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EXPLODED ORDNANCE DESK TOP RISK ASSESSMENT

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TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Anti Aircraft Shells (AA)

Small High Explosive Shells (HE) shells ranging up to 100mm in diameter.

Air Raid Precautions (ARP)

An organisation in the United Kingdom set up in 1937 dedicated to the protection of civilians from the danger of air raids. It included the Raid Wardens' Service that was to report on bombing incidents.

Battlefield Area Clearance (BAC)

The systematic clearance of munitions from military property or old battle sites e.g. ranges, airfields etc.

Borehole Search

The placing of boreholes in a set pattern, then using a magnetometer to take readings at specific depths along each borehole. When used with a geophysical survey system this will give a magnetic signature of the area. The depth of the borehole and the pattern will depend upon the type of Unexploded Bombs (UXB) and the geology of the ground.

Doodle Bug (See Pilotless Aircraft)

Explosive Ordnance (EO)

All munitions containing explosives, nuclear fission/fusion materials and or biological and chemical agents. This includes bombs and warheads; guided and ballistic missiles; artillery, mortar, rocket and Small Arms Ammunition (SAA); all mines, torpedoes and depth charges; pyrotechnics; clusters and dispensers; cartridge and propellant actuated devices; electro-explosive devices; clandestine and improvised explosive devices (IED); and all similar or related items or components explosive in nature.

Explosive Ordnance Clearance (EOC)

See BAC.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

The detection, identification, field evaluation, render safe, recovery and disposal of **UXO**.

Geophysical Survey

The survey of an area using a Magnetometer and geophysical gathering device, after interpretation, this will produce a geophysical map and an object list for any metallic anomalies.

High Explosive (HE)

High explosives burn/detonate at rates of up to 9,000 m/per second.

Incendiary Bomb (IB)

Incendiary bombs ranged from 1kg in size to 500kg the larger sizes were sometimes called Oil Bombs. Fills range from thermite mixtures, phosphorus to kerosene.

Intrusive Survey

The use of a cone penetrometer (MagCone) or drilled boreholes (MagDrill) to take magnetometer test in a set pattern (see borehole search), or to prove pile positions.

Land Service Ammunition (LSA)

LSA is defined as “All items containing explosives or pyrotechnic compounds which are placed, thrown or projected so as to cause damage to men and equipment during land warfare.

Long Range Rocket (LRR)

The long range rocket sometimes codenamed Big Ben is the V2 rocket designed to deliver an approximate payload of 1000 kg.

Oil Bomb (OB)

A bomb containing a flammable liquid, normally the KC 250 Flam or the C 500 flam.

Pilot less Aircraft (PAC)

A flying bomb (Fly) or doodlebug is the V1 rocket or predecessors designed to deliver an explosive payload of approximately 500kg - 800kg.

Parachute Mine (PM)

Air dropped mine may have been used as a blast effect bomb maximum explosive content 1600lb always fitted with anti-handling and anti-stripping equipment.

Unexploded Bomb (UXB)

Any air dropped bomb that has failed to operate.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

Explosive ordnance that has been primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared for use or used. It may have been fired, dropped, launched or projected yet remains unexploded either through malfunction or design or for any other cause.

Vengeance Weapons (V)

V1 see Pilot less Aircraft.

V2 see Long Range Rocket.

WWI

World War 1 (1914 – 1918)

WWII

World War 2 (1939 – 1945)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

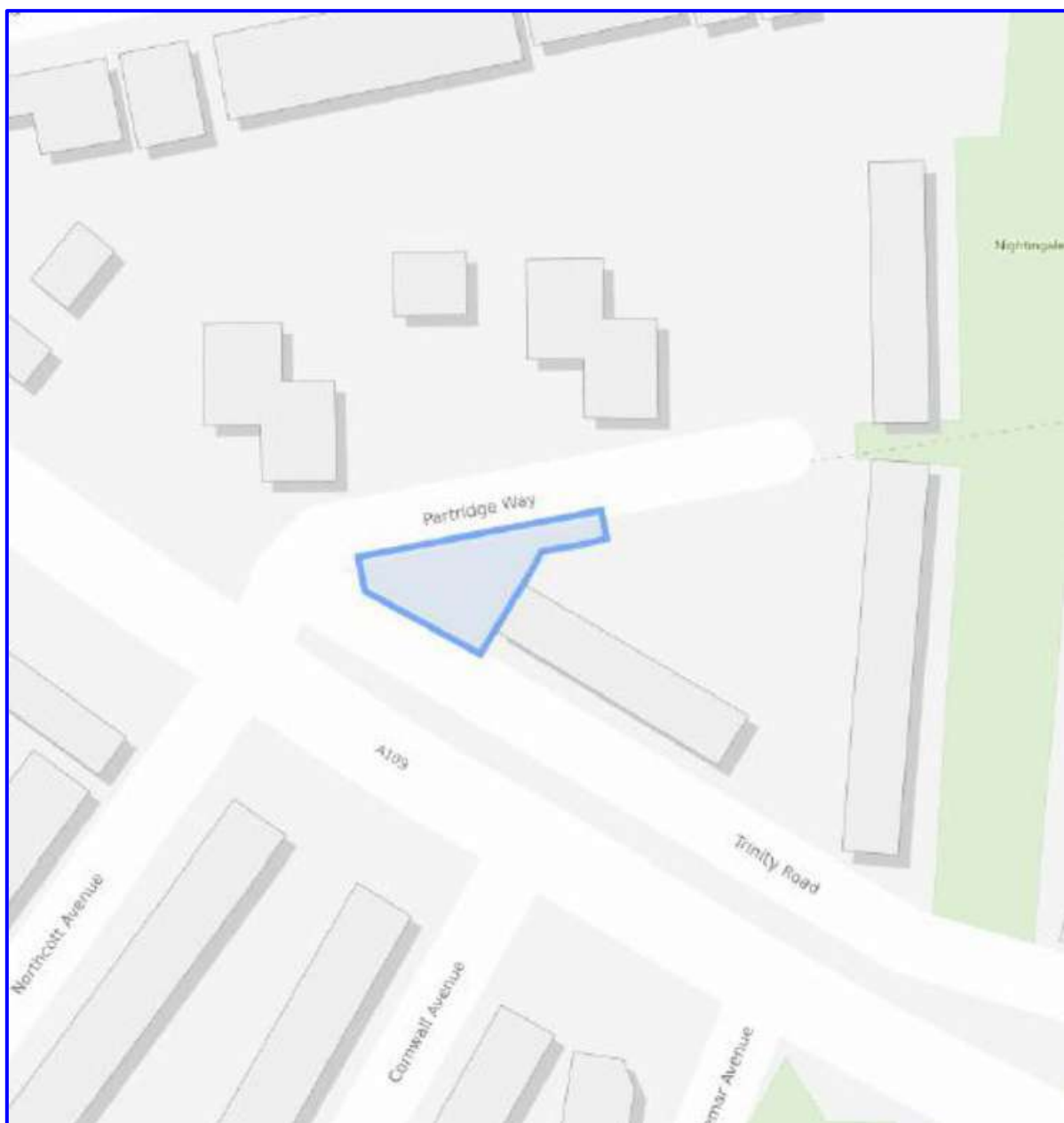
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Scope of Work

The scope of this EO Risk Assessment/Desk Study is to assess the likelihood of buried EO/UXO within the environs of The Site (See Figure 1), in view of further development. A further aim was to evaluate the implication from UXO contamination during any future intrusive land use.

Figure 1: Clients Supplied Site Diagram, This DTS will be covering all areas shown within the blue highlighted area.



LOCATION

The site is located within Wood Green a suburban district in the borough of Haringey in London. During WWII the site was located within the Air Raid Precautions reporting area Region (5) London, Group 6A, Wood Green.

Table 1 Site Location

Title	Description (Centre of Site)
Address	Partridge Way, Wood Green, Harringay, London
Post Code	N22 8DT
Grid Reference	TQ3045090908
OS (X)	530450
OS (Y)	190908

SOURCES OF UXO CONTAMINATION

The main sources of UXO contamination that have been researched for the site are:

- Air delivered ordnance bombs and sub-munitions/incendiaries
- Anti Aircraft Ammunition (AA)
- Explosive or Munition Factories
- Military Usage

KEY FINDINGS

Based on the information researched by EOD Contracts Ltd for the proposed scope of works being carried out within the given site area, the following conclusions have been reached:

Historical UXO Contamination

The indicators for UXO contamination are:

Bomb Strikes	The nearest recorded bomb strike is over 140m from the site and therefore outside the expected offset (j curve) of 5.3m
Bomb Damage	No bomb damage was recorded
Reconstruction	Minor reconstruction was noted, the construction of domestic garages
Military Usage	No military usage was noted
Explosive/ Munition Factory	The site was not used in the production of explosives or munitions

Risk Level

The overall risk has been determined to apply to all ground works within the site footprint.

Risk Level	Therefore, so far as reasonably practicable the risk level on site is deemed as LOW .
Risk Depth	The expected bomb depth is not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that no further risk mitigation strategy is required.

EOD Contracts Ltd can supply a turnkey solution to your UXO requirements. Therefore, the following mitigation strategies can be supplied for land or water based operations:

Intrusive survey using CPT (*Cone Pressure Testing*) or borehole equipment, *supplying risk mitigation to all Borehole and Pile locations, down to a maximum bomb penetration depth determined within this document.*

Non-Intrusive Survey using multiple array system with DGPS (*Differential Global Positioning System*).

Offshore, near-shore, estuarine and freshwater water environments magnetic, side scan and bathymetric supported by state of the art DGPS.

The aforementioned surveys are supported with post processing of data and intrusive investigations if required.

EOD Engineer over watch using Suitably Qualified and Experienced Personnel, normally former British Army, Navy or RAF Bomb Disposal specialists.

Explosive Ordnance Safety Presentations.

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

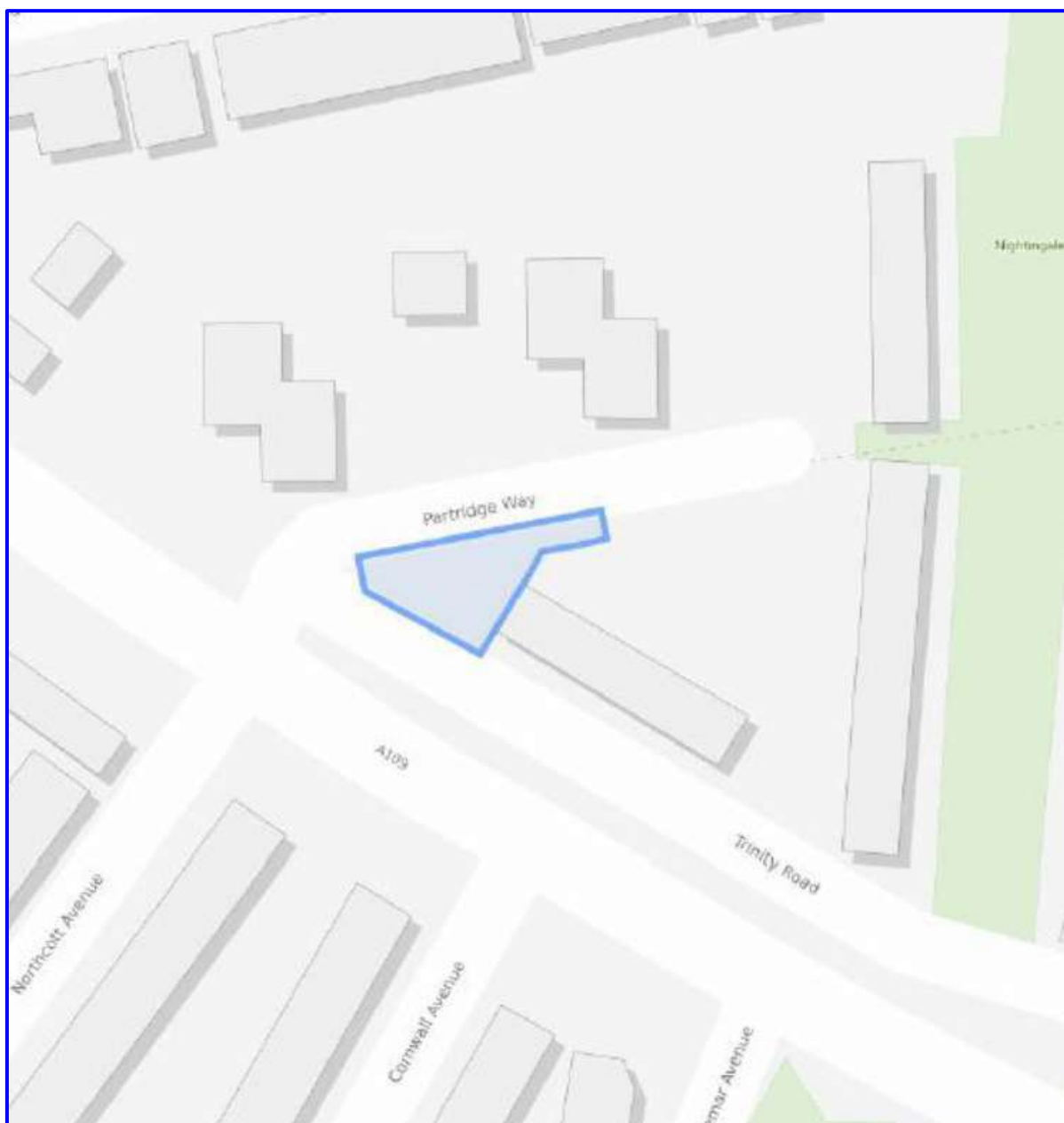
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Restrictions

It must be emphasized that a desk study can only indicate the potential for UXO to be present on the site.

This study was written with the site conditions prevailing at the time of the study and no liability can be accepted for any change in the condition of the area.

Please note that our appraisal relies on the accuracy of the information contained in the documents consulted and that EOD Contracts Ltd will in no circumstances be held responsible for the accuracy of such information or data supplied.

Sensitive Documentation

Information may be classified, restricted or deemed to be confidential in nature to EOD Contracts Limited, where such material has been gained a summary of the documentation has been approved.

Objective

The objective of this document is to define the UXO contamination routes as defined in Unexploded ordnance (UXO) A guide for the construction industry (C681) dated July 2009 and offer remediation methodologies if required.

CIRIA Frame Work

The CIRIA report is intended to provide good practice guidance (code of practice) on how to identify whether a site is likely to be at significant risk of UXO encounter and, if so, to set-out a process that will allow this risk to be managed. To be effective this process must start early in the life of the project (usually before intrusive works commence) and have involved Clients, Advisors and Principle Contractors. Therefore, the ground contractor should be provided with a systematic appraisal of the UXO risk when they become involved. The CIRIA report recommends the following stages be undertaken as part of the risk management process:

- Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment
- Phase 2 Detailed Risk Assessment (Completed and updated in this document)
- Phase 3 Risk Mitigation (The act of ameliorating the risk, the clearance methodology)
- Phase 4 The UXO Risk Management and Implementation Plan

PART 2: SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Research of the site's history, with regard to military usage, bombing raids and bomb impacts has been undertaken to establish the following:

- Frequency and intensity of enemy bombing raids for the site and immediate vicinity up to 500m.
- Bomb impacts and associated damage on the Site and in the immediate vicinity.
- The potential for UXO to remain on the Site and in the vicinity.
- Records of UXO removal activities for the Site and immediate vicinity.
- The main sources of information consulted include:
 - EOD Contracts Ltd company records
 - Ministry of Defence records
 - Central and Local Government Records
 - Public Records Office (Kew)
 - Historic Maps and Air Photography
 - Open Source information (Internet)

Ministry of Defence (MOD) Records

33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Royal Engineers is the unit responsible for maintaining the records concerning conventional Bomb incidents, reports, clearances and related UXO matters. These records are known to be incomplete and are no longer supplied. Based on in-house information released by the MOD previously, it is considered unlikely that any information released will have any significant impact on the findings of this study.

