

3 inch aircraft rockets (R/P)

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I know the following warheads for the 3 inch aircraft rocket motor. Shot A.P. 25 lb. Mk I Shot A.P. 25 lb. Mk II Shot S.A.P. 25 lb. Mk I Shell H.E. 60 lb. S.A.P. No. 1 Mk I & No. 2 Mk I Shell H.E. 60 lb. "F" No. 1 Mk I Head Rocket Flare Mk 1 Phosphorous R/P Shell 25 lb. Practice (Concrete) Mk I Shell 60 lb. Practice (Concrete) Mk I Head Solid A/S a/c 3 in. No. 1 Mk I Shell H.E. 60 lb. S.A.P. No. 2 Mk 3 and Mk 4. Shell H.E. 60 lb. G.P. (Hollow Charge) No. 1 Mk I Shell H.E. 60 lb. S/H (Squash Head) No. 1 Mk I Head H.E. 18 lb. G.P. No. 1 Mk I Head H.E. 12 lb. G.P. Head Rocket Flare Mk 2N Head Practice 12 lb. No. 1 Mk 1. Container Smoke No.1 Mk I & No. 2 Mk I (attached to the Shell Practice 25 and 60 lb. Only the first nine are WW-2 productions and the other eight are post-war. From the phosphorous warhead is little information available. As far as I know these were "field made" by attaching the 25 lb. Shell Smoke Mk I from the 5 inch Barrage Rocket "Sea Mattress" to the 3 inch rocket motor. Some UXO's of these have been found in the Netherlands. Also these "specials" are mentioned in the Daily Log from 2nd TAF and in the ORB's of 266 sqdn. There is also not much information about the 12 lb. GP warhead. The container smoke is also post war.