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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

I'm on Okinawa now. I participated in the De Shima operation which you read about in the papers and on which Bonnie Pyle was killed. You can realize that one's movement is necessarily restricted, but I have been able to distinguish three formations which I believe are Cretaceous in age. They have thicknesses comparable with Cretaceous formations in Texas. Two of them — a limestone and a marl — are dead ringers for the Glen Rose and Lower Taylor. The third is a sand formation. The marl exposures are exactly like those of the Lower Taylor as seen on Walnut Creek near the Austin-Mamor road. The limestone is the highest in the section and ^{the formations} descend in the section in the order named. I thought of Mrs. Plummer and how she



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would like to have samples of the
marl and the sand for comparison.
I suspect a little Tertiary in places
too, for I've found glauconitic boulders
and muscovitic sand. If conditions
ever permit, I'll try to ship Mrs.
Plummer some of the marl and
sand. The limestone has Cretaceous
shells in it; it's not coralline.
I'm O.K. ~~and~~ at this writing.
Tell everyone hello, and I'll be
writing again.

Yours friend,
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