PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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February 25, 1943

Mr. C. E. Bales,
Vice President,
The Ironton Fire Brick Company,
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bales: Re: Letter of February 20.

A copy of a supplemental letter submitted to the Medical Department by Mr. L. M. Merritt is enclosed for your information.

Since diopside is one of the pyroxene group of minerals, having a high refractory index it may show up in the X-ray diffraction pattern along with some other mineral having a similar refractory pattern. Since its index is far away from that of quartz, it is believed that the Torrance Laboratory reports all of the materials having high index under this heading, as their report generally contains a quantity of diopside.

The 12 per cent quartz noted in the sample taken in your plant is not high, as the dust from most of the refractory clays run from 25 to 35 per cent.

We hope the above information will be of value to you.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent

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