

- Incorrectly functioning fuze, or gaine, mechanism. Evidence suggest that large-scale sabotage in factories staffed by slave labour contributed heavily to this.

2.4 German ADW Failure Rate

Key to assessing the potential risk that German ADWs pose to a site is the maximum depth to which they may have reasonable penetrated. In making this calculation, several factors are considered:

- Weight and type of bomb.
- Height, angle, and velocity of release.
- Geological makeup of the site.

2.5 The 'J-Curve' Effect

As stated in CIRICA C681, as the velocity of a bomb slows down during its passage though underlying soils, it can curve upwards towards the surface again, creating what is known as the 'J-Curve' effect. This affirmed what many BDUs had experienced during WWII when investigating UXBs. This horizontal offset can sometimes be up to 15m, although was more likely to be around one third of the bomb's maximum penetration depth.

2.6 Bomb Penetration Depth

RSK OM have obtained original WWII-era studies (from The National Archives) conducted by the Ministry of Home Security regarding the average and maximum penetration depths of HE bombs in different geologies. This test comprised studies on 1,328 different bombs encountered by BDUs, with measurements produced by analysing the penetration depths of different sized bombs in different geologies. Below is a table presenting their findings:

Bomb Mass (kg)	Geological Conditions and Penetrative Depth (m)									
	Sand		Gravel		Chalk		Clay		Sandstone	
	Average	Max.	Average	Max.	Average	Max.	Average	Max.	Average	Max.
50	2.8	7.8	2.8	7.8	3.5	7.7	4.0	9.1	2.7	6
250	4.8	13.7	4.8	13.7	6	13.1	6.8	15.8	4.6	10.3
500	6	17.3	6	17.3	7.6	16.4	8.7	19.8	5.8	13.1
1,000	7.6	21.9	7.6	21.9	9.6	20.7	10.9	24.9	7.3	16.4

3 Most Common British Ordnance

For a visual representation of the types of ordnance described below, please see **APPENDIX ii**.

3.1 Mortars

Fired from a tube, mortar bombs are fitted with their own propelling charges (supplementary charges can be added around the base as required) and usually have a fuze in the nose. They are fin stabilised and usually comprise either High Explosive or carrier variants; as with other ordnance, this is usually denoted by coloured markings on the item. WWII 2" mortars are identified by their parallel sides, with larger variants, 3" and 4.2", tear drop shaped.

3.2 Grenades

Capable of being thrown by hand, or fired from a specially designed launcher or from the end of a rifle, grenades offer lethality over a short distance, with a typical explosive range of 15-20m. Like mortars, they either comprise HE or carrier versions, capable of producing smoke. Older variants tend to have a 'pineapple' shape.

3.3 SAA

Typically comprising ordnance fired from small arms up to 12.7mm in calibre, this is the most common type of ordnance encountered on land used by the military. SAA refers to the complete round (comprising the solid shot 'bullet' and cartridge) intended to be fired from varying sized hand-held weapons such as rifles, machine guns and pistols. SAA can include the fired bullets, cartridge cases and primers/caps or once complete ordnance.

3.4 AA Shells

Although large anti-aircraft shells may appear similar in appearance to smaller German HE bombs, a copper driving band around the base can be used to correctly identify the item. As these items were not intended to penetrate the ground, they are often found at shallower depths. Due to the large size of unexploded HAA rounds, they possess a higher Net Explosive Quantity than many items of smaller LSA, such as grenades. Likewise, smaller unexploded LAA rounds pose a lower explosive risk.

3.5 Artillery Shells

Artillery has formed the backbone of modern armies, and played a key role in WWI and WWII. The 18 Pounder was the omnipresent field gun of the British Army in World War I, firing an 84mm shell (notably larger than those used by the French and Germans at the time) up to 11,100 yards by the end of its development. A High Explosive shell held 368g of TNT, with shrapnel, shot, and gas variants also available.

Many howitzers, firing larger and heavier shells, were also used by the British Army during WWI. The 9.2" variant was most commonly used in the heavy counter-battery fire or siege roles. Filled with up to 18kg of TNT or Lyddite, these possess far more lethality, although the guns were more cumbersome.

By World War II, tests on the 18 Pounder had ushered into development the 25 Pounder, known to have been equally feared and admired by the Wehrmacht. The gun had an increased range of 13,400 yards, alongside a greater HE fill (820g of TNT). Again, smoke and chemical versions were available, as was the case with the 18 Pounder. However, developments in anti-tank artillery meant that by the end of WWII, the 25 Pounder could fire a solid shot Armour Piercing Ballistic Capped round using charge super for maximum penetration of enemy armour. This was often done with crews firing open sights due to the short range of such engagements, especially in the dense bocage of Normandy following D-Day.

Modern artillery ammunition used by the British Army typically comprises 105mm (L118 light gun) and 155mm (AS90). These guns and ordnance are based on earlier variants, with greater range and lethality.

4 UXO Risk Mitigation

4.1 Clearance of Items of UXO

Land owned by the military, or formerly used by the military, may be subject to Explosive Ordnance Clearance (EOC) tasks in an effort to remove items of UXO. These tasks may be undertaken to allow the land to be used safely by the public. Alternatively, as construction and redevelopment occurs on military land, they may want to make sure that contractors will be as safe as possible; many training areas require clearance operations to take place prior to any ground intrusions taking place, in certain areas. It must be noted that the efficacy of historic EOC tasks intended to achieve complete clearance has been called into question in the last few decades, where subsequent re-investigations has discovered items of UXO that were not identified previously. Naturally, as technology has improved, so has the effectiveness of EOC tasks. Therefore, it cannot be ruled out that items of UXO may remain in an area that has been searched in an EOC task.

