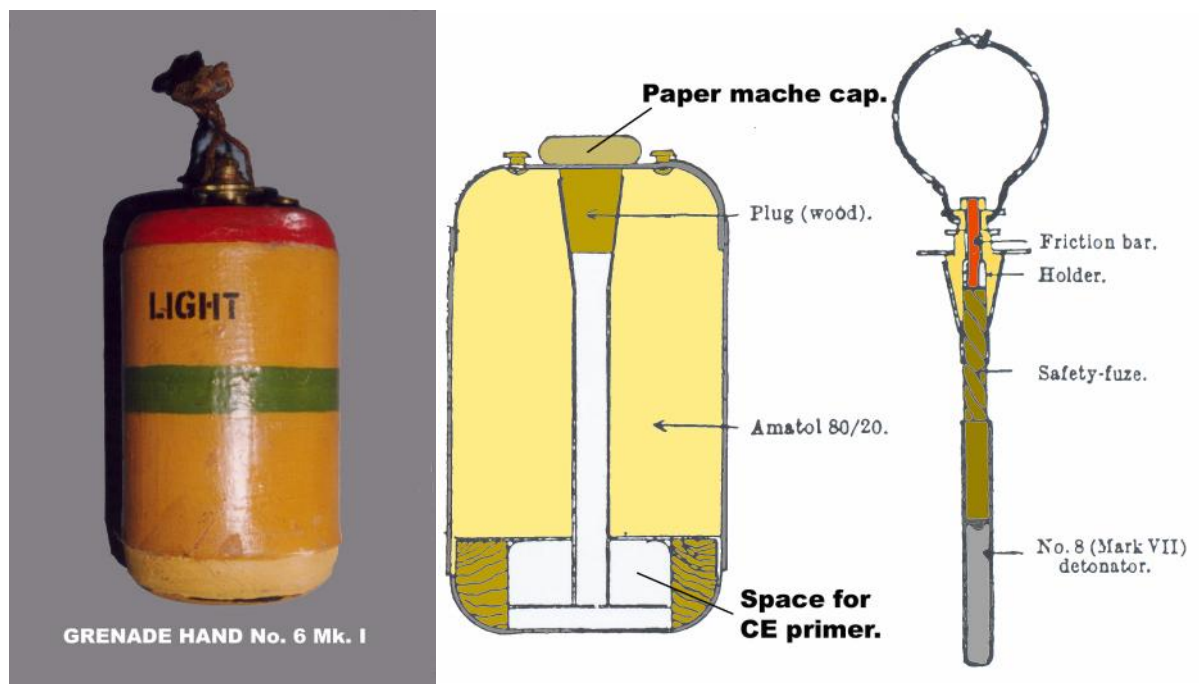


GRENADE HAND No. 6

As mentioned elsewhere the new trench warfare made demands on the old methods of warfare that couldn't be met by the equipment and tactics of the old army. Much improvisation was applied by the troops themselves to overcome the deficiencies. The series of grenades running from No.6 to number 16 were rush jobs that were official versions of grenade developed in the trenches.

This grenade is a simple tin cylinder filled with explosive and provided with a friction igniter. It was introduced in May 1915 and was called the "Light friction pattern" grenade. It was a blast grenade only possessing very little fragmentation. It was declared obsolete in July 1920 although it had long been out of service by then.

It was filled with either Amatol 80/20 or Trotyl. When the grenade was filled Trotyl a CE primer was added to ensure complete detonation.



ACTION

Prior to throwing the wooden plug was removed and the igniter set was inserted and given a twist in either direction to lock it into place. Using the string handle pull the friction bar out of the grenade. This action ignites the safety fuze the flash from which explodes the detonator thence the main filling.

