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shrap nel [shrapnel shrapnels] BrE ['ʃræpnəl]	NAmE ['∫ræpnəl] <sup>®</sup>	noun
uncountable		

## small pieces of metal that are thrown up and away from an exploding bomb

- Two people were hit by shrapnel.
- a piece of shrapnel
- a shrapnel wound

### Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: named after General Henry Shrapnel (1761–1842), the British soldier who invented the shell.

#### Example Bank:

- He took shrapnel to his leg.
- · He was hit in the arm by flying shrapnel.
- She still has shrapnel in her left arm.
- The bomb exploded, sending shrapnel flying through the trees.
- The rocket sent shrapnel in every direction.
- a piece of shrapnel in her back
- surgery to remove shrapnel
- the shrapnel from the grenade

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#### shrap nel /'fræpnəl/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Henry Shrapnel (1761-1842), British army officer who invented such bombs] small pieces of metal from a bomb, bullet etc that are scattered when it explodes: a soldier with <u>shrapnel wounds</u> in his chest

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