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P. G. Knapman on

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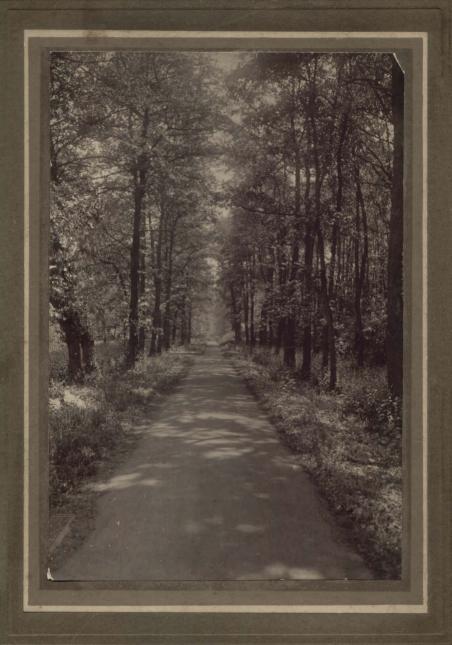
good work in the pervice of the Royal Gunsowber Factory from the bate of your appointment in 1912, and expecially as our Superintendent.

The Staff bave been ever minbful of the keen interest which you have always bisplayed in the welfare of the Factory, an interest which bas some so much to inculcate espeit be coups, and has won for you lasting friendship and appreciation.

and personal interest that we have received from you at all times and trust that you may be spared for many years in the service of the Crown.

Waltbam Abbey 1943.

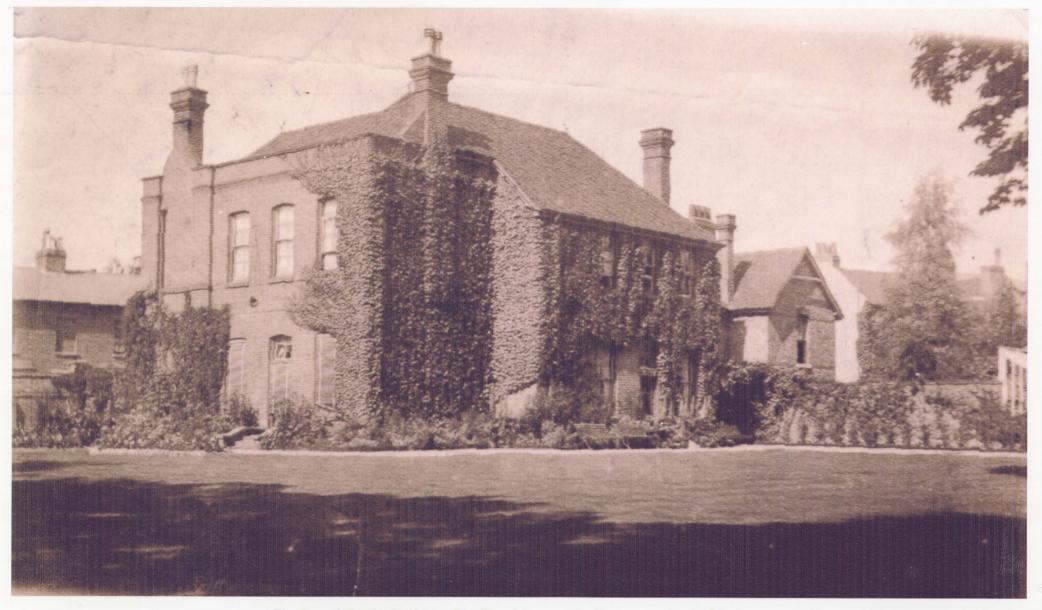
Copy of front page of the Presentation Book given to the last Superintendant of the R-G.P.F. when it closed in Mr. P.G. Knapman 1943.



R.O.F. Wallham Abbey

A very old photograph found in my fallers factory articles

P. G. Knapman Wathen 1912 - 1943



The Superintendent's House, The Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey.
'Government House', Highbridge Street.
The Knapman's lived here from 1939 to 1950.
(Mr. Knapman worked at the MoD (then the War Department?) from 1943 to 1950)

The Firemen's Cottages (opposite the front of the house) are in the background.

