

# A Nice Group of Blasting Items

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Recently I traded for the group of items shown below, & I see them as somewhat slightly different from the usual blasting items that I normally come by.



The black tin, ( 5 inch diam.), is what I.C.I. safety fuze was supplied in, ( note the spelling of fuze ); the label states : ' 48 feet of safety fuze No.11 mark 11 - to burn at 90 +/- 20 seconds per yard; made by I.C.I. Jan. 1948, checked Apl. 1948'. The back of the tin is incuse machine stamped ' IV No.32 H & L'.

The wooden cased blaster, ( 5 x 5 x 4 inch. ), has no manufacturers details shown, but a aluminium pit check fastened to the leather rope handle shows that it came from 'Eppleton Colliery', ( which is in the Newcastle area of the country ). It has a side mounted operated twist mechanism & is fitted with a wood handled firing key: a safety hold in push button is on the opposite side of the case which has to be held in for the firing circuit to be made.

The 6 inch diam. by 2 inch deep reel was used for running out the safety fuze wire. It has brass sides & screws fitting to a wood centre. The free running handles are of polished wood with brass ferrules. The centre shaft is solid copper.

The detonator tin is the red coloured No 6 Nobel of Glasgow.