

HEAD QUARTERS
SLOT ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. #464

ANNEX #7

TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Maps: Italy 1:50,000
Sheet #198 IV.
No. 2-2

Date and Hour of Issue:
201330B Sept 43.

1. General Description.—Following described anti-personnel device was discovered in vicinity N805089 attached to a German Anti-Aircraft Gun. It was hooked up but the detonator or igniter had no striker:

A. Igniter—Appears to be a pull type igniter. It is obviously incomplete and has been enclosed in this envelope because no member of this organization can identify it.

B. Adapter—Brass adapter has a female screw on both ends to unite male screw on igniter and male screw on Gripper (D).

C. Percussion Cap—Ordinary small percussion cap which upon being struck by igniter striker initiates burning of Insulated Time Fuse (E).

D. Gripper—Brass device with three (3) prongs whose female screw holds Percussion Cap against Igniter base.

E. Insulated Time Fuse—Time fuse encased in rubber cable. Burns at rate of one (1) foot per forty two (42) seconds. Consequently it would take approximately two (2) minutes and ten (10) seconds for the device to function. It is difficult to offer an explanation of this variance from the principle that booby-traps must be instantaneous to function properly. In addition, the fuse smokes and hisses as it burn making detection relatively simple.

F. Cap Cover—Serves to hold Cap (G) tightly against adapter (H). Bakelite composition.

G. Cap—Standard non-electric cap which serves to detonate charge.

H. Adapter—Serves to hold cap firmly within well of charge (I).

I. Charge—Cylindrical metal encased high explosive charge approx 1 kilo.

For The Commanding Officer:

