

GRENADE HAND AND RIFLE No. 92

Introduced in December 1945 apparently as a riot control grenade it was soon discovered that it was a lethal device which should have been obvious right from the start. It was filled with a tear gas compound that was scattered by 2 CE pellets and it was propelled from a rifle at the rioters. Having a grenade that size projected at you from a rifle even without high explosive pellets is a dangerous undertaking. I think the explosive and tear gas would have been adding insult to severe injury.

The lethality problem caused the grenade to be declared hand only in July 1948 and it was declared obsolete in May 1957. Can you imagine trying to fire an HE/tear gas grenade at rioters today? The press would have a field day.

