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MANAGER INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Chrysler Building
405 Lexington Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We have recently been notified that one of our tank truck chauffeurs has an illness that his doctor attributes to lead poisoning. Our information is limited but we submit the following:

Employee - [REDACTED], Bedford, Pa.

Date of birth - November 8, 1891.

Occupation - Tank truck chauffuer since October 1, 1917.

Losing time since January 16, 1939.

History of case received from Dr. George F. Wheeling, Windber Hospital, Windber, Pa.; On April 17, 1939: "Mr. [REDACTED] was first seen by us on March 4, 1939, complaining of headaches, and pains in his arms and legs with weakness. He stated at this time that he had been off work for the past eight weeks. We held him over in the hospital for studies and observation.

X-rays of the skull and sinuses were reported normal.

Spinal puncture - showed the fluid under normal pressure.
3 cells. Wassermann negative.

Blood Wassermann - negative.

Blood count and Urine - normal.

The differential blood examination was particularly important as a question of lead poisoning is up for consideration. This did not show any stippling.

General physical examination was grossly negative except for one abscessed tooth which was removed and there were a few other suspicious teeth which have been cared for (extracted).

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Dr. S. B. Meyers, (Neurologist) of Johnstown was called in consultation and has made a diagnosis of peripheral neuritis, but cannot rule out the question of lead poisoning.

Dr. Harold Griffith, (ophthalmologist) of Johnstown examined the eyes and reports no pathology here to in any way account for the symptoms.

Our final diagnosis is: (1) Peripheral neuritis: (2) Likely lead poisoning. We have seen Mr. [REDACTED] March 16th and 29th. and today (April 17th); his condition is not improved and there is more definite indication of right sciatica. The patient is unable to return to work indefinitely."

Our recent reports indicate that Mr. [REDACTED] condition has been getting worse and he is complaining of severe headache, numbness in leg and pain in bladder. His doctor requested him to go to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., for observation but he has decided to go on Friday, May 19th, to a clinic in Pittsburgh which he states is in Diagnosis Building. We have requested Dr. F. V. Wucher, 43rd and Butler Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa., to follow up and report to us on his investigation of the case.

Mr. [REDACTED] as a tank truck chauffeur handles gasoline that has been mixed, does not clean tanks and is not exposed to lead in any way.

We would appreciate your advice on this case.

Very truly yours,

H W Jones

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