4.2 Post-WWII Construction Works

Many stages of post-WWII redevelopment will also have mitigated a degree of risk on a site, if not entirely. Such works can generally be split into three sections:

- Very shallow works.
- Shallow works.
- Deep works.

For example, shell scrapes at very shallow depths may encounter buried SAA just below the surface, while foundations for a residential structure are more likely to encounter a buried HAA shell. Mass soil excavation for a basement level of a multi-storey car park is most likely to encounter a deep buried HE UXB, although these can also be found at shallower depths.

It must be noted that the risk can only be considered to be mitigated in the exact locations and to the exact depths of any post-WWII redevelopment. Any undisturbed ground down to the maximum bomb penetration depth, even if it remains between post-WWII foundations, must be considered unmitigated.

5 UXO Encounter

5.1 Pathways

If UXO is to be encountered on a site, a pathway between the works and the UXO must be present. A pathway almost certainly includes intrusive works, although UXO can sometimes be found on the surface, particularly on sites with a military history. Generally, the greater the volume of soil that will be disturbed, the greater the likelihood of a UXO encounter.

5.2 Encounter Depths

Encountering German ADWs is more likely at shallow and deep depths, such as when constructing a residential estate or piling deep foundations. This is due to the velocity that such items would have impacted the ground, in conjunction with their greater mass.

Items of LSA/SAA are generally encountered within the top 1m of soil. This is as a result of the usual contamination pathways relating to these items; improper disposal (burial), losing them, or burning them. As was noted above, UXO can sometimes be found on the surface. This is most likely to occur when encountering items of LSA/SAA on military training grounds.

6 UXO Initiation

6.1 German UXO Initiation

An item of ordnance that has remained unexploded for a number of years will almost always require an external influence to begin the sequence of detonation. If a fuze has malfunctioned, there are a number of ways that this can restart, or the HE fill can be detonated, such as:

- Percussive/direct impact effect from a high density object, such as a piling rig. Even if the impact occurs away from where the fuze is located on the bomb, direct impact with the HE fill could cause a detonation if hit with enough force.
- Although the Luftwaffe primarily used mechanical fuzes, as outlined in **Section 4.3**, clockwork fuzes were occasionally employed. The prevailing thinking is that if the clockwork fuze malfunctioned at the time of use, it is unlikely to be initiated again. However, this has been known to happen, and the reader should be aware of this possibility.
- Items of unexploded ordnance, like most other buried objects, degrade over time. Part of this degradation process can include sensitive parts of the bomb, such as the fuze pocket, leaking materials. Over time, these materials can crystallise outside of the bomb, coming into contact, and rubbing against, external features. The friction created can sometimes initiate the sequence of detonation.

6.2 British/Allied UXO Initiation

Unlike German ADW UXBs, if not interfered with, it is very unlikely that an item of LSA/SAA would ever initiate. This may be an acceptable risk on a current military training ground that is unlikely to return to public use. However, this would not be the case for military land due to be sold off. Of note is that SAA is even less likely to be initiated, although this can occur if the firing cap is struck, or items are burned.

6.3 Consequences

Consequences of UXO initiation will differ depending on the receptors in the vicinity. The most significant consequence would be the loss of life on site, or in the vicinity, depending on the nature of the UXO find. Of note is that consequences may extend beyond the potential risk of harm; delays in major construction projects, potentially requiring major transport hubs or roadways to be shut down, or leaving plant hire stranded on site, can have large financial ramifications.

7 Risk of Harm

7.1 Introduction

A risk of encountering UXO does not necessarily equate to a subsequent risk of harm. Although there may be deemed to be an elevated likelihood of encountering 3kg practice bombs whose spotting charges have not functioned on a site, the Net Explosive Quantity (NEQ) of these items is far lower than that of a grenade, for example. An unexploded grenade, if it functioned, has the potential to cause fatal injuries, which would indicate a severe risk of harm associated with this item. However, while the 3kg practice bombs would likely not cause fatal injuries if functioning, they are capable of causing serious injuries.

7.2 Assessed Risk Levels

Therefore, the risk of harm can be split into three risk levels:

1. Tolerable – Unlikely to cause any injuries.
2. Medium – Potential to cause slight and serious injuries
3. Severe – Potential to cause fatal injuries.

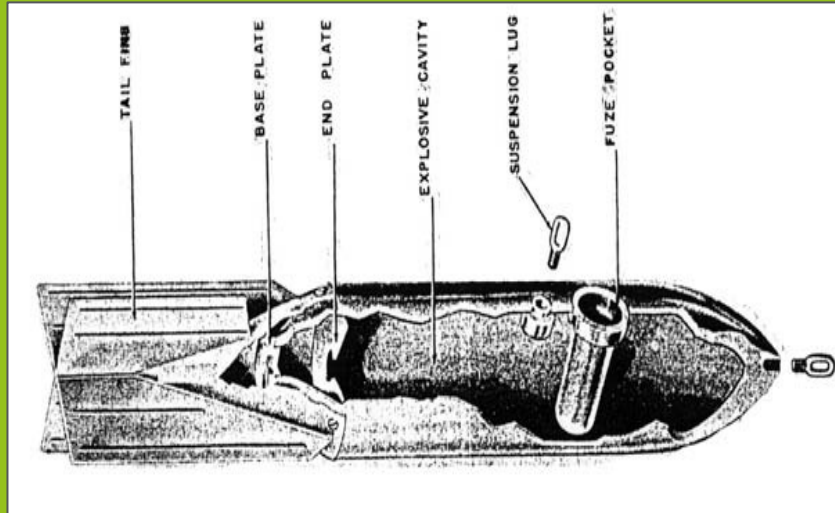
8 Risk Mitigation Methodology

RSK OM have the capability to deliver a wide range of risk mitigation measures. Below is a breakdown of the services we offer. The Executive Summary of this report will detail what specific risk mitigation measures are recommended for your site specific works.

