

Pebbles, F.D.

October 14, 1932

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Chrysler Building
New York City
New York

Dear Mr. Mittnacht:

I am returning to you herewith the file
on the case of Mr. [REDACTED]

I have gone over the information contained
in the correspondence and I do not see how the injury which
has been sustained, can have any relation to exposure to Ethyl
Gasoline. It would appear that Mr. [REDACTED] has had some ex-
posure to gasoline vapors. This may or may not be responsible
for his illness and disability. A thorough going examination
would be necessary in order to ascertain the facts in this
matter. It is reasonable to assume, however, that this man
was susceptible to gasoline vapor and that his eye and chest
irritation may have been due to the inhalation of gasoline
vapors in fairly high concentrations from time to time. I
can not see any likelihood that any significant absorption
of lead resulted from his exposure, and I do not believe there
is any reason for feeling that lead has played any part in
the picture.

If the opportunity arises to investigate
this matter and to make medical examinations, we should be
pleased to do so. However, I shall take no action except as
I hear from you further.

Very truly yours,

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
135 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK October 4, 1932.

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached hereto is the Travelers Insurance Company file on the case of Mr. [REDACTED], an employee of an airport, who used Ethyl Gasoline for the purpose of cleaning aviation motors. You will note this gentleman has not instituted claim against us but has brought one against the Western Air Express, who were his employers, and who evidently are also covered by the Travelers Insurance Company. It is indicated, however, that if he does not obtain compensation from the Western Air Express that there is a possibility he may proceed against this company, although he does not apparently know that we are covered by insurance.

Mr. C. P. Reid of Travelers has asked me to get your opinion on this matter. The file is rather a lengthy one so, rather than attempt to make copies of it, we are sending the original to you. Mr. Reid has requested that you return it with your answer at your early convenience.

Mr. Reid said that he did not want any of your people to enter into the case at the present time because such action would probably spur this man on to make a claim directly against the Ethyl Corporation and all that he wants at the moment is an expression of your views from the reports that are submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. Hunt

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Mr. Peebles - ?

10-9-32 -

A report is received at the Continental Oil Company at Florence Colorado as follows:

A [REDACTED] (initials unknown and spelling of name may not be correct) [REDACTED] d the plant about 2 months previously and talked to Mr. James Doyle - the man who does the blending at this point. Mr. [REDACTED] claimed he had "Ethyl Gasoline Poisoning". His only complaint as far as Mr. Doyle could determine it was a persistent and severe cough. Peebles asked Mr. Doyle what the symptoms of "Ethyl Gasoline Poisoning" were and to whom he could report his case as he wanted to sue. He also asked Mr. Doyle for some Ethyl fluid and when refused he went to Mr. Tillman, the superintendent of the plant repeating his story and request for fluid - which was again refused. (Mr. Tillman not seen - not in town)

At this time [REDACTED] is reported by a friend here in Florence to have been recently in a sanatorium somewhere in Kansas, and to be now in Pueblo. The friend who has an engagement to meet [REDACTED] in Pueblo this afternoon was asked to advise Peebles that if he had a complaint to make that he should meet Dr. Sanders the following day in Denver.

[REDACTED] history of exposure is as follows:-

He was employed at the Western Air Express Air Post at Pueblo, Colorado. One of his functions was the spraying of airplane motors with gasoline and general servicing. After using white gasoline for some time, Peebles claims that a change was made to Ethyl gasoline without his knowledge - that he used this for from 3 to 6 months ignorant of it being leaded gasoline - that he consequently took no precautions and that poisoning resulted.

[REDACTED] did not meet Dr. Sanders in Denver.

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