

APPENDIX A

BOMB DISPOSAL POLICY

1. The Navy is responsible for Bomb Disposal on all ships, on Naval property and of all missiles below high water mark. Mines will usually be made safe by the Navy and disposed of by Bomb Disposal units.
2. The Air Force is responsible for the reconnaissance and disposal of bombs on all their property, of jettisoned air force bombs and of bombs in or near crashed aircraft.
3. The Army is responsible for Bomb Disposal over the rest of the country. Units of all arms will be responsible for:
 - a. Reconnaissance for unexploded bombs.
 - b. Ensuring that adequate safety precautions are taken within the vicinity of unexploded bombs;
 - c. Assisting Corps of Engineers units by providing working parties when necessary.

Digging down to bombs will be undertaken only with Corps of Engineers assistance or under their supervision.

4. **Bomb Disposal Units.** These units will be responsible for all removal of unexploded bombs where that removal or destruction is the responsibility of the Army. If no Bomb Disposal units are available the provisions of the succeeding paragraphs will apply.

5. **All Corps Engineers Units Other Than Bomb Disposal.** These units will be responsible for:

- a. Reconnaissance for unexploded.
- b. Ensuring that adequate safety precautions are taken within the vicinity of unexploded bombs and removing.
- c. Destroying in situ any bombs in areas where their removal or destruction is operationally necessary by the local commander. (This will normally be applicable to only those units which hold demolition equipment).

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6. No special bomb disposal equipment will be issued to these units. If it operationally necessary to remove a bomb the bomb must be removed without defusing and the risk accepted.

7. Bomb Disposal Platoon like any other units of the Army may be used to assist in the defiance, when they will be allotted tasks in accordance with the overall Civil Defence Plan. The Bomb Disposal Platoon will be kept concentrated and squads dispatched to deal with unexploded bombs in accordance with priorities laid down.