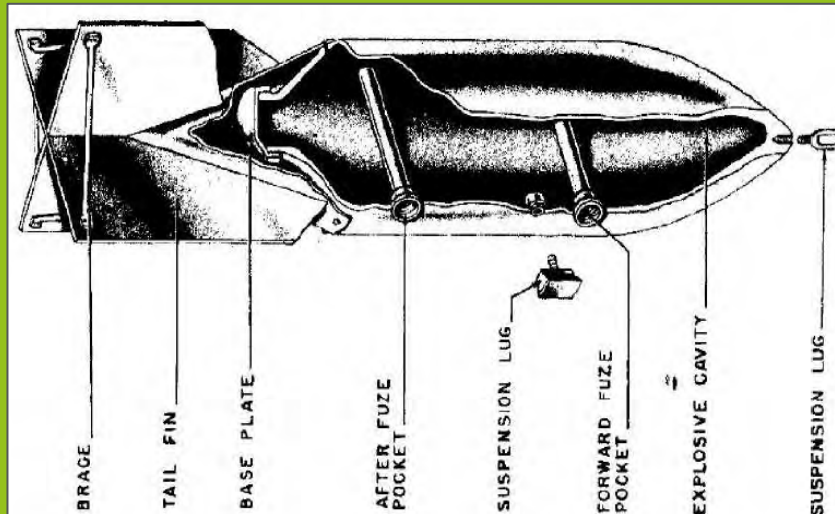
Risk Mitigation Methods	
UXO Safety Awareness Briefings	Recommended for all personnel working on site. The briefings will provide a basic level of knowledge regarding UXO, ensuring workers know what to do when they suspect they may have found an item of UXO. Delivered by a UXO specialist with refresher courses offered at intervals.
UXO Watching Brief	An alternative method to ensure safety on site for when conditions are not appropriate for a non-intrusive survey. A UXO Engineer with a man-portable magnetometer can provide assurances during open excavations to avoid unnecessary timely delays. Allows for borehole clearance and visual identification of potentially items of UXO, avoiding potentially unnecessary evacuations from site.
Non-Intrusive Magnetometer Survey	RSK OM have the capability to deliver non-intrusive surveys via a number of methods; contact our Operations department for specific requirements. A portable magnetometer probe collects data from your site which is then interpreted for evidence of ferrous anomalies. The final stage in this process is a Target Investigation, where any anomalies found can be investigated on site. Note, this survey is only applicable for magnetically clean (i.e. greenfield) ground.
Intrusive Magnetometer Survey	Similarly to non-intrusive magnetometer surveys, RSK OM can deliver an intrusive magnetometer survey in a variety of ways. This survey will successfully clear pile positions to the required bomb penetration depth. Discussion with our Operations team will dictate the best method to deliver this survey once factors such as the site specific geological conditions have been considered.

50kg HE Bomb

Bomb Weight	54kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	25kg amatol/TNT/trialen
Bomb Dimensions	1090mm x 280mm
Type of Fuze	Impact or electrical time delay
Notes	Most dropped bomb by weight over Britain. Useful against light targets.

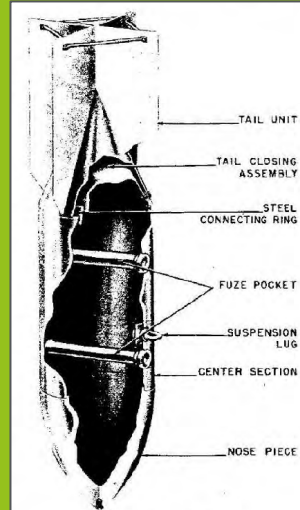
**250kg HE Bomb**

Bomb Weight	256kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	130kg amatol/TNT/trialen
Bomb Dimensions	1640mm x 512mm
Type of Fuze	Impact or electrical time delay
Notes	Increased penetrative ability proved useful against sub-terranean targets.



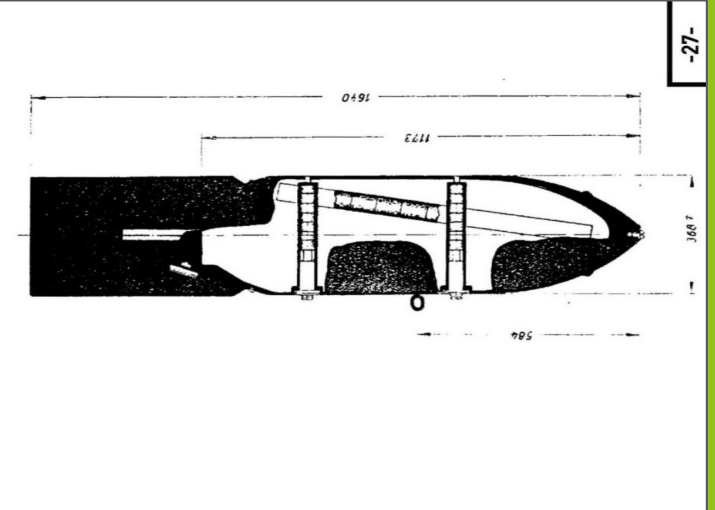
500kg HE Bomb

Bomb Weight	520kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	220kg amatol/TNT/trialen
Bomb Dimensions	1957mm x 640mm
Type of Fuze	Impact or electrical time delay
Notes	Used against large industrial/military targets, including infrastructure

