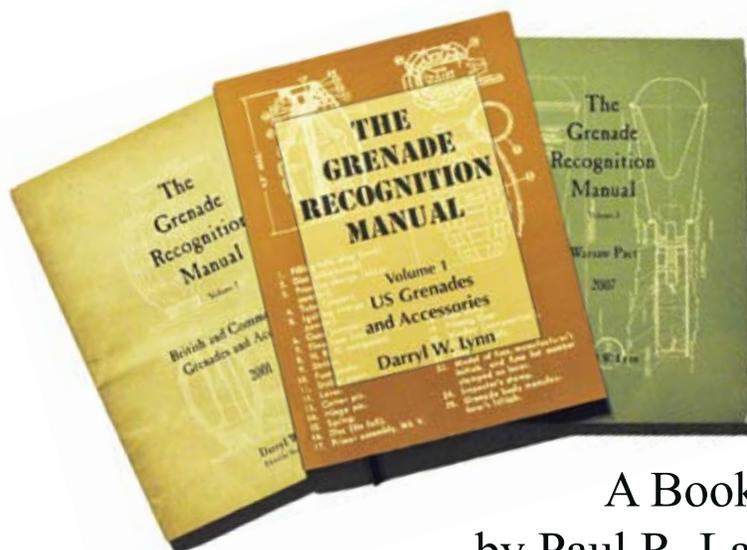


# THE GRENADE RECOGNITION MANUAL, VOLUMES 1, 2& 3

by Darryl W. Lynn



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## A Book Review

by Paul R. Laska, Region VI

Where to go for information on those obscure items that get recovered? Perhaps your squad has a library of military manuals. These contain some information, but are often far from conclusive. Where else can we go to identify and learn more about a Czech URG-86 grenade? What to do if you encounter an item appearing to be a glass light bulb marked as a British No. 67 L?

Darryl W. Lynn is a collector of grenades. To me, an obscure recreational hobby (other than Jim Geibel, who else collects them?) But Darryl has put together these three volumes of information on grenades that include details about the majority of grenades technicians are likely to encounter. His books are in-depth guides to grenades as a collectible, listing the grenades in a chronological order, with descriptors, information on fuzing, explosive or other content, and information on the item, its development and application.

A number of years ago Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recovered a strange American grenade, the size of a softball, with ring pin and integral fuze. It took Sherm Markham quite a bit of research, working with military EOD, to identify it as a T-13 "Beano" grenade, developed during WW 2 for special operations, and never adopted because its design was more hazardous to the user than the enemy. There it is, on page 85 of Volume 1.

A team may not need all three volumes. Perhaps your usual recoveries are just American, or if a Commonwealth nation, of British or Commonwealth sources. For many, the ubiquitousness of former Soviet munitions may make that volume a must have. But whatever one's needs, these volumes will help fill those holes in our intelligence files, especially as to the common grenade.

Lynn's books are available through his website, <http://members.shaw.ca/dwlynn/tgrm.htm>. Also on his site, he is posting references by other grenade collectors, some in English or with translations, dealing with Soviet, Third Reich German, and Swiss grenades. His site also has many pages of wonderful research information on a wide variety of grenades from many nations.

Hand grenade collecting is a niche field of ammunition collection that offers a great amount of information to our field. Indeed, along with Lynn's books and website, check out the web site of the International Ammunition Association. Although primarily aimed at small arms ammo collectors, the IAA also has members who collect ordnance. Lynn advertises his books there. Several of their members publish articles dealing with ordnance items – indeed, several have mentioned in articles their acquisition of dummy, 16 inch warheads, ala U.S. Navy battleships. Check their web site at <http://cartridgecollectors.org/>.

