



Shells Arrive for Battleship 16" Rounds

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The navy donated inert rounds to the ship. They had to travel from Crane, Indiana, to San Pedro. The challenge was to schedule four different railroads and a local cargo handling contractor to get them to the ship. Next challenge: bring them aboard and stow in the magazine!

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00:00 These shells were located back in crane Indiana most of them were actually made or manufactured in 1990

00:07 So they date from the very end of the battleship program in the United States

00:10 They've been in storage since then the Navy is interested in scrapping things out certainly inert shells as these are the non explosive type are very easy to scrap

00:19 So there's there's a shelf life if you will for these items we're only going to see them here for a little while longer before everything is gone in the entire arsenal

00:26 And it took almost a year and a half for at least a year plus, year two quarter before the Navy actually was able to complete the paperwork

00:35 And suddenly it came in and they said you got to get the shells out now

00:38 In the interim we actually organized four different railroads plus several different trucking companies just to be able to get them here pro bono

00:47 And that involved CSX who provided the boxcar VNA in a railroad which actually handled a short line work up to the BNSF first of BNSF all the way out to the Pacific Harbor lines and then there's a transportation companies on either end

01:02 There's a company there locally that unloads boxcars or other train cars in that nature and they actually donated the trucking the unloaded the shells out of the boxcar

01:20 And toss them on some flat beds and the flat beds come over here a couple of miles

01:23 And then we're offloading them with our grade all on the dock

01:27 And we're going to store them here and either the north and or south yards for some time these were stored inside at crane Indiana now outside they'll get a little bit of sunburn

01:36 And that's really it there's no other issues there they're heavy so we don't want to drop them on

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almost assuredly be turret number one and they would go into the shelf flat
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Postwar, post-WWII at some point NATO when it was formed actually arrived at a common color code for all of the shells that would be shared among the NATO organizations
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And blue is for a NERC meaning there's no explosive inside these are actually BLP which means blind load and plug so there's a blind load probably concrete or some other substance inside
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That's the inert will not explode and that's just placed inside to provide the right amount of weight inside the shell to displace where there would be explosives
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And then they put a plug in the bottom and you're done and these are actually meant to shoot as a practice round non-explosive practice round for the ships
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There's no explosive inside the shell there's absolutely no chance that anything will ever happen with those shells
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That's it period they're blind load plug inert shells

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I currently make 5'54 inert shells for the royal Australian navy... I would've loved to make 16" !! Desperate to see one of the 4 sisters!
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They'd make some awful pretty christmas trees :D
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D I think the us navy should keep them with the ships
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i was reading somewhere the US Army was taking bids to take apart about 10000 with TNT 16 inch shells from both the Iowa class and some from the BB55 to BB60 class ships
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Would love 1 in my front yard!
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Fired a few of those from Mighty Mo.
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Bring back the battleships!! We'll need their 16" guns when we invade North Korea!!
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it about time they start reloading those battleships- i like to see a missile try to knock out one of those incoming rounds.....
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save them shells
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Sell me one. Please.
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That is a lot of Goodwill towards something inert. Powerful statement that is.
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Xmanhoe Bill 4 years ago
excellent work

downatmenon 1 year ago
We get it they are INERT do not have to keep saying it.

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DeathAngelHRA 2 years ago
These should have first been offered to crew members of the battleships and secondly to Gunner's Mates at a less than scrap rate price,considering how much money and time involved to simply get them to scrap facilities.

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KTO-TO 9 months ago
each projectile weighing the same as a car

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Robert Thomas 1 year ago (edited)
Inert shell...Battleship in the background... Can we get some powder bags and shoot a few rounds? Guy says - Sure, if you can load the gun yourself...

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British Beret 4 months ago
he looks a lot like Stalin 1:05

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I wonder if the Navy will use them BattleShips again if they run out of other ships :p

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onlythewise1 2 years ago
bring back the battle ships only unamericans want to destroy them

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