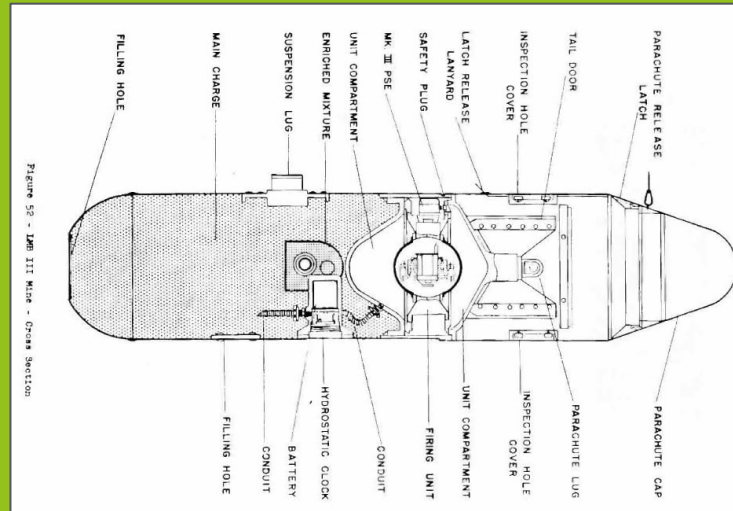


SC 250
MINENBOMBE

Verwendung: Deutschland, 2. Weltkrieg
Zylinder: AZ (23) D, (38), (55), (55)A, L, Z, Z, (17) Bund (57)
Gesamtweg: 250 + 12 kg
Füllung: 125 kg Fp 60/40 oder Amatol 39 oder Trialen 105
Bemerkung: Wurde später mit Ringleitwerk verwendet

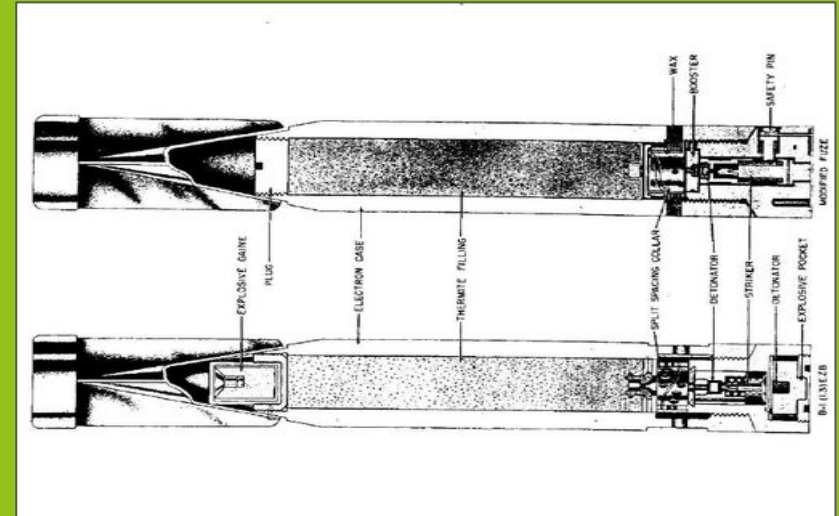
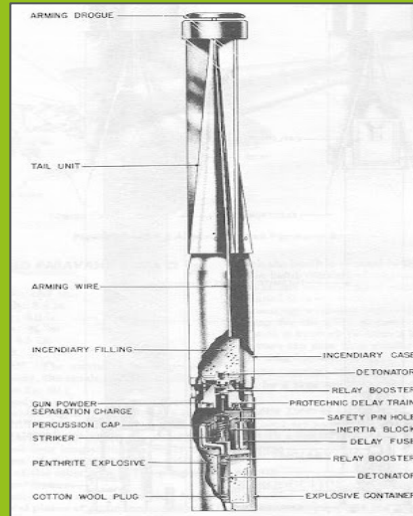
**Parachute Mine (Luftmine B)**

Bomb Weight	1000kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	Approximately 700kg amatol/minol
Bomb Length	2640mm
Type of Fuze	Impact or electrical time delay
Notes	Larger than Luftmine A (500kg). Descent retarded by parachute.

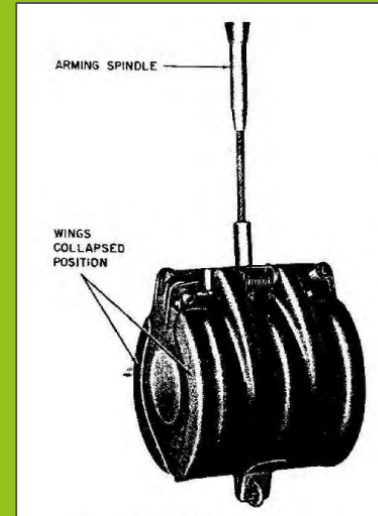
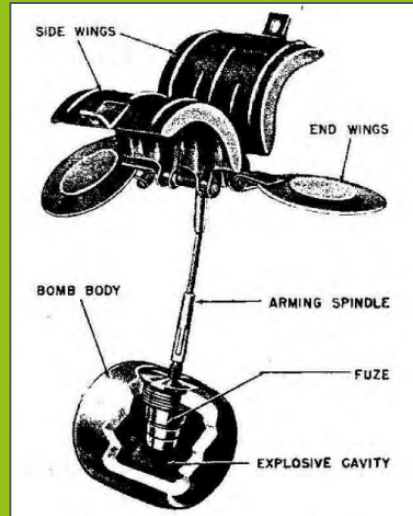


2kg Incendiary Bomb

Bomb Weight	2.2kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	100g HE bursting charge
Bomb Dimensions	311mm x 50mm
Type of Fuze	Electrical impact fuze
Notes	Dropped in container in batches of up to 372. Also had 1kg variant.