The foreground shadow is that of the huge chestnut tree in the middle of the grass which took Percy Knapman 4 hours to cut with a hand mower!

Firemen's Cottages opposite front of Government House, Highbridge S in the back ground.

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Mrs. Upton looking at Swans. The bow of a barge can be seen on the left of the picture. (Photo by P.G.Knapman)

Mrs. Upton lived in one of the factory houses on Highbridge Street - the back garden ended at the Tributary of the River Lea which ran from beside Powdermill Lane junder Highbridge Street (where a Rounderbout now stands) through the grounds of Government House and on into the factory.

Mr. E. Upton had a factory house because he was
the Clerk of Works in the Building Works Dept.



Swans and cygnets in the R.G.P.F in 1940.

Outbulding including the old boach House, walthom Abbey Perry George Knopmon kept his car 'Bullnow' Morris bowley 8 HP then from 1940-46 The factory fire-ners cottages can be seen opposite Government House Photo taken 1940. Grounds of Government House showing where the tributare Lea flowed from beside Moundermitt Lane, under Highbridge Street and then through the grounds under several bridges and splitting into two parts. One went to the left where it eventually petered, parts. One went to the left where it eventually petered houses out and the other went on past various factory houses gardens until it went into the factory itself. I wone unauthorised could go into the factory this way, although I superintendent's daughter) could now from Powdwmill Lane up to this factory entrance.





Photo taken from one of the bridges in the grounds of Government House showing the part of the river which went the opposite way from the factory and just Howed towards the Town Hall and the Alber. This part of our grounds was not cultivated -it had been a paddock when the Superintend and had a Carriage horses. There had been a tentils court too in 1920.

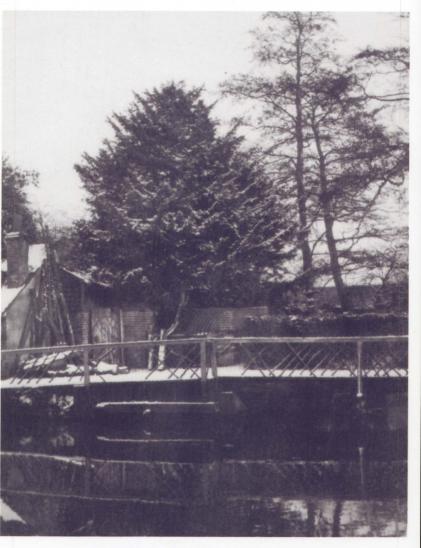


Photo taken Christmas 1939 " The safety regulations do not look very good. I remember out cat tell in one Summer but fortunately did get out. We held Gasden Parties for the Methodist Chapel there, and gave Gp rides in the boat up and down between the bridges.



Photo of the swans in front of the boat-house down by the old paddock and tennis-court which had been laid after The First World War to give work to some of the redundant men. They also laid out beautiful flower beds and vegetable plots o were able to have some of the produce for their own use.

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View of the tributary of the River hea taken from the boundary wall on Highbridge Street with part of the old Coach House (my father used that as g garage when the car was laid up from 1940-1945 and the out-buildings used for storing vegetables in The war. We were quite self supportive growing all ow own fruit (an orchard with apples and pross) +

Photo taken Christmas 1939 -



R.O.F. Waltham Abbey 1939 Swans looking for a nesting site P.G. Knapman



R.O.F. Waltham Abbey 1939

Swan eggs in nest

P.G. Knapman



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R.O.F. Waltham Abbey.

Swan on nest

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Swans & cygnets



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R.O.F. Waltham Abbey. 1939 Swans on River or Canal P.G. Knapman

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R.O.F. Waltham Abbey. 1939

Cygnets swimming with Mum!

P.G. Knapman





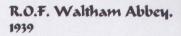




R.O.F. Waltham Abbey. 1939

Swans on River or Canal

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Mrs. Upton looking (8) at Swans



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Bomb damage at Waltham Abbey in 1945.

Government House is in the centre at the back.

P.G. Knapman

March 1945:
After the Bomb at
Waltham Abbey.
Top of Powdermill
Lane opposite
Government House.
(The Police Houses).
P.G. Knapman





Bomb Damage 1945 Waltham Abbey.

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