Attack Record Keeping

In general, the quality and accuracy of bombing and shelling records prior to 1942 varied greatly from one region to another. Records relating to the limited air attacks on the United Kingdom are considered to be sufficiently accurate in urban areas to provide a reasonable level of confidence in determining the likelihood that an area was or was not bombed during this period. Wartime records, maps etc held within the civil archives are considerably more comprehensive than those still in existence within the MOD, where it is acknowledged that large numbers of records have been disposed of since 1945. Records from some areas, particularly rural districts or near large bodies of water should still be regarded as an incomplete picture of the extent and effect of the bombing campaign.

Attack Record Accuracy

While an Air Raid was in progress it was inevitable that mistakes would be made in the transcription of rushed verbal reports into the written records. Discrepancies did occur between the total of bombs dropped against detonations witnessed. In some cases records were made several hours after the event and mistakes were inevitable. Some reports were drafted before the full extent of the raid had been determined which has led to significant omissions in the records. Reports of raids on rural areas were often witnessed and submitted by untrained individuals and passed through third parties

before being recorded. Suspect UXBs occasionally went unreported by local farmers and freeholders who saw the event as insignificant, or were reluctant to report their findings for fear of valuable land or crops being destroyed by the authorities in their attempts to find the UXB. It should also be noted that bomb strikes in water were notoriously difficult to spot, particularly if the bomb had failed to detonate. As a result bomb record accuracy in areas containing large bodies of water or marshland is considered to be questionable.

Errors and Omissions

The accuracy of bombing records has been shown to vary greatly; this may have been a result of the individual record keeper's expertise. Additionally, in some cases, errors occurred as a result of poor or incomplete transcription and copying. Some "errors and omissions" were intentional, designed to serve as dis-information to confuse German intelligence. So long after the event, official verification of such incidents has often proven to be impossible to obtain. At present, UXBs are found on construction sites and other locations where there had been no documentary evidence to suggest their presence. These events, although infrequent, do serve as confirmation that records cannot be considered definitive.

Bibliography

The significant published documents referred to during this study are listed below:

- HO 193 series from National Archives
- HO 198 series from National Archives
- The Blitz Then and Now Volumes 1 to 3
- AA Command Colin Dobinson
- German Air Raids on Britain 1914-1918
- Osprey - Campaign 193 - London 1914-17 - The Zeppelin Menace
- Osprey- Campaign 227 -London 1917–18 - The Bomber Blitz
- Bomb Sight Mapping the WW2 Census during 7th October 1940 to 6th June 1941
- English Heritage
- The London County Council Bomb Damage Maps, 1939-1945

PART 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS

Location

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Description and Current Usage

The site boundaries are; to the north is Blyth Road, to the east and west are commercial buildings, to the south is a rail line. At present the site is mostly occupied by buildings, designated as part of a machine store and shop, some parking areas have been noted.

Geology

BGS (British Geological Survey) nearest borehole see Figure 3.1 indicates the following geology:

Table 3.2 Geology

Geological Unit Description	Anticipated Thickness (m)	Anticipated Depth (m bgl)
Made	1	1
Clay	41	42

Figure 3.1 Borehole Location (www.bgs.co.uk)



Future Works

At the time of writing this report it is understood that the site will be redeveloped (the exact scope of works is not known at this time). The supplied requirement is for, geotechnical investigations, possibly percussive drilling/trial pits/window/samples.

PART 4: HISTORICAL REVIEW

Historical Mapping and Aerial Photography

The air photograph and historical maps in Annex B have been reviewed and a brief synopsis is in Table 4.1:

Table 4.1 Aerial Photograph and Historical Map Synopsis

Date	Scale	Description/Remarks
1930	NA	AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH Oblique. The site appears to be open ground, just touching the edge of 2 buildings
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1999	NA	AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH. Shows present configuration of buildings and usage

WWI

Although many people associate wartime bombing with The Blitz during World War II, the first airborne terror campaign in Britain took place during the First World War. Air raids in World War One caused significant damage and took many lives. German raids on Britain, for example, caused 1,413 deaths and 3,409 injuries.

Site Specific Bombing Information

The map shown in Annex C indicates the Site was not the subject of bombardment throughout WWI.

WWII

Bombing started as early as October 1939, by the end of the WWII the Luftwaffe had dropped approximately 50,000 tonnes of high explosive bombs and 110,000 tonnes of incendiary bombs, this caused over 40,000 UXBs, killed 43,000 people and over 250,000 homes were destroyed.

Wood Green in The Blitz

- The bomb density of the site is 100 to 149 per 405 ha, a copy of the London Bomb Density Map is attached in Annex D.
- Total number of bombs dropped from 7th October 1940 to 6th June 1941 is 10HE

Site Specific Bombing Information

Record of air raids on and in the vicinity of the site have been scrutinized, bomb impact maps HO193 series are attached in Annex E, these have been assessed and the following been as assessed as relevant:

- HO-193-1: 56 - 20 NW, 7 to 21 Oct 1940, Bombs at 90m (could be an ink spot)
- No other bombs are less than 300m

Bomb Sight (Mapping the WW2 Census during 7th October 1940 to 6th June 1941)

Bomb Sight Figure 4.1 indicates 2 x bombs at 140m from the site.

Figure 4.1 Bomb Sight Map



Abandoned Bombs/UXO

EOD Contracts records could find no evidence of any abandoned Bombs in or around the subject site.

Anti-Aircraft Artillery

The nearest recorded location of heavy anti-aircraft gun (HAA) position is over 3km from the site.

Bomb Damage

No obvious bomb damage was noted

Explosive or Munition Factories

No explosive or munition factories were noted, the site was used for the production of RADAR equipment.

Military Usage

No military usage was recorded for the site.

Prior Clearance Operations

EOD Contracts could find no evidence to suggest that there have been any prior UXO clearance operations in or around the site footprint.

PART 5: SOURCES OF UXO CONTAMINATION

The main sources of UXO contamination that have been researched for the site are:

- Air delivered ordnance bombs and sub-munitions/incendiaries
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General

UXO contamination pathways from:

- 2 x Air delivered ordnance bombs at 140m
- The nearest Anti Aircraft Weapons(AA) is over 3km
- No recorded use as an Explosive or Munition Factory
- Has had no Military Usage

UXOs are essentially dangerous; therefore, further information on UXO and Safety is detailed in Annex F.

Bomb Penetration Depths

The weapon penetration depths have been assessed as part of the tables in Annex G, however as no bombs were recorded no further information on bomb penetration is required.

Further information on bomb depths and J Curves is in Annex F.

PART 6: RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment

Assessing both the likelihood of occurrence and the consequences of the encounter has derived the overall risk for the site from unexploded ordnance. Review of the site's history and geographic location can provide an overall likelihood of encounter factor, which is used in the subsequent determination of a risk level when a Figure can be determined for the consequence.

Likelihood of Encounter

Given the study findings and other criteria (See Annex G Tables) it is considered that there is a **LOW** risk of encountering UXO within the site footprint. This finding is based on assessment of all of the available information and taking account of the following factors:

- It is a matter of historic record that the site was not subjected to enemy attack. For the most part, the records provide relatively accurate numbers of strikes however can be limited in their precise locations
- The area been slightly developed since WW2, with the construction of domestic garages

Encounters of UXO are not uncommon, recent UXO finds are in Annex H.

Consequence of Encounter

The consequence see Annex F of an uncontrolled encounter with UXO, given its lethal design and its unpredictable nature could be catastrophic and warrants a high severity factor. With regards to the consequences, the following factors were considered:

The project works may make use of a number of common ground investigation and construction techniques in its methodology during the project. Any intrusive groundwork has the potential to encounter UXO.

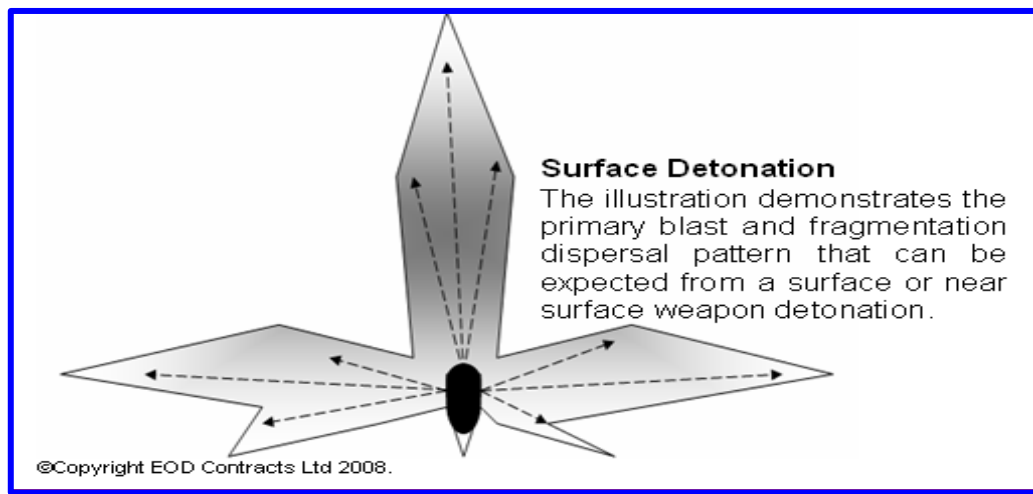
Intrusive earthwork, piling driving and dynamic ground compaction are by nature, aggressive, significant force (kN) is often required to achieve the desired results. As a precaution it is prudent to assume that any external stimulus, no matter how slight, may result in an unstable weapon detonating.

Records of encounters with UXO, particularly where plant machinery has been involved have resulted in detonations of the items with varying degrees of consequence; ranging from slight injuries sustained to piling contractors when a bomb detonated at 6.0m bgl to fatal injuries sustained to a construction worker while conducting near surface machine works on a motorway.

Detonation on land; the effects of a detonation at depth will be more localised and less destructive than one occurring on the surface. Figure 6.1 shows an illustration of the primary blast and fragmentation dispersal from explosive ordnance when it detonates on the surface. The weapon's design, and other key factors such as the ratio of explosive charge weight to total weapon weight (CWR) and the Net Explosive Quantity (NEQ) will determine the size and effects of a blast. The effects will also be enhanced or reduced by a number of factors including, the presence of other energetic materials in close proximity to the blast or if the weapon is buried or exposed on the surface. As a guide Annex E Table 1 gives an indication of the likely blast radius for common types of UXO.

Figure 6.1: Primary Blast & Fragmentation on Land

Blast and fragmentation dispersal.



In addition to the dangers of explosion, many common chemicals used in the manufacture of explosive ordnance fillings are; in sufficient quantity, and level of exposure, toxic or poisonous. Although it is unlikely that such chemicals would be encountered in significant quantity to represent a significant risk to personnel, leakage or venting could pose a risk to the local marine environment. In addition to heavy metals; copper, lead, zinc etc used in the weapon body and fuze, hydrocarbon propellants such as Kerosene may also be present.

Risk Level

The overall risk has been determined to apply to all of the ground within the site footprint. The prevailing risk level has been determined to be **LOW**.

PART 7: CONCLUSIONS

Based on the information researched by EOD Contracts Ltd for the proposed scope of works being carried out within the given site area, the following conclusions have been reached:

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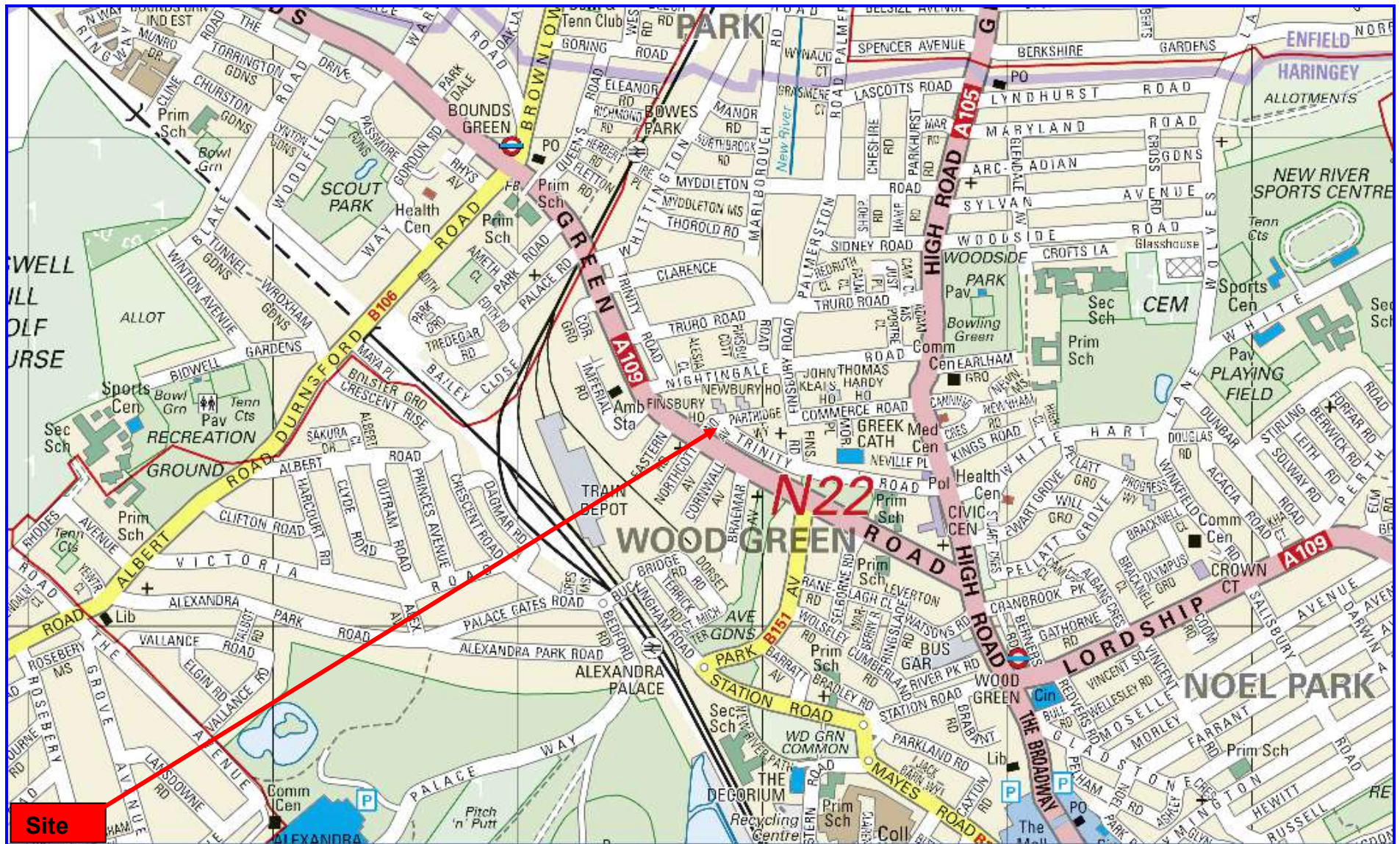
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PART 8: RECOMMENDATIONS

