



SHEPPARD FIELD
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Dear Mr. Monrig:

Your letter of April 21st has just been forwarded to me. Was very glad to hear from you again, and appreciate the report on the rock samples.

Would sure like to make the trip with you to Scurry county, but I do have a rather "steady" job. The wages are lower than I have been used to, and hours longer, and no time and one half for overtime, but at least I know what I'll be doing for the next several years. Anyhow - I got in the 14th of December and have been here un-assigned (Sheppard Field Air Corps Technical School) since December 21st.

There is just a possibility that I may be stationed at some local field after completion of my training here - and if I am will try to arrange to get off some week-end that would be convenient for you - but I have an idea that is just wishful thinking on my part. In fact, I think I may have to ~~discontinue~~ my interest in meteorites some of these days for when I see an object dropping from the sky the chances are it won't be a meteorite.

Would have written you sooner, but have kept thinking I would drop down and see you some week-end. As a matter-of-fact, I was in Ft. Worth about a month ago.

and some friends of mine there and I intended to make an appointment with you to look over your meteorites but I couldn't get in touch with you, and I haven't managed to get away since.

By a rather peculiar coincidence, I had intended to write you at this time about a peculiar metallic formation I picked up just the evening before I got your letter. Am sending a sample of it along. O.K., I'll admit right now that it does not resemble any meteorite I've ever seen (maybe I've found something different) But if you find it is slag, lava, or something left in the furnace too long I'll neither be disappointed or surprised.

Would be glad to hear from you anytime — or if your travels bring you by this way while I am stationed here would like for you to call me up.

Meantime, my best regards to you and Mrs. Monig. Sincerely,

Your friend,
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