

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 466
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 04/05/2003
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Not made available	<b>Country:</b> Iraq
<b>Primary cause:</b> Inadequate training (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Survey accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> [Name removed]	<b>Name of source:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> PMN AP blast	<b>Ground condition:</b> Not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Date last modified:</b> 09/01/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

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

## Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

inadequate survey (?)

inadequate training (?)

## Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released. For example, the limited injury implies that the victim's PPE was being worn.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

"Date and country. [Name removed], deminer:

Traumatic amputation of right foot - above ankle amputation.

PMN mine exploded whilst deminer marking off dangerous area prior to start of normal clearance.”

### **Victim Report**

<b>Victim number:</b> 622	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

#### **Summary of injuries:**

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Leg Below knee

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

#### **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Inadequate training” because the same demining group had several survey accidents in this country at around this time. In all, the area under demarcation was smaller than it should have been. Apparently, they did not learn from the previous accidents, or the lessons were not carried over into training.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Management control inadequacy” because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victim’s name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.