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**MINISTRY OF SUPPLY**  
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**SOMERFORD, CHRISTCHURCH,**  
**HANTS.**

1 June 1945 19.....

Your Ref.....

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Major C.J.Black is an officer of this Establishment engaged on work of a secret and high priority nature.

In the course of his duty, it is necessary for him to visit operational sites in all parts of the Country. It is requested that every assistance should be given to him to enable him to reach his destination and carry out his duty.

Major Black is in possession of B.2606 No A.440116.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.E. King'.

Lieut Col R.E.  
Commandant S.R.D.E



HEADQUARTERS  
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SPOG/600/13

29 September 1945.

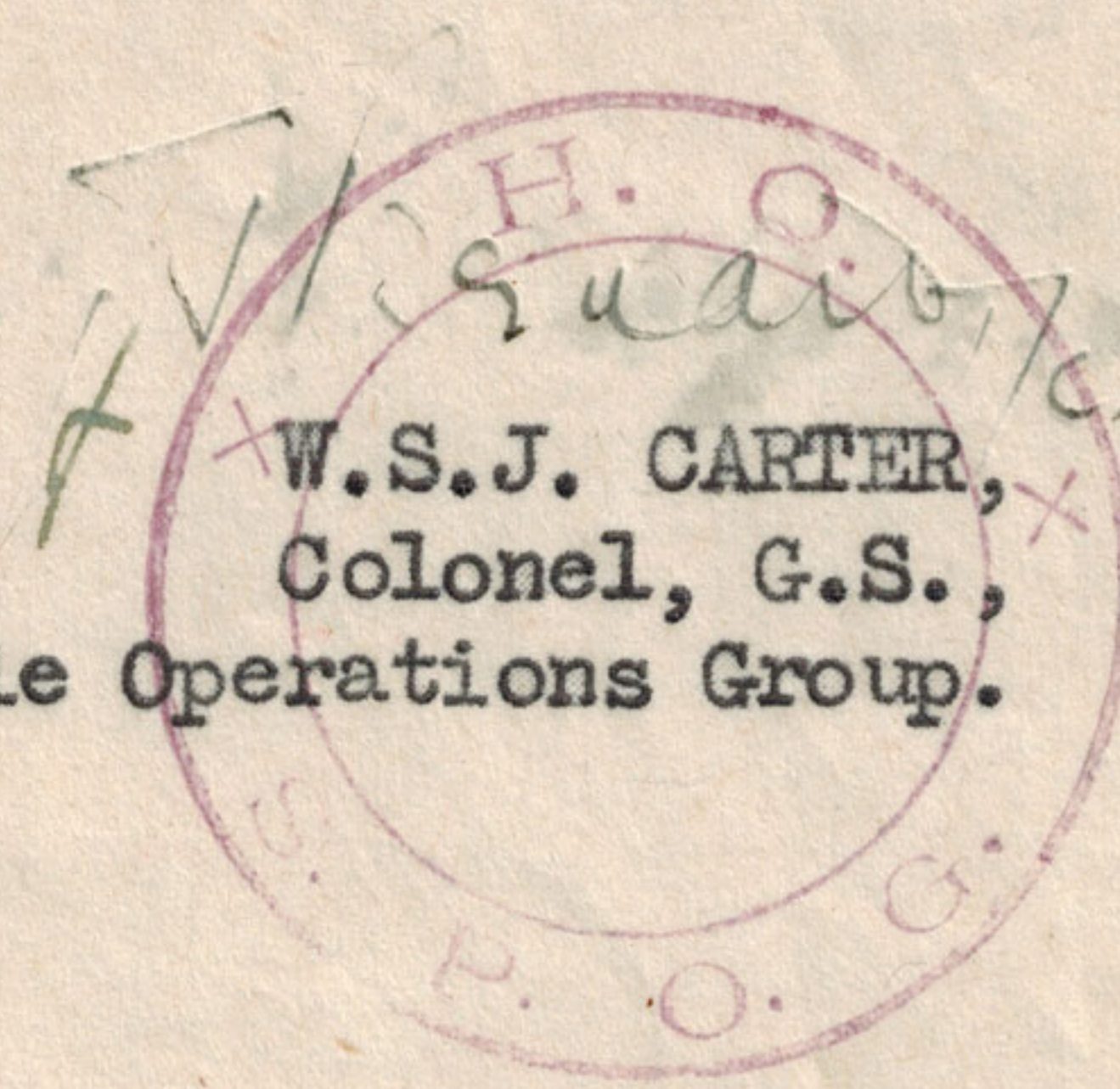
To whom it may concern:

Major C.J. BLACK (109318) is hereby authorised to carry SECRET documents and photographic material from CUXHAVEN, Germany, to LONDON, England, on or about 30 Sept 1945, and on return journey.

