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REGISTRY
ROYAL GUNPOWDER FACTORY
WALTHAM ABBEY.
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MINISTRY OF SUPPLY,
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Memo. No. S.S.5/531
(File No. S.S.5/2786/44)

9th June, 1945.

Memo. for:-

- (1) the Managing Chemist, Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey. } through A.D.O.F.(L).
- (2) Regional Controller, Ministry of Supply, London & S. Eastern Region. } through R.O.I.
- (3) Chief Superintendent, Amaments Research Department. } through Tech. A.1.

CLOSING OF R.G.P.F., WALTHAM ABBEY

S.S.5/531

1. The Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey will cease to be operated on munitions production on Saturday 28th July next, after which date the premises and plant will be utilised by this Ministry as an Experimental Station, estimated provisionally to provide employment for about 250 workpeople. The present labour strength will therefore fall to be reduced by approximately ~~400~~ 200.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Memos. No. S.S.5/275 and S.S.5/438 the Managing Chemist is requested in consultation with G.S.A.R.D. and the Regional Controller, M.O.S., to arrange with the regional officers of the Ministry of Labour & National Service for the retention of a balanced labour force of 250 and the release of all other industrial workers by 28th July, 1945.

3. Any workers discharged on reduction who have completed the necessary service for the award of a gratuity under the provisions of Section 4 of the Superannuation Act 1887 should have their record marked "discharge on reduction of establishment" and the necessary papers should be forwarded to S.E.L.D. (through the usual channels) for consideration of an immediate award of a gratuity. Similarly with regard to those workpeople who on the occasion of previous labour reductions at this factory were directed or re-allocated by the Ministry of Labour & National Service to alternative war work and allowed to count for gratuity purposes the period of their service in outside industry, the period of such service will cease to count after 28th July, 1945 and the necessary papers should be forwarded to S.E.L.D. (through the usual channels) for consideration of an immediate award of a gratuity.

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4. There will be a meeting with the Trade Union Side of the Ministry of Supply Joint Industrial Council on Tuesday, 12th June, 1945, to consider the consequences of the change of function notified in para.1 above. The conclusions of this meeting will be notified to you in due course.

5. Copies of the Memorandum have already been sent to Departments and Officers referred to below. The Managing Chemist is requested to supply copies to the Shop Stewards.

6. Any question of doubt or difficulty with regard to this Memorandum should be made to these Headquarters (S.S.5) through the usual channels.

T. W. Nevard
(T.W. NEVARD)

Assistant Secretary, S.S.5.

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