

SECTION 16
STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

Storage

1601. The rules governing the storage of explosives are given in detail Magazine Regulations, Part I, 1941. Where proper magazines are not available the following precautions should be observed:

- a. The store should be dry and cool and have good ventilation. Extremes of temperature should be avoided, more particularly extreme cold.
- b. The store should be at least 200 yards from any other building.
- c. Explosives should be kept off the floor on duckboards or shelves.
- d. Detonators should be separated from other explosives by at least a blast proof partition, but preferably kept in a different building
- e. Explosives should not be removed from their boxes or packages until they are required for use.
- f. Opened packages of wet gun-cotton will not be kept for longer than one month in temperate climates or one week in the tropics.
- g. Smoking will be prohibited within 10 yards of the store.
- h. No highly inflammable material, such as oil, paint or rags, will be kept under the same roof as explosives.
- j. Any grass surrounding the store will be kept short.

Transport

1602. The following rules will be observed when explosives are being transported by road:

- a. Whenever possible vehicle spacing in convoys will be at least 75 yards, on the move or at the halt.

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- b. Vehicles will not halt unnecessarily in built-up areas.
- c. Smoking will be prohibited within 10 yards of any vehicle.
- d. The engine will not be kept running during the loading or unloading of explosives.
- e. Detonators should not be carried in the same vehicle as other explosives if this can be avoided. In any event they will be kept separate in the Vehicle.
- f. On operations, when parking, vehicles containing explosives should be protected, as far as possible, from blast and splinters, and kept away from other vehicles.