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Dear Guy:

Congratulations on a fine piece of work on "Mearhinney's Appendectomy". I can find nothing wrong and it should be published in Facts and Comments. You may or may not want to add a paragraph or a note about the use of a hand hammer relative to cone splitting and collapse. The splitting leaves the flake without a bulb and the concentric rings of force are closely and evenly spaced; the flake is usually quite flat; the point of impact exhibits signs of crushing - the result of excessive velocity and impact. Collapse of the cone of force results in two different features. If the collapse is vertical or in alignment to the direction of applied force, the fragments will be triangular in transverse section - much like a segment of an orange. If the collapse is transverse from a ballooning of the material, the flake parts will resemble an exfoliated onion - being quite concavo-convex, usually without platforms. Just a thought.

Guy, try and get Bulletin No. 9, Proceedings of the 25th Southeastern Archaeological Conference. It contains a lot of information which will be of interest to you - particularly comments by John Whitthoft and his ideas of experimental archaeology. Carl may have a copy. I mentioned to Carl about getting B.A.C. Bulletin 64, 1970 - The Maya Indians of Southern Yucatan and Northern British Honduras. Page 22 has a note on a quarry site and there are a lot of illustrations of the eccentrics.

I hope that you had a chance to see the Battle Mountain quarry. Ray and Fern are, indeed, nice people to be around. I am glad that you met them.

Best regards,

Don

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