

Ordnance Office, July 5, 1917. - To C. O. Rock Island Arsenal.

1. At the request of Col. Babbitt, copy of letter in reply to the within communication from the Sherwin-Williams Co., dated June 26, is enclosed. This Department is relying mainly on the Rock Island Arsenal for definite recommendations and reply to this letter. The sample mentioned in the last paragraph has not yet been received and will not be sent except upon your request.

By order of C. of O.

(signed) A. T. Simonds ?

Capt., Ord. Dept., U.S.R.

Received R.I. Arsenal July 9 1917.

481.1/508-Sherwin-Williams Co.

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Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., July 11, 1917 to the C. of O.

1. This Arsenal's experience with lithopone is very limited and we are consequently not in a position to make any definite recommendation on paint made with this material as a base until some opportunity has been had to make tests of the same. This Arsenal is of the opinion, however, that as a preservative lead is much superior. Before any definite recommendation can be made it will be necessary that the samples referred to be sent to this Arsenal for test.

(signed) Geo. W. Burr

Colonel, Ord. Dept., Comdg.

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