

I notice that Prof Lyle in his paper on 'The Tas as repres of palaeolithic man' speaks of the Tas as using "flat shields" & "nets". This is wrong. They ~~were not a~~ had no knowledge of either the one or the other.

He also speaks of their 'drawings' in Charcoal. It would be interest^s to have this point cleared up. I have ment^d the ~~c~~ In the notes I have ment^d the authorities for their drawings - Jorgenson & a servant of the FCh Co.

As to Bowwick he is really capable of havg confused Tac & Austus. It wd be worth your while to write & ask him for his authority.

To H.R. 27/3/97

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in reg packet

By this mail I send you ~~some photos~~ ~~with my notes~~ in replies to your queries re: various statements in Bowwick's book, also my own & Mr Beattie's notes on the "flint quarry", & ~~notes~~ a description of weapons ~~to~~ in the Museum here. also ~~photos~~.

When Mr R M so returns in 2 or 3 wks I hope to prepare with his assist^{ce} ~~some~~ pretty full notes of the shell heaps & perhaps something more about the 'flints'.

I am trying to work out the tribal divisions, but do not expect to be able to give more than some general indications.

I am rather hoping to ~~at~~
 when Easter comes to pay a visit
 to W & O Cotton at the E Coast
 & see what now I can get from
 him. He has 4 or 5 undoubtedly
 genuine skulls, wh have
 never been described.

When some time since you
 asked me for a specimen
 of hair. The piece I have
 does not belong to me, but if ^{will}
 you let me know how small
 a portion will answer your
 purpose I might induce the
 owner to let me cut off
 a small piece.

Skeleton in Roy Coll Surg.

In confirmation of the Statets
 as to their drawings it shd be
 mentioned that Killigan
 gives in Focab. "Depict, draw
 in charcoal - macoolava"
 But this is not conclusive
 he also gives words for bread,
 Spaniel, gun & gunpowder
 wh evidently were not known
 to the blacks in their wild stete.

I wish some competent person
 would seriously examine the
 lang. of the blacks. I think
 such an exam might lead to
 int. results. The first thing
 wd be to reduce all the
 various vocabs to a uniform
 standard of spelling - say
 that of the Roy Geog Socy.

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I hope you will consider
my suggestion as to taking a trip
to Laos. Now a days the trip
out can be made in a P&O
or Orient or NZ Co (Shaw Savills)
St^r with every comfort. You
might leave say in Autumn
say Sept & get back in April
or May. Miss the English
winter, & have a summer
here that you would remember,
I can promise you - and how
Roth - a thoroughly good time
if you decide to come. And
think how it would improve
the book

John