make a Grand Pressigny core. I made one once, and got a nice first blade by anvil percussion(!), but could not get more of out it. But it was long ago, before I really tried to do anything about blade techniques.

I came back from the hospital on December 24~~x~~ and had a nice and very quiet Christmas. It was good to be alive!

Bien amicalement,

F. Bordes

P.S. I really enjoyed reading your interview in Flintknapper's Exchange of May 79, that I got yesterday.

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