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FROM
THE SUPERINTENDENT R.G.P.F.

Dear Mr. Hosking January, 1942.

The R.G.P.F. can look back on a year of real progress and achievement. Outputs are mounting and recent weeks have seen larger productions from some sections than have previously been attained in the history of the Factory. It is with no small pleasure that I tell you this, but at the same time, with a lively sense of appreciation of what you have done to make the achievement a fact. I recognise here not only the good efforts of each of the Production Sections but also those of the Service Sections, Stores, Office, Hospital and Canteen Staffs, which have all, in their own ways, helped towards the same end. Our Home Guard Unit too has made creditable progress and we must be grateful to all who have come forward and are preparing themselves within its ranks.

Every fresh development of the war emphasises that factories are playing in this war an even more vital part than they did in the last. Workers here and in similar factories need have no doubt about the importance of their work, whatever their particular job may be.

With America now engaged in the Pacific, it cannot be expected that she will be able to spare Russia and ourselves the quantities of munitions originally planned for. Not only shall we have to produce more for ourselves but also do everything we can to supply from here a bigger proportion of Russia's needs. We must frankly acknowledge that the opportunity given us to increase our outputs in comparative peace during many recent months has been in

large measure due to the vigour and tenacity of the Soviet peoples and their fighting services, and I think you will agree it is no overstatement to say that Russia deserves every scrap of help we can give her. Despite her magnificent resistance to the Nazi aggressions and her important successes lately, her capacity to supply herself has been gravely damaged, so that any material we can get to her may be reckoned as something towards diminishing the sacrifice of Russian lives in our Common Cause.

We cannot, therefore, be satisfied with past performances. We must go ahead and produce to the limit of our capacity if we are to feel we are contributing our utmost. In this connection, perhaps I might remind you that full output in an explosives factory is not obtained by rushing one's work. The way to do it efficiently and safely is to carry through each operation smoothly and carefully and make sure that your time is as fully employed as possible.

Waltham quality, which is our great tradition, has been well maintained during the past year. In this respect no other Ordnance Factory has excelled us. The call then to each of us for 1942 - a critical year for the British Commonwealth and its Allies, if ever there was one - is for Waltham's Best and more of it than ever!

My best wishes to you for health and happiness in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

P. Knapman

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MUSEUM OBJECT ENTRY FORM

MUSEUM NAME: Royal Gunpowder Mills | **Form No:** 133

Received from: PETER GEORGE HOSKING
Address:

Tel No:

Owner (if different):
Address:

Tel No:

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT/COLLECTION (note obvious damage, & any related information eg. when, where, or how was it found or used; names, dates & details of the people who made or previously owned it, etc. **Continue on a new sheet if necessary)**

Internal memo from The Superintendent dated January 1942.
(Mr P G Knapman 01/08/1939 - 31/12/1943) to
Mr Hosking:
Wilfred Charles Hosking (03.11.1906 - 09.07.1985)

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Total no. of items: 1.

REASON FOR ENTRY (tick as applicable, and sign)

- [x] **Donation** - I offer to donate the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body.
- [ ] **Sale** - I offer to sell the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body (price sought £.....).
- [ ] **Loan** - I offer to loan the object(s) listed above for the use of the museum's governing body for a period of ..... months.
- [ ] **Identification** - I leave the object(s) listed above for identification & undertake to collect these no later than 4 weeks from today.

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, & that I accept the terms and conditions described overleaf.

Signed: Date: 14/1/24

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (DONATIONS/SALES ONLY) (tick as applicable, and sign)

- [x] I, the **owner**, confirm that I have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body. OR
- [ ] I, the **depositor** acting on behalf of the owner(s), confirm that the owner(s) have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body, & that I am authorised by the owner(s) to act on their behalf to that effect.

The title in the objects listed above, & subject to the conditions overleaf, is hereby transferred to the governing body of the museum.

Signed: Date: 14/1/24

MUSEUM SIGNATORY

Receipt of the object(s) described above is hereby acknowledged.

Signed: Date:
on behalf of the museum's governing body

RETURN OF OBJECT TO OWNER (tick as applicable, and sign)

I, the depositor/owner, acknowledge the return of the object(s) described above in a satisfactory condition following:

- [ ] identification
- [ ] the end of the period of loan
- [ ] the museum's governing body declining to accept the donation, loan or purchase of the object(s)

Signed: **Countersigned** (for museum): Date:

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PINK - DEPOSITOR/OWNER (RECEIPT)
BLUE - MUSEUM (TO ACCOMPANY OBJECT/S)