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-DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 19/05/2006	Accident number: 304
Accident time: 14:20	Accident Date: 10/10/1999
Where it occurred: Suleimanya province, Sharbazher district, Mawat sub-district, Awakutie village	Country: Iraq
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Class: Handling accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: NPA/ET	Name of source: ET/AVS 2001:KI01
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: Fuze	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 19/02/2004	Date last modified: 19/02/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale: not recorded	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate training (?)
inadequate equipment (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
inadequate investigation (?)

Accident report

The following information was provided by the demining group involved. It is not an "Accident report" but a summary of the accident provided for this purpose. A request was made for the original accident report in 2000 [not answered by 2004].

A battle Area Clearance (BAC) team was working in an area where the task comprised approximately 500 mortar bombs and shells. Most of the items were visible on the surface. People nearby had been interfering with the items trying to take them apart. The accident occurred when an EOD worker was making a final check over the cleared area. He then discovered a partly buried mortar (PD M-6) fuze. The fuze was already taken apart. The booster was removed and no safety pins (two) were in place. When the EOD worker handled the fuze the striker “sledged and initiated the detonator”.



The picture above was provided by the demining group and shows some of the fuzes they had encountered at the site.

The victim received superficial blast wounds to left hand (thumb and index finger) and fragmentation wounds to right hand and right ear.

After receiving treatment, the victim recovered and “rejoined the work capability”.

Victim Report

Victim number: 384	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: yes
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Hand

minor Head

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because it is assumed that the victim should not have handled a damaged fuze. The fact that it was found on a final check implies that it may have been missed earlier and raises questions about the methods used. If the victim did not know that it was dangerous to handle a damaged fuze, his training was inadequate. The secondary cause is listed as "*Inadequate training*".

The brief investigation is considered inadequate because it did not seek to reach conclusions or recommendations that might prevent a recurrence.