

GRENADE HAND No. 16

This was the last in a series of grenades called "Emergency" grenades and these were provided while stocks of the "Mills" bomb were in very short supply. Many millions were issued to the Russians and other allies. It was introduced in May 1915 and production stopped in September 1916.

It wouldn't look out of place in the siege of Vicksburg in 1863 being a cast iron oval body and fitted with a match composition igniter. It did have a more modern interior in that it had internal fragmentation grooves. Not that the grooving acted as it was supposed to, especially with a cast iron body.

It was filled with 113 grams of Ammonal, fitted with a piece of safety fuze and a No. 8 detonator and provided with copper wires to secure the igniter. The delay provided was 5 seconds.

It never seemed to have been marked in any way just painted black.



ACTION.

Remove the tear-off tape and draw the friction surface over a striker. The flash produced ignites the safety fuze which explodes the detonator and thence the main filling.

