

## **GRENADE HAND No. 73 ANTI-TANK**

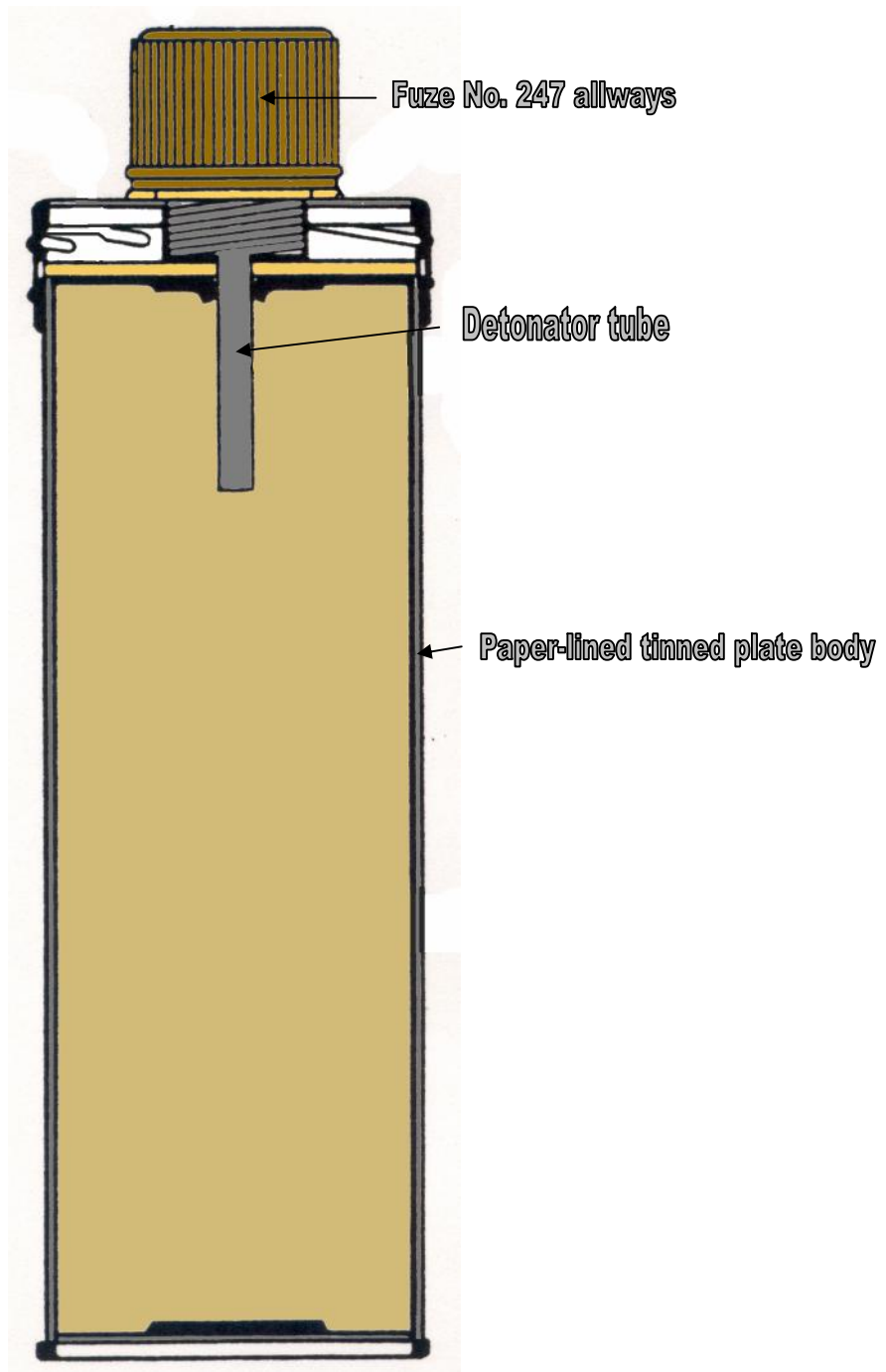
This grenade that was once described as looking like a “Thermos flask” was designed as an anti-tank grenade with the subsidiary task of general demolition work. I believe it would have been much safer doing demolition work with it than attacking a tank.

It was introduced into service in November 1940 in the dark days when England was losing the war and looking around for anything to stem the hordes of German tanks and artillery. When more efficient anti-tank weapons it was dropped from the inventory for a while but reappeared in Mar 1943 as a general demolitions grenade for infantry troops.