**SD2 AP Butterfly Bomb**

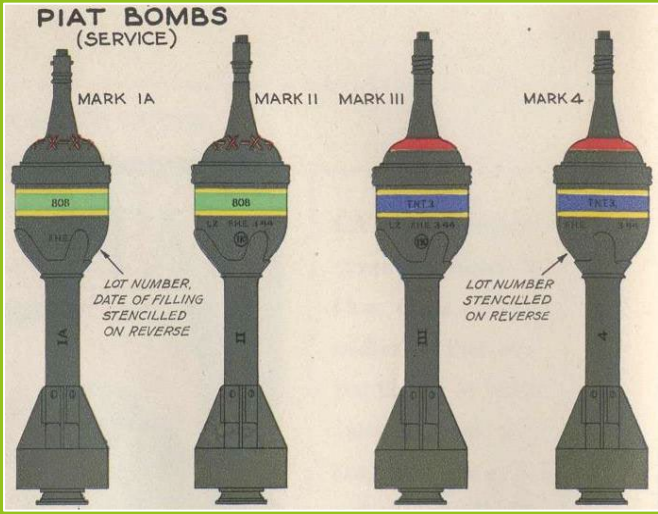
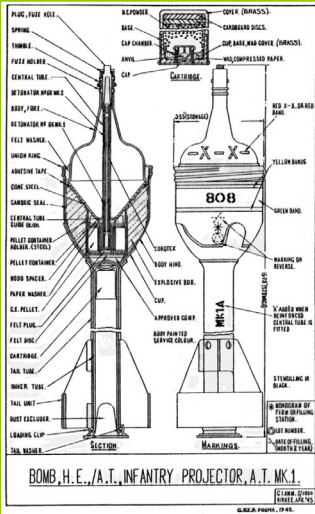
Bomb Weight	2kg
Weight of Explosive Fill	220g amatol
Bomb Diameter	762mm
Type of Fuze	Time delay, anti-handling device
Notes	Fragmentation device. Bomb armed by wings as they spun on descent.



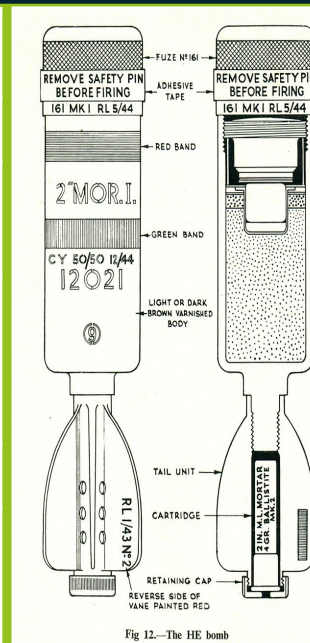
6 Pounder Anti-Tank Gun	
Shell Weight	Approx. 3kg HE shell, 1.42kg APDS
Fill Weight & Fill	HE shell 590g of TNT
Fuze	No.243 percussion
Dimensions	57 x 441mm
Appearance	Later rounds possessed discarding sabot with ballistic cap



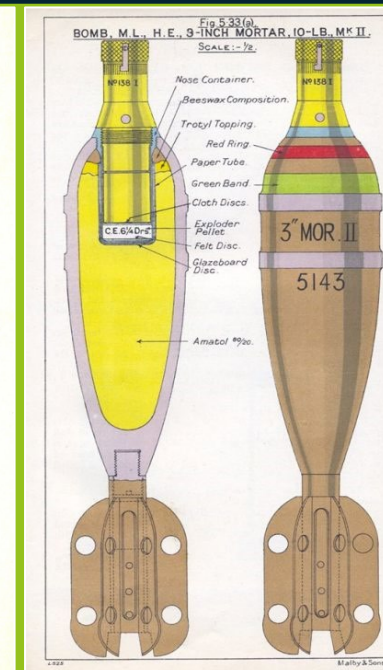
PIAT	
Shell Weight	1.1kg
Fill Weight & Fill	570g Nobels 808 PE
Fuze	No.426 Point-Initiating
Dimensions	83 x 407 mm
Appearance	HEAT versions green/brown, practice version white and drill version black



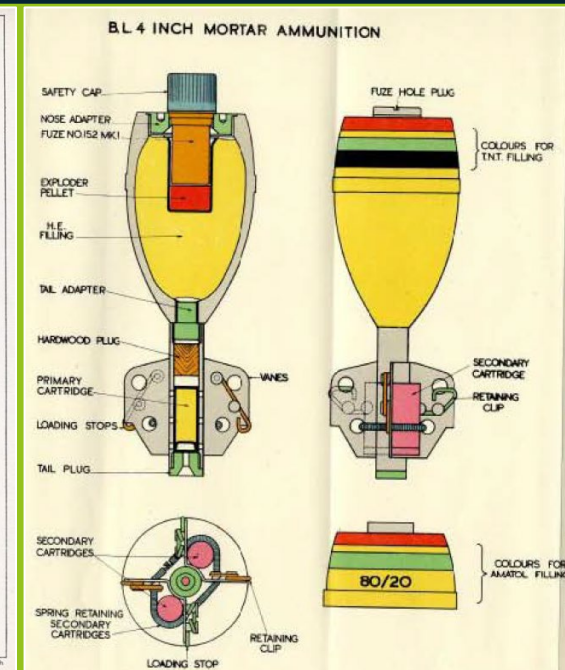
	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	4.2" Mortar
Shell Weight	1.02kg	4.5kg	9.9kg
Fill Weight & Fill	200g TNT	500g amatol	3.6kg TNT
Fuze	No.151 percussion	No.152 direct action	No.152 direct action
Diameter	51mm	81mm	107mm
Appearance	Parallel sides. Red and yellow band on black body often denoted HE.	Tear drop shape. Red or green rings may denote HE.	Tear drop shape. Red or green rings may denote HE.