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SITE LOCATION



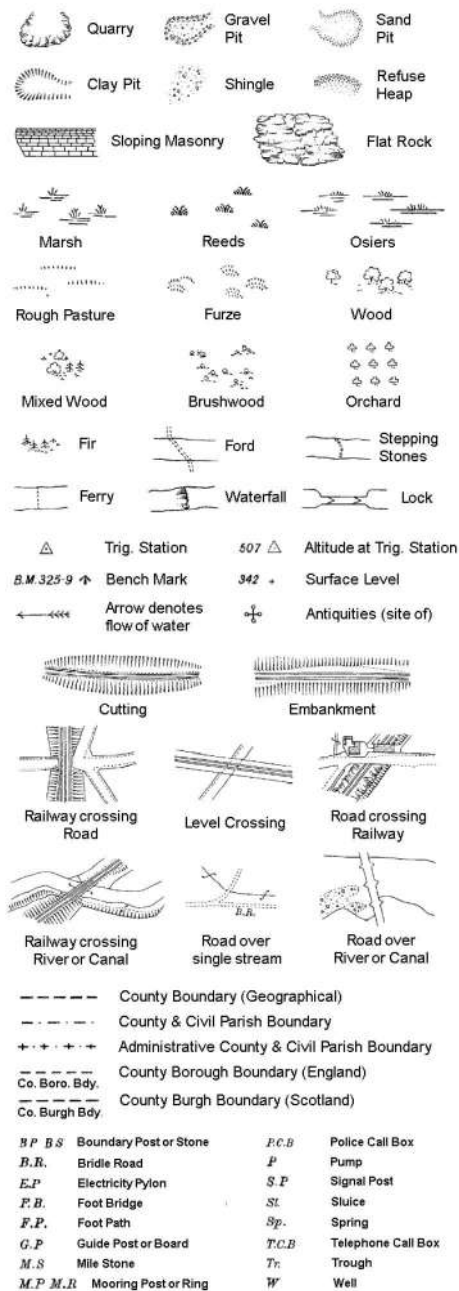
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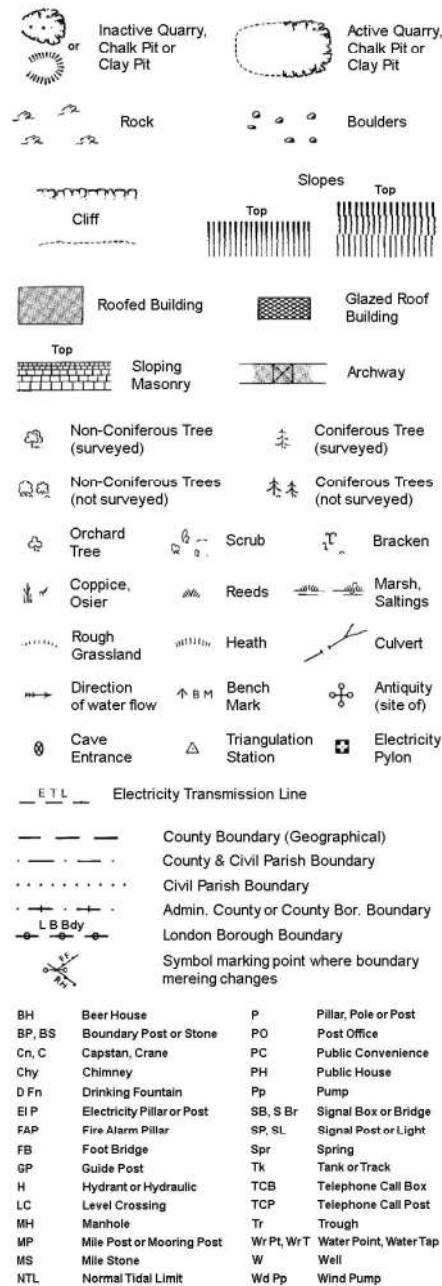
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Historical Mapping Legends

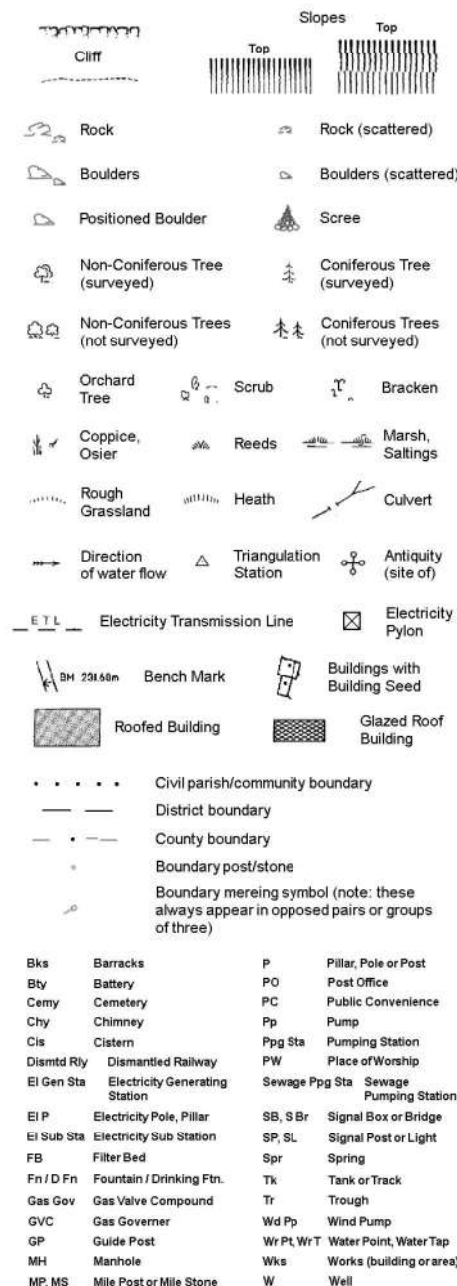
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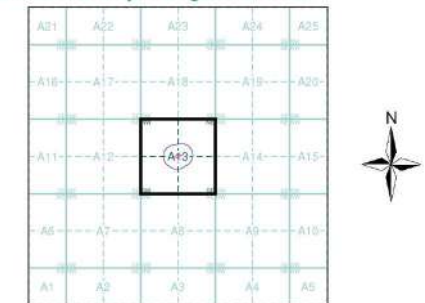
Large-Scale National Grid Data 1:2,500 and 1:1,250



Historical Mapping & Photography included:

Mapping Type	Scale	Date	Pg
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London	1:2,500	1896	3
Middlesex	1:2,500	1914	4
Middlesex	1:2,500	1935	5
Historical Aerial Photography	1:1,250	1946	6
Ordnance Survey Plan	1:1,250	1955 - 1957	7
Ordnance Survey Plan	1:2,500	1956 - 1957	8
Ordnance Survey Plan	1:1,250	1969 - 1971	9
Supply of Unpublished Survey Information	1:1,250	1974	10
Additional SIMs	1:1,250	1977 - 1979	11
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Historical Map - Segment A13



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 Search Buffer (m): 100

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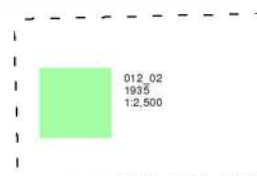
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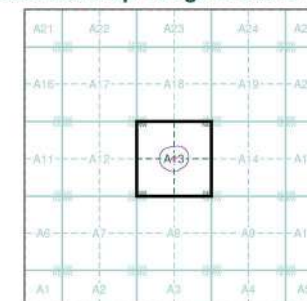
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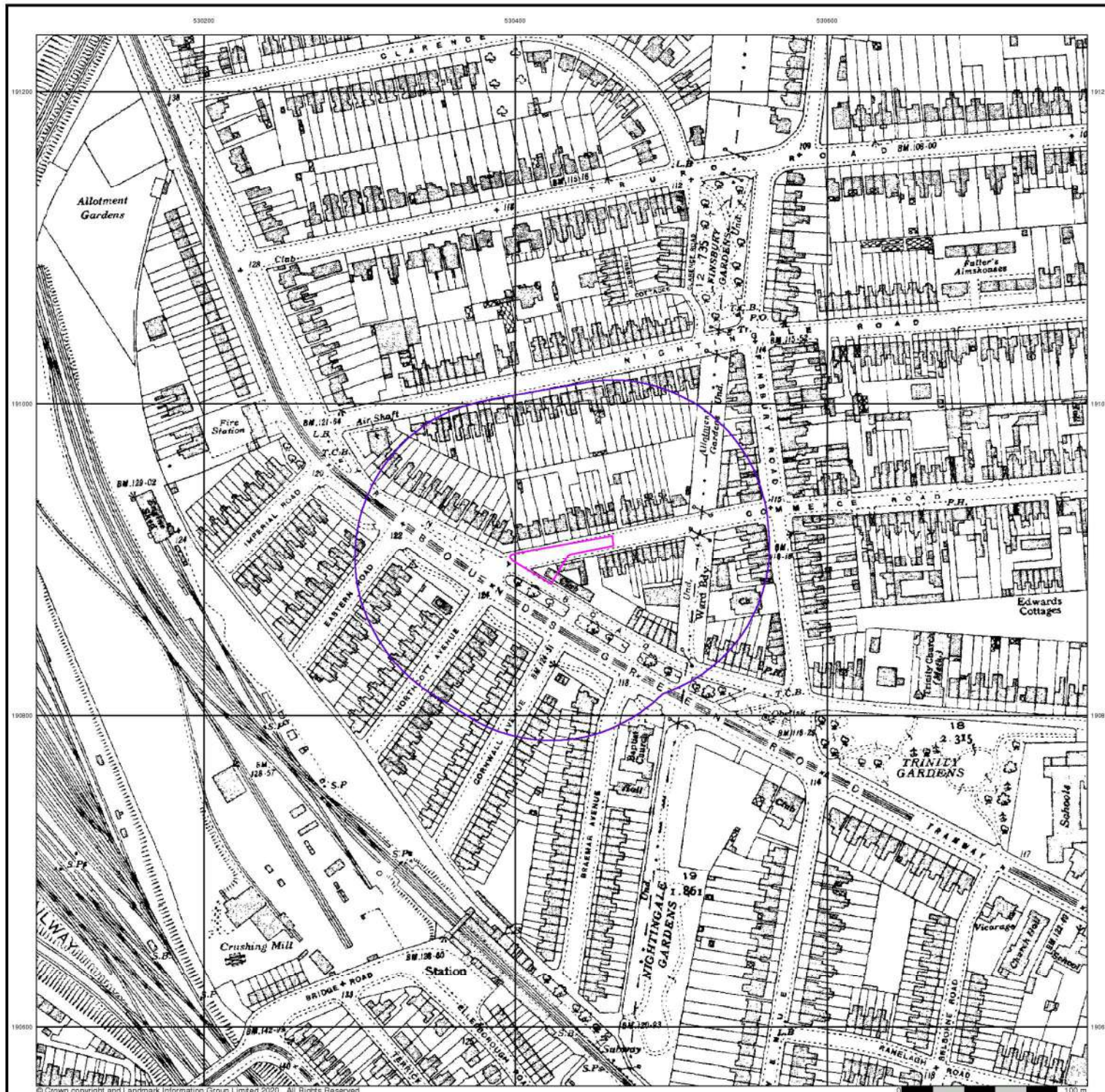
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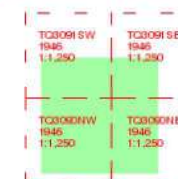
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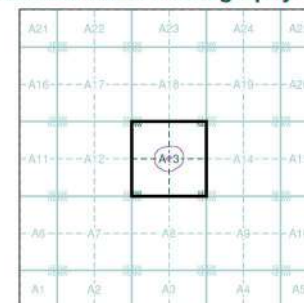
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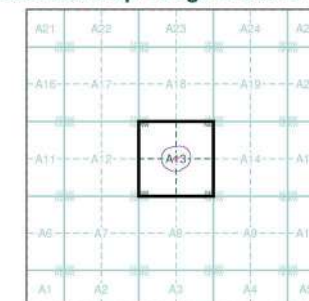
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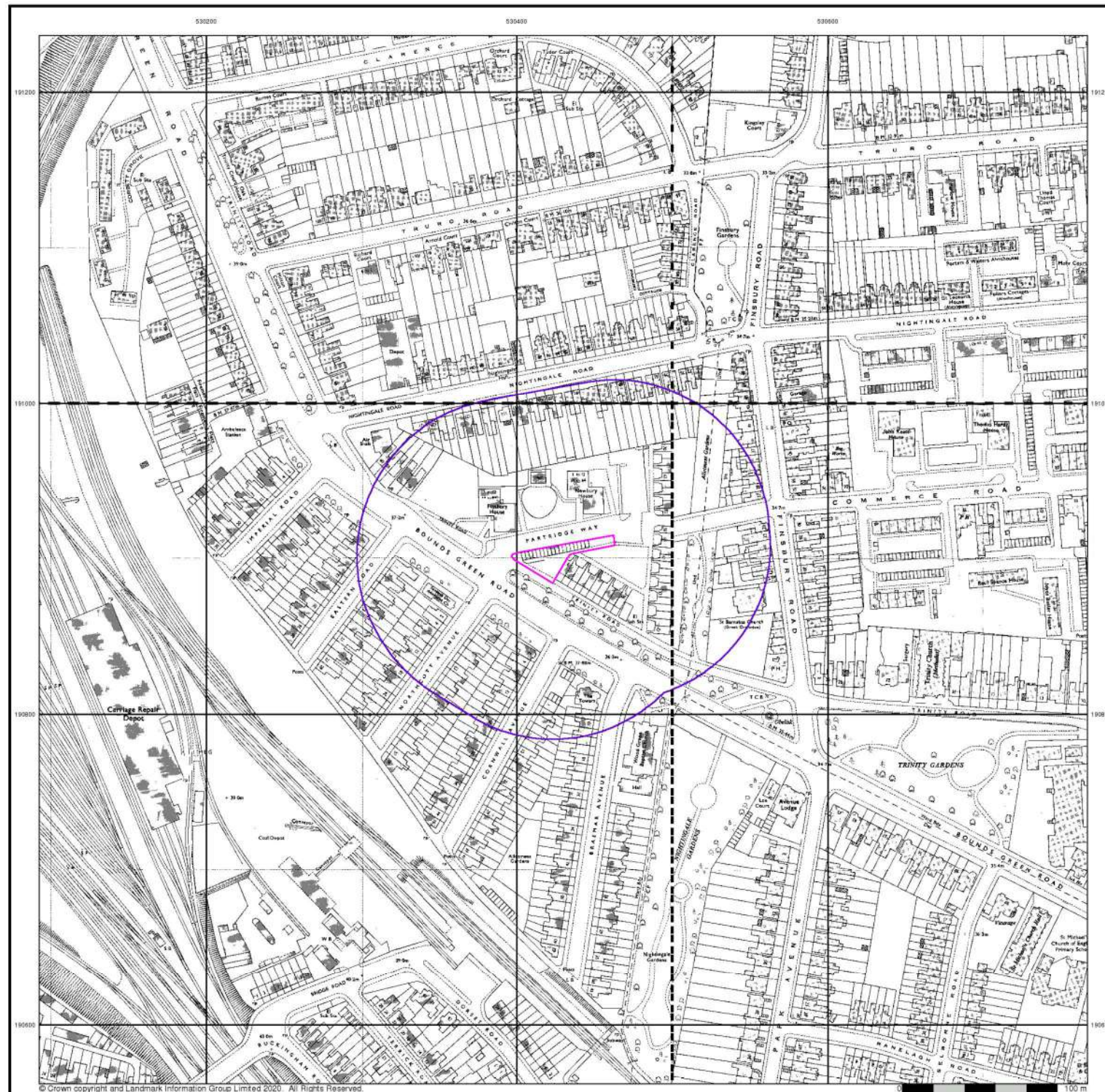
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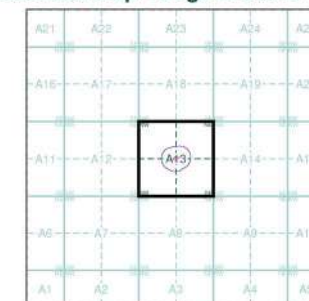
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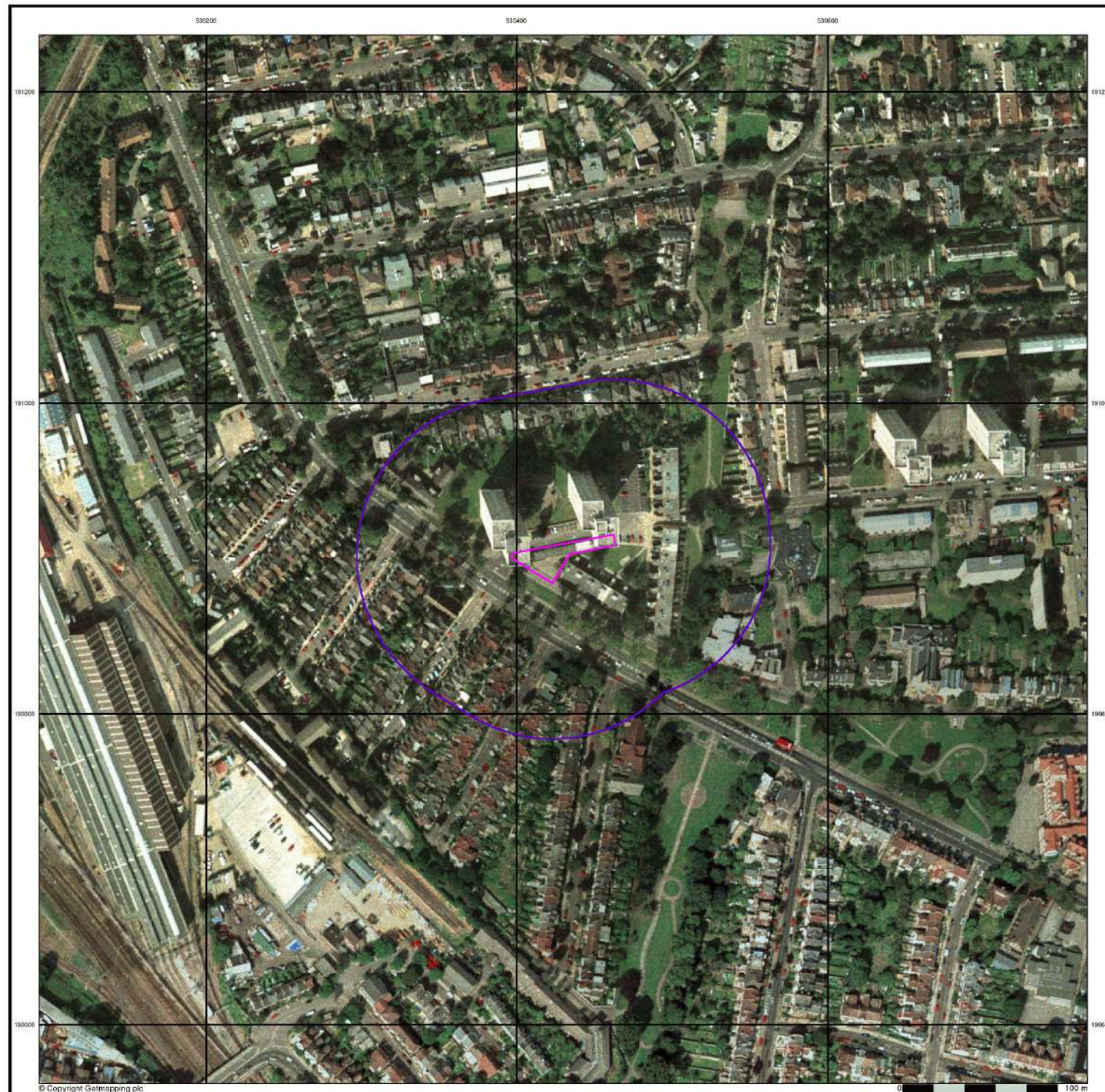
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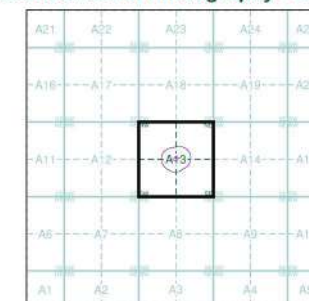
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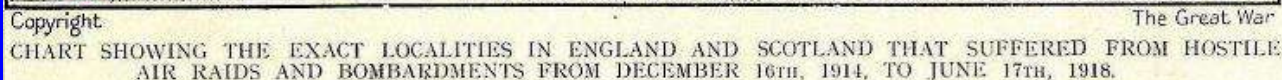
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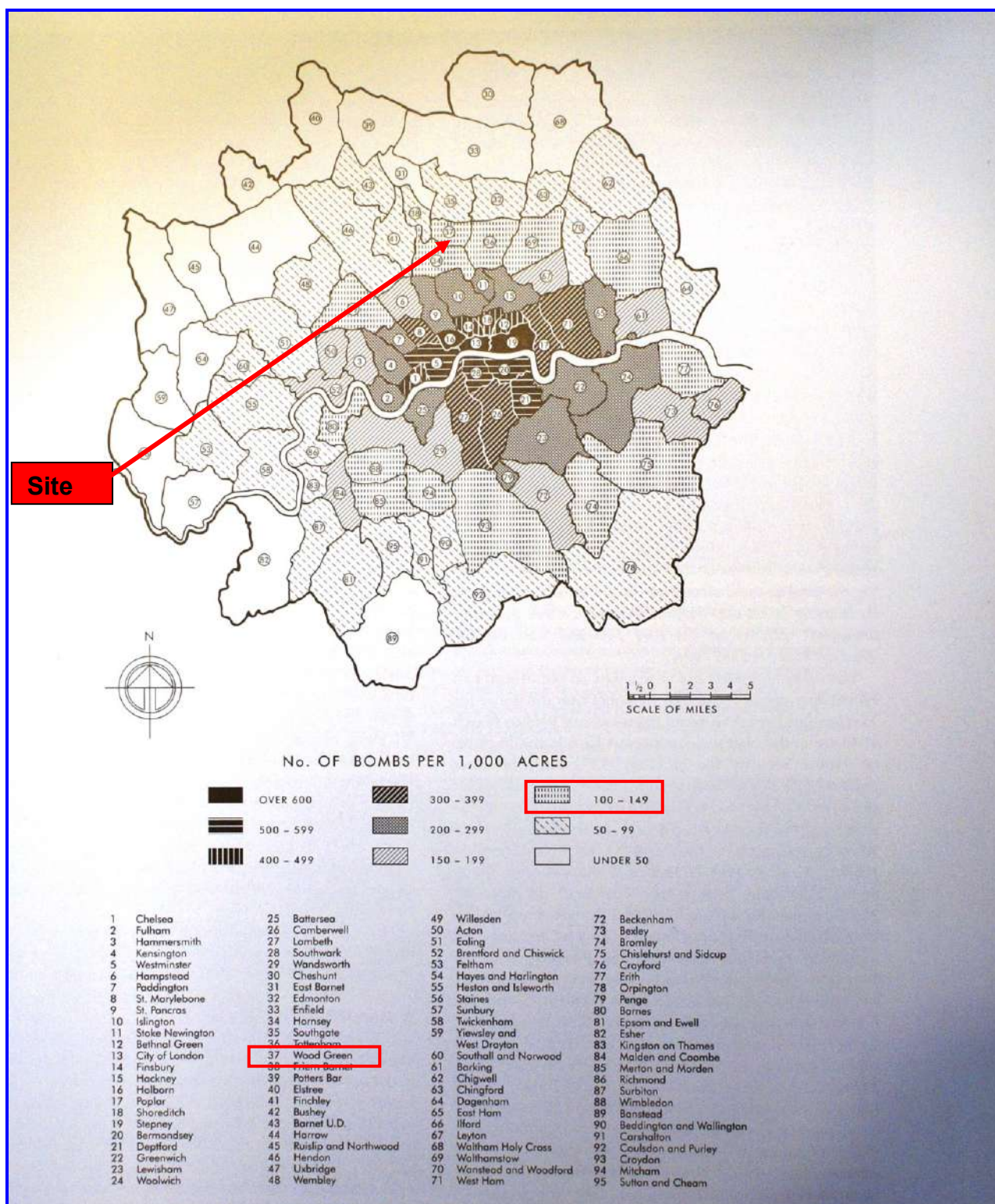
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LONDON BOMB DENSITY MAP



