

Reading file

Metallurgical Laboratory

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TO: John Miles

FROM: R. L. Doan

SUBJECT: Metal Production Schedule

I have just had a telephone conversation with Colonel Crenshaw in which I conveyed to him your concern that the metal production in the next several weeks may not be sufficient to meet Daniels' fabrication schedule calling for 116 tons of billets to be extruded by the end of the week of June 21. Colonel Crenshaw tells me that their best present estimate of production during the next five weeks is from 50 to 80 tons, which, added to the approximately 60 tons already produced, should be ample to meet Daniels' requirements.

Colonel Crenshaw is himself much concerned with the very considerable tonnage of metal that has accumulated at B. & T. in Columbus and is wondering whether the shipment of billets should be stopped until Daniels catches up on the fabrication. Captain Hadlock was at Columbus last Wednesday and found 300 extruded rods stored there apparently awaiting shipment for machining, and in addition there were 730 billets that had not been extruded. This made a total of approximately 50 tons of metal awaiting fabrication, and Crenshaw makes the point that if a fire were to occur at the B. & T. plant, a very substantial loss in metal might result. I gave him Daniels' extrusion schedule and told him that it seemed doubtful that the congestion at B. & T. will be relieved very soon. Therefore, it is likely that the Engineers may change their present instructions to suppliers to ship billets as soon as they are produced.

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