HE 2" mortar



HE 3" mortar



HE 4.2" mortar

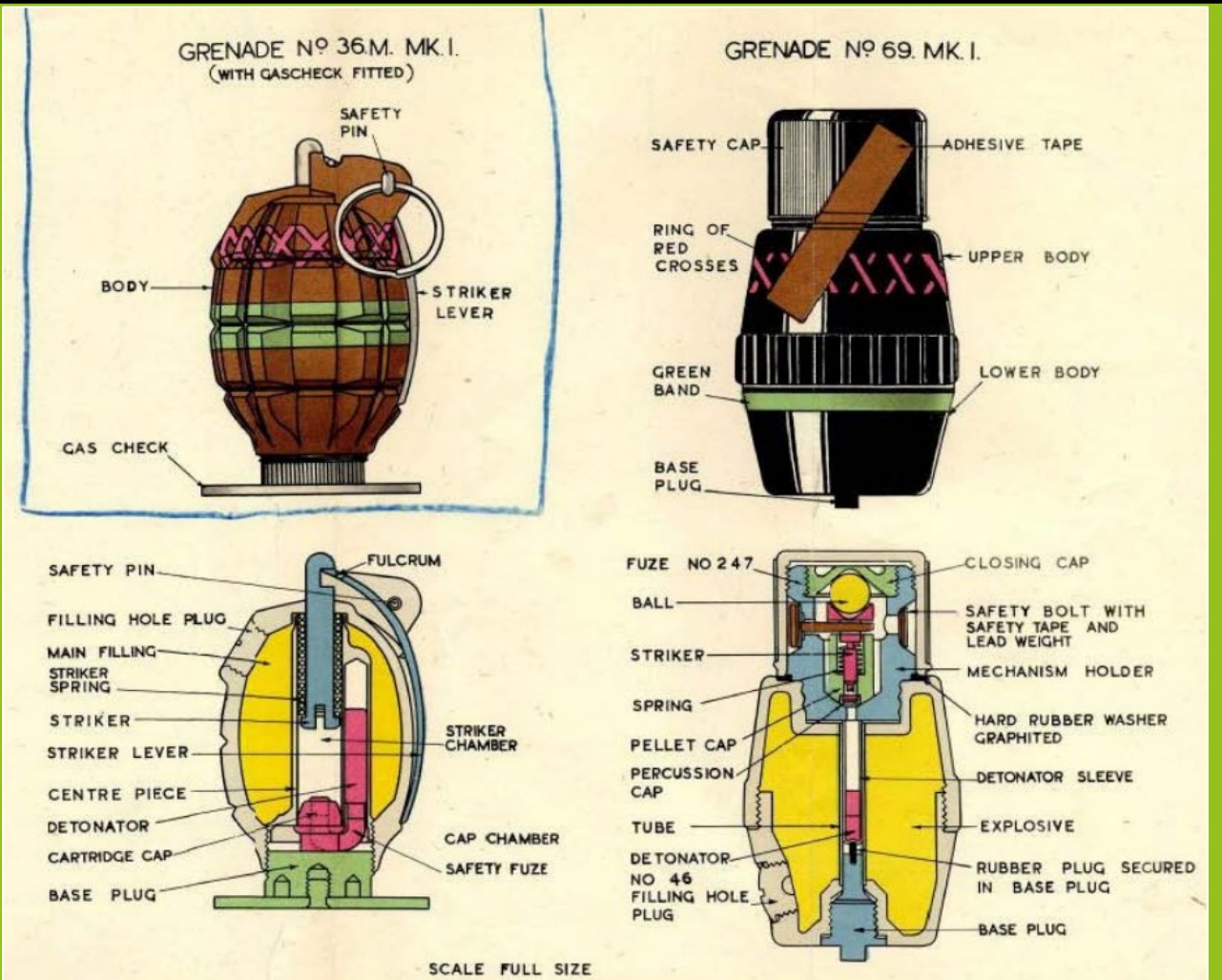
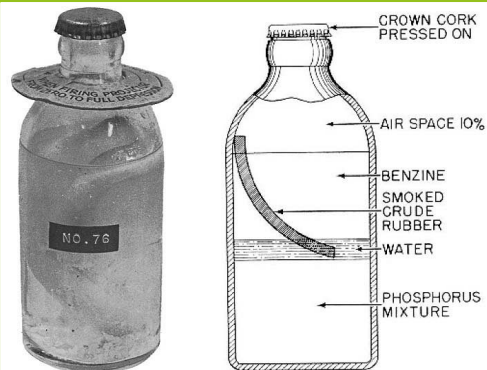


An overview of two 2" mortars, one with tail fin attached, alongside spare nose caps and tail fins. Red and green bands are present on the 2" mortar with the fins.



An unexploded 4.2" mortar found in a garden. Although corroded and dirty, the tail fins, teardrop body shape and No.152 fuse can be identified. Found less commonly than 2" mortars, 4.2" mortars possess a much higher Net Explosive Quantity.