BOMB IMPACT MAPS

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Key: A different colour denotes different dates for bombs dropped

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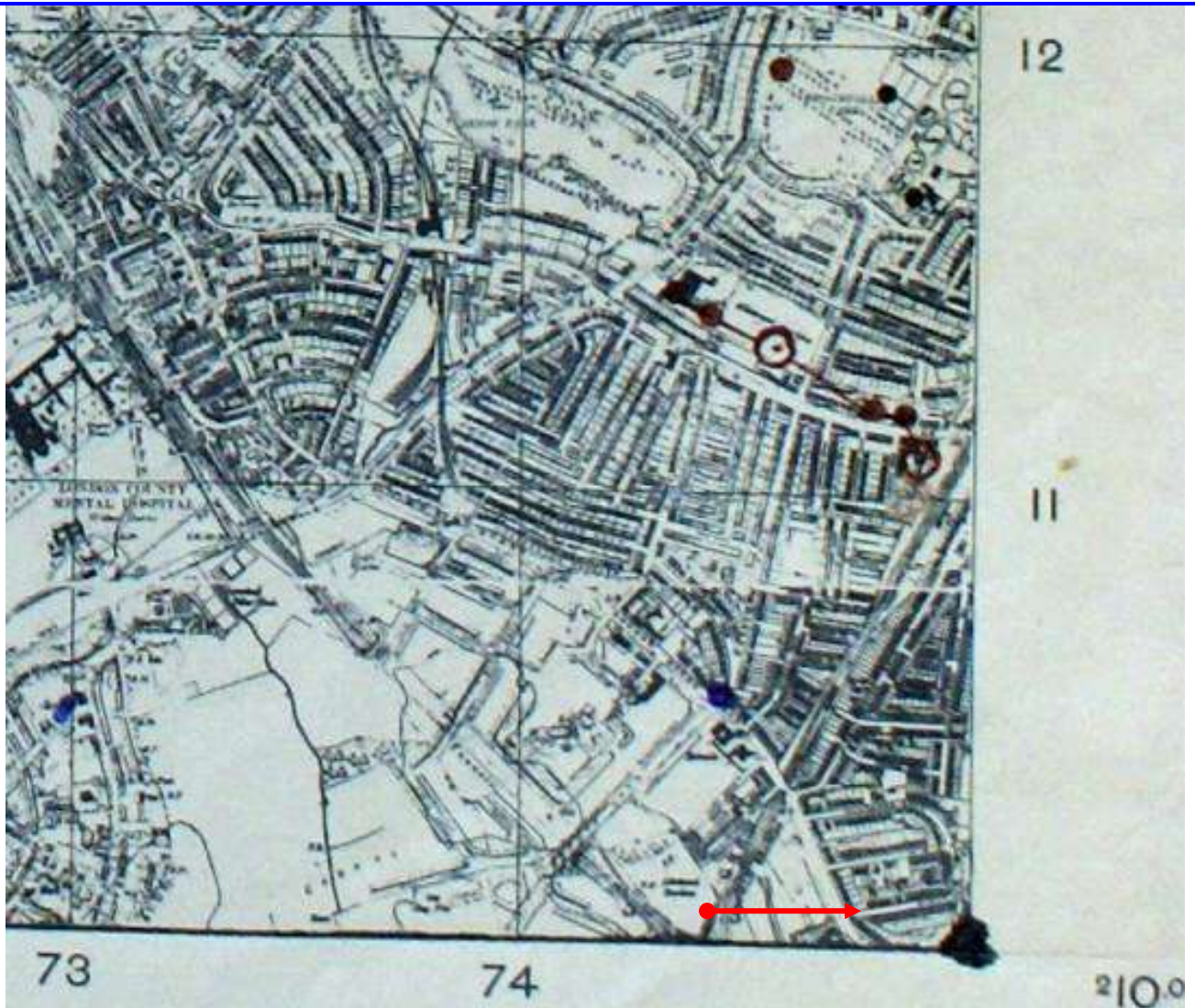
HE Bomb 

Parachute Mine 

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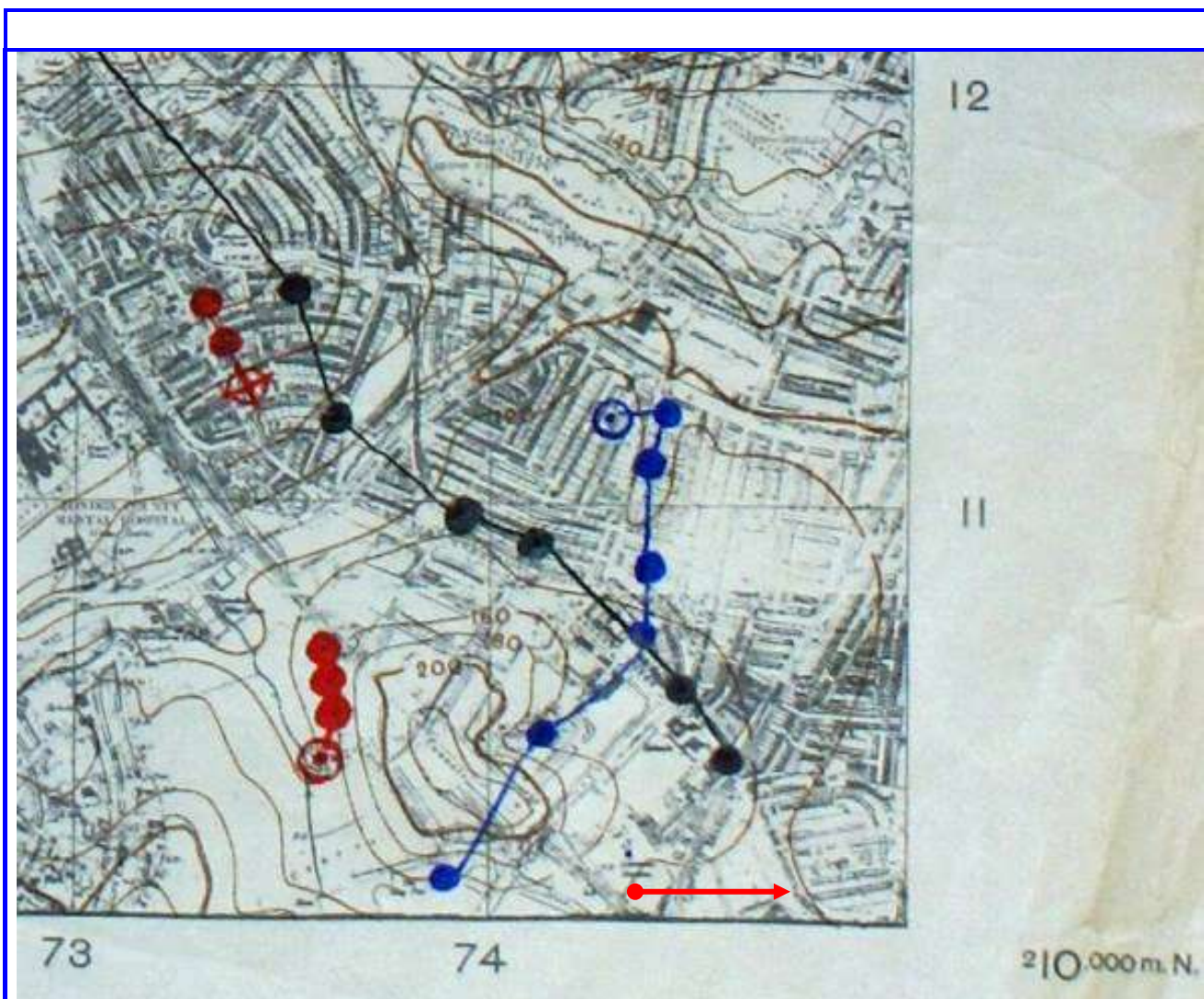


