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Equipment Division.
1330 F Street NW.,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Attention Captain A.T. Simonds.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 3rd
(X 421.1/565) in reference to helmet paint.

Before commenting upon the Sherwin-Williams Co.'s and
the Rock Island Arsenal Paint specifications for helmets
it is desired that we receive sample of helmet and as exact
information as possible in regard to your requirements as
to color, luster, etc.

It would probably be more satisfactory for your
Captain Simonds to have an interview with Mr. Walker of
this Bureau rather than to attempt to give this informa-
tion entirely in writing. Captain Simonds can either
visit the Bureau or Mr. Walker will call at his office,
if a telephone appointment is made with him.

In accordance with your request the papers transmitted
with your letter of the 3rd are being returned herewith.
Copies of these papers are being kept here.

Respectfully,

(Signed) S. W. Stratton

Enclosures.

Director.