

**DISPOSAL OF STRAY AMMUNITION**

**Bomb Disposal Units**

1. In addition to their primary function of dealing with unexploded enemy aircraft bombs, Bombs Disposal units will be responsible for the disposal of -

- (a) All beach mines, whether laid in recognized mine-fields, or washed up on beaches;
- (b) Blind AA shells, whether on the surface, or wholly or partially buried.
- (c) Pipe mines.

**DOC Responsibility**

2. The DOC is responsible for the disposal of all other sorts or stray ammunition, which includes any dangerous object (explosive, incendiary, chemical warfare or smoke) whether designed for operational use for training or for practice. Such objects may have been discovered in a public place washed up on a beach reported or surrendered by private individuals. The DOC will also make periodical collection of such objects at the particular request of civil police forces or by standing arrangements with them.

3. The term stray ammunition does not include blinds on ranges which will be dealt with at all times according to the safety regulations applicable to the range in question.

4. All reports of the existence of stray ammunition will be passed to DOC in commands who will arrange for disposal by an ATO. If however the reported object in one which should be dealt with by another Service or authority, the DOC will either:

- a. Put the informant into direct touch with the appropriate authority.
- b. Record full details for onward transmission to the appropriate authority through official channels whichever may be more expedient.

5. Units other than DOC in commands will not attempt to deal with stray ammunition but will report it direct to command by the quickest means. In particular Bomb disposal units will not normally deal with ammunition of any type outside their immediate charter

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except when specially detailed to do so. In order to avoid wasted effort however bomb disposal units are permitted to dispose of ammunition of other types discovered during the course of bomb disposal operations as for instance during the clearance of a beach minefield.

6. The clearance of training ranges and other such areas no longer in use is a General Staff responsibility, the function of the DOC in this matter being limited to the disposal of ammunition when located. The responsibility of the DOC does not at any time include searching for ammunition except under special instructions from Army HQ.

7. Stray missiles in unit hands, whether or not on unit charge will be dealt with by ATO in the course of their normal duties.