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WATER JETS CLEAR MINEFIELDS

Death still lingers on long stretches of Britain's sunniest beaches. Powerful water jets are now swinging into action on the sands around Bideford Bay in a final mine clearing operation. A training area for D-Day assault troops, Saunton in Devon (once a famed holiday spot) is still barred to visitors in the third post-war Easter. Buried deep among the dunes, all explosives are brought to the surface by the force of the water.

Unable to draw supplies from the Atlantic, low pressure hoses pump a daily one million gallons of water from a nearby stream to the high pressure unit on the beach. On this scene of many wartime combined operations, British troops and German P.O.s now work together to clear the debris of battle.

Sappers are in charge of the clearance work - which will make Britain's beaches safe for summer bathing.