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- (c) Grenades.
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- (e) Incendiary and Smoke Ammunition (in separate stacks).

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4.—Cartridges, fuzes, etc., should be separated from their shell or bombs by means of a traverse and should be covered with separate tarpaulins.

This, however, does not apply to boxed ammunition.

5.—Salvage Dumps for ammunition or explosives should be kept entirely apart from other Dumps.

Salvage Dumps will be divided up into different natures as given in *para. 2*.

The location of any explosives about which there is any doubt, should be reported to the R.E. by whom they will be destroyed.

6.—Adequate fire appliances must be provided for each nature of Dump, to deal with an outbreak of fire in that Dump. A notice "NO SMOKING ALLOWED" will be placed at each entrance to a Dump and at each of the groups of ammunition shown in *para. 2*.

7.—The A.D.O.S. of the Corps should make frequent inspections of Divisional Dumps and satisfy himself that the above instructions are being carried out.

Lethal, Lachrymator, Incendiary and Smoke Shell and Bombs should be very frequently inspected.

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