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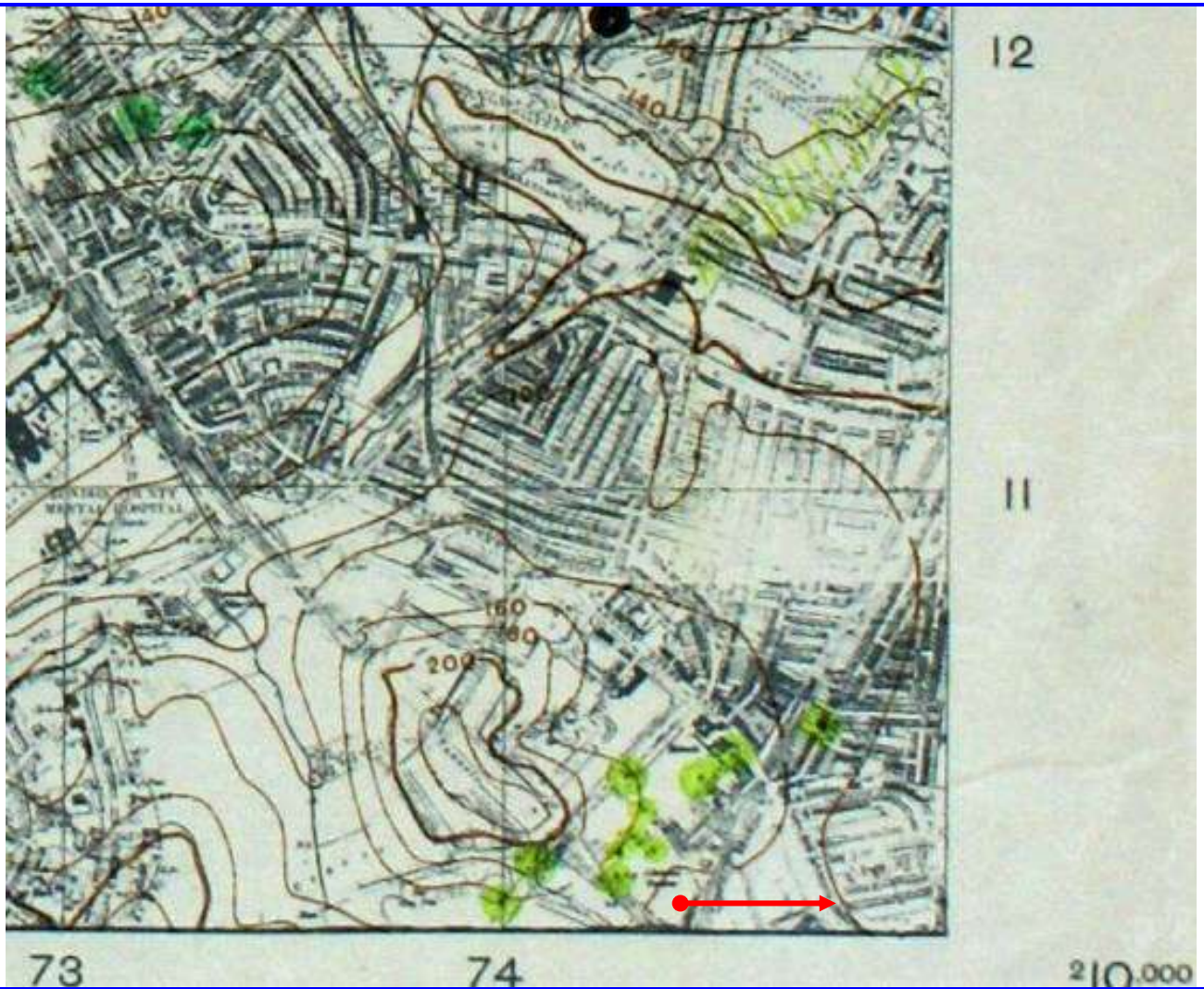
Dates of Bomb Plots: 7 to 21 Oct 1940

Description Bombs at 90m (could be an ink spot)

Note: The red arrow indicates the approximate centre of the subject site.



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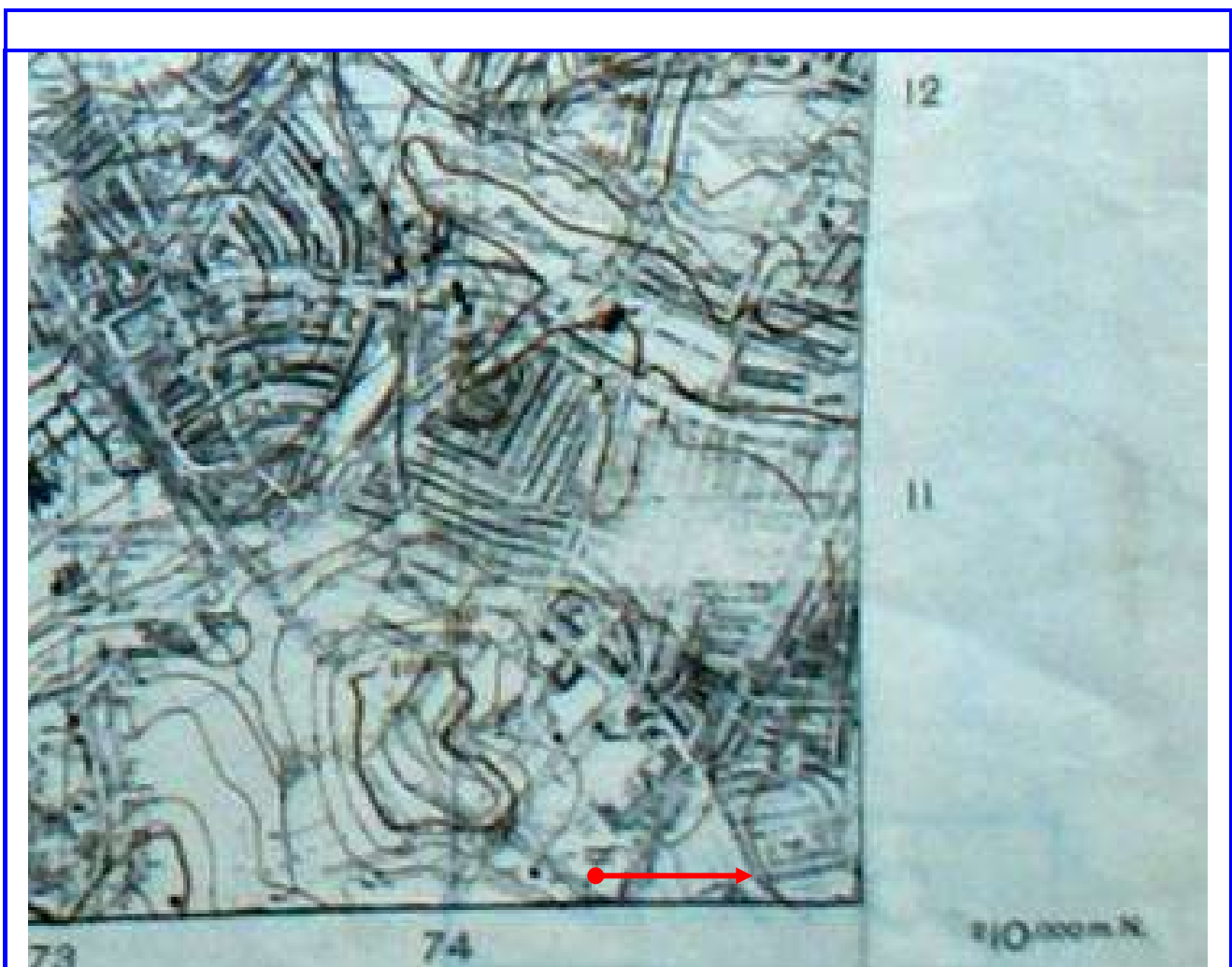


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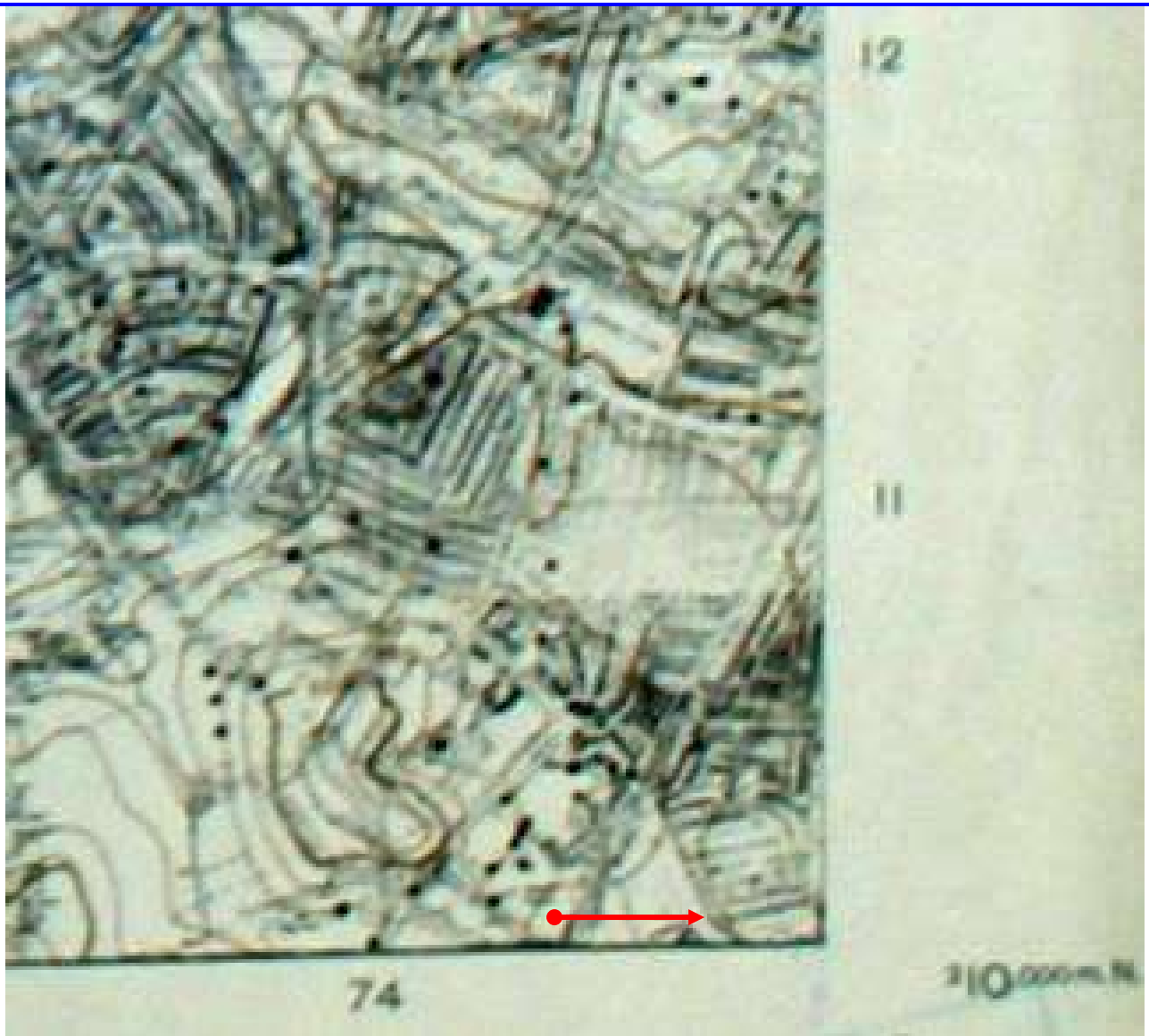
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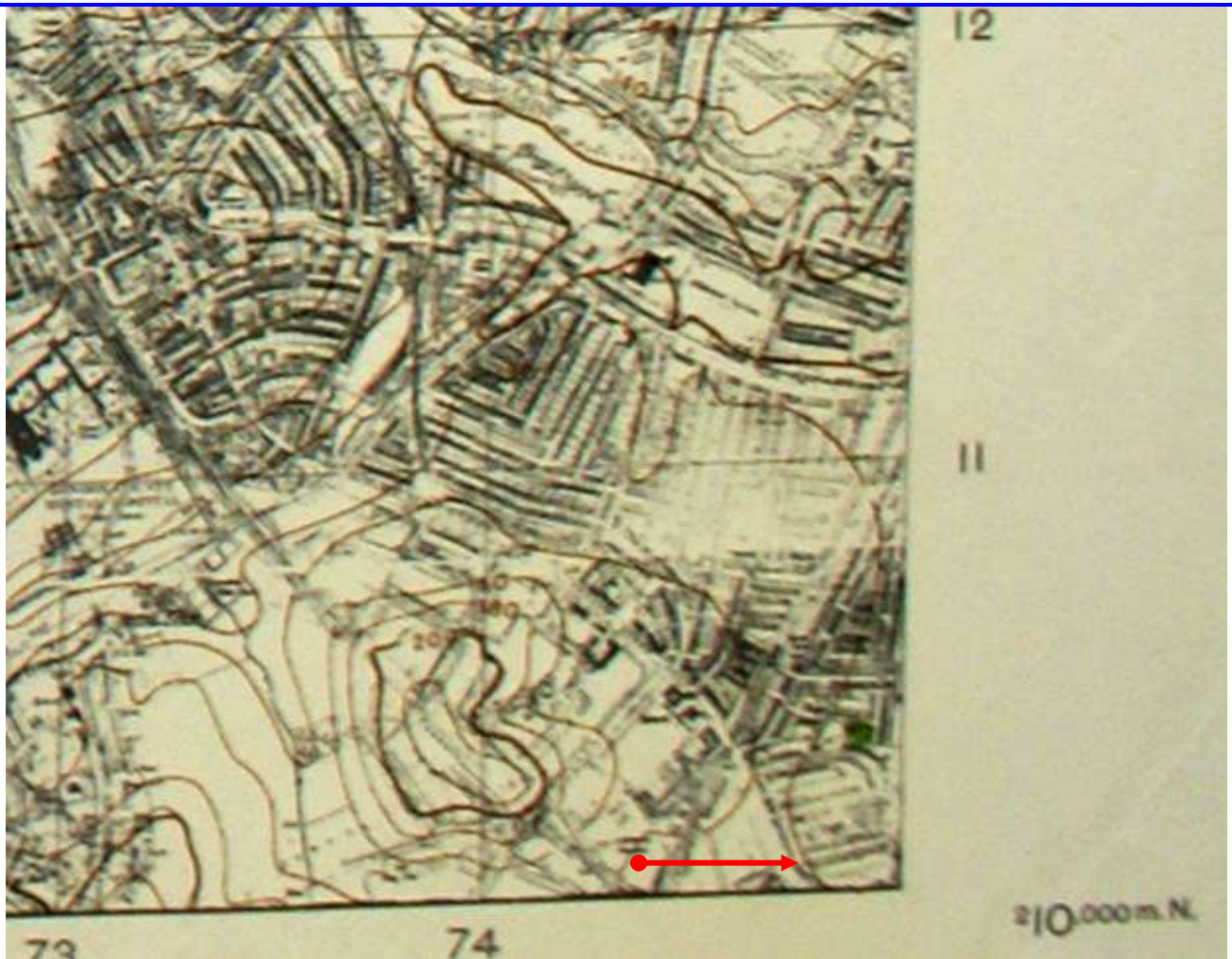