Edward H. Fildale
Capt, CE
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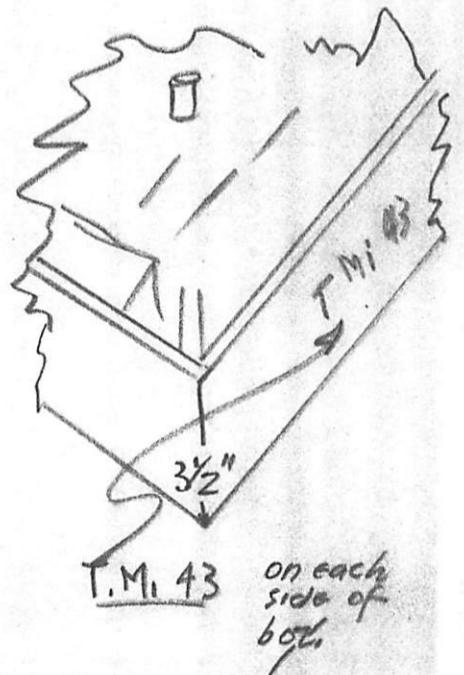
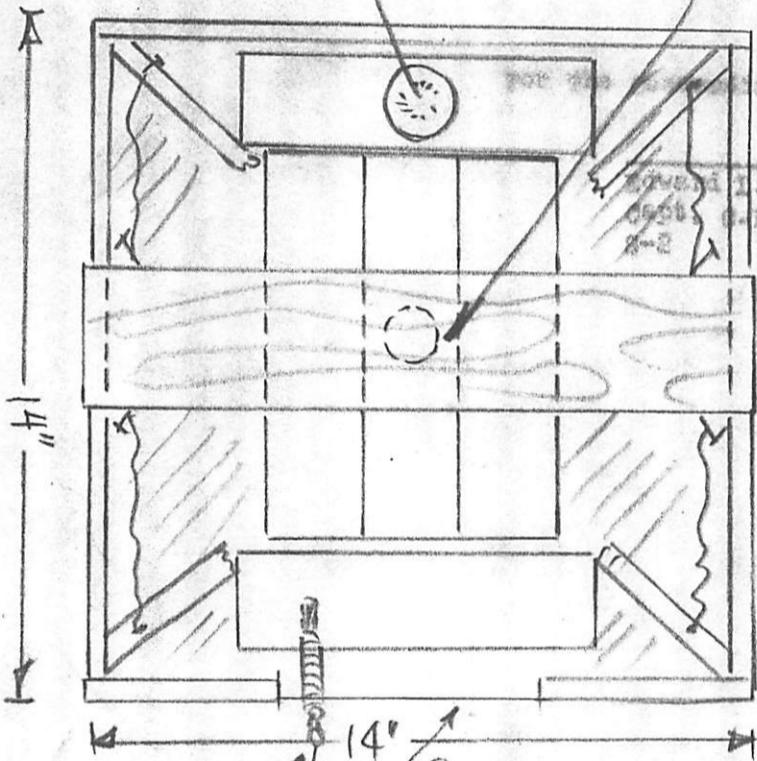
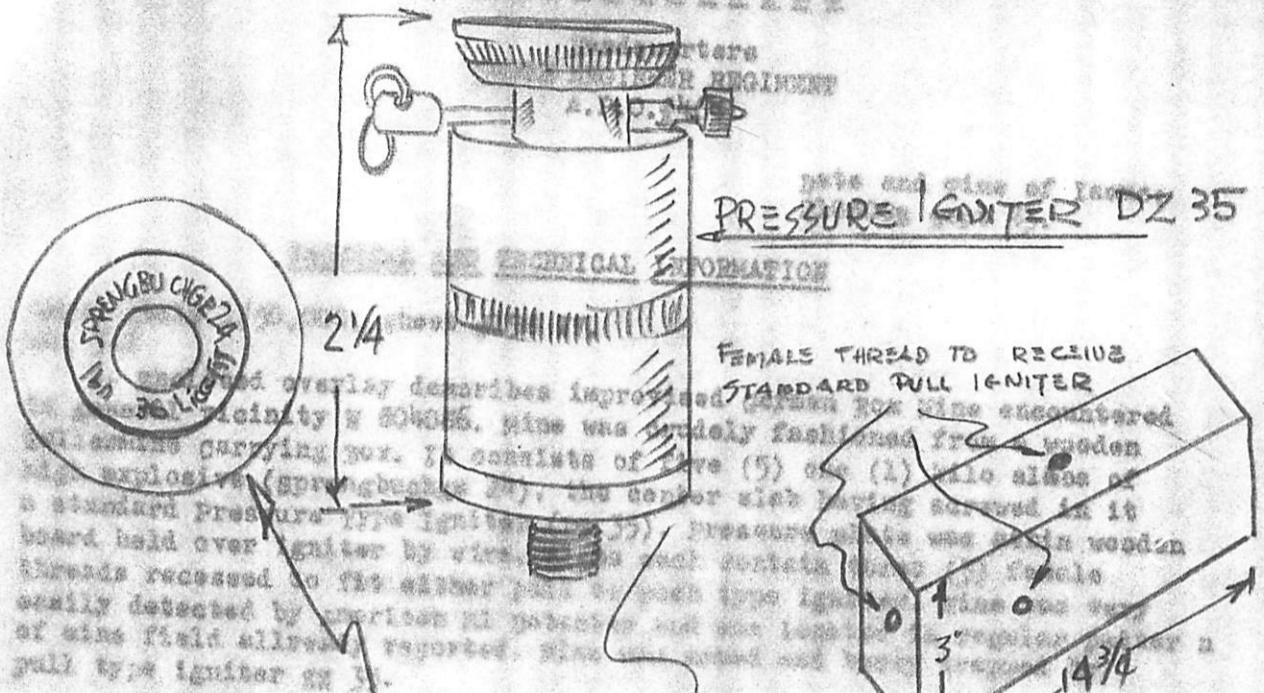
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1. Enclosed overlay describes improvised German box mine encountered in general vicinity N 804086. Mine was crudely fashioned from a wooden feller's carrying box. It consists of five (5) one (1) kilo slabs of high explosive (sprengbuchse 24), the center slab having screwed in it a standard Pressure type Igniter (DZ 35). Pressure plate was a thin wooden board held over igniter by wire. Slabs each contain three (3) female threads recessed to fit either pull or push type igniter. Mine was very easily detected by American MI detector and was located in regular pattern of mine field already reported. Mine was armed and booby trapped by pull type igniter ZZ 35.

For the Commanding Officer:

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WOODEN BOX MINE MADE FROM TELFERMINE CARRYING CASE



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ANNEX # 9

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(REQUESTED MINE RECONNAISSANCE)

Maps; Italy 1/50,000 sheets #197 I and 198 IV.
No. 4-2

1. In compliance with letter Headquarters VI Corps, Office of the Engineer, dated 18 September 1943, requesting reconnaissance of minefields, the following report is submitted;

a. No planted demolitions or minefields found in area indicated on Overlay #target Points and Message Band, Panzer Regt #16 and assigned this organization.

b. German CP located vicinity 798100. Attached are document and maps found in this CP. Other materiel such as spare barrels; parts, and tools for 2CM plak gun. Large amount of ammo for this type gun found buried in area. Approximately 200 tellermines #2 and 400 fuses in stock pile, also two tellermines #4.

c. Two tellermines #4 were found at RJ 835182. These were rigged with wire and marlin so that they could be quickly pulled across the road to form a block.

d. A large crater completely blocking road located at 834177.

For the Commanding Officer:

Seaman A. Knapp Jr.
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