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SECTION 20

IDENTIFICATION OF BOMBS BY FRAGMENTS

2001. Tail units, retarder rings, carrying bonds and carrying lugs are frequently torn from a bomb, on or shortly after impact. These fragments are sometimes found in entry holes or splash craters and amongst the rubble of buildings. From their coloring, markings and dimensions it is often possible to identify the size, type and filling of the bomb concerned in the incident and hence of the probable system of fuzing. The presence of these or other similar fragments alone is not be taken as proof that the bomb has failed to explode, however, for explosion may have occurred at a later stage; but if the damage or crater is small and the bomb is proved by the fragments to have been large, the issue is put beyond doubt.

2002. Where the finder himself has no sufficient experience to appreciate the significance of the fragments, he must ensure that the evidence is not lost. His report should contain a full description and if the report is written, a dimensional sketch of the evidence. He should state where it is deposited and exactly where it was originally found.

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