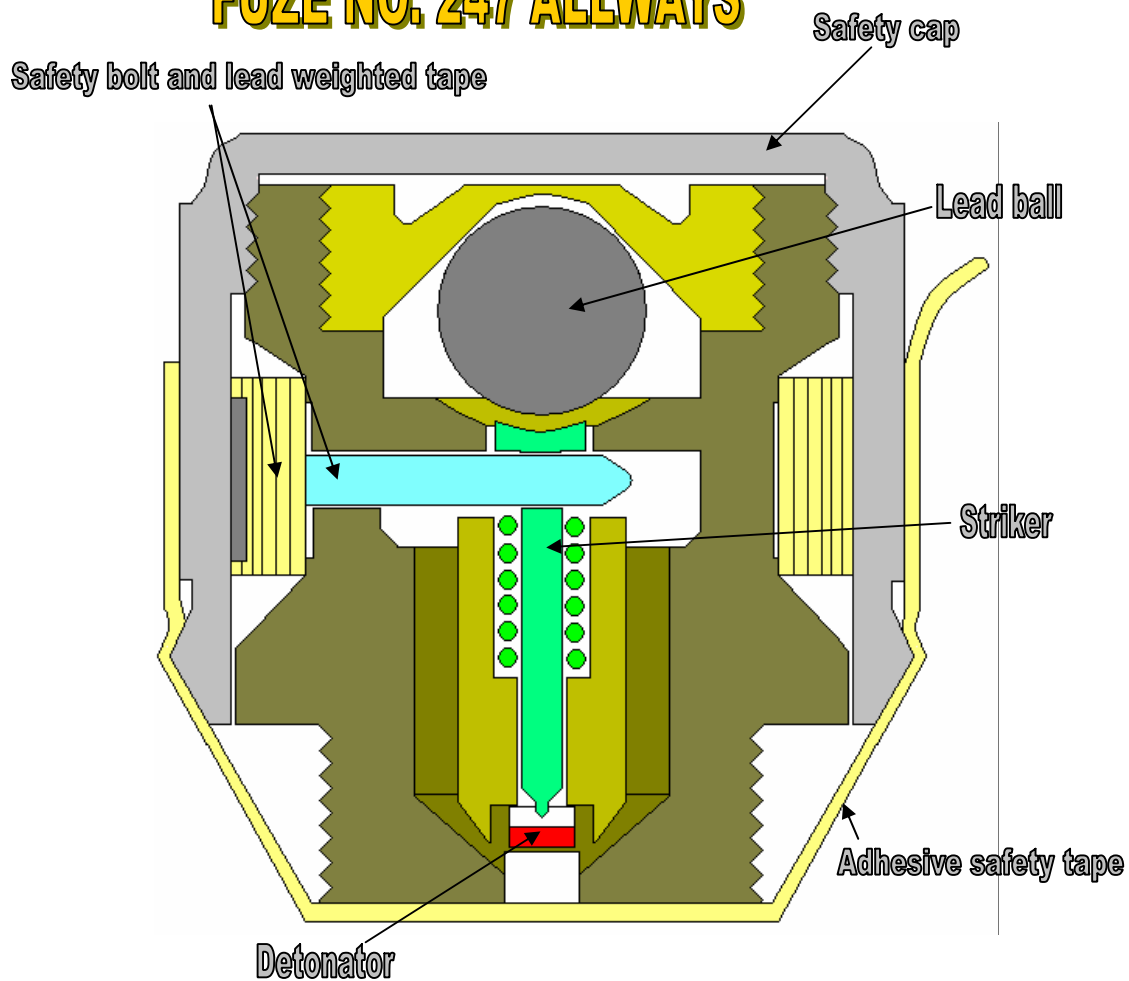
It was filled with either Polar Ammon Gelatin Dynamite (PAGD) Or Nitro Gelatin (NG) the initials were stenciled according to the filling.

It was fitted with the No. 247 allways fuze. For the original grenades the detonator was a number 6 commercial but it proved to be unreliable so the number 8 large commercial was substituted and the number 6 was relegated to training purposes only.





## FUZE NO. 247 ALLWAYS



### ACTION.

Prior to use the safety adhesive tape is removed and a detonator, either No6 or No 8 is inserted in the detonator well. The fuze is then screwed back into the grenade. The safety cap is removed ensuring that the lead weight and tape are prevented from moving. The grenade is then thrown and the lead weight flies off taking the tape and safety bolt with it. The grenade is now armed and will function on impact at any angle hence the "Allways" in the title.