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THE MOST BLOODY TERRORIST ATTACK IN SPAIN

ON MARCH 11TH 2004,
THREE DAYS BEFORE
“GENERAL ELECTIONS”
TERRORISM STRUCK WITH
ITS MOST TRAGIC ATTACK
IN SPAIN



Trains and compositions used in short distance railway service

TRAIN SERIES 446



SEATS	M	R	UT
Seated	66	70	202
Standing	171	180	522
TOTAL	237	250	724
DOUBLE			1448



TRAIN SERIES 450



SEATS	M	R	UT
Seated	128	188	1008
Standing	110	154	836
TOTAL			1844
DOUBLE			3688



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1. ATOCHA STATION

Train nº 21431

Alcalá de Henares – Alcobendas

Departures from Alcalá de Henares: at 07.00 am

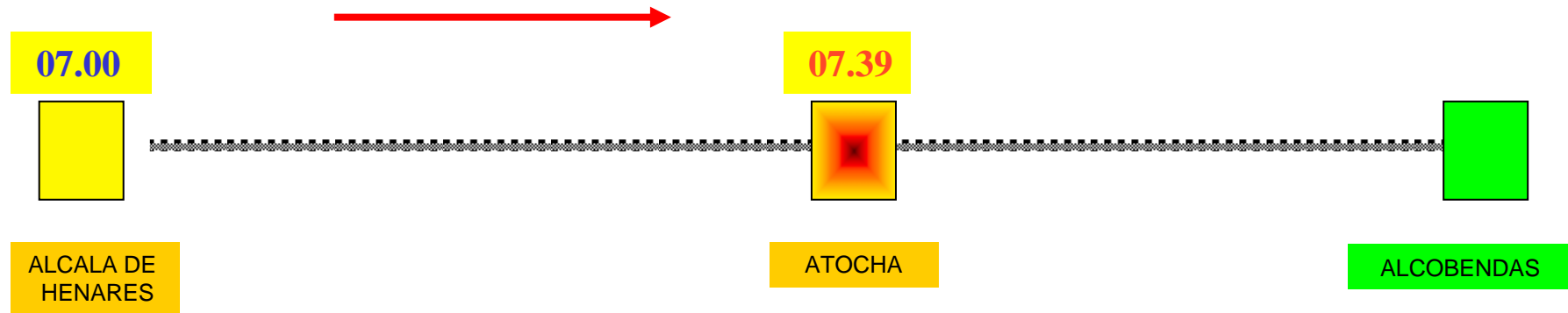
Explodes in Atocha at 07.39 am



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SHORT-DISTANCE TRAIN 21431

29 PEOPLE DIED INSTANTLY



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2. ATOCHA STATION

Tren nº 17035

Alcalá de Henares – Chamartín

Departures from Alcalá de Henares: at 07.05 am

Explodes in Atocha: at 07.39 am

(in front of Tellez Street)



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59 PEOPLE DIED INSTANTLY

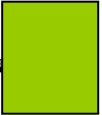
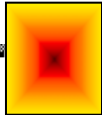
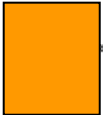
SHORT-DISTANCE TRAIN 17305



07.05



07.39



ALCALA DE HENARES

C/ TELLEZ

CHAMARTIN



Bombs in convoy
C1/21431 explod

4 Bombs in convoy
C-1/17305CA explod

500 m

Antonio Nebrija Street

Tellez Street

Few minutes after the attacks, the emergency services deployed a field hospital at the sport centre located in Tellez St.

