



THE KETCHUM HAND GRENADE

A new weapon of the Civil War was the Ketchum hand grenade.

The Ketchum hand grenade came in three parts. Each part was sent to the battlefield in a different package. Soldiers on the battlefield put the grenade together. After they put it together it looked very much like a large lawn dart.

The Ketchum hand grenade worked well on a ship. The hard surface of a ship's deck made it explode better than when it landed on the ground.

The Ketchum did not work well for the Army. Many times the Ketchum bounced off its target and did not explode. Sometimes enemy soldiers put blankets on the ground. This made the ground even softer. The grenades were then picked up and used against the people who threw them first.