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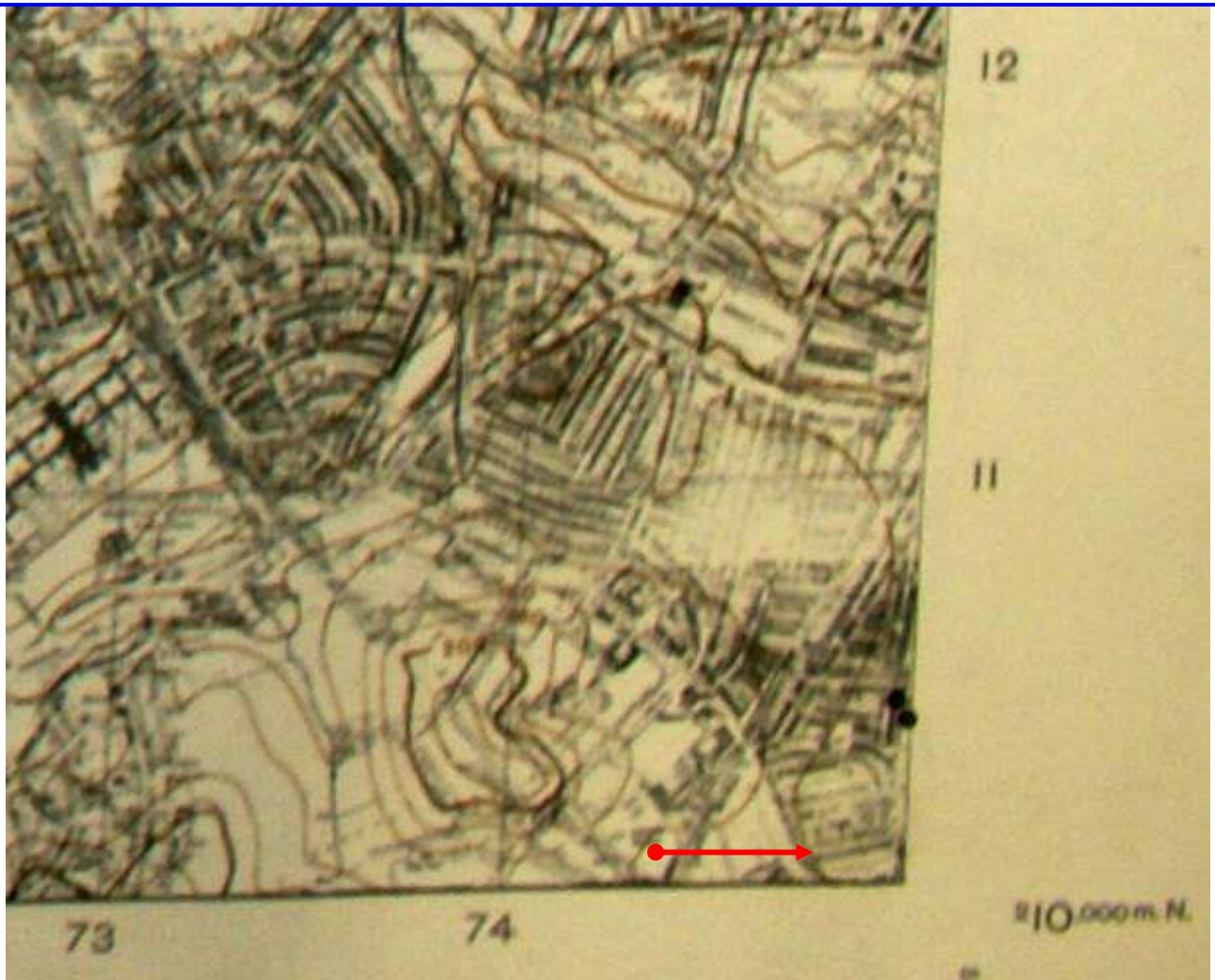


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Dates of Bomb Plots:	30 Dec 1940 to 6 Jan 1941
Description	A bomb at 300m
Note: The red arrow indicates the approximate centre of the subject site.	



Map Reference:	HO-193-26: 56 - 20 NW
Dates of Bomb Plots:	7 to 14 Apr 1941
Description	2 bombs at 370m
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Dates of Bomb Plots:	31 May to 27 June 1943
Description	A bomb over 500m
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EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE SAFETY AND INFORMATION

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Since the end of WWII, there have been a limited number of recorded incidents in the UK where bombs have detonated during engineering works, though a significant number of bombs have been discovered.

The threat to any proposed investigation or development on the site may arise from the effects of a partial or full detonation of a bomb or ordnance item. The major effects usually being shock, blast, heat and shrapnel damage. It should be noted that the detonation of a 50kg buried bomb could damage brick/concrete structures up to 16m away and unprotected personnel on the surface up to 70m away from the blast. Larger ordnance is obviously more destructive. Table 1 denotes recommended safe distance for UXO.

Table 1: Safety Distances for Personnel

UXO (Kg)	Safety Distances (m)			
	Surface UXO		Buried UXO	
	Protected	Unprotected	Protected	Unprotected
2	20	200	10	20
10	50	400	20	50
50	70	900	40	70
250	185	1100	120	185
500	200	1250	140	200
1000	275	1375	185	275
3000	450	1750	300	450
5000	575	1850	400	575

Explosives rarely become inert or lose effectiveness with age. Over time, fuzing mechanisms can become more sensitive and therefore more prone to detonation.

This applies equally to items that have been submersed in water or embedded in silt, clay, peat or similar materials.

Once initiated, the effects of the detonation of the explosive ordnance such as shells or bombs are usually extremely fast, often catastrophic and invariably traumatic to the personnel involved.

The degradation of a shell or bomb may also offer a source of explosive contamination into the underlying soils. Although this contamination may still present an explosion hazard, it is not generally recognised that explosives offer a significant toxicological risk at concentrations well below that at which a detonation risk exists.

BOMB PENETRATION DEPTHS

Weapons penetrate a significant depth into the ground and other types of ammunition are designed to permit the weapon time to penetrate deeply into the target before detonating a short time after coming to rest or a considerable number of hours afterwards. The second reason is where the weapon has failed to function as designed becoming a UXB. A number of studies have been carried out into weapon penetration and it is an inevitable consequence of a number of variable factors acting on the bombs trajectory that figures can and do differ significantly. Careful consideration must be given to the weapon's velocity, trajectory and shape. Also surface conditions and subsurface geology. The largest of the common German bombs, (500kg) can

penetrate to significant depths given favourable conditions for penetration. In the case of projectiles and shells, the potential for deep penetration is significantly less.

A number of assumptions were used in determining the maximum threat depth within the project footprint, which were;

The penetration of sub-surface bombs will be affected by the following:

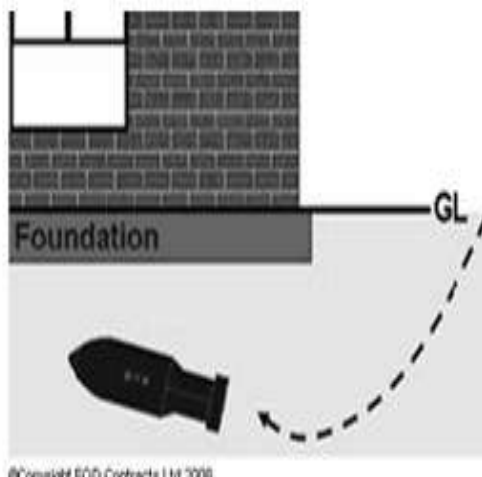
- Height of release
- Weight, shape and design of bomb
- Aerodynamic qualities
- Angle of flight and impact
- Nature of impact surface
- Nature of sub soil

Bombs on penetration of the surface do not follow a straight-line trajectory they can and do curve; this is called a “J” curve where the bomb’s path bends back towards the surface. This gives what is known as the Offset, which may place a bomb under a structure and at a shallow depth.

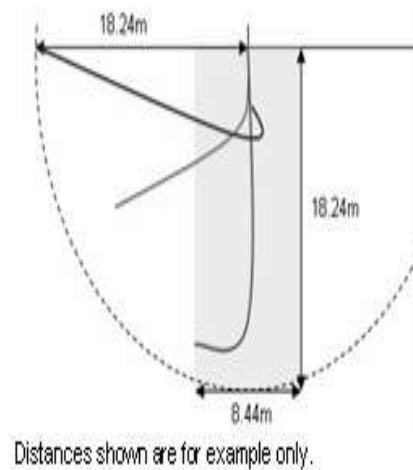
Figure 1: Sub-Surface Trajectories & Safety Buffers

Sub Surface Trajectory.

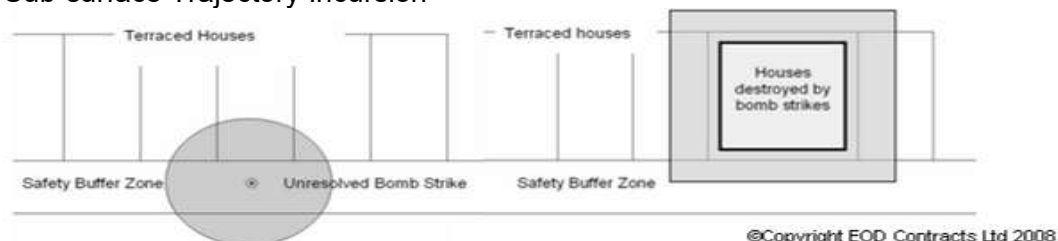
Common Sub-Surface Trajectory ⁶



Anomalous Sub-Surface Trajectory ⁷



Sub-surface Trajectory Incursion ⁸



Note; the common sub-surface trajectory will follow a path best described as a 'J' curve. The curve can result in a weapon coming to rest some distance from its impact point. The distance from impact point to resting place is referred to as the "Off set Distance and is normally considered to be 1/3 of the depth. This mechanism can permit a weapon to strike outside a building and travel below ground finally coming to rest within the building footprint. Where a strike is known to have occurred close to a building or structure such as a dock wall, a danger zone should be considered to exist around the area of the strike of sufficient size to accommodate the likely sub-surface travel distance for the weapon.

Note; the typical offset distance is shown as the shaded area, on rare occasions a near surface deflection of the weapon can occur and the offset distance can be substantially increased up to 5/4 of the penetration depth. This mechanism does however reduce the penetration depth considerably with the net result that while the offset is increased the overall travel distance is for the most part unaffected.

Note; scenario 1 shown top left shows a hypothetical bomb strike outside a structure or building. The strike location has been accurately identified and as a consequence; a potential danger zone (circular shaded area) can be placed around the point of impact. Scenario 2 shown top right; depicts a direct HE bomb or Incendiary strike within a building which totally destroyed the building. In circumstances such as this UXB entry the building rubble may have concealed hole and the weapon may still be present within the building footprint or it may have travelled sub-surface and come to rest outside the footprint. Here the danger zone (square shaded Area) extends outwards on all sides of the original building footprint.

TYPES OF ORDNANCE

German Air Delivered Ordnance. Technical information on the nature and characteristics of the ordnance used by the German Air Force during both world wars has been available for a number of years. Assessment that began during the 1930's has continued to the present day. Experts have conducted research in many countries as part of national research programmes and as individual research projects. Consequently a well-informed assessment of the threat posed by unexploded ordnance, and the hazards that they represent, can be made with a high degree of confidence.

Terminology. It should be noted that two terms used in bomb records can lead to some confusion as to their meaning and therefore significance. The term Unexploded Bomb (UXB) refers to a bomb that has fallen, failed to function and has been subsequently dealt with and removed from the site. The term Abandoned Bomb (A/UXB) refers to a UXB that could not be found or recovered, or the decision was taken not to pursue the matter further. Consequently the unexploded bomb remains where it came to rest when it was dropped or fell to the present day. It should also be noted the word 'bomb' can be used to describe an airdropped bomb or a shell as in some cases no differentiation was made and the term was interchangeable.

Abandoned Bombs. The records of known abandoned unexploded bomb locations in the London area were released in response to a written Parliamentary Question from Simon Hughes. (Hansard: Volume; 282. Dated 15th October 1996). The information was provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and supplied under an indemnity.

Explosive Ordnance Failure Rates. Over the course of both World Wars a considerable quantity of ordnance dropped on UK targets failed to function as designed and subsequently penetrated the ground without exploding. Information gathered during the war by the MOD and its research partners provide typical failure rates for different types of ordnance. Figures significant to this study are:

- 10% of all German airdropped bombs failed to function as intended.

- 30% of all anti-aircraft and other types of shells failed to function as intended.

Deductions & Considerations. The following points were considered as part of the assessment and have been given due consideration:

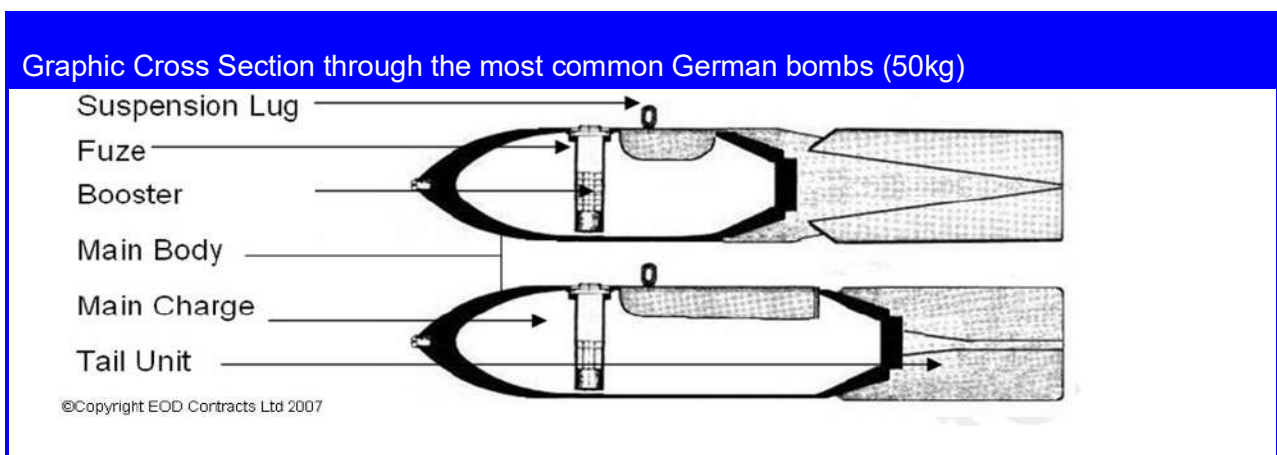
Records were found that indicated that the general area was subjected to heavy bombing.

Bombs, which struck previously, hit or burned out targets and did not function; consequently their impact was unseen and therefore no report was ever made.

In all likelihood, the local anti-aircraft battery would have fired a far higher number of shells than the bombers dropped HE bombs. Contamination by anti aircraft shells can not be rules out.

Generic German Bomb Types. The majority of German bombs dropped were 50kg in weight, accounting for approximately 16% of the total bombs dropped. The range of common bombs increased in weight to a maximum of 1700kg. Regardless of size, German bombs were fitted with one or more Electrical Condenser Resistance (ECR) fuzes many of which included a mechanical component. The fuzes were mounted transversely in the bomb body with the booster directly below, and in contact with, the fuze. The booster; sometimes referred to as the Gaine, is composed of a sensitive explosive material (Picric Acid). Picric Acid is known to deteriorate over time becoming increasingly unstable. The internal layout of two common German bombs and a German fuze is shown in Figures 2 & 3.

Figure 2: Generic German Bomb Design.



Note; the diagram shows that there can be a significant difference in the quantity of High Explosive contained within bombs of similar size and shape; the Grade 1 bomb on the bottom having 30% more HE than the Grade 2 shown at the top. This serves to demonstrate the importance of an accurate identification of any item of UXO.

Figure 3: Generic German Bomb Fuze Design.

