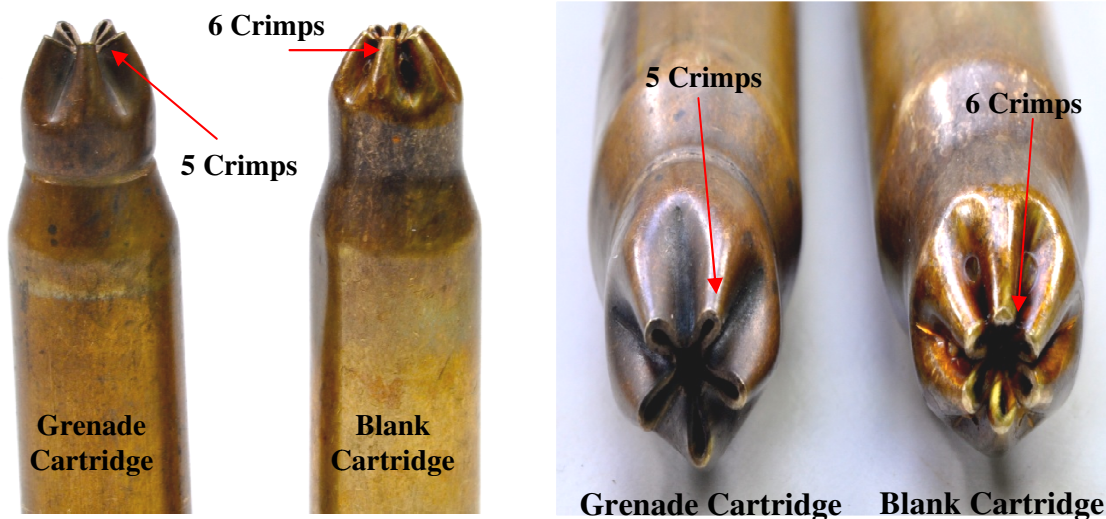


AMMUNITION SAFETY MESSAGE



A mishap occurred during the first week of May 2013 in which two M1 Grand Rifles blew apart. This occurred during the rendering of funeral honors at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. As a result of this mishap two American Legion Members received serious injuries. This mishap was caused by the inadvertent use of .30 Caliber Grenade Cartridges instead of the .30 Caliber Blank Cartridges. The significant physical difference between the Blank Cartridge and the Grenade Cartridge is that the Blank Cartridge has 6 Crimps and the Grenade Cartridge has 5 crimps



WARNING

- **Do not fire .30 Caliber Grenade Cartridge in the M1 Garand Rifle**
- **Only .30 Caliber Blank Ammunition Received from the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command should be fired**
- **If an Organization's Ammunition Pedigree is unknown that ammunition should be inspected for the presence of Grenade Cartridge**

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