“Explosive remnants of war” means:

a. **unexploded ordnance** [1], i.e., explosive ordnance that has been primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared for use and used in an armed conflict, which should have exploded but failed to do so; and

b. **abandoned explosive ordnance** [1], i.e., explosive ordnance that has not been used during an armed conflict, that has been left behind or dumped by a party to an armed conflict and which is no longer under control of such a party. It need not have been primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared for use.


See also **Weapons** [2]
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