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Photos of
Bldg 648
Acid Concentration
Plant re RDX
and Bouncing Bomb

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Manda Gifford,
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Dear Manda,

Dambusters' Material

Further to your discussions with myself and Mireille Galinou, I now enclosure a laser copy of the only print in our collection of the RDX plant. It shows the acid concentration plant on the South Site at Waltham Abbey in the 1940s. I hope that this image is suitable for your purposes, as otherwise we would have to get a copy negative and new print made.

With regard to the film of the Dambuster bomb tests, this came from the RAF Museum, Hendon. Our contact there was Ian Thirsk. The footage we had was:

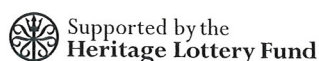
1. Dambusting weapon's trials, 1943 FC 97/574
2. Highball-summary of developments FC 97/573

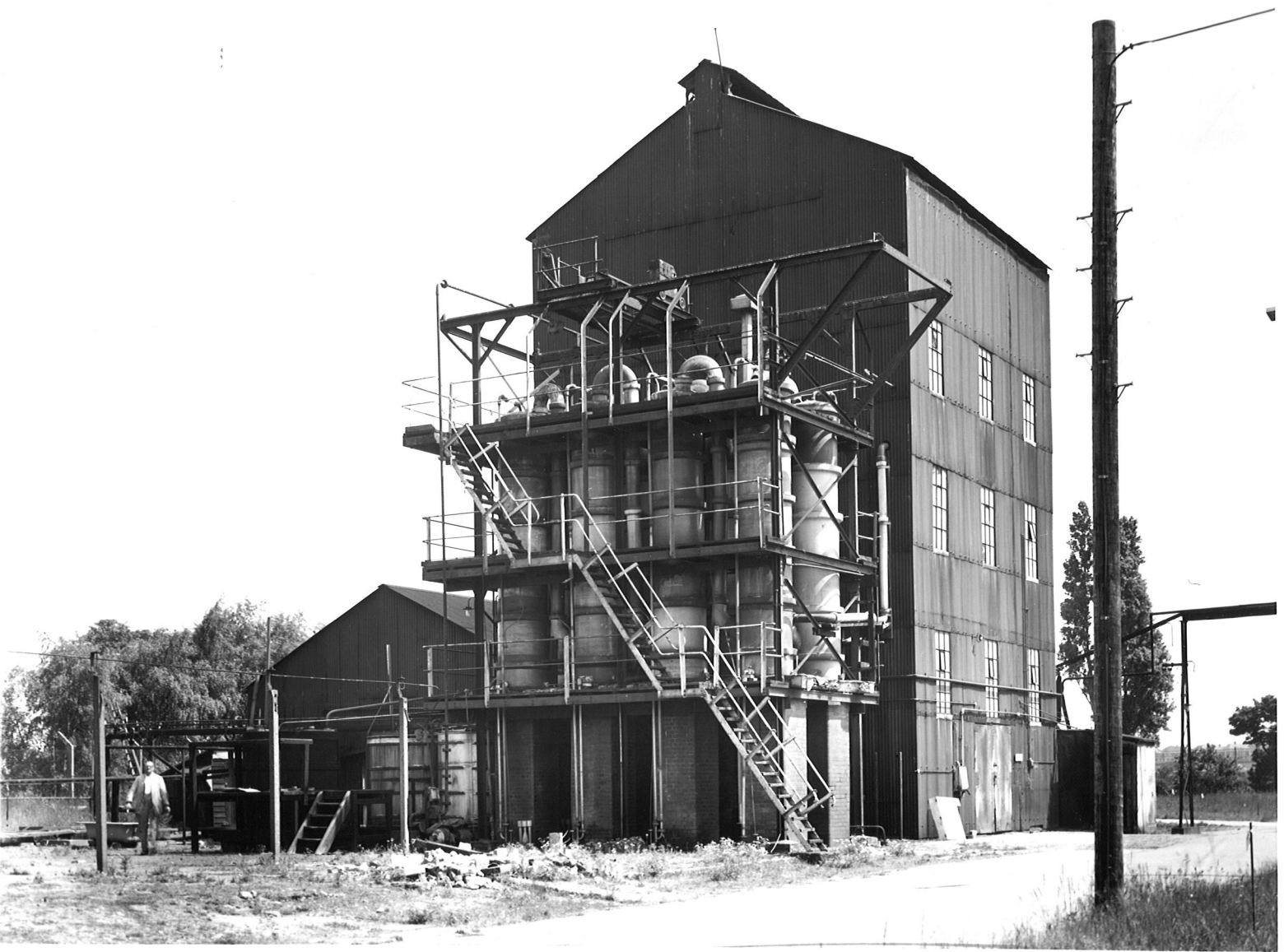
You would need to check with Ian whether the Highball was Dambusters' tests or something else, as they were all ordered through our design and production companies and the Highball may have been something completely different! The RAF museum may also have other Dambusters' material.

I hope this is useful. If you want to come and look at the site here I would be very pleased to show you around , although there are no RDX remains to see.

Yours sincerely,

Robert S Taylor





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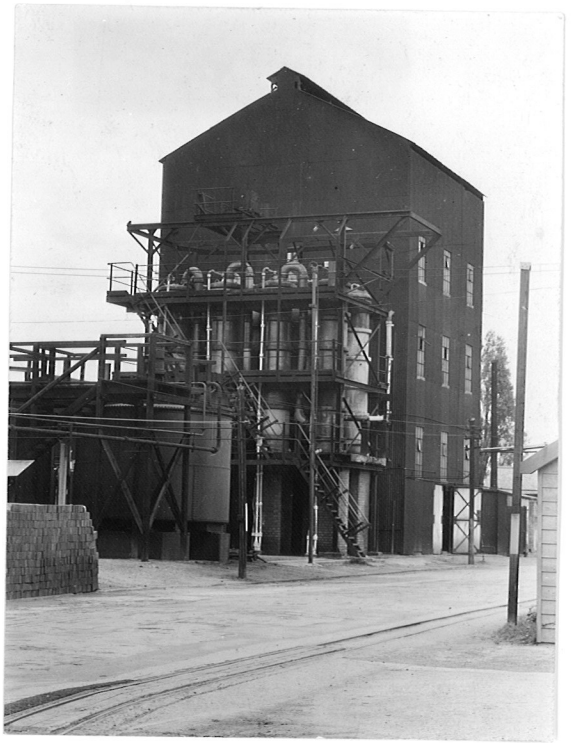
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