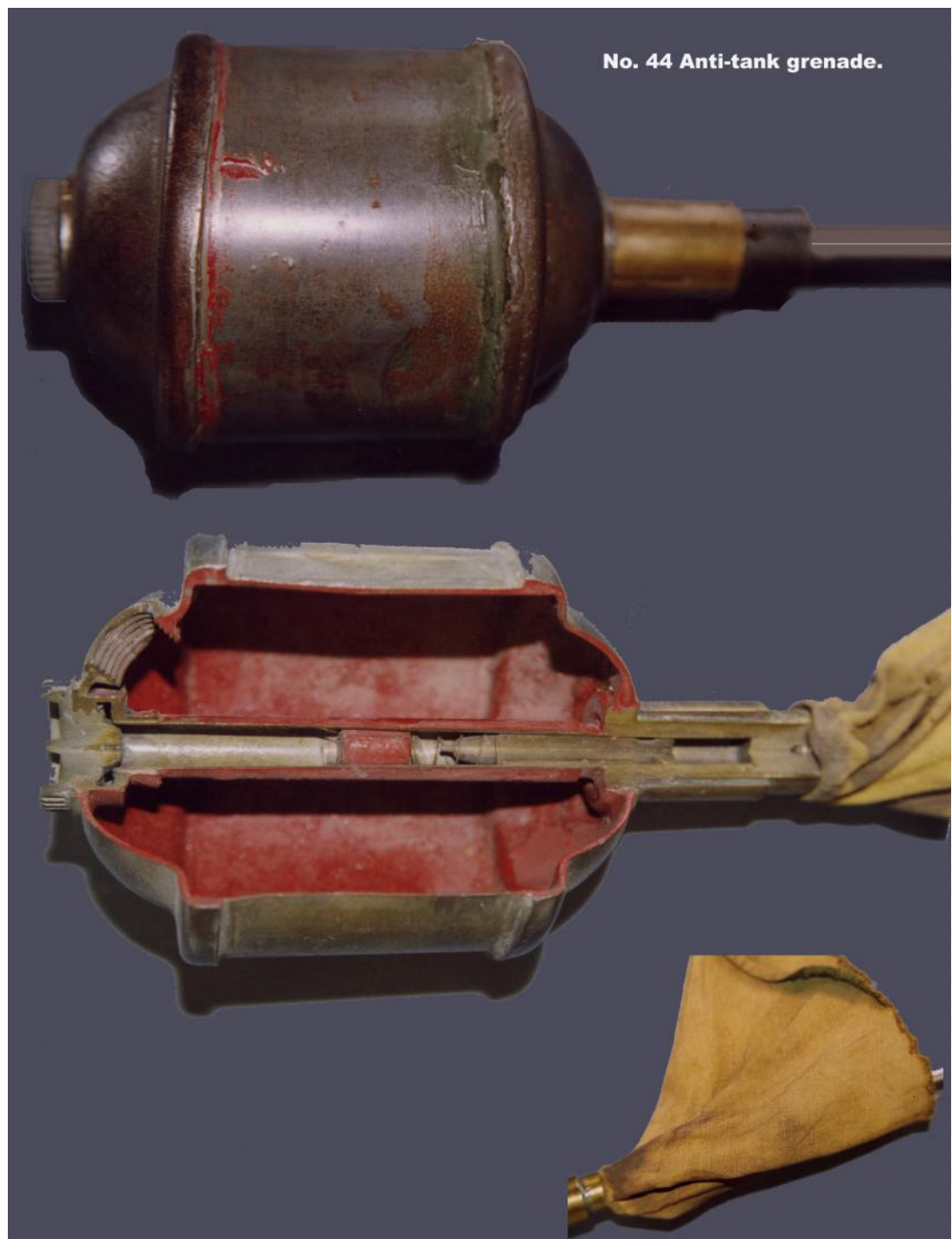
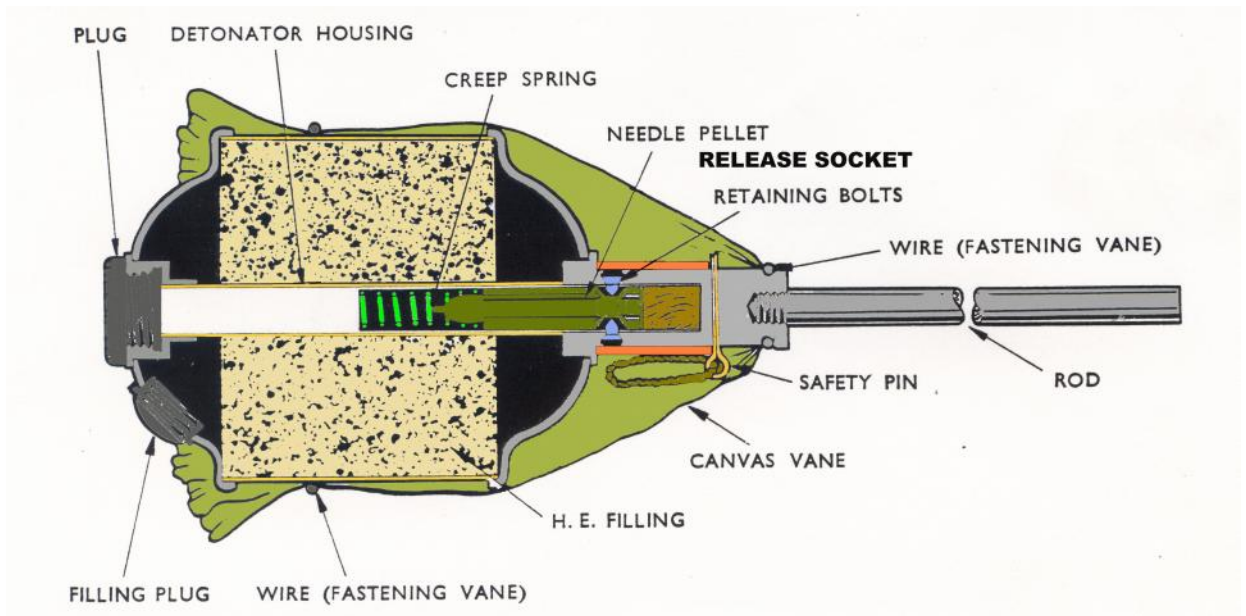


GRENADIER RIFLE No. 44 ANTI-TANK

This grenade was never formally introduced although it was issued in April 1918. It would appear that very few grenades were made and issued and by April 1931 there were no stocks left so it was declared obsolete. Which sounds very English, doesn't it?

It was based on the No. 24 rifle grenade and was an attempt to counter these new armoured monsters on the battle field. It was the first ever anti-tank grenade issued but it wasn't a hollow charge variety relying instead on a reasonably large explosive charge to do damage to the then fairly thin armour plate. The ignition system used a .297/230 cartridge case and a detonator (as for the No. 24 grenade)





Action.

Remove the wire fastening around the body of the grenade, this allows the canvas vane to clear the grenade and provide access to the safety pin. Insert the detonator into the detonator housing and then insert the grenade rod into a rifle muzzle. The canvas vane will droop over the muzzle of the rifle. Remove the safety pin. On firing the release socket will set back allowing the retaining bolts to fly clear. This action clears the needle pellet to move forward on impact driving the needle point into the detonator. The explosion from this detonates the main filling.