Major Black is also authorised to convey sixteen cases of scientific apparatus to S.R.D.E. and R.P.U. Woolwich. These cases are marked War Department property.

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## PRECIS OF EXPERIENCE

### EDUCATION:

King Edward's School, Bath.  
Coventry Technical School, City & Guilds Grade 1.  
Electrical Engineering & Communications.  
Admiralty Signal School, Portsmouth.  
Royal Military College of Science. Passed Technical Staff Officers Course 1940.

### CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE:

1919-1922: International Western Electric, training as Installation Engineer. High Powered Radio Transmitters.

1921-1925: Installation and Maintenance Engineer British Broadcasting Company. Installed original B.B.C. Transmitter at Birmingham.

1922-1925: Engineer I/C Glasgow B.B.C. Station.

1925-1927: In business on own account as Electrical Contractor, Bridge Street, Walsall.

1927-1939: General Electric Company Telephone Works, Coventry. 3 years tour of all departments of Works and Offices including Development Laboratory, D.O. Production, Progress, Planning, Rate Fixing, Stores, Machine Shops, Inspection etc.

5 years Development Engineering of Public Address Equipment Radio Relay and general mechanical and Electrical development.

3 years Works Engineering, maintenance of plant buildings etc. Plant installation etc.

4 years Inspection and Test. 3 years Chief Inspector. 18 months West Africa - Installation Engineer I/C of large Radio Relay System at Accra and Freetown.

### ARMY EXPERIENCE:

1914-1918: Royal Marines and Royal Engineers (Signals). Overseas service, France, Belgium, Egypt, Gallipoli, Greece, Macedonia, 28 years in Territorial Forces, 20 years as Instructor in Signals, Searchlights, Lister Generators, Vehicle Maintenance, A.A. Instruments.

1939-1948: Overseas Service. Narvic, Dunkirk, Germany. Royal Corps of Signals. Technical Maintenance Officer 54th Div. Signals.

1941: Transferred to Royal Army Ordnance Corps as Ordnance Mechanical Engineer. Posted to Command Work shops, Aldershot as Officer I/C Production Workshops employed 1500 troops, 850 civilians.



1941: December - Posted to R.E.M.E. Command Workshops Ashford, Kent as 2nd in Command Workshops employed 2000 troops 600 civilians. During this period responsible for inspection and maintenance of 32 Coast Defence Radar Stations and all coastal gun control apparatus from Isle of Sheppey to Brighton.

1942: Posted to Signals Research & Development Establishment, Ministry of Supply, Christchurch, as Development Engineer. Responsible design and development of apparatus for fitting of communication apparatus into armoured and other vehicles. Water-proofing of Signals Equipment packing of apparatus for Airborne forces, and air cable laying. Seconded to Germany for 6 months as a member of a Ministry team on investigation of German V2's. Responsible for complete installation of workshops and associated equipment and complete assembly and test of completed V2 Rockets. Completed tour of duty as Superintendent Engineer of Signals Research and Development Establishment.

1945: Posted to War Office as Staff Major, R.E.M.E. Scales Branch and Administration. Duties included the compilation of Scales of spares for all technical Signals and Radar Equipment in use in Services.

1948: Demobilised as substantive Major.

1949: Joined Sir W.G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Limited, Armaments Division.

( 1949: 3 months at Rocket Propulsion Establishment. Ministry of Supply.

( 1953: Westcott on Static firing of liquid fuel motors and Safety Officer's Course. Installation of Test Bed for liquid fuel motors at A.W.A. Range Safety Officer and Technical Liaison at Aberporth during firings of separation rounds and liquid fuel missiles.

1953-1961: Posted to A.W.A. Australia as Safety Officer and Range Technical Liaison Officer. During this period I have been in close liaison with the W.R.E., and am well known to all senior staff, both at Salisbury and Woomera.

I also have close liaison with the Australian Navy and Army at Melbourne and Department of Defence Officials and U.K.D.R.S.S., Melbourne.

During 1959 carried out an investigation on behalf of Hawker Siddeley Nuclear Power at Australian Universities and Lucas Heights on future of nuclear power in Australia.