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## SECTION 18

### BUILDINGS STRUCK BY BOMBS WHICH FAIL TO EXPLODE

1801. A large bomb which strikes a building without exploding may cause as much damage as a small bomb which explodes (Figs 9-1 and 18-1). Normally the absence of signs of explosion and the presence of pieces of the bomb, tail or other fittings indicate the correct diagnosis, but if a main structural member is affected, the building collapses completely, thus making a decision more difficult. Where there is any doubt, it must be assumed that an UXB may exist and a report should be rendered. (But see Sec 19).



Fig 18-1:- Damage Caused by a Large Bomb

The bomb did not penetrate the ground floor but broke up. A piece of the bomb case can be seen in the centre foreground.

1802. **No attempt should be made to obtain further evidence by clearing the rubble without Engineer supervision.** The vibration or movement following any further collapse may cause an anti-disturbance fuze to function.

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