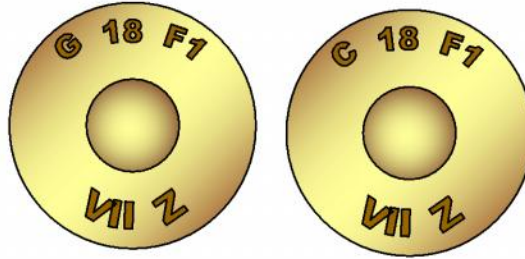


GOVERNMENT CARTRIDGE FACTORIES

During the Great War many ammunition facilities were rushed into production to feed the Western Front's great appetite for SAA. A group known as Government Cartridge Factories (GCF) were created for a short time only.

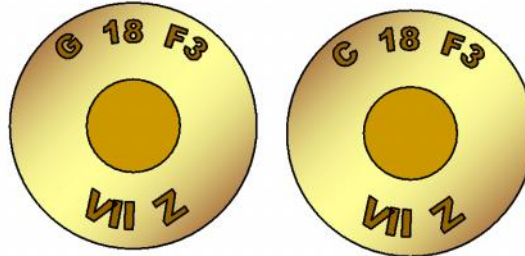
No. 1 operated at Blackheath, Staffordshire



1918 was the only year and VIIZ was the only model of production for this calibre at this factory.

Factory No. 2 operated from RL at Woolwich and ammunition was headstamped in accordance with RL practices. At the end of WWI the factory was totally absorbed into the Woolwich organization as "CF 6"

Factory No. 3 operated at Blackpole, Worcestershire



1918 and 1919 were the only years of production for this model ball, VIIZ. It is believed that some SPG tracer were made in 1918.

Factory No. 4 made no .303 ammunition that was accepted into service. It was located at Edmonton, North London and was operated by Eley Brothers. Some 7.62x54R will be found with the above headstamps.