

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 18/05/2006	Accident number: 195
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 06/01/1994
Where it occurred: Kleng Por, Svay Chek Commune, Banteay Meanchey Province	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: none	Name of source: HT (field)
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: POMZ-2M AP frag	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 14/02/2004	Date last modified: 14/02/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

Accident report

No documentation was made available by the demining group's country office. The accident was recorded on their own spreadsheet of past accidents.

The country MAC had no record of this accident in January 1999.

The demining group issued frontal protection and their drills assumed the deminer would kneel or squat while excavating.

The accident classification is inferred from the injuries, although with a fragmentation device it is accepted that the activity may well have been otherwise. The injuries bear similarity to

accidents involving an MUV fuse for a POMZ rather than those where the victim is in close proximity to the mine blast.

Victim Report

Victim number: 248	Name: Heun Youen
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Safety spectacles	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

severe Eye

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Finger

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because it seems likely that the victim was not wearing his safety spectacles and may also have been working dangerously without correction.

The demining group's field office did not have any detail of this accident on file, although confirmed it had occurred. Access by the researcher to their field operations (where long-serving staff could have been questioned) was denied because their expatriate supervisor was out of the country.

If the victim was wearing the equipment used by the demining group at that time, he would have been wearing industrial safety spectacles, similar to the country MAC's issue.

In 1999, the demining group's UK head office claimed not to keep copies of field accidents. This is known to be untrue. The UK management's unwillingness to share data openly could be taken to imply that they sought to conceal things. Its field staff have usually shared the information that is available to them.