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Dear Doc:

Really, that was a most unusual and interesting fossil you sent. You can't know how it was appreciated as I was in the hospital, convalescing and was quite a morale builder. The morning I wrote you the last letter I was feeling lousy but thought of nothing about it. However, I came down with the flu, which had been epidemic here for some weeks. Stayed in barracks a couple of days and then went back to work but got worse steadily for a week and finally went to hospital. They found I had been suffering from a non-contagious form of meningitis. So have been in hospital for a month, only returning home for a 2 weeks sick leave to 15<sup>th</sup>. Had ~~some~~ a facial paralysis, right side, which has entirely cleared up - will be good as ever, except for age, in a few days. Surely did chase my hind-end though to lose all the

progress it had made toward conditioning.

Haven't written for the general bulletin in many. The Oregon State Geologist suggested. Will do that tomorrow. Thanks for your kind letter to him asking for the old bulletin.

Yes, I knew John Tipton was a Lt. Col., He wrote me several weeks ago. He is now on leave and is with the Army now instead of the State Guard as formerly and is executive officer of a unit that is charged with guarding the war plants. The Doctor's have turned him down for combat duty (general duty) and is still on a limited duty status - he is moaning. His address is 642 New Fed. Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Looked over quite a few of your descriptions of the fossils you & Turner are getting out. Looks pretty darn conclusive - will be a great help. Have often wondered what happened to Earl Turner. They are really turning A & M upside down I guess when all the boys leave for

the army. Seems a shame.

Don't know how much longer we will be here. May range from a month to 6 months, you never know.

The weather out here has interfered with training pretty badly. We have had only about a dozen clear days since last of October. Fog, rain, sleet & a little snow has caused loss of training time & two bad epidemics of flu. E. Texas has never like this.

Know you are glad to be back with the family.

Don't you needn't worry about the army any longer. They have had their lesson on trying to make soldiers out of 40 year olds. You could undoubtedly out walk ~~lots~~ lots of the younger men but most males your age aren't nearly so well preserved. Am glad for you. I can tell now it isn't going to be much fun.

Will keep you posted - good luck & regards to your family. Mar.