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3. El Pozo Station

Train nº 21435

Guadalajara – Alcobendas

Departure form Alcalá de Henares at: 07.10

Explodes in El Pozo Station at: 07.41



El Pozo Station
C/1/21435 Convoy

Atocha

**67 PEOPLE DIED
INSTANTLY**

The bombs went off in wagons 4
and 5 of train C1/21435

El Gradovado Street

El Pozo
Station

Alcalá de
Henares

Madrid Sur
Public-School

Balbarán Street

The El Pozo Convoy

← Atocha

Double-deck wagons

Wagon 4
0741

Wagon 5

0715
Alcalá de
Henares



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4. Santa Eugenia Station

Train nº 21713

Alcalá de Henares – Príncipe Pío

Departure from Alcalá de Henares: at 07.15

Explodes in Santa Eugenia: 07.42

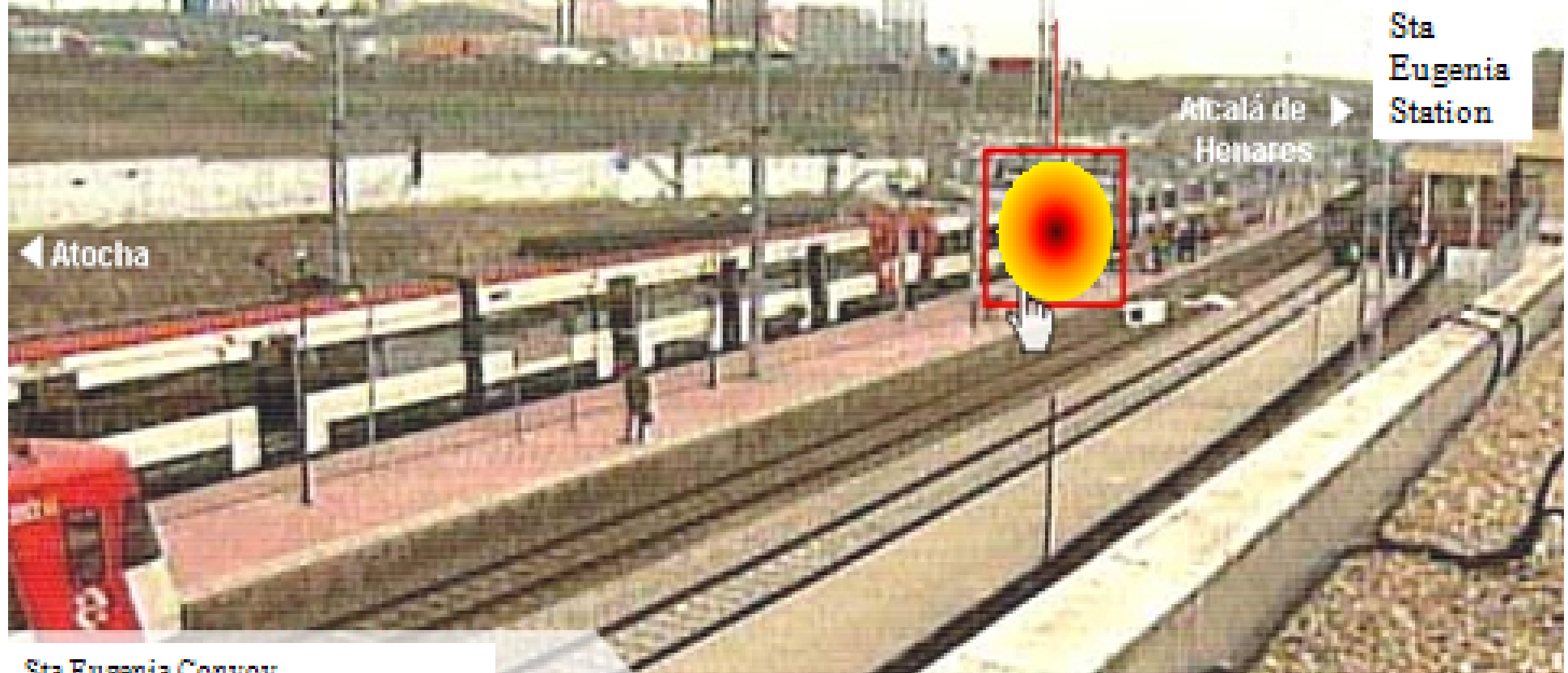


Sta Eugenia Station

Convoy **C-7/21713**

the location of the explosion was in the 4th wagon

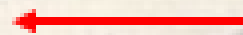
