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CHAPTER VII

PART II (ENGINEERS)

ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE

SECTION 41

CHECKING THE REPORT

4101. To fulfill their responsibilities (Sec 1, para 3), Engineer units must know in addition to the matter in the preceding chapters, how to:

- a. Check the original report.
- b. Determine if a UXB can be left or must be disposed of.
- c. Reach a buried UXB.
- d. Dispose of a UXB.

4102. Sub-paras (a) and (b) above are dealt with in chapter VII, (c) in chapter VIII, and (d) in chapter IX.

Purpose

4103. To determine if a reported UXB is in fact present and if so whether it should be disposed of or left.

The Original Report

4104. The original report may be only a simple message or may be fully detailed (sec 25). The priority to be given to the incident may or may not be included.

An Independent Investigation

4105. Troops and civilians are encouraged to report even doubtful incidents. Many reports therefore may well be false where the answer is not obvious the Engineer reconnaissance party should always make a complete fresh investigation. All the indications of explosion and of the presence of a UXB should be checked (sec 21).

Gaining Further Evidence

4106. Where rubble may obscure an entry hole, it must be moved. Great care being taken not to cause further collapse lest the evidence be completely obscured or a sensitive fuze be made to function. If a ragged hole of doubtful origin is discovered a small excavation should be made to determine if a regular shaped hole as made by a UXB exists lower down. Digging may also disclose blacking or bomb splinters indicating a camouflet or fragments indicating the type of bomb Evidence from local civilians or troops is often valuable. There may, for example, be some simple alternative explanation for the presence of a round hole in the ground. May unexploded telegraph posts, fence posts and rabbits have been reported. But-when in doubt, always assume a UXB to be present.

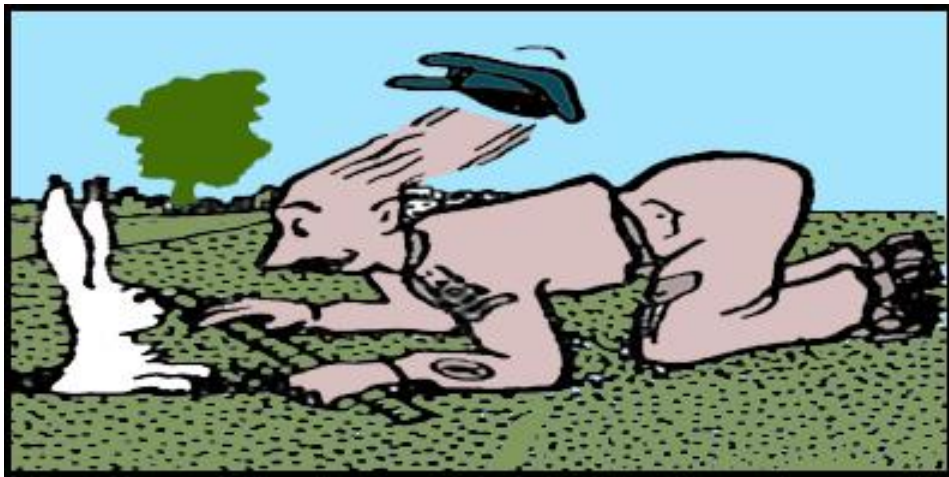


Fig 41-1: "Unexploded Rabbit"

Reconnaissance Kit

4107. The following items should be taken on an engineer bomb recce:

- a. Probe.
- b. Pick and shovel.
- c. Foot rule for measuring entry holes.
- d. 100 foot tape for siting protective works measuring craters.
- e. Demolition kit for immediate disposal of bombs on or near the surface.
- f. The original report form.
- g. GSTP 1618 or ERPB.
- h. Intelligence data on bombs.

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