

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 19/04/2006	<b>Accident number:</b> 30
<b>Accident time:</b> not recorded	<b>Accident Date:</b> 30/11/1996
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Save, Manhica Province	<b>Country:</b> Mozambique
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Missed-mine accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> [No date recorded]
<b>ID original source:</b> CP	<b>Name of source:</b> MT
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> GYATA-64 AP blast	<b>Ground condition:</b> metal fragments
<b>Date record created:</b> 22/01/2004	<b>Date last modified:</b> 23/03/2004
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 3

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b>	<b>Coordinates fixed by:</b>
<b>Map east:</b>	<b>Map north:</b>
<b>Map scale:</b> not recorded	<b>Map series:</b>
<b>Map edition:</b>	<b>Map sheet:</b>
<b>Map name:</b>	

## Accident Notes

inadequate training (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

inadequate investigation (?)

## Accident report

A director of the demining company was interviewed about this accident on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1998. From memory he reported that the victim had been clearing a mine-belt at a village. The victim was a deminer and had just investigated a detector reading and found a fragment when the accident occurred. Without rechecking the area with his detector, he advanced and stepped on a Gyata-64. His foot was blown off but he had no other significant injuries.

In an interview a year later, it became clear that the Victim had suffered blast injuries to the lower part of his other leg.

The victim was insured under several company policies (statutory and voluntary), but the compensation details were not made available. The victim was still employed by the demining company at the time of the interview.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 44	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> yes
<b>Compensation:</b> not made available (insured)	<b>Time to hospital:</b> not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Various	<b>Protection used:</b> not recorded

#### Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Leg

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Leg Below knee

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

#### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the victim breached SOPs without correction.

The demining group did not make their record of the accident available. [That record may not have been suitably formal: at the time of the accident there was no structure for official accident reporting in Mozambique.] The demining group managers made themselves freely available for interview but did not remember/reveal much detail. If the group failed to make an investigate of the accident so that lessons could be learnt from it, that was a significant management failing.

#### Related papers

A manager of the demining group was interviewed in December 1999. He said that the Victim's blast injury to his remaining leg had healed completely, a prosthetic had been issued and the Victim was fully employed as a Team Leader at the time of the interview.

Following the accident the Victim suffered depression and received sustained support and encouragement from the demining group.