20 PEOPLE DIED INSTANTLY



Sta Eugenia Convoy

← Atocha

0742

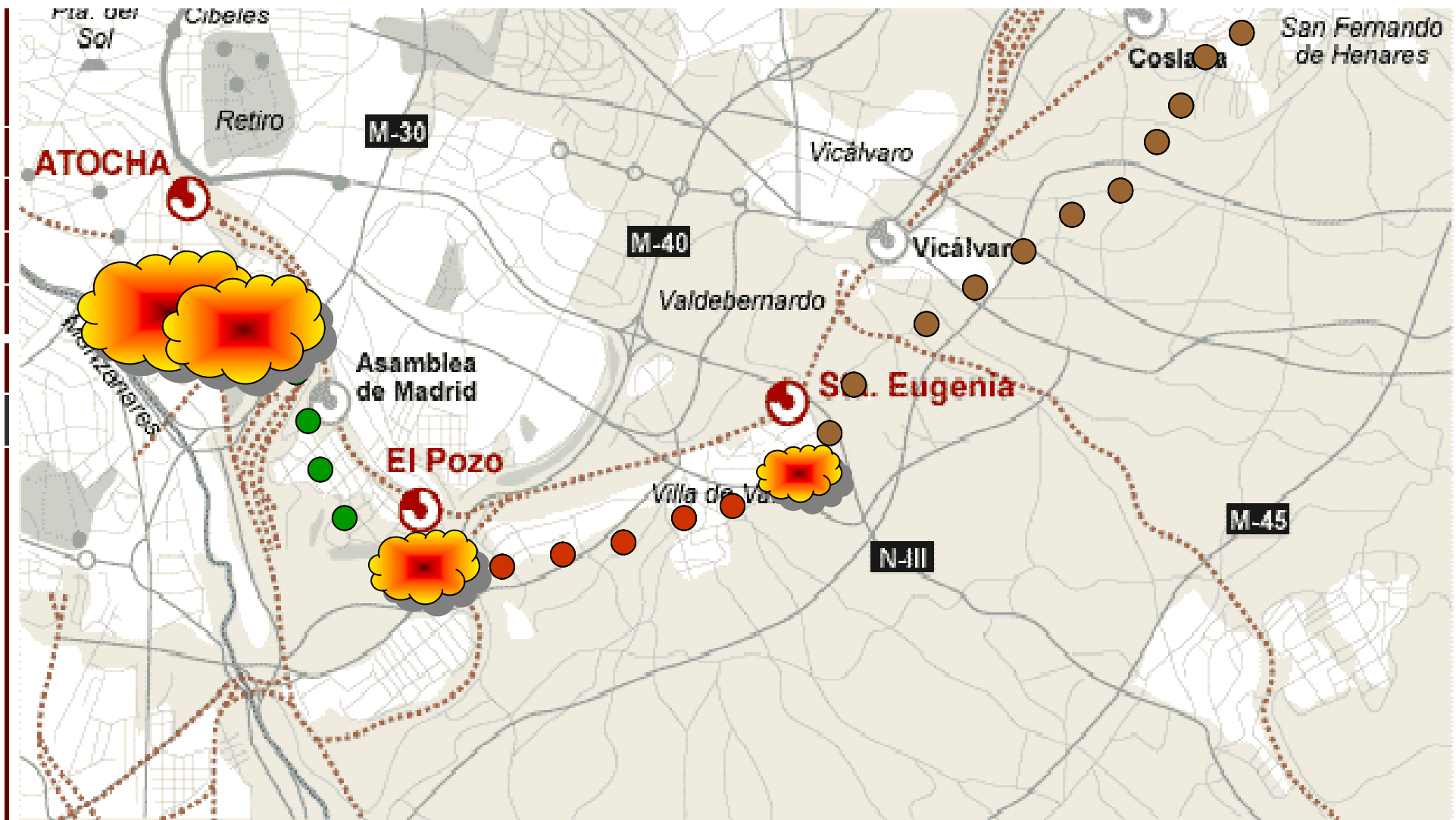


Wagon 4

Alcalá de Henares →

0715





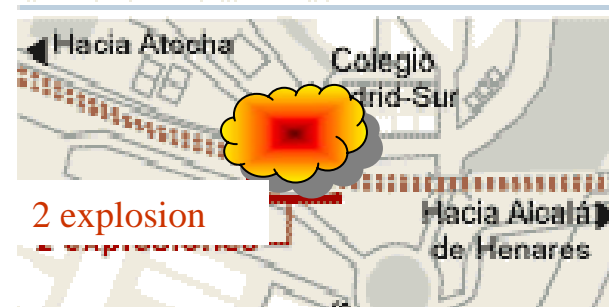
Atocha Station



3 explosion

4 explosion

El Pozo Station

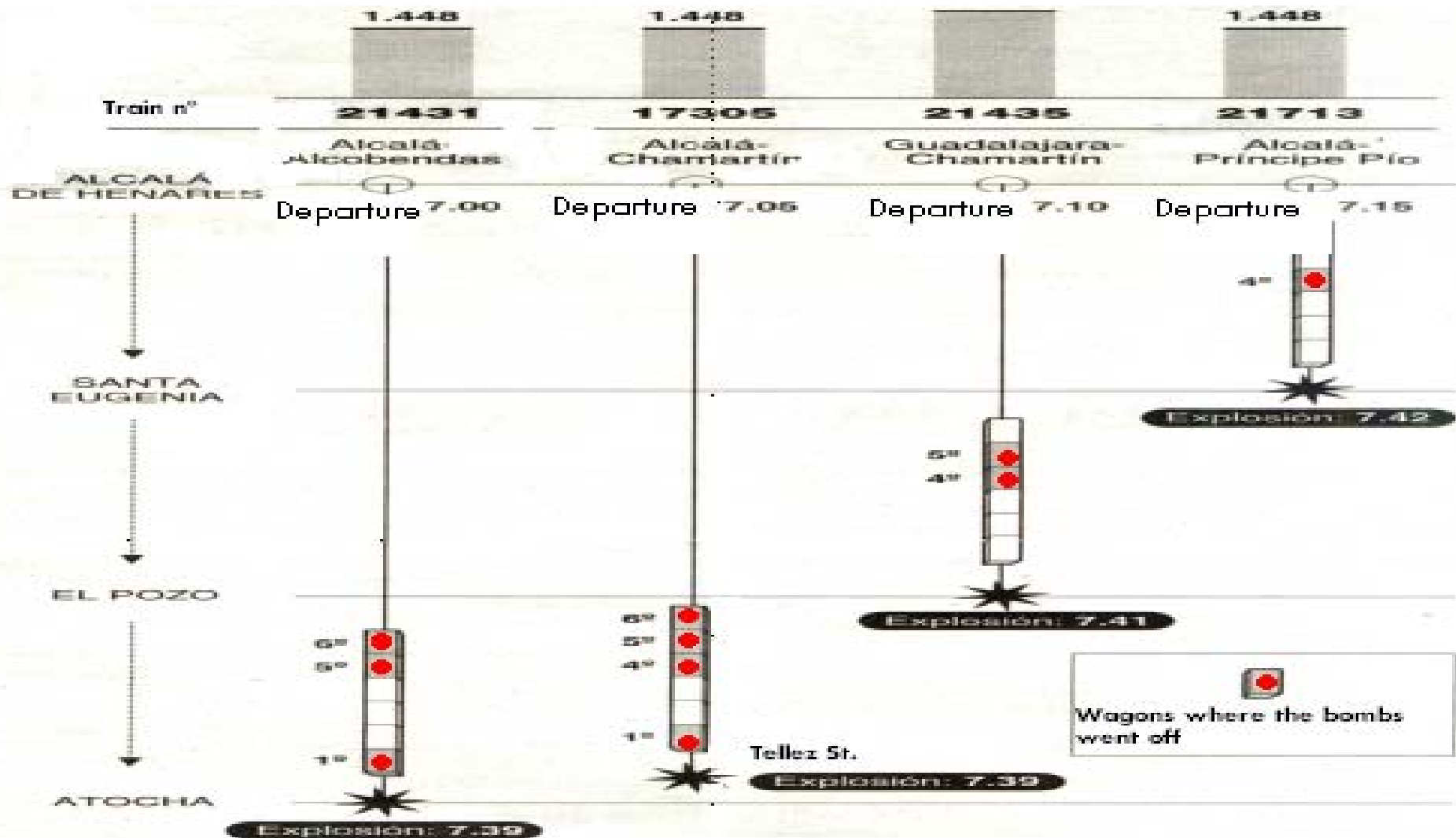


2 explosion

Santa Eugenia Station



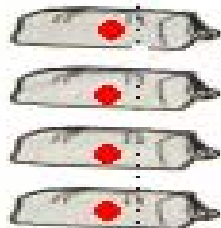
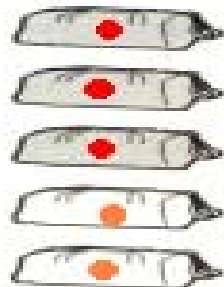
1 explosion



