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Buhach Co.

Dear Mr. Norwood & Company,

Eureka!, the lost is found.

For many years I have been searching for the source of an elusive powder which, when my father had a silver fox ranch in North Idaho in 1929, purchased it in case lots to treat the fox hutches with Buhach powder to rid the foxes of fleas.

I have always remembered the name of the powder; but could never find anyone else who did, nor could I find any advertize-ment regarding it.

Then in 1957 and 1958 when I lived at Prince George, B.C. and also worked at Whitehorse, Yukon Ter. I was able to purchase from local hardware stores a white powder which was kept in bins and sold, usually, in 1 pound paper sacks which was referred to only as "mosquito powder"; to my knowledge no one knew it by any other name.

Once or twice a year our Air Force squadron would have a picnic at a close-by lake and it was always a must to treat the area with "mosquito powder" in the morning before the afternoon picnic. We did this by placing 4 tablespoons of powder in each of 4 one pound coffee cans nailed to trees in the area and lighting the powder which glowed like incense and burned for 3 or 4 hours. The smoke from it was invisible and almost odorless; but it cleared the area entirely of any and all flying insects for the remainder of the day. We never knew whether we killed them or simply drove them away; but the result was always the same. Now after reading the article in "The Alaska Sportsman" which my son sent me from Denver, I am convinced it was my long last Buhach powder which I was using and didn't know it.

Now, I am apprehensive and fearful that, as the article stated, it is limited in procurement and may not be available at all times that I will not be able to obtain it from you.

But if I can, and you can, I wish very much to obtain 2 or 4 cans, to the extent of your ability to provide. Two for me and two for my son-in-law's father who also lives in Tacoma. You can either bill me for it or phone me at 581-1443 and tell me the cost and I will put a check in the mail to you.

Very Sincerely yours,

Major USAF, Ret'd