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Bestwall Gypsum Company

FOR Paoli DATE August 12, 1958 FROM Fort Dodge OFFICE

ATTENTION OF Mr. J. R. Watt SUBJECT BESTWALL LIGHT ACCOUSTICAL PLASTER

ANSWERING YOURS DICTATED BY Myron Read- jl

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
GP-429

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Franks Brothers Plastering Company of Sioux City, Iowa have been planning to try our light accoustical plaster. They had a job at the General Army and Navy Store in Sioux City where they decided to use our material. We packed 100 bags for them on August 5 and Franks picked it up on August 6.

Since Leo Rodenborn was on vacation, I went to Sioux City to see this material applied on August 7. Franks had installed a suspended ceiling as part of the remodeling of an old store building. The ceiling was metal lath on which they had put a gypsum plaster base coat using our unfibered plaster for machine application. The ceiling covered about 800 square yards. The base coat plaster had been applied starting on Monday, August 4 and some of it had only been applied the day before the accoustical plaster was used. The base coat was set and hard but was rather wet.

They mixed the light accoustical plaster in an Anchor mixer by putting 25 gallons of water in the mixer and then adding two sacks (80 lbs.) of accoustical plaster. This is mixed at least five minutes and then 10 more gallons of water were added. This is again mixed for five minutes. If the plaster was not needed after this time it was allowed to stand in the mixer without agitation.

The accoustical plaster was sprayed on with a "Tommy Gun", the machine made by the Thomasen Company. This is a two cylinder pumping machine. Two men followed the sprayer darbying the plaster and filling in any low spots. They used the darby immediately after spraying and did not allow time for the accoustical plaster to take up.

The accoustical plaster worked perfectly, entirely to the satisfaction of Bob Franks. They did not have any drop outs and only a very minimum of blisters were formed. Mr. Franks stated that he did not want any change made in our formula and that the working qualities were just right.

The accoustical plaster was being applied 3/8" thick and they were getting about 9 yards per sack. They had applied 45 sacks by 3 p.m., when I left. They expected to complete the base coat accoustical on Friday and to put the finish coat on the following Monday (August 11). I asked the salesman(Ralph Myers) to follow the job closely, to report results, and to take some pictures of the job. I have not heard from him, so I assume that there have been no difficulties experienced with our plaster.

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