

**SECTION 35****SEA MINES**

3501. Sea mines are frequently dropped from the air and either by accident or design, may occasionally fall on land. The disposal of sea mine is normally the responsibility of the Navy (Appendix A).

**Description**

3502. The general shape and construction of the air-dropped sea mine is usually not dissimilar to that of the blast bombs described in Section 7, Para 3. A parachute is nearly always fitted. The mine casing is usually very thin and is often constructed of non-magnetic material. No rules for distinguishing mines from bombs dropped from the air can be given without more detailed knowledge of the missiles to be used.

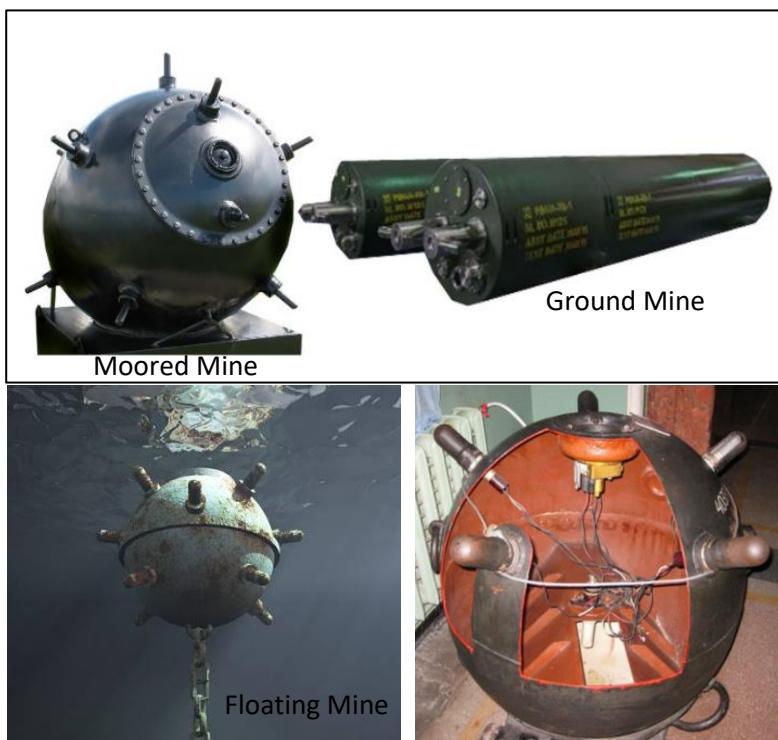


Fig 35-1: Sea Mines

**Fuzing**

3503. A variety of fuzing devices can be employed, some of which may make it dangerous even to approach an unexploded mine.

**Reconnaissance**

3504. Mines which explode, do so on the surface. They form type A craters and extensive blast damage.

**Precautions**

3505. a. Do not approach too close to an object identified as a mine and ensure that all vibratory and magnetic influences are kept well away.
- b. If a mine is lying in shallow water do not attempt to remove the mine or drain away the water.

**Action if Unexploded**

3506. Report and evacuate the area.

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