

GRENADE HAND No. 28 CHEMICAL

Introduced in February 1917 this was a tear-gas filled spherical grenade that wouldn't look out of place at the siege of Constantinople of 1453. It is made from cast iron and uses a simple friction igniter with a delay of five seconds for hand use and nine seconds if launched from a West spring gun.

It was filled with 195cc of either SK, KJ, MSK or KSK

SK = 75% Ethyl Iodoacetate and 25% alcohol

KJ = Stannic chloride

KSK = 100% Ethyl Iodoacetate

MSK = Methylidoacetate.

It was painted grey and, if filled with KJ it had a red square added.

The Mk II differed in that it was provided with a percussion igniter based on a .410 shotgun cap. It could also be fitted with a friction igniter.



ACTION.

After removal of the lead foil cap and the tear-off strip, draw the match head composition over a match surface. This action ignites the safety fuze which burns through to the detonator. The explosion of this shatters the body and scatters the contents.



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