

IGNITER TIME BLASTING FUZE PERCUSSION Mk 3

This item is an old one and is very simple in its construction and operation. It was originally designed as a fuze igniter and was probably mostly used in that context. With a little thought it may be seen that it could also be used as a booby trap switch and was possibly used as such during WWI and II.

The body is brass with a cap at each end. Inside is a spring loaded striker that is retained in position by a safety pin. At the other end is a percussion cap and fuze adapter. Withdrawal of the safety pin releases the striker to hit the percussion cap. The flash from this will initiate either a piece of fuze blasting time or a detonator.

A pull of 1kg is required to remove the safety pin.

The device was issued unpainted.

An instruction from text books indicates that it could be re-used by replacing the percussion cap.

