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From: The Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations
Subject: Bomb Disposal, Instructions for.

1. Pending further instructions, the following will govern relative to the disposal of unexploded enemy bombs in naval vessels and naval reservations:

a. In Ships --

Case 1. If there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining the assistance of a Bomb Disposal Officer or Unit within a few hours, the bomb should be blocked and lashed in place, to prevent movement.

Case 2. If the assistance of a Bomb Disposal Officer or Unit cannot be obtained within a few hours, the bomb should be carefully raised, swung over the side, and lowered without changing its orientation. It should be released only in deep water. The bomb should not be allowed to receive a blow or impact in the removal or lowering operations.

The Commanding Officer should furnish the information indicated in (5) - (e), (c), (d), (g) and (h) below to the Chief of Naval Operations at the first opportunity.

b. In Naval Reservations --

(1) Evacuate area.

(2) In a built up area, completely evacuate to a radius of at least 100 yards. In all houses within the next 100 yards, have people stay in rooms on side away from bomb and open their windows. Keep away from windows.

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- (3) In a clear area, evacuate all buildings within 200 yards or more.
- (4) If bomb is exposed, a greater area should be evacuated.
- (5) The following information should be reported immediately to the Chief of Naval Operations:
 - (a) Exact details of location and position of bomb.
 - (b) Name of person to be contacted by Bomb Disposal Officer on arrival. (Person having exact knowledge of location of bomb and other pertinent information)
 - (c) Diameter of hole made by bomb.
 - (d) Description of all parts and pieces found near hole, with dimensions of pieces. (Save pieces)
 - (e) Is bomb stopping any war effort due to the evacuation?
 - (f) Exact time of fall if possible.
 - (g) Height of plane dropping bomb, if possible.
 - (h) All markings and dimensions of bomb, if exposed, BUT DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE THE BOMB, (except as indicated in - a. Case 2.)

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