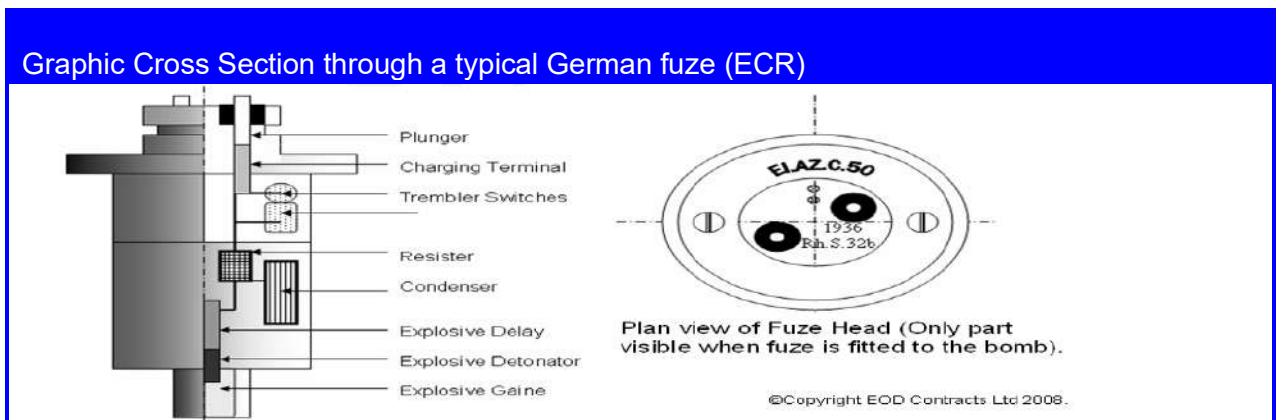


Figure 4: Range of HE bombs dropped on the United Kingdom.

German Bombs



NOTE: The smaller sub-munitions (Bomblets) seen to the right, ranged in size between 1 and 3kg, were dropped in large numbers and were intended as incendiary bombs, anti-personnel bombs or as bombs filling both roles. The smaller bomblets were dropped in larger container bombs designed to hold between 360 and 620 of the bomblets. The containers were designed to burst open at a predetermined height above ground level, dispersing the bomblets over a wide area. Air raid damage was far greater by using both incendiary, and HE bombs on a single raid. The fires started by the incendiaries being rapidly spread by the blast waves from the HE bomb. This scenario was shown to devastating effect on the 14th February 1945 in the German city of Dresden. Where fires started and spread by the bombing increased to a point where the oxygen was being sucked into the flames at such a high speed that the fire became a "Fire Storm". At the time the city's population had increased due to a high number of refugees fleeing the Russian advance to the east, the exact civilian death toll from fire and suffocation will never be known, but is considered to be somewhere between 25,000 and 100,000.

High Explosive (HE) Bomb. Some of the most common type of ordnance to be dropped on the United Kingdom, HE bombs are often the type encountered as UXBs. Relatively thick cased, they are still recovered in remarkably good condition. Ranging in size from 50 to 1700 kg, their typical release height (1,500m) allowed them to penetrate deep into the ground as a result of design or flaw. Towards the end of the bombing campaign, as steel became scarce the German Engineers produced a range of bombs that used steel reinforced concrete as the bomb body. Figure 4 shows the range of steel HE bombs dropped on the UK.

Incendiary Bomb. The larger incendiary bombs, containing bottles of white phosphorus and an incendiary mixture contained within a thin steel case were designed to burst on contact with the ground. A fixed dispenser on the aircraft delivered the smaller type of bomb or 'Bomblet' to the target area in container bombs or; both types of container would open dispersing the smaller Incendiary bombs. Relatively small and light they were unlikely to penetrate the ground to any significant depth. However, once concealed in bomb damage rubble or below water they were easily missed and are still unearthed today from in-fill and drained land. Later versions of the incendiary bomb contained an additional explosive charge used as a short delay "Booby Trap" device that contained a significant amount of high explosive. The Booby Trap component was designed to kill or injure fire fighters and hinder the damage control. See Figure 5.

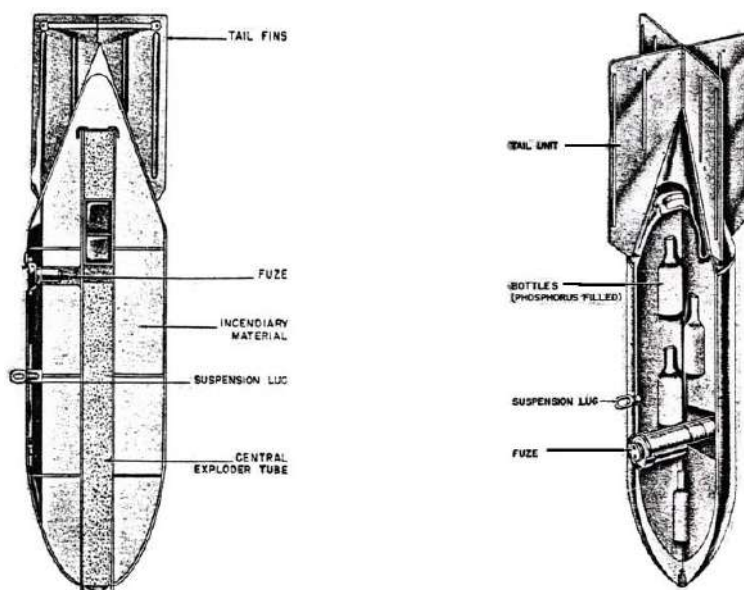
Figure 5: Incendiary Bombs.

Common German Incendiary Bombs



250 mm

Above 1kg incendiary bomblet, below left the larger 500kg incendiary bomb Below right a 50kg incendiary bomb containing bottles of white phosphorus.

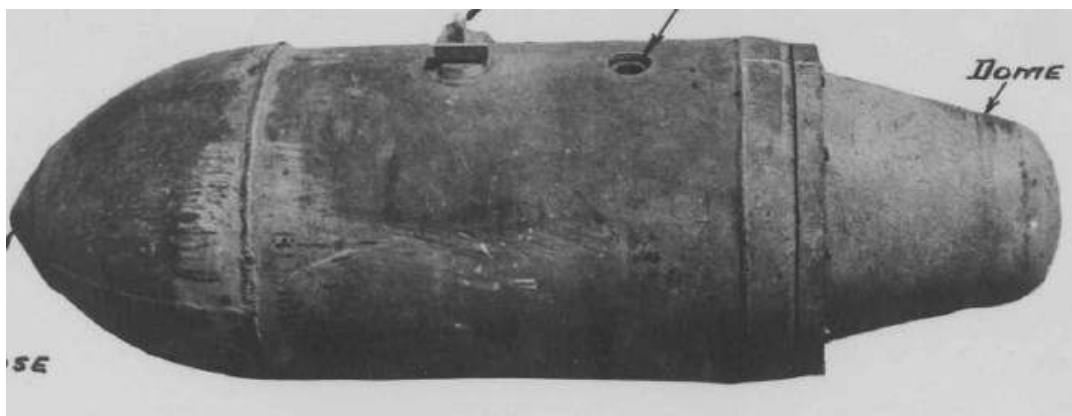


Note; Incendiary bomblets were made of a flammable alloy similar in appearance to aluminium, which resists corrosion well. The tail unit was made of thin tin-plate steel and is more prone to have rusted away. Some Incendiary models were fitted with a High Explosive (HE) steel nose. With the tail and explosive nose attached the bomb was 480mm long.

Blast Bomb / Parachute Mine. The parachute mine was extensively used on land and at sea and was fitted with specialist fuzes designed to trigger the weapon at a predetermined altitude, water depth or to switch on other magnetic influence mechanisms to trigger the weapon when a ship approached (Magnetic or Acoustic influence). While early versions were based on the standard 1000kg SD Bomb case others were specially designed and manufactured with an aluminium body, making them extremely difficult to detect using magnetometers. The thin cased versions would normally disintegrate on impact on land and are normally considered to pose little threat to work on land based projects, but the risk increases significantly on projects over water or in marshland. Thicker cased versions however will survive impact and pose a significant risk regardless of the local ground conditions. (See Figure 6)

Figure 6: Common Airdropped Mines.

Parachute & Ground Mines



Note; all mine fuzes were designed to arm after deployment from the ship, submarine or aircraft, some fuze designs incorporated anti-removal booby traps. Unexploded mines found today are the result of a failure within the arming mechanism or procedure whereby the mine never fully armed. Sudden shock or jarring of a weapon in this state has the potential to complete the arming sequence and could result in the mine detonating with lethal consequences.

Non-Steel Cased Bombs. Used primarily in the construction of training or practice bombs, some high explosive variants were introduced towards the end of the war. With resources running scarce, German Engineers produced a small number of blast bombs with a concrete body. The design utilised a steel framework onto which concrete was cast. The explosive filling was also contained within a thin steel container within the bomb body. Very few “concrete” bombs were dropped on the UK. In common with standard steel cased weapons, this type of bomb can be detected using standard magnetometer detection techniques (albeit; providing a smaller ferromagnetic signature than its all steel counterparts). This type of bomb represents a very small percentage of the total number of bombs dropped worldwide and are not considered a significant threat, particularly when viewed from an overall bomb threat in the UK.

Anti-Personnel Bomb. Generally these were small weapons of 1-3 kilograms in weight and are often referred to as ‘Bomblets’ and possessing similar ground penetration ability as the Incendiary Bomblets. They were often located during the post-raid searches. This type of bomb has been recovered within the bomb rubble being cleared or used as in-fill on construction projects and poses the same potential to function as the Incendiary bomb with a greater potential to cause localised casualties.

Specialist Bomb. These types of bombs were designed to meet a specific mission requirement. Typically, this would be a design modification or special fusing to enable the bomb to destroy hardened/armoured targets or deep buried and sub-marine targets. Similar to the more common HE bombs, they differ in that they rarely contain large amounts of high explosive. Therefore the consequence of a detonation is reduced but remains a significant risk, particularly when the detonation occurs on or near the surface.

Depth Bombs & Depth Charges. These types of weapons were designed to meet a specific mission requirement. Typically, the modifications would include the type of explosive filling and special fusing to enable the bomb to penetrate to a significant depth into the ground or water before detonating. Depth bombs intended for maritime attack and sub-marine targets would be fitted with one or more fuzes, one of which would be a hydrostatic fuze designed to detonate the bomb at a predetermined depth. The bomb would be fitted with an anti skip ring to reduce the deflection of the bomb as it entered the water. Similar in many ways to Depth Bombs, Depth Charges were exclusively designed to detonate at a predetermined depth. This was achieved by fitting the Charge with a short time delay or hydrostatic fuze. Depth bombs; having a similar configuration to general purpose bombs had the potential to penetrate deeply into the sea bed where an attack occurred in the relatively shallower water of a dock.

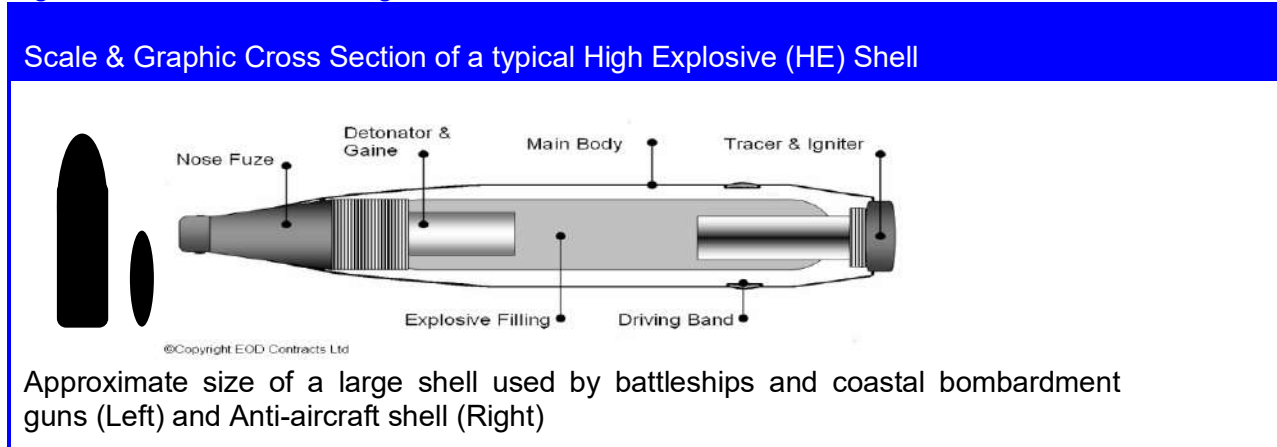
Unmanned Rocket Bombs & Missiles. The most famous in this category of weapons were the V1 (Fi103 flying bomb) commonly known as the Doodlebug and the Larger V2 (A4 missile). Both V1 & V2 with high explosive warheads containing 850kg & 1000kg (respectively) represent some of the largest weapons to land in the United Kingdom. Both types were built in a similar manner to an aircraft and would generally disintegrate on impact even if the warhead failed to detonate. The impact would spread debris over a wide area which was difficult to miss and any resulting unexploded 'V' weapons were comprehensively dealt with at the time. For this reason they are rarely encountered on land. However, where a 'V' weapon landed in water the opportunity for the event to have been missed and/or follow-up action abandoned was greater and they continue to pose a significant risk. Other, less well known rocket bombs were also produced by the Luftwaffe to attack maritime targets. Some were equipped with TV/Radio guidance from the parent bomber. Two of the most common were the Fritz X which consisted of an adapted SD1400kg bomb and the Henschel Hs293 which was based on a smaller 500kg bomb. No record of one having been recovered on land as a UXB can be found but these large HE bombs are considered to pose a significant risk, particularly to maritime projects. No records were found to indicate this type of bomb was ever used on targets in the area.

Photoflash Bomb. This type of bomb was dropped by specialist "Pathfinder" aircraft and although this type of bomb can be included with the category of specialist bombs, it is worthy of specific comment due to the danger it may still pose. Photoflash bombs were designed to explode with a blinding flash, rather like a camera flashbulb. They were used to enable photographs to be taken of targets at night and also served to identify ground targets for other aircraft to attack. The speed at which the highly energetic filling detonated, and energy it produced in doing so, was significant. Although these bombs were thin skinned and are prone to corrosion the functioning of one can be compared to a high explosive bomb detonation.

High Explosive Shells & Projectiles. As mentioned previously, one of the most common sources of UXO contamination encountered in the United Kingdom is High Explosive Shells and Projectiles. This is most commonly found to be as the result of firing practice ranges, bombardment and anti-aircraft defence, the latter often positioned to defend Major cities and Strategic installations and ports from German Bombing. Anti Aircraft Shells and projectiles are generally smaller (Up to 4.7" inch diameter) than the airdropped bombs and as a consequence were more easily missed amongst the bomb rubble. However, coastal bombardment guns could fire a shell weighing 1000kg, (larger than most common airdropped bombs) and capable of significant ground penetration. The generic layout of a projectile can be found at Figure 7. It should be noted that the fatal incident on the German autobahn in 2006 was thought to be the result of a shell or projectile detonating, not an airdropped bomb as first reported.

The Fuzes used in Anti-Aircraft Ammunition were designed to ensure the projectile would detonate in contact with the target, or at a pre-set altitude, or in close proximity to the target. The fuzes employed different means to achieve this, including; direct impact, or indirect impact, Barometric, Delay and Electro-magnetic influence. Some were fitted with more than one fuze, which served to reduce the chance of the projectile falling to earth and detonating. Artillery fuzes are activated during the firing process, using the projectile's acceleration or spin within the gun barrel to switch off the safety mechanisms. For this reason, fired projectiles are considered more dangerous than unfired ones.

Figure 7: Generic Shell Design



Other Types of Ordnance.

The following additional sources of ordnance types have been considered, and inherent risks taken account of:

Flares and Pyrotechnics. Flares and pyrotechnics were used for a variety of reasons throughout the war and continue to be found today in the most unlikely places. However, due to the thin casings of these weapons a high level of corrosion is likely to have occurred since manufacture. Depending on the specific nature of the weapon, this effectively renders them inert with the exception of any white phosphorous content or explosive gaine.

