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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 17:12:25 GMT

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Rocket Tester

2002 Darwin Award Nominee

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(8 June 1983, North Carolina) The Army base at Fort Bragg has seen its share of military "accidents," including the following, a true story and an object lesson often recounted on explosive device ranges to teach soldiers a basic safety lesson: LEAVE A DUD ROUND WHERE IT LAYS. At the LAW (Light Anti-Tank Weapon) range, soldiers are afforded the rare privilege of firing a real LAW round, although the test rounds are smaller, and not armed with the full explosive power of the actual LAWs. They have an orange chalk warhead, and resemble a model rocket.

One day, the designated Range Safety Officer, Sergeant Lowe, was assigned the job of setting up the moving target with the assistance of a 3-man detail. "The installation of the target on the carrier was hampered by the absence of proper tools," so they improvised, and used a steel tent peg as a hammer to nail the target to the carrier.

While walking on the firing range, Sgt. Lowe spotted and picked up a M72A2 66mm LAW dud round that had not exploded upon impact with the target. The other men in the detail warned him to leave it on the ground, and let the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Detachment) handle it. Sgt Lowe replied, "Its just an old dud," and, to illustrate the innocuous nature of the round, began to strike it with the steel tent peg.

The second strike tripped the pressure-sensitive piezoelectric detonator, causing the round to explode. The explosion tore off Sgt. Lowe's left arm, parts of his right hand, and inflicted fatal wounds to his lungs and abdominal area.

Instead of the EOD, a medical evacuation aircraft was dispatched from the hospital, and an Army Forensics Team arrived to literally scoop up the remains of the former "Range Safety Officer."

Always remember, leave a dud round where it lays!

Submitted by: Eric T. Deem

Reference: Reference: US Army Safety Incidents and Reports #19830608001

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Posted by [kawolsky](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 19:10:48 GMT

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ok.....

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Posted by [StoneRook](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 19:19:42 GMT

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The away teams were armed with a .45 pistol and 12 gauge shotgun.

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Well - this dweeb J.O. - thinking he was the terminator - thought he would clear his .45 by racking back the slide - ejecting the loaded round in the pipe - then pop the catch - so it goes back into the battery position.

Once he did that - he made a big show of hitting the magazine release - dropping the fully loaded (minus the round he just loaded) mag into the hopper.

Well - he then proceeded to "pull" the trigger - dropping the hammer - you guess it - it went off... -- being shocked by the sudden unexpected discharge of the weapon - he drops it on the deck - lucky it didn't have anymore rounds loaded.

needless to say - no one wanted to board with him anymore -- wonder why...?

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Posted by [Sk8rRIMuk](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 19:32:09 GMT

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Shows being a showoff never pays off...

Hmmmm that was a gory story serves him right he acted as if he had no brains now he don't...

They both prove showing off is bad for your health.

-Sk8rRIMuk

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Posted by [TheMouse](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 20:00:13 GMT
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"military intelligence is a contradiction in terms" -Groucho Marx

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Sat, 12 Apr 2003 00:58:55 GMT
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thanx god it wasnt a M-16A2 =D

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OMFG!!111 N09B!!!

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