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Two suspected bombs found; one at the mouth of the Deveron and one at the mouth of the Boyndie Burn. Changes in the flow of the rivers due to the excessive amount of rain has uncovered these devices.

Deveron Bomb:

Thought to be from World War II.



Banffshire Maritime Heritage Association chairman Stanley Bruce points at the suspect bomb which he and his children Andrew and Michelle found on the morning of the 23rd July 2007.

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The Royal Navy bomb disposal team arrive from Faslane. There was no waiting for the tide to go back out, the area was evacuated and the divers set the charges and blew up the device.



Large crowds gather on both sides of the Deveron as the bomb explodes with an almighty crack and a spout of water well in excess of 100ft high! Stanley Bruce 2007

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Boyndie Bomb:

Also thought to be from World War II and dangerously close to the packed caravan site at Banff Links.



Police, Coastguard and Royal Navy bomb disposal team evacuate the tourists, cordon off the area and move in to do the job.

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In front of another large crowd the second device is detonated with another spectacular explosion. During WW2 the German's bombed Duff House upstream of the Deveron Bridge and also Banff Distillery upstream of this device. The German's also had an aerial photograph of the Deveron Bridge which they intended to destroy. Perhaps these devices were intended for that purpose.



Both devices were detonated safely with no loss of life, thanks to the guys from the Royal Navy.

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