Fishing Trawler Brings Up Practice Bomb

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Dunedin, New Zealand A fishing boat trawling in the Tasman Sea north of Dunedin brought up an old rusty bomb. The crew, with no munitions training, decided to keep their 'interesting find' on-board the vessel. As they cruised to port the following morning, the crew decided it was best to report their find to Authorities. The Dunedin police responded and evacuated a 100 meter zone around the ship in Port Otago.



A military bomb disposal unit from Christchurch was then dispatched to investigate. The bomb disposal unit identified the bomb as an expended practice munition. Although the crew was never in danger, the story could have had a much different ending had the bomb contained explosives.