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SECTION 48

DISPOSAL OTHER THAN BY DEMOLITION

General

4801. It may at times be desirable and on some very rare occasion be vital that UXB should be moved without detonation occurring.

4802. Bomb which do not contain fuzes may be moved and transported provided normal care is taken. They may then be demolished or dumped in deep water.

4803. Before moving bombs which contain fuzes, the following points should be considered:

- a. Most bombs can be made safe by immunizing the fuzes. If an expert with the necessary equipment is within reasonable distances his aid should always be listed.
- b. If the fuzes are known to be “duds” then the risk of moving the bomb is not great but nor is the danger if the bomb is left.
- c. If a long delay fuze is identified a rapid decision must be made. If the bomb simply must be moved, the sooner the risk is taken the better.
- d. If an anti-disturbance fuze is known to be or might be fitted, the risk involved in moving the bomb is considerable. Unless a long delay fuze is also fitted, detonation is more likely to occur if the bomb is moved than if it is left undisturbed.
- e. No attempt should be made to render a bomb safe by withdrawing the fuzes unless particular instructions to that effect have been issued.

Removal of Bombs Containing Fuzes

4804. a. Where the removal of a bomb is essential and prevention of explosion is desirable but the safety of the operators is to be first considerations. It may be possible to raise and transport the bomb largely by remote control. The bomb may

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be raised from the shaft by a which controlled remotely or placed under cover at safe distance from the shaft. It may then be lashed to an improvised sledge and dragged to a convenient demolition site. The sledge may be dragged on a long tow rope behind an armoured vehicle or by a winch hidden behind cover. If no sledge is available bombs which are fuzed in the nose and tail should be dragged side on, bombs fuzed in the side should be dragged nose or tail foremost.

b. Where every effort must be made to prevent explosion, greater personal risks must be taken. The bomb must be carefully guided up the shaft to prevent it tilting or hitting the sides. It must be loaded gently onto a well-padded vehicle and be transported slowly and carefully.

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