

October 15, 1928

Mr. E. W. Webb,
Ethyl Gasoline Corp.,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Webb:

In accordance with your instructions I visited West Bridgewater, October 11, and saw Mr. [REDACTED], Superintendent of the Bulk Station of the Chippewa Oil Company. A brief summary of the condition of which he complains is as follows:

On September 3, 1928, he cut his hand slightly while working on an ETHYL gasoline tank car. I believe he was tightening a union when the wrench slipped and cut his hand. Shortly after he saw Dr. Porter of Beaver, Pennsylvania, who treated this condition as a pyogenic infection. During this time it was necessary to lance the hand twice and both times some pus was obtained from the wound. When I saw Mr. Engelman's hand it presented an indolent granulating sore on the outer surface of the left hand near the junction of the ring and little fingers. There was also an adjacent small hair-follicle infection. The wound was slightly tender and while apparently subsiding and responding to treatment, probably still contained a slight amount of pus.

I talked with Dr. Porter and he felt that this was an ordinary hand infection, though he was somewhat disturbed at the length of time which it had been present. He had no opinion to offer as to the possible complicating effect of ETHYL gasoline, and stated that he did not know whether this had influenced the condition or not. At the present time Mr. [REDACTED] is being treated by Dr. Porter and I believe his hand will progress satisfactorily. I shall report to you any further information which we may obtain on this subject.

Very truly yours,