	No.36 Grenade	No.69 Grenade	No.76 Grenade
Weight	765g	383g	530g
Fill Weight & Fill	71g ammonal	93g Lyddite	Benzene and WP
Fuze	Initially seven second fuse, reduced to four	Impact only "all-ways"	n/a
Dimensions	95 x 61mm	15 x 60mm	n/a
Appearance	'Pineapple' ridging, safety pin near top	Largely smooth, filling plug near bottom	Glass bottle with rubber tube in the middle



Left: No.76 grenade Above: No.36 and No.69 grenades

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Introduction

The British Geological Survey (BGS) data indicates that the land beneath the Port Talbot Steel Works site is located on Coal Measures geological formation. A part of the site proposed for redevelopment is described by the Coal Authority (statutory planning consultee for land containing coal) as being a Development High Risk Area. This designation highlights a potential for ground instability, resulting from legacy coal mining operations. A Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) is a requirement for any planning consultation with such a designation. The CMRA will provide a deeper understanding of the below ground hazards and to allow any proposed redevelopment of the site to be designed in such a way to mitigate against any risk that might be identified.

Coal Measures Summary

The site is underlain by Carboniferous age, Lower and Middle Coal Measures deposits, which range in age from approximately 300 to 360 million years old. These deposits consist primarily of mudstones, siltstones and sandstones, interspersed with bands of coal dipping in a north - east direction. The thickest and most valuable of these coal seams have been given names to help reference and map their mineral value. There are as many as 15 named coal seams which are indicated to subcrop (outcrop beneath soil deposits) within the planning boundary. These named seams are likely to be of mineable thickness, and at least four of these seams are known to have been mined beneath the site. Additional unnamed coal seams are thought to be present but are unlikely to be of sufficient thickness or mineral value to have been mined.

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Several geological faults subdivide the stratigraphy at the site. The Kenfig-Tytlwyn Thrust Fault crosses through the site in an approximate east-west direction and offsets (throws) the geological sequence. The offset is such that several named coal seams are thought to subcrop within the site on both sides of the fault. BGS records also describe additional faulting (Giant's Grave fault and Morfa fault) at the site; but without detailed investigation, the conjectured position, and throw of these faults cannot be accurately determined.

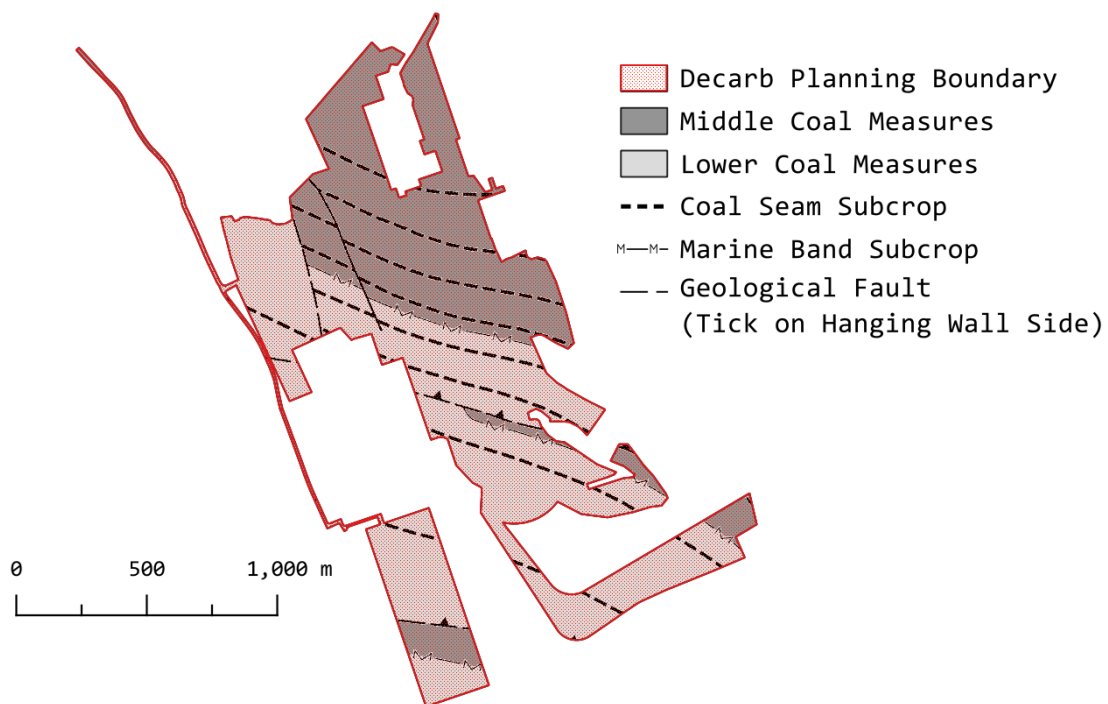


Figure 1 Geological structure within Planning Boundary. Contains British Geological Survey materials © UKRI 2024

Coal mining is known to have historically occurred at the site, most notably associated with the former Morfa Colliery, formerly located at the site. Wardell Armstrong has previously carried out a CMRA on part of the site, identifying only a low to moderate risk to any future development.

Three mine entries are recorded by the Coal Authority within the provided Planning Boundary. Wardell Armstrong has previously carried out physical searches for the three mine entries, physically proving the position of one shaft and providing search records for the other two.

