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P.S. Junius called and was to send me some flakes from Panama but, as yet, have not received them.

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Dear Dick:

Please excuse the tardy reply to your letter of July 10th, but ran into a bit of bad luck during the field school. The third week of the school during the teaching session I made a sudden move to pick up some tools and snapped a disc in the spine. Tried to carry on for two days but things got progressively worse and ended up in the hospital in traction. We were lucky enough to get Gene Titmus - thru courtesy of the Idaho Power Co. - to teach each day and the students would visit the hospital for assignments, so we did complete the 30 day session and the students said they learned a great deal. We had a fine group this year: Peter Bleed, Wisconsin, Joel Gunn, Pittsburgh, Al Goodyear, Tempe, Alaric Faulkner, Pullman and Chris Lovgren and Bill Statham from I.S.U. I was really surprised at their progress. Got back home on July 4th and was able to lie on the bed and teach the students so, all in all, I think it was a rewarding school in spite of the bad luck.

I still find it painful to sit for any length of time. However, Evelyn bought me an inflated donut pillow and find that this is a great help. Went to I.S.U. last week to see if I could stand the drive and made out fine, so we are planning to come to Smith river Sometime after August 5th. We are both looking forward to seeing you again and just wish Betsy could be with you. Hope she is continuing her writing now.

Have been doing a little knapping each day for therapy and to keep my hand in and, inadvertently, came up with the Danish blade technique. It is really so simple and makes fine large straight blades with minute platforms. The platform preparation is the secret and an anvil support. Will bring along a kit and a little material and teach you the technique. Want to write a short paper on this as soon as I can sit long enough. Am trying now to finish up my cone paper and also a lengthy monograph on pressure work, but the difficulty in sitting is slowing things up.

Earl Swanson is leaving for the university in London on Sept. 1st and will be there 9 months. If our health permits we want to go over there in October. Heard thru Bruce Bradley that McBurney is having you at Cambridge this year. By any chance will you be there in October. Hope so and we can all get together.

Will close for now and will be seeing you sometime after August 5th - as soon as we feel we can make the trip comfortably.

Please give our best to Betsy and Dr. Lieban and Bion.

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