The bomb bags

In white colour, the bombs that did not went off

Controlled Explosion



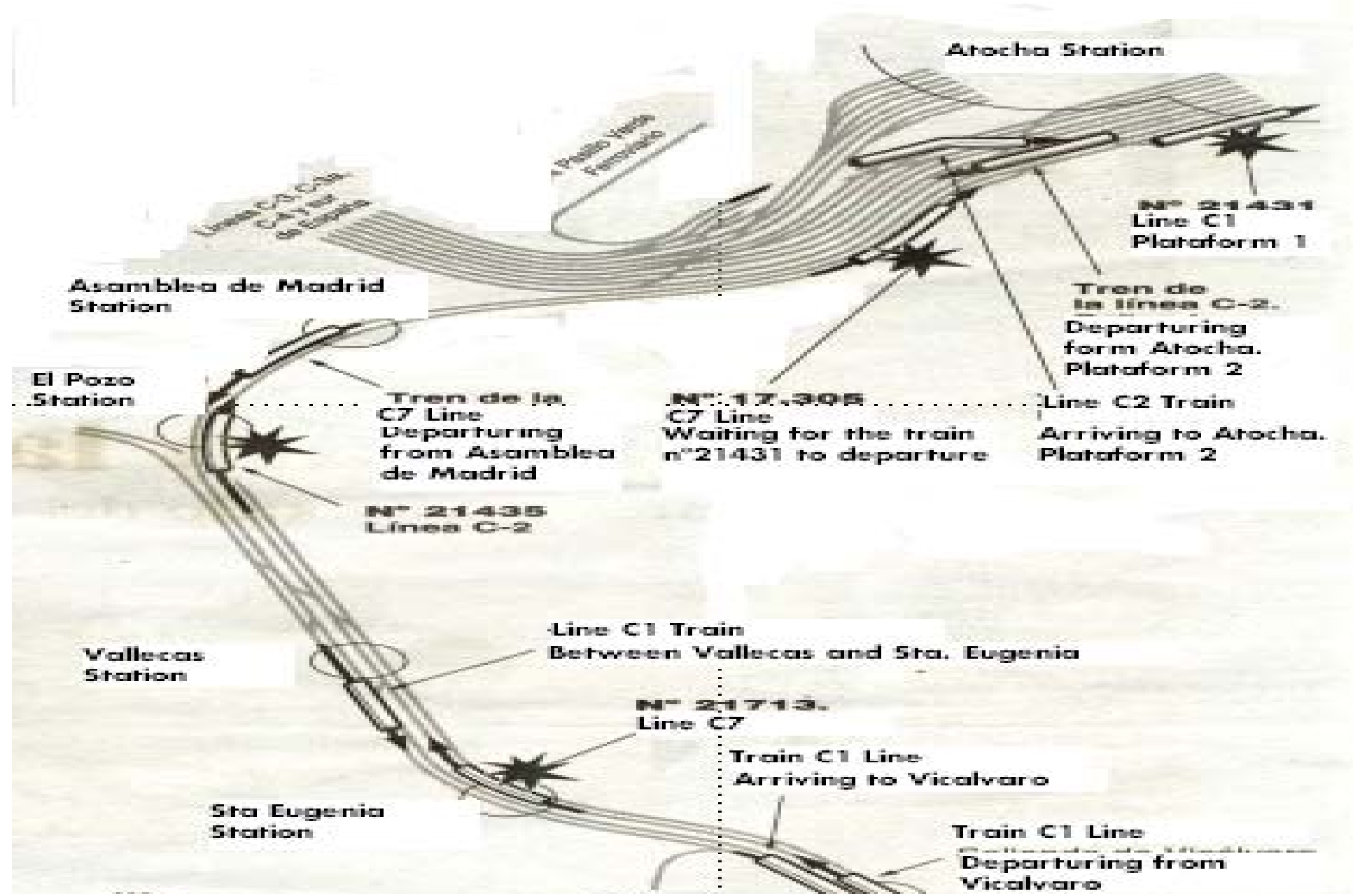
One of the bags found at El Pozo Station is key to the investigation



