

Bomb Disposal Casualties in UK Minefields 2 August 1943 to May 1945.

Adding a little more detail.

Minefields were laid around the UK Coast as part of the anti-invasion measures from June 1940 to June 1942. This was the first real use of mines by the Royal Engineers. Therefore errors were made in the laying and recording of these fields. Some were laid lifted, re-laid or strengthened through the two-year period. The majority of laying was undertaken by Field Company's not Bomb Disposal.

The lifting of the fields began in 1943 and complete clearance was not finished till the late 1960s early 1970's. Some mines were found occasionally through the proceeding years till at least 1988.

The task of lifting these mines was hazardous and undertaken initially by both Field Company's and Bomb Disposal Company's, later to include POW Bomb Disposal Company's. The mines themselves had deteriorated through the years, springs in them had weakened, making them more sensitive. Sand had shifted, buried the mines deeper and moved their position. Cliff areas had collapsed making it difficult to search and the original laying had not always been recorded well.

The facts below only show a fixed period nor do they include the Field Company's casualties, nor those after April 1945. There were 150 fatalities during these operations.

Names	Date	Unit	Location	Killed	Injured	Task	Court Inquiry
Edwards	2 Aug 43	12 BD Coy	Bracklesham Bay	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	3 Aug 43
	10 Sep 43	12 BD Coy	Brighton		1 Off 1 OR	Minefield Clearance	30 Sep 43
Buchanan, Galloway, Kenway, Jones, Rayner, Gresser	30 Sep 43	12 BD Coy	Angmering-on-Sea	1 Off 5 RO		Minefield Clearance	14 Oct 43
Cooley, Garner	18 Oct 43	12 BD Coy	Shoreham	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	25 Oct 43
Godley, Parkin	9 Nov 43	12 BD Coy	Shoreham	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	19 Nov 43
Richards, Perry, Laud	5 Jan 44	4 BD Coy	Yarmouth	1 Off 2 OR		Minefield Clearance	10 Jan 44
Meeson	9 Feb 44	20 BD Coy	West Hythe	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	16 Feb 44

A W Smith	7 Mar 44	4 BD Coy	Lowestoft	1 OR	5 OR	Minefield Clearance	17 Mar 44
Easton, Fibbens	24 Mar 44	23 BD Coy	Dover	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	3 Apr 44
Willan, Ward	10 Apr 44	12 BD Coy	Greatstone-on-Sea	1 Off 1 OR		Minefield Clearance	19 Apr 44
Hobbs	31 May 44	20 BD Coy	West Hythe	1 OR	2 OR	Minefield Clearance	9 Jun 44
	17 Jul 44	12 BD Coy	Brighton		1 OR Slight	Minefield Clearance	
Evans, Morris	10 Jul 44	12 BD Coy	Brighton	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	19 Jul 44
Duthoit	24 Jul 44	12 BD Coy	Brighton	1 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	18 Aug 44
McMeechan	29 Aug 44	22 BD Coy	Holkham	1		Minefield Clearance	5 Sep 44
Gehm, Inches	31 Aug 44	20 BD Coy	Deal	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	
Ashford, Moore, Corcoran	15 Sept 44	22 BD Coy	Frinton	3 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	17 Oct 44
Cruddas, Gill	26 Sept 44	22 BD Coy	Burnham-on-Crouch	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	9 Oct 44
Hall	31 Oct 44	42 BD Plat	Southwick	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	11 Nov 44
McCluskey	1 Nov 44	20 BD Coy	All Hallows	1 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	20 Nov 44
Henley	14 Nov 44	12 BD Coy	Sandwich Bay	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	30 Nov 44
Cobb	29 Nov 44	22 BD Coy	Walton-on-Naze	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	7 Dec 44
Levitt, Gilchrist	30 Nov 44	22 BD Coy	Shoeburyness	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	8 Dec 44
Pidgeon, Woodward	4 Dec 44	12 BD Coy	Pevensey Bay	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	20 Dec 44
Maycock	5 Dec 44	12 BD Coy	Broomhill Sands	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	20 Dec 44

Henshall	5 Dec 44	4 BD Coy	Holkham	2 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	11 Jan 45
Aylwood	6 Dec 44	20 BD Coy	All Hallows	1 Off		Minefield Clearance	18 Dec 44
Adams, Wake	11 Dec 44	12 BD Coy	Cuckmere Haven	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	19 Dec 44
Goddard, Palin	11 Dec 44	4 BD Coy	Happisburgh	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	2 Jan 45
Beckford	21 Dec 44	10 BD Coy	Winterton	1 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	12 Jan 45
O'Donoghue	17 Jan 44	4 BD Coy	Weybourne (Dead Mans Gap)	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	5 Feb 45
Vaughan, Holbrook, Sweetman	5 Feb 45	4 BD Coy	Waxham	3 OR		Minefield Clearance	27 Feb 45
Gensous, Norris	20 Feb 45	22 BD Coy	Broomhill Sands	1 OR		Minefield Clearance	23 Mar 45
Violet	26 Feb 45	4 BD Coy	Horsey	1OR		Minefield Clearance	9 Mar 45
Harrison	12 Mar 45	20 BD Coy	Broomhill Sands	1OR		Minefield Clearance	23 Mar 45
Atkins, Bowler	29 Mar 45	22 BD Coy	Bradevall	2 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	11 May 45
Carpenter, Lenton	29 Mar 45	10 BD Coy	Clacton	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	13 Apr 45
Rowney	1 Apr 45	3 BD Group	?	1 OR	3 OR	Minefield Clearance	13 Apr 45
Auger, Lewis, Pierce	18 Apr	2 BD Group	Dungeness	3 OR		Minefield Clearance	3 May 45
Campbell, Harrison	23 Apr 45	3 BD Group	Hornsea	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	10 May
Burns, Rosier	25 Apr 45	3 BD Gp 10 Coy	?	2 OR		Minefield Clearance	9 May
Dougherty, Jones	22 May 45	3 BD Group	Horsey	2 OR	1 OR	Minefield Clearance	
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