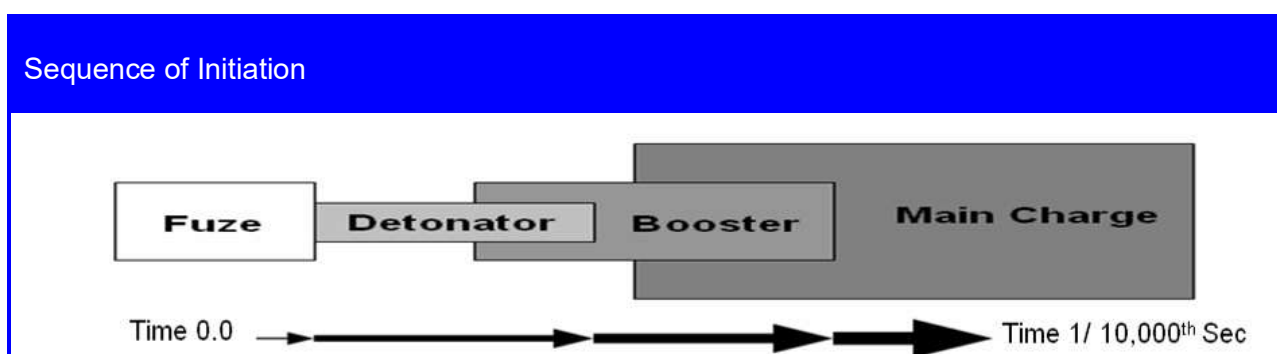
Land Service Ammunition (LSA). While as the name implies this type of ammunition was designed for use on land, it was also issued to naval personnel for close protection of vessels and their crew and to provide a limited offensive capability even to relatively small craft. This type of ammunition includes some shells and projectiles such as those covered previously. Other natures of LSA range from Small Arms Ammunition (SAA), having little or no high explosive content to Grenades, Mortars and Rockets which may pose a risk of detonation due to their explosive content and the design of their fuzes (impact) which; if subjected to sufficient shock or friction may result in the weapon functioning. (See Figure 8)

Figure 8: Common Categories of Land Service Ammunition



Initiation of Unexploded Ordnance. Explosive Ordnance is highly unlikely to spontaneously explode. The energetic chemical compounds, (Explosives) used in weapon manufacture are chosen to be as stable as possible and they all require a significant application of additional energy to create the right conditions for detonation to occur. If stored correctly, most explosive materials are designed to remain stable for the duration of their expected lifespan (typically 20 years). During this time, the correct functioning of the weapon is achieved by means of the 'Initiation Train' (See Figure 9).

Figure 9: Explosive Ordnance Initiation Train.



Initiation Train. This is a means by which, once the safety features have been switched off or removed, a chain reaction occurs through the weapon. Starting within the fusing system as a small ignition or spark, causing a detonator to explode, which in turn causes the booster charge to detonate with a greater energy and ending in the full detonation of the main explosive filling. Each part of the process has in-built safety features to prevent an unintended detonation. A failure in any of the components within the Initiation Train can result in a UXO. In the case of a UXB; the chain reaction has broken down and the Initiation Train is brought to a halt, albeit, a temporary one. There are a number of ways that sufficient energy could be introduced to the otherwise stable UXB / UXO that may allow the Initiation Train to set off once more, overcoming the initial reason for failure. In addition to subjecting the weapon to excessive heat, such as a fire, the most common methods to bring about an explosive detonation in such items are considered to be:

Direct impact onto the main body of the bomb by mechanical excavation or pile driving: Such an occurrence can cause the bomb to detonate, should the point of impact be on the bomb fuze; less force would be required to bring about a full or partial explosive detonation.

Re-starting the clock timer in the bomb fuze. Only a small percentage of bombs were fitted with clockwork fuzes. It is likely that corrosion has taken place within the fuze that may prevent the clockwork mechanism from functioning. However, the restarting of the clock is by no means a scenario that can be completely ruled out. This is considered to be one of the two most credible mechanisms by which sufficient energy could be introduced to the bomb and result in a detonation.

Induction of a static charge or exposure to an external power source (Electrical Services), causing a current in an electrical fuze. The majority of German bombs employed an electrical component within the fuzes, it is likely that corrosion would have taken place within the fuze mechanism and that it would no longer contain, or conduct sufficient electrical charge to initiate the bomb.

Friction initiating the sensitive fuze explosive. Some chemical constituents may have deteriorated, due to oxidation. Components designed with a high degree of stability at the time of manufacture may no longer be as safe. **This is considered to be the most likely mechanism by which sufficient energy could be introduced to the bomb and result in a detonation.**

Risk Assessment Tables

Table 1: Summary of Potential Contamination Sources

Source	Applicable	Not Applicable
Enemy Attack & Counter Measures		
Bombing WW1		☒
Manned Aircraft Bombing WW2		☒
Unmanned V1 & V2 Rocket Attack		☒
Shelling		☒
Anti-Shipping Mines & Depth Charges		☒
Anti-Aircraft Shells & Rockets		☒
Beach Mines & Coastal Defences.		☒
Airfield/Key Point Defensive Mines/Charges		☒
Abandoned Unexploded Bomb (A/UXB)		☒
Migration of UXO		
UXO Migration in Rubble & Infill		☒
UXO Migration by Tide & River Current		☒
UXO Migration by Marine Dredging		☒
Ship Wrecks		☒
Dispersal by Explosion, Fire & Accident		☒
Aeroplane Crash		☒
Private Collections		☒
MOD Facilities		
Bombing Range		☒
Artillery, Mortar & Tank Range		☒
Grenade Range		☒
Small Arms Firing Range		☒
Weapon Research & Development Facilities		☒
Ammunition Burial Grounds		☒
Docks & Harbour Facilities		☒
Offshore Ammunition Dumping Grounds		☒
Ammunition Storage & Manufacture Sites		☒
Airfields & Air Stations		☒
Bombing Decoy Site		☒
Army Barracks & Camps		☒
MOD Training / Concentration Areas		☒
Home Guard & SOE Weapon Caches		☒

Table 2: Baseline Bomb Penetration Assessment

Sub Soil Type	Bomb Weights			
	50kg	250kg	500kg	1000kg
Soft Rock	2.442	5.016	6.006	7.062
Gravel	2.442	5.016	6.006	7.062
Sand	2.442	5.016	6.006	7.062
Chalk	3.7	7.6	9.1	10.7
Shingle	3.7	7.6	9.1	10.7
Dry Clay	3.7	7.6	9.1	10.7
Wet Sand	5.55	11.4	13.65	16.05
Wet Clay	5.55	11.4	13.65	16.05
Average Offset (m)	0.8-1.6	1.6-3.7	3-4.5	3.4-5.3

Table 3: Site Specific Bomb Penetration Assessment

Input Figures			
Bomb Weight	Release Height	Velocity on Impact	Angle of Strike
500 kg	5000 m	340 m.s ⁻¹	10° to vertical
Geological Unit Description		Anticipated Thickness (m)	Anticipated Depth (m bgl)
Made		1	1
Clay		41	42
Output Figures			
Maximum Penetration Depth		Maximum Offset	
12m		5.3m	
The maximum threat depth from airdropped weapons is considered to be:		Bombs 12m	
The maximum threat depth for smaller shells is considered to be:		AA Shells 4m	
Input figures based on the most common bombing methods and largest common bomb type Figures derived from computer simulation. All depths based on 1939 levels.			

Table 4: Airdropped Weapon Strike Indicators (UK)

Item	Increasing Potential level →			
Site Location	Rural	Small Town	Brown Field Large Towns	Cities
Site Description and Use	Greenfield or Agricultural Land	Near Strategic Target	Adjacent to Strategic Target	Strategic Target
Site History	No history of Attack	Near area of Attack	Immediate Area Attacked	Direct Attack
Strategic Target: Military Installation, Industrial or Munitions Manufacturer, Power Station, Gas or Water Works, Port, Dock, Railway Yard, Decoy Site.				

Table 5: Weapon Strike Records (UK)

Source	Availability			
Archive	None	Non specific	Specific	Extensive
In-house	None	Non specific	Specific	Extensive
Anecdotal	None	Non specific	Specific	Confirmed

Table 6: Anti-Aircraft Weapon Strike Indicators (UK)

Item	Increasing Potential level ⇒			
Site Location	Rural	Town	City	Military Site
Fixed Battery Location	None	General Area	Nearby	Onsite
Mobile Battery	Rural	Town	City	Military Site
Military Site: Airfield, Port, Radar, Barracks, Depots, Arsenal or Similar.				

Table 7: Abandoned Bomb Records (UK)

Item	Increasing Potential level ⇒		
In-house	None	Yes	On-site
Other	None	Yes	On-site

Table 8: Bomb Strike Density Assessment

Bombs & Mines	LCC bomb density placed at 100 to 149 per 405 hectares.
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Table 9: Opportunity to have detected Bomb or Shell Strikes (UK)

Increasing Potential level ⇒	
No recorded bombs or damage	
Good ARP cover	
Significant development	
No significant ground cover	
Light bombing or damage	
Moderate ARP cover	
Moderate development	
Frequent public access	
Little ground cover	
Significant bombing or damage	
Poor ARP cover	
Minimal development limited to shallow excavations	
Infrequent public access	
Moderate ground cover	
Heavy bombing or damage	
No ARP cover	
Development limited to site clearance	
Controlled private access	
Heavy ground cover, vegetation, ploughing or body of water	

Table 10: Post Contamination Development Indicators (UK)

Nature of Post Contamination Development	Increasing Potential level ⇒	
	100% excavations of the entire site to below contamination depth.	
	Significant development	
	Moderate development	
	Minimal development	
	No development	

Table 11: Construction Activities Encounter Indicators

Activities	Increasing Potential level ⇒	
	Borehole Drilling	
	Dynamic Sampling	
	Shallow Trial Pit	
	Services Trenching	
	Bored (CFA) Piling	
	Sheet Piling	
	Shallow Excavations over extended area	
	Deep Excavations over a limited area	
	High Density Piles	
	Deep Excavations over extended area	
	Bulk Excavations	

**Source:****UKNIP****Date:****04 May 2020****Description:**

Officers from Kent Police are working with Army Bomb Disposal officers after the discovery of two unexploded WW2 bombs were located in Kings Hill, Kent.

Police were called just after 4:30pm Monday afternoon to Warwick Way after the discovery of an unexploded ordnance. The Army Bomb disposal service were called in to action to attend the scene to evaluate the discovery and make it safe.

Shortly after a second ordnance was found in the adjacent road Gibson Drive. Officers have placed a cordon on the area whilst the Army investigate and decide if a controlled explosion is needed.



Source:

The Bolton News

Date:

10 February 2020

Description:

A worker who found an unexploded bomb in a back garden has spoken about the discovery. Aram Mahmoud found the item while putting fence posts in for a house on Bradford Road, and said he recognised the explosive instantly due to growing up in Iraq. Mr Mahmoud said: "We were putting up concrete posts and we were digging and we found a rocket. "We called the police immediately and they came round.

The bomb disposal team told Mr Mahmoud that the device was "very very dangerous". Bradford Road was closed between Green Lane and Bishops Road, and Oakleigh Avenue was also shut off with residents evacuated.

Both roads have now reopened and the police have left the scene.



Source:

Sky News

Date:

4 February 2020

Description:

London's Soho Evacuated as World War Two Bomb Discovered

A large part of central London's busy Soho area was evacuated after an unexploded Second World War bomb was found at a building site.

Police were called at 1.42pm on Monday to Dean Street, connecting Oxford Street to Shaftesbury Avenue, which they cordoned off after the device was discovered near the Soho Hotel.

A Royal Engineers bomb disposal unit was called in and removed the half-tonne device.

The Metropolitan Police's Soho team said the cordons in Oxford Street, Charing Cross Road, Shaftesbury Avenue, Lexington Street and Poland Street had been lifted shortly after 8:30pm.



Source:

Express and Star

Date:

May 17, 2019

Description:

Second World War Bomb Detonated in Bilston

A Second World War bomb was detonated by the army in Bilston last night following a discovery by a workman.

The detonation took place on what appeared to be a building site at around 8.30pm.

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "We were called to reports of an unexploded World War 2 bomb at a building site on Coseley Road, Bilston, at 3.40pm. A controlled explosion was carried out."

Sip Grenades



Aftermath of Demolition



Source:

The Beach <https://www.thebeach.co.uk/news/local-news/bomb-squad-called-after-dozens-of-second-world-war-grenades-discovered/>

Date:

28 May 2019

Description:

Army bomb disposal teams have detonated 24 grenades found in a field in East Suffolk.

The 'SIP grenades' - which stands for 'self-igniting phosphorus' - were discovered in the village of Sibton, which is near Yoxford, yesterday.

The bombs, which were designed during the 1940s, were glass bottles filled with phosphorus and petrol. Unlike traditional Molotov cocktails, they would ignite spontaneously when the glass shattered, and the phosphorus became exposed to air.

The grenades were issued to Home Guard units in the event of a German invasion; as that never happened crates of them have been left buried in unregistered hiding places.



Source:

BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-48327618>

Date:

19 May 2019

Description:

A suspected German wartime bomb which was caught in a fishing net off the coast of the Isle of Wight has been detonated.

A fishing vessel reported picking up the 7ft-long sea mine, which was “most likely an old German wartime sea mine”, about a mile from the Needles at around 8am on Saturday, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) said.

Bomb disposal experts from the Royal Navy’s Portsmouth base were called in to detonate the device, while warnings were issued to ships and public in the area.

Divers placed the mine back on the sea bed and blew up the bomb – found to contain 2,000lb of explosives – at 10.51am on Sunday, the Ministry of Defence said.



Source: **Birmingham Live**

Date: **25th March 2019**

Description: Stechford Retail Park and homes evacuated after 'unexploded bomb' found

Police have cordoned off the area at the Retail Park, off Flaxley Road, following reports an unexploded bomb. The discovery was made Stechford Retail Park just after midday.

A number of homes have been evacuated along with part of the retail park. West Midlands Police say they believe it's from World War Two.

A section of the A4040 closed, with bus routes also affected.



Source:

The Guardian

Date:

3 March 2017

Description:

A second world war bomb that forced schools and homes in London to be evacuated has been defused.

The device, weighing 500lb (227kg), was found by builders working on a development in Brondesbury Park, north-west London, late on Thursday morning, on The Avenue, near the junction of Willesden Lane.

The Metropolitan police, London fire brigade and an army bomb-disposal team were scrambled to the scene, where a cordon was erected and homes were evacuated.



Source:

BBC News

Date:

13th February 2018

Description:

London City Airport has reopened after an unexploded 500kg World War Two bomb was safely moved from the area.

The device was discovered at the King George V Dock on Sunday during planned work at the east London airport.

All flights were cancelled on Monday after an exclusion zone was put in place, **with the closure affecting up to 16,000 passengers and nearby residents being evacuated from their homes.**

The bomb is due to be detonated in a controlled explosion in Shoeburyness.

Royal Navy divers worked through the night to move the 1.5m-long German bomb down the Thames.

ivers took the device - which was found in a bed of silt, 15m underwater - along with military explosives out to sea.

Commander Del McKnight said it had been taken to the sea bed, a mile away from the coast, before military explosives were placed on it.

He added the bomb would be exploded in due course, weather permitting.



Source:

BBC

Date:

16th May 2017

Description:

Bomb disposal experts in Birmingham are taking part in a "major, delicate operation" to make a wartime bomb safe.

A major route into the city remains closed for a second day, rail services are affected and people have been evacuated from their homes.

The bomb disposal team said 13 lorry loads of sand had been brought in to create a "sizeable igloo" around the 250kg (551lb) bomb.

Junctions four to seven of the M6 have been closed ahead of detonation.

West Midlands Police, who has praised the bravery of the team at the scene, said the motorway between junction four near Coleshill and seven at Great Barr will shut in both directions while a controlled explosion is carried out.