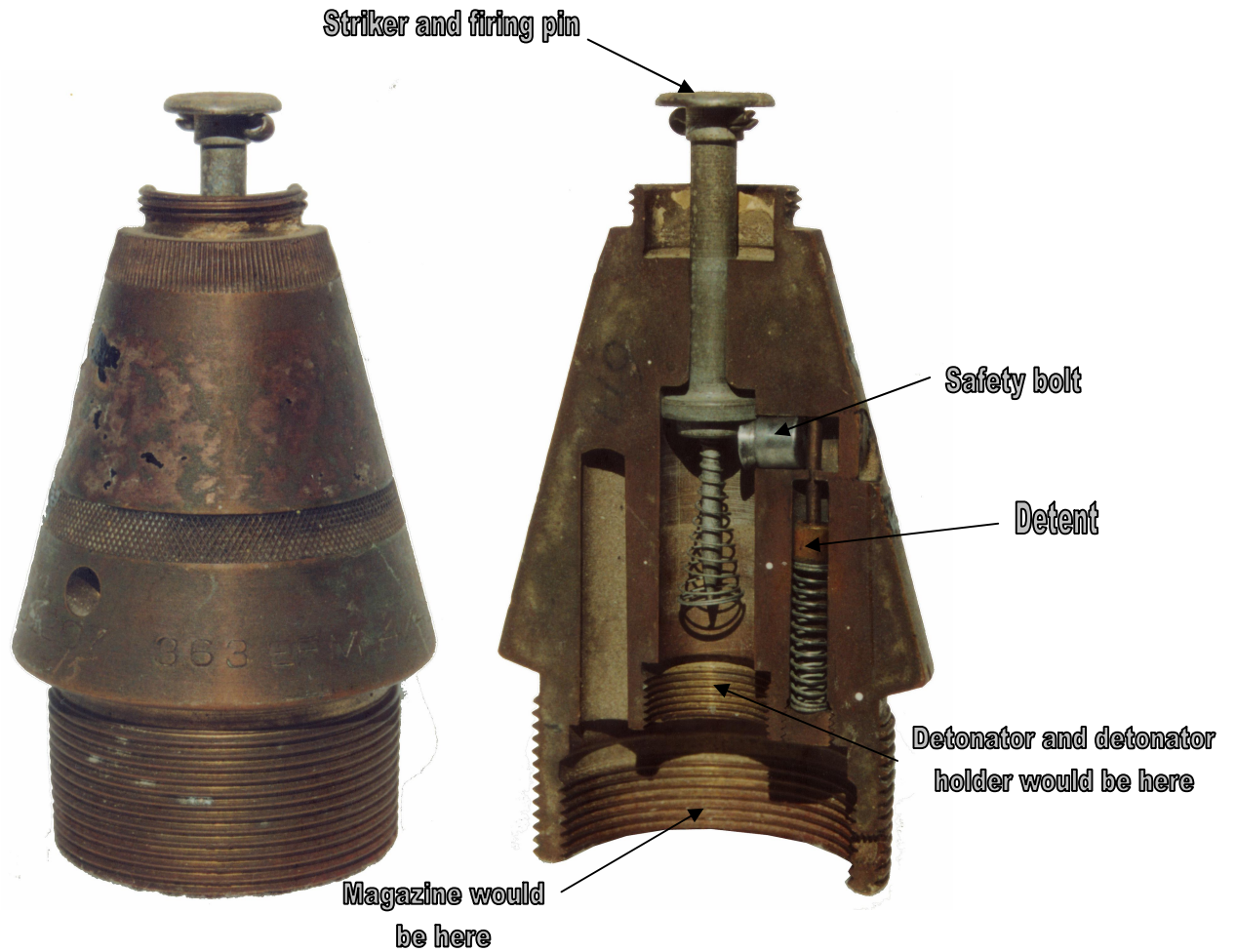


PERCUSSION DA No. 363

Developed in 1940 this fuze was used in 12 inch road howitzer ammunition. Its origin was the 1938 graze action with delay fuze No. 231 used in field artillery guns.

You will have noticed by now that the ballistic cap is also missing from this example.



ACTION.

Prior to firing the safety cap is removed. On firing the detent sets back thus freeing the safety bolt. When acceleration ceases centrifugal force throws the safety bolt outward thus freeing the striker and firing pin. On impact the striker drives the firing pin into the detonator which commences the detonation process through the magazine into the shell.