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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Just time for a note to let you know what I'm doing and where I am. I have been assigned to the Intelligence and Reconnaissance of the Infantry. I am stationed at Camp Fanning north of Tyler about five miles. We have 7 weeks of basic training and 10 weeks of technical training. It is really rough. We are on the run from 5 in the morning until 10 at night and I really mean on the run. We receive in 7 weeks what a rifle company receives in 17 weeks. Which is here with me. We get a lot of map work, aerial photographs, etc.

It will be our job to work all around and behind enemy lines setting up observation posts, locating the enemy—his position and strength—mapping the terrain through which the Infantry must move to attack. Then report this

back to regimental head quarters.

It isn't very dangerous; the casualty percentage is only 87%. I've been trying decipher some of the geology around the camp, and it has me stumped. I've seen stuff that looks like Reklam, Green City, Weches, and Sparta all within a very small area. I've even seen large pieces of a sandstone that is a dead ringer for the Glover, but so far have been unable to find any exposures.

I should like to hear some ^{geological} ~~news~~ if you have the time. How is my manuscript coming? Tell everyone hello, and tell Warren to enjoy every precious moment of civilian life.

Yours sincerely,
Herbert