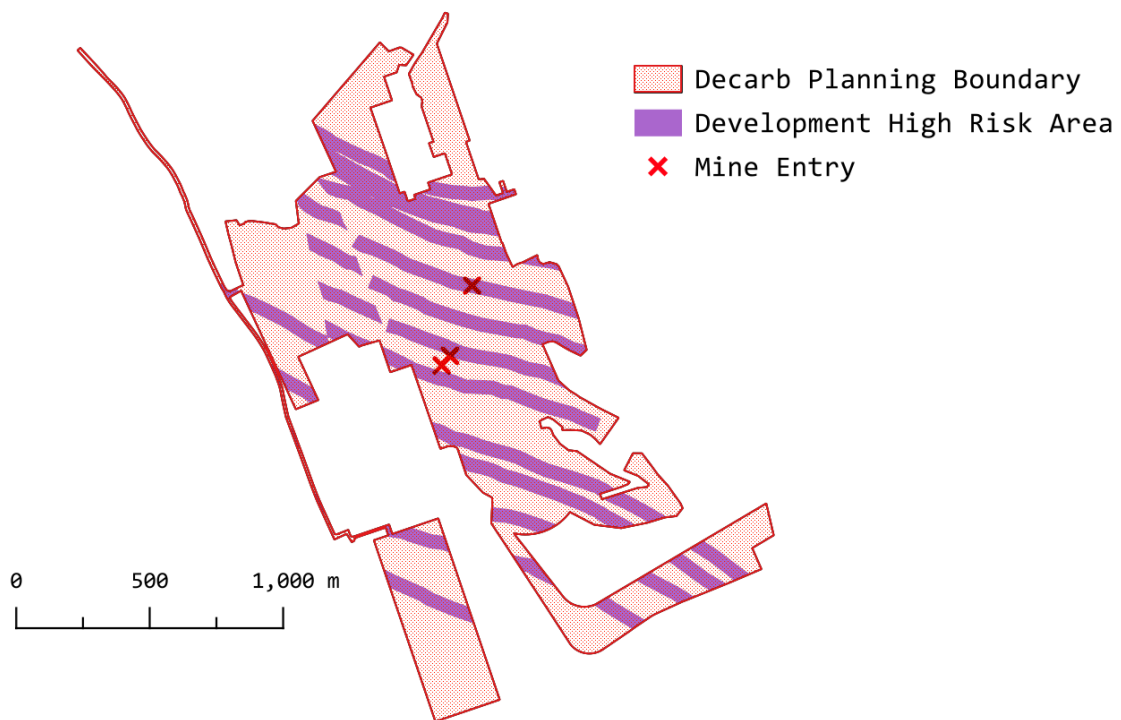


Figure 2 Development High Risk Areas to be revised following CMRA and ground investigation. Coal Authority information © The Coal Authority, 2023

Evidence of possible coal mine workings exists for up to eight of the coal seams beneath the site, and is summarised by each source of the information below:

1. The Coal Authority Consultant Mining Report records workings in the Five Foot, Gellideg, Lower Nine Foot Top Leaf and Garw Vein coal seams.
2. Available Morfa Colliery abandoned mine plans describe workings in the Four Feet (L 4 FT) and Nine Feet (U 9 FT and/or L 9 FT).
3. The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers - Forster Collection, records workings in the Nine Feet (U 9 FT and/or L 9 FT) and Garw Vein.
4. The Northern Mining Research Society website reports the “Morfa colliery worked the North Fawr, South Fawr, Six-Feet, Three-Feet, Nine-Feet, Five-Quarter and Cribbwr seams; and worked the Clay seam between 1854 and 1865”.

Several of the seam names can be corroborated between sources, with evidence for the Nine Feet and Gawr Vein seams reported as worked in three of the above searches. The most recent date of recorded mine workings at the site is 1913, in the Gawr Vein seam, from the

Coal Authority Consultant Mining Report. The likelihood of subsidence or significant ground collapse resulting from recorded mine workings of this age and at the depths is very low. The possibility for historical unrecorded workings at a shallower depth cannot be discounted. Further understanding of the location of any workings, and the depth, age and mineable thickness of each of the coal seam contributions to site risk will be determined by the Coal Mining Risk Assessment.

Coal Mining Risk Assessment

The CMRA as a planning document is divided into sections to reflect each hazard and typically presented in a tabular format with risks, potential consequences and mitigations measures discussed. The specific hazards considered are as follows:

- Past recorded underground mining;
- Past unrecorded underground mining;
- Present and future surface mining;
- Present and future underground mining;
- Mine entries;
- Mine gases; and,
- Geological features – Faults, fissures and breaklines.

Risk Assessment Conclusions

Based on available data, there are coal mining related hazards at the Project EAF development site. A series of coal seams from the Lower and Middle Coal Measures; geological faulting of the Coal Measures; recorded mine workings within several coal seams; and three mine entries are the identified hazards within the site. The current proposed layout for the site redevelopment is understood to have taken into consideration the position of the known mine entries and any sensitive plant and built structures have been kept away from these positions. While scale of the risk has yet to be fully determined, the outline understanding is that the risks to any proposed development are low to moderate. None of the risks identified thus far are considered unsurmountable by design or remediation techniques, in line with the recommendations of the Coal Authority, and industry standard guidance (CIRIA C758 – Abandoned Mine Workings Manual). Pending detailed review of the background information, the CMRA will likely recommend that a phase of ground investigation be carried out to help further quantify the risks.

Appendix E

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Photo no.

1

Date:

13/05/2024

Description:

HARSCO yard looking north



Photo No.

2

Date:

13/05/2024

Description:

HARSCO yard looking north east



Photo No.	Date:	
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Description: Exterior of BOS Plant		

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