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IDENTIFICATION OF DRILL AMMUNITION.

The present position regarding the identification of drill ammunition, in use in the Service, is far from satisfactory. In some instances drill ammunition is not easily distinguished from live ammunition and this has been a contributory factor in a number of firearm accidents. This situation has, in the main, been due to concessions granted to manufacturers during the war period. All such concessions have now been withdrawn.

2. In order to regularise the position, all Units are to inspect immediately all drill ammunition held and to rectify (see para.4.) all rounds of calibre 20 mm. and below in which the cartridge case does not conform to one of the following types.

3. (a) All Calibre Below 20 mm.

(1) A fluted white metal or turned cartridge case without percussion cap. Flutes being painted red, C.F.

or (ii) A brass cartridge case without percussion cap and with four holes drilled through the case, C.F. Cartridges Drill .303" D Mark IX, and Cartridges Drill/Drum 9 mm. Parabellum.

NOTE: The examples in (i) and (ii) above are correctly depicted in Air Diagram 4316 "Identification of Small Arms Ammunition".

or (iii) A tinny brass cartridge case without percussion cap and with four holes drilled in the case.

(b) Calibre 20 mm.

(i) As in para (a)(ii) above, ball type projectile being

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3. (a) All Calibres Below 20 mm.

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or (ii) A brass cartridge case without percussion cap and with four holes drilled through the case, C.S. Cartridges Drill .303" D Mark IX, and Cartridges Drill/Dummy 9 mm. Parabellum.

NOTE:

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or (iii) A tinued brass cartridge case without percussion cap and with four holes drilled in the case.

(b) Calibre 20 mm.

(i) As in para (a)(ii) above, ball type projectiles being sweated into the case.

or (ii) A cartridge case and projectile retained in one piece from powder burning.

4. Drill rounds, other than the types described in para. 3 (a and b) above, in which there are only one, two or three holes drilled, are to be rectified so that each round is drilled twice longitudinally through the case from side to side taking four holes in all and using drills not larger than Morse 30 and not smaller than Morse 52. One drilling is to be near the neck and the other near the base of the case, the drillings being at right-angles to each other.

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5. All drill rounds found, except those made of white metal, which have not been drilled at all are to be treated as follows :-

(a) Those with percussion caps fitted. To be disposed of in accordance with A.P. 2608, Chapter 19 para. 104. This action is continued.

to be taken whether the cap appears to have been struck or not.

(b) Those without percussion caps fitted. To be treated as suspect "live" rounds and the necessary precautions taken prior to rectifying as in para. 4. above.

6. Maintenance Units holding stocks of drill ammunition are being instructed to inspect such stocks and report details only with those rounds which meet the requirements of para. 2. above.

7. Units are to ensure that this matter is treated as urgent and inform this Headquarters when they have completed the inspection and rectification as necessary.

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receiving as in para. 1. above.

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