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Okinawa

Dear Dr. Stenzel,

I have just received your very interesting letter and am very sorry to hear of Hesse's death. I liked him very much and enjoyed the little talks we had as much as you did. I had hoped to discuss with him my plans of attending the University of California. He was certainly an earnest worker in geology, and the Boy Scouts of Bryan too will mourn their loss.

By the way, the year at the U. of Calif. will be paid for by the government; so all the money I saved for that purpose is that much extra.

I guess you've been following our little battle here on Okinawa. The Japs are licked, but there're still



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tenacious as hell and won't give up.

I wish there were some way to use the terrain on the Army maps for mapping purposes. The maps are excellent. If they have some imperfection, the Air Corps and the Engineers get together and in a week we have corrected maps. The Army Map Service is as we say it "On the ball."

The formations here very distinctive and easy to map; however, I'm afraid my scientific efforts will have to be confined to notes since I'm not allowed to use the maps for that purpose.

I noticed Time magazine referred to coral outcrops and reddish clay and volcanic ash. They are wrong on that. The coral they refer to is strictly a marine, ^{noncoralline} limestone and the reddish clay is sand; actually the clay is blue



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just like the Taylor. The reddish sand is local facies change in the clay. The sand becomes glauconitic in places I've ~~found~~ found places where the clay is fossiliferous. This is rare, because it seems entirely barren of any macro fossils. Microfossils may be present, however. The marine limestone has fossil snails and a large pelecypod very similar to the Neithea of the Texas Cretaceous.

I hope things turn out well for you. Drop me a line when you find time. Give Mrs. Stenzel and family my regards, and I'll be writing again soon.

Yours ever,
Elvin St.