

February 8, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr S. M. Wagner,
Ethyl Corporation,
977 W. Sixth Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sam:

The enclosed letter, in response to a letter addressed by Mr. C. D. Lowry, Jr., of Universal Oil Products Company to Ollie Jones, and forwarded to me, is self explanatory, I believe, although its urgent importance may not be entirely clear to you.

I should appreciate it if you could communicate with Mr. Rowley, and if possible aid in a full investigation of this matter. We need the facts urgently for advising the responsible officers of our armed forces, and also for transmissal to our allies. On the basis of a full report from you and/or Mr. Rowley, I may find it necessary to investigate the status of exposed persons. Therefore, any contact you can make with medical or hygienic officers in such a camp might be the means of obtaining valuable data and perhaps of getting samples of blood or excreta from exposed persons. This will require discretion in dealing with the personnel of the kitchen, and perhaps tact in dealing with officers. I rely upon to to supply these. This situation, if it is as reported, should not have been permitted to exist, for it is definitely dangerous, and I think, unnecessary. You should be able to find out when unleaded gasoline has not been supplied and you should do what you can to see that it is supplied. (Of course, they may have the proper kind of newly designed stove, and if so, this is a tempest in a teapot.) In any case, I hope you can help me out by obtaining a full and detailed report on this problem.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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February 8, 1943

Mr. E. O. Jones,
Ethyl Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
New York City.

Dear Ollie:

Thanks very much for sending me Mr. C. D. Lowry, Jr's. letter of January 21, regarding difficulties encountered in the use of Army stoves. I am enclosing a copy of my response to Mr. Lowry.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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February 8, 1943

Mr. C. D. Lowry, Jr.,
Universal Oil Products Company,
310 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Lowry:

Your letter of January 21 to Mr. E. O. Jones of Ethyl Corporation was referred to me for information. I am grateful to you for your interest, since this gives me an opportunity to follow up a problem about which I have reason to be concerned. I have little doubt that the deposits are largely lead, unless the stove is of special design. The matter has considerable hygienic as well as technical importance.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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C. C. Mr. E. O. Jones,
Ethyl Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
New York City.

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