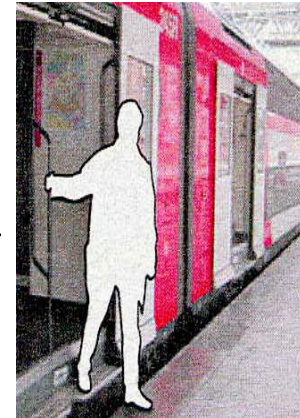
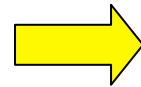
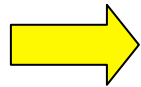
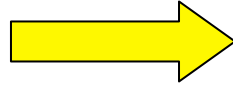
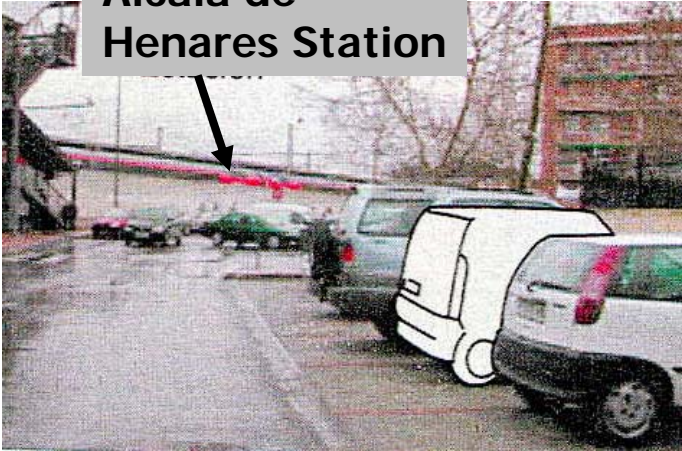
Controlled Explosion



Wagons where the bombs went off



Alcalá de Henares Station



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Some effects from the attacks on March, 11th 2004

- 191 people died in the attacks
- 51 mortal victims were foreigners
- Dead people were from 16 different countries
- 250 injured people were seen in-situ
- 2.062 injured people were taken to hospitals
- 70.000 professional sanitary personnel mobilized on that day
- 291 ambulances mobilized
- 347.279 less users of the short-distance service in March when compared to February.



B THE BAG

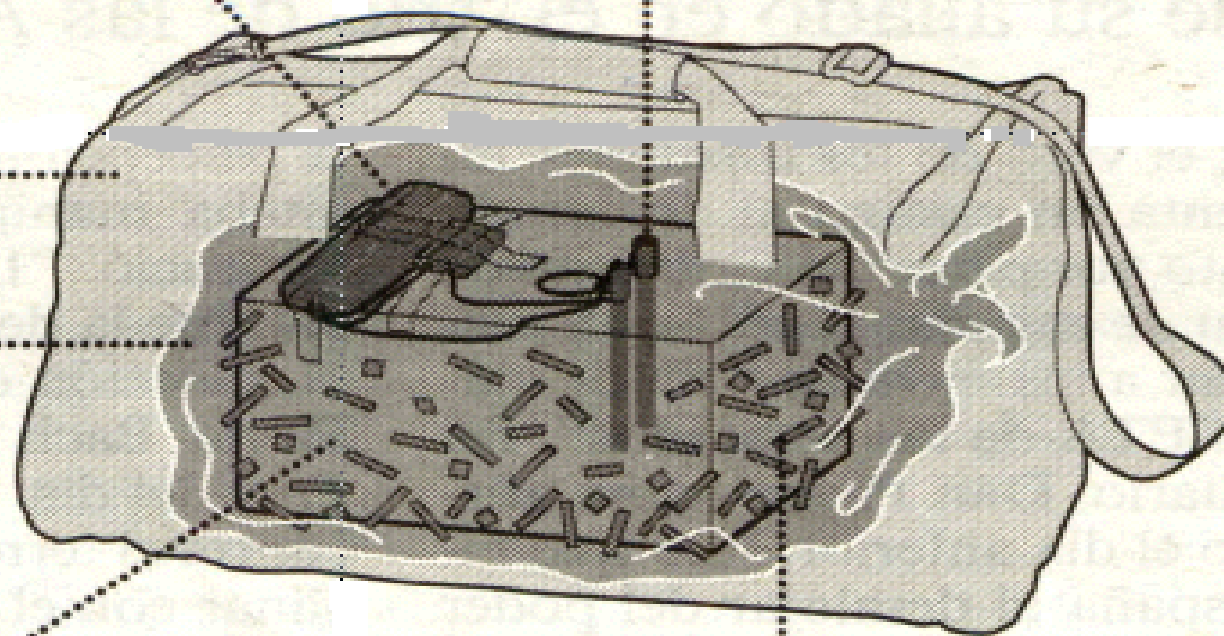
The Police removed it from the train at El Pozo Station, also passengers belongings. It was taken to Pavilion 6 at Ifema. Afterwards the bag was moved to Vallecas Police Station, where it was uncovered.

