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Group photograph of R.G.P.F. employees taken ca. 1941/2

with a rough diagram prepared 1963 showing names of some of the persons shown

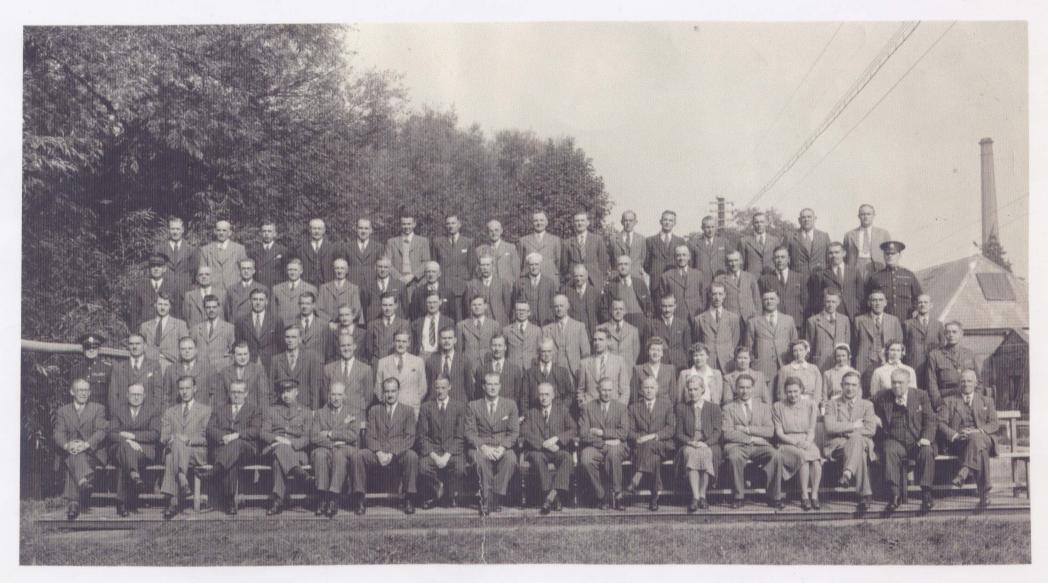
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RGPF Staff SEPTEMBER 1943. Back Row (left to right)

J. H. KEITH 1.

2 J. W. PARRISH

3 W. R. WARD

4 C. J. SPELLER

5 P.W. CARTER

6 T.C. GLADWELL

7 H. R. WISEMAN

8 J. D. COLEMAN

9 G. R. SMITH

10 P. W. SMITH

11 E.A.A. HITCH

12 J. W. JOHNSON

13 J. KIRKHAM

14 A. E. BURBIDGE

C. CHETTLEBOROUGH 15

16 J. J. CHILTON

4th Row

D.

17. P. POOLE

2 18. A.C. CORDELL

3 19 J. WARD.

4 20 L. STOCKING 5 2T L. HALLS

6 22 G. RUDGE 7 23 E. SPENCER

8 24 E. MONK

923 W. PERRY

"26 W. EMBLETON

127 P. TRACEY
1228 C.V. SHORE

1329 A.S. BERRY

1430 E. GODFREY

1531 A. CAMERON

16.32 J. T. WELLINGTON

C 3rd Row

1 33 T. TUOHY

2 34 A. CLAREY

3 35 C.W. BUTLER

4.36 G.N. BUTTERS

37 D. A. PRESCOTT

6 38 R.A. REES

139 B. J. HAZZARD

8 40 T. H. MOBBS

9 St G. DAVIES

1042 E. UPTON

43 J.W. LAVER

1244 A. EDGE

13 45 B. SCOTT

14 46 A.L. WILSON

1547 E. MACKINNON

16 48 T. A. EMBLETON

1749 F. WILLS

B 2nd Row

1-50 T. SELWAY

2.51 B.A. KENT

3.52 H.T. LESTER

453 E. WILSON

754 F.E. HAGUE

6 55 R.C. HINDHAUGH

756 H.S. WALTON

8 57 R.A. WALLACE

9 58 L. H. GERTY

10 59 J. WATSON

1 60 R. EDMONDSON

12 64 C. TOLLERVEY

13 62 E. WHIFFING

1463 M. WILCHER

15 64 M. MILLER

6 65 G. MORGAN

17 66 P.J. LAYLEY

18 67 W.H. MANSFIELD.

Front Row.

1 .68 H. G. SUCKLING

2 69 R.C. DUNN

3 70 J. V. HOUGHTON

4 7 L. NICKELS

5 72 CAPT. LINDSAY BLEE

6-73 H. J. CONNOR

7 74 A. D. STEPHEN

9 75 R.F. SMITH

9 76 R.H. MCLINTIC

10 77 P.G. KNAPMAN

11 78 H.N. STUTCHBERY

12 79 G. BENNETT POWELL

B 86 S.P. BARING

14-81, F. K. REEVES

15 82 D. DUNCAN

1 83 J.W. GREEN

17.84 A.J. MONARD

18 85 W. BEDINGTON.

Back Row. (Se	ft to Right)		
1. J.H. Keith 2. J.H. Rurish 3. W.R. Ward: 4. C.J. Speller!	5. P.W. Carler 6. J.E. Gladwell 7. H.R. Wiseman 8. J.D. Coleman	9 G.R. Smith 10 P.W. Smith 11 C.A.A. Hitch 12. J.W. Johnson	13. J. Kirkham 14. A. E. Burlidge 15. C. Chettleborough 16. J. Chillen
4th Row. 17. P. Poole 18. A. C. Gordell 19. J. Ward	21. L.Halls 22. G.Rudge 23. E.Sponcer	25. W. Terry 26. W. Embleton 24. S. Tracey	20. A.S. Berry 30. C. Godfrey 31, A. Cameron
20. L. Stocking	_ 24. E.Monk.	28. 6.1. There	32. J. Hellington
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Mr Leslie Tucker, Archivist Royal Gunpowder Mills Beaulieu Drive WALTHAM ABBEY Essex EN9 1JY;

Dear Mr Tucker

Many thanks for the copy report on the explosions at the Royal Gunpowder Mills in the early part of World War II.

My interest is one of family history. My grandmother and her sister were nurses in the late 1800s/early 1900s at the Female Hospital in Woolwich. My grandmother married a member of the RAMC who was killed in the Boer War in 1901. My aunt married Peter Tracey, a plumber, although he might have previously been a soldier, in Woolwich in 1902.

I assume Peter Tracey started working at the Gunpowder Mills as a chemical plumber shortly adenwards for they lived in Park Road, Waltham Cross, and had a son there in 1905. They went to America at some time but I do not know when. I remember them living at 3 Abbey Road, Waltham Cross where we would regularly visit having travelled from Edmonton by trolley bus. Later in life they moved to be near their son in Essex lived well into their eighties.

Although only seven at the time I remember the explosion which was heard in Edmonton and know 'Uncle Pete' received some injuries. Unfortunately their house in Abbey Road was bombed during the same period. Your copy notes have put my childhood memories into context and solved one of the many mysteries that crop up when looking into family history.

Please accept the enclosed cheque as a donation to the Royal Gunpowder Mills funds.

Sincerely

Colin F Gibbons

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