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SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Dud Reconnaissance

TO: Commanding General
Army Service Forces
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Chief of Ordnance

1. The curtailment of training activities at various stations in this service command has presented the problem of decontaminating grenade practice ranges to permit their use for other purposes.
2. Unexploded missiles which can be located on the surface of the ground present no problem, but because of extensive use made of such ranges, it is felt that some unexploded missiles remain under a thin layer of loose earth as a result of nearby explosions and cannot be located visually for destruction. Mine detectors are of no value in this case because of the quantity of metal fragments in the vicinity.
3. Several methods of locating such missiles have been suggested, among which is improvising a long toothed harrow to be dragged behind a medium tank. However, it is felt that more simple and expeditious methods are available and possibly in use at other stations.
4. In this connection, it is requested that any available information concerning methods, devices or other means of locating and destroying hidden and buried duds, particularly those which could be easily uncovered and retrieved as souvenirs by trespassers, be furnished this headquarters in order that such areas may be made entirely safe as required by current regulations.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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