Mobile Telephone
Motorola Triumph connected to the
detonator for remote bomb activation

Number 5 Cooper detonator made by Unión Española
de Explosivos (UEE) in Gatakoa (Vizcaya) equal to those
found in the van in Alcalá de Henares.

Sport-bag
Blue colour with brown
handles

Garbage bag
Light blue
colour



10,2 kilograms of dynamite (Type Goma 2 Eco)
Conventional gelatinous dynamite made by UEE in
Burgos since 1999

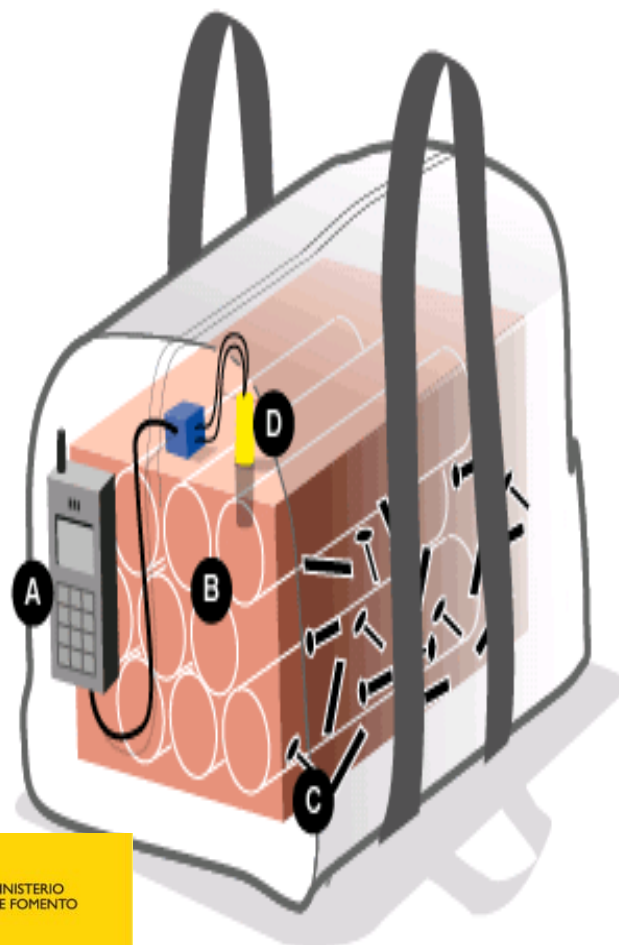
Shrapnel, 600gr
made of nails and screws
stuck to the explosive

COMPONENTS OF THE RECOVERED EXPLOSIVE ARTIFACT



The bomb-bag that did not go off

Police found a sport-bag with explosives among the belongings of the victims at El Pozo-Vallecas Station attack. Afterwards, Tedax (special bomb squad) deactivated the explosive



- A** Mobile telephone
- B** 10 Kg. Goma 2 Eco 1140 gr/cylindric Conventional gelatinous dynamite
- C** Shrapnel (stuck to the explosive)
- D** Cooper Detonator

The telephone receives a call or it is activated by its alarm mode. The electric impulse travels along the wire up to the detonator that goes off when receives the electrical discharge, activating the explosive.

Detonation speed comparison







