

GRENADE HAND No. 12

Introduced in May 1915 this grenade is known by several names:

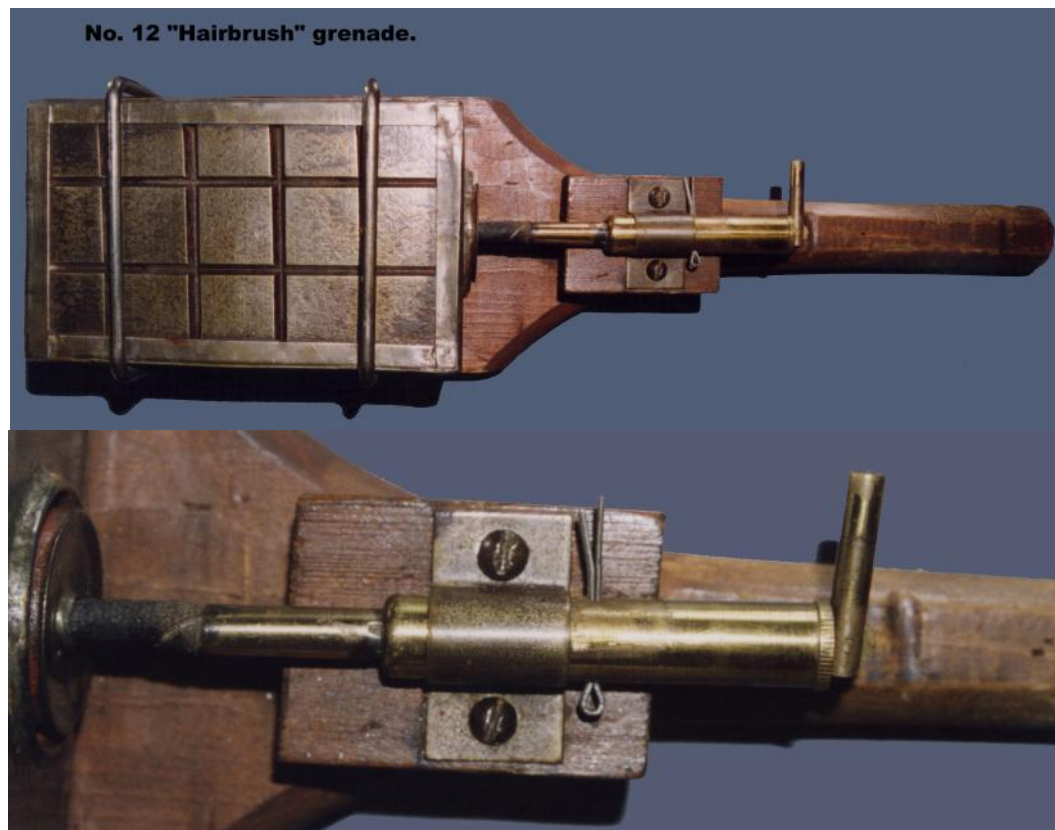
“The hairbrush grenade”

“The box grenade”

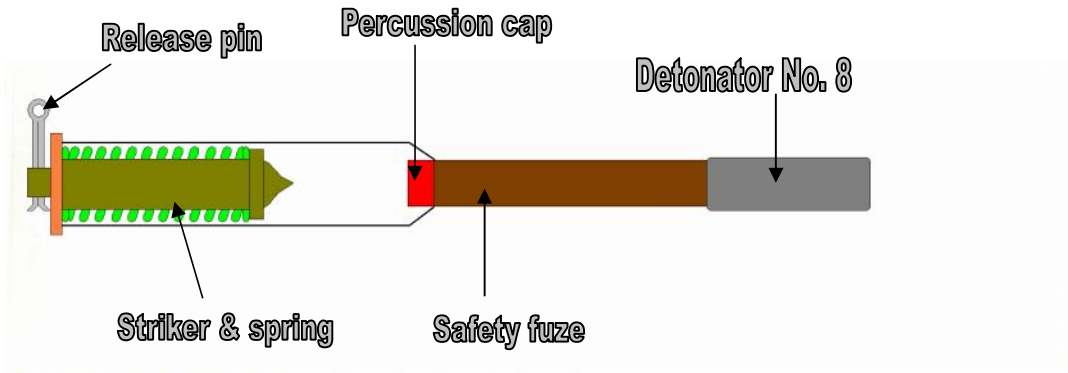
“The Lobtiniere grenade” This was for Australian service.

It was declared obsolete in July 1920.

The body of this grenade was made from tin except the front and back plates which were steel plates scored so as to provide uniform fragmentation according to the thinking of the day. It was operated by a simple spring loaded firing pin being released to strike a percussion cap. Later models had a more sophisticated arrangement whereby a lever was rotated which cocked the spring and further rotation released the striker, as shown below.



The label on the back of the grenade the "E" indicates that the grenade has not been inspected completely.



ACTION.

Withdrawal of the release pin allows the striker spring to drive the striker onto the percussion cap. The flash from this ignites the safety fuze and thence the detonator. The explosion of this detonates the main filling.

