

A.I.F. MAN SENDS FRAGMENT OF BOMB
HOME AS SOUVENIR

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Jagged and sharp edged, a fragment of the first bomb to explode near an A.I.F. camp "somewhere in England" has been received by Mr. M. E. Pointing, of Rundle Street, Kent Town.

The ugly-looking piece of metal was sent by Cpl. H.S.S. Davey, of Kent Town, who had it inscribed "One piece that missed".

"There was a salvo of bombs--six or seven--and some showers of dust and some big craters," Cpl. Davey wrote of the raid. "They did no damage, but gave us quite a thrill."

The crater caused by the explosion of the bomb, from which the fragment was souvenired, was about 15 ft. deep.

"Having seen the fragment, you will appreciate my going earthwards," the South Australian wrote when telling of another Luftwaffe raid. "We saw a Jerry--a very wicked looking plane--about 5,000 ft. up. It circled the village once, and then streaked for home.

"We kept our eyes well on it, and were ready to flatten out on mother earth, or seek any sort of cover handy should we have noticed any bombs leaving the plane."

Cpl. Davey said that he had also kept as a souvenir a cartridge from the first round of ammunition he fired at an enemy plane.
