

U. S. NAVAL PROVING GROUND
DAHLGREN, VA.

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From: CA-1
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Subj: Previous NPG fall of shot ashore during tests

Based on a discussion with Mr. Tubman it appears that there have been incidents in the past where NPG has put shells ashore. The following are incidents, times approximate, that Mr. Tubman recalls.

- 1917 6" shell - fired from Indian Head landed on ice and skidded ashore below Quantico, hitting a cow.
- 1934 or 5 Two 8" shells - landed on Virginia shore about 30,000 yards from NPG on brg 130° (approx.) - no casualties.
- 1942 - 3 One 16" shell - landed on Virginia shore at about 38,000 yards and along the beach. (Same area as the one fired 6/12/57.) - No casualties.
- 1942 - 3 7 or 8 1 1/2 shells - landed near station 7 on Bluff Point, going through a residence and doing some material damage.
- 1942 - 3 One 5" shell - landed on Maryland shore near present terminus of Potomac River Bridge. Shell landed in marsh. This shot was the result of a firing when a 5" mount ran away in train. No material casualties.
- 1956 One 3"/70 shell - found ashore at Bluff Point in 1957; result of a hangfired round firing at limit of train during a train test. No casualties.
- 1957 One 16" shell - fired 6/12/57 - landing on Virginia shore at about 38,000 yards.

Very respectfully,


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