

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

ICI is an old and large ammunition and explosives manufacturer from the earliest days of the discovery of explosives and propellants. The original factory for SAA was located at Witton, Birmingham in the Lion works. This plant operated throughout WWI and when WWII came along the company expanded its activities into three other factories as well as keeping Witton going.

The three extra factories were:

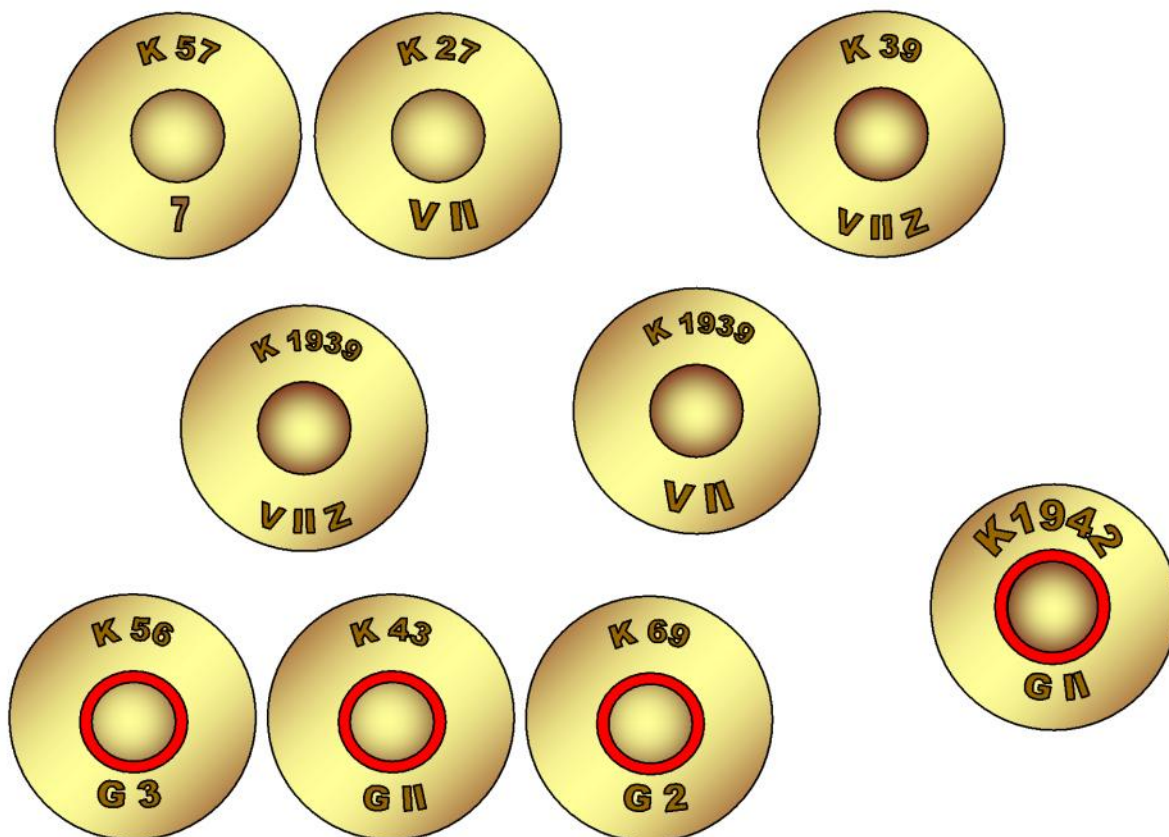
No. 2 at Standish,
No. 4 at Yeading and,
No.5 at Kidderminster.

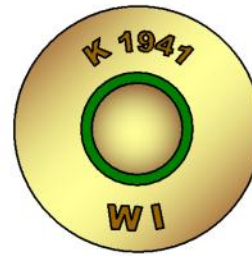
No. 3 was going to be run at Blackpole but the Government did some usual Government things and they ran the plant under control of the Ministry of Supply. (See BE headstamps), despite the fact that ICI had already placed machinery and staff in the facility.

Consequently there are a range of .303 headstamps relating to ICI. These are:

K HEADSTAMPS

It is to be noted that any headstamp with a K and a date relating to WWI and the interwar years up to 1926 isn't an ICI product but is from the original KYNOCH factories that were later absorbed into ICI.





Wood bulleted blank K1931 VII.

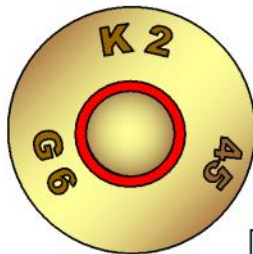
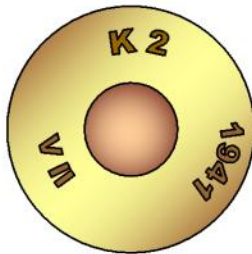


Incendiary Mk VIZ for RAF use.



An early incendiary loading as indicated by the "B" after the model number.

K2 HEADSTAMPS



Mk 6 tracer for RAF use in daylight fighting.

K4 HEADSTAMPS



K5 HEADSTAMPS

