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Information on booby traps. Searching the remains of Vietcong factories.

Explosions often send people to the hospital. Troops walking in line are hurled to the ground by the force of _____ mines. Soldiers picking up discarded rifles will find their hands blown off. ~~Ingenious improvisations could well describe most VC booby traps. Almost all are hard to spot, hard to disarm, and hard on people.~~

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What is left in the open, abandoned equipment, camouflaged bunkers, fox holes, tunnels, wires or cords either on the ground or strung between objects. Are unusual marks left to attract attention to booby traps. / ¹ Grenade traps can be set off by hidden wires / or even ² booby traps electrically by taking two pieces of tin foil when the foil is stepped on the strips make contact and the power of a regular flash light battery along the wires sets off the explosive. / ³ One device is simple, uses only a cartridge of any caliber to make a mess of a foot, called a foot-breaker cartridge trap. The device uses two pieces of bamboo, a nail, a cartridge, a rock and a victim to accomplish its task. The VC drive a nail ^{thru} the bottom of a piece of bamboo at the joint, and they make a hole in the ground and drop in a rock or small amount of cement. The smaller section of bamboo with the cartridge is slipped into the large with a nail and the whole contraption goes into the hole. Dirt is patted around the hole and everything is ready for the victim to step on the bamboo stud, driving the nail into the cartridge which sends a bullet into his foot. / ⁴ Another important booby trap is the bouncy betty or butterfly bomb which jumps up into the air if you step on it or trip on it. Most butterfly bombs are US or Chinese made. / ⁵ The angle arrowed trap - the VC use a piece of bamboo about 3 feet long fastened to a board, a steel arrow, a strong rubber band, a trip wire and a catch mechanism. The device is camouflaged and sloped in such a way that persons tripping the wire are struck in the chest by the arrow. / ⁶ Another equally dangerous is the pungy pit. Pungy stakes can be found while fording streams, obtaining river from streams to rivers, taking cover in water or shrub filled ditches and walking along trails where there is evidence of recent digging. *copy*

Now - being attacked
- falling - NUI DA DEU
A - Bunker

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There has been said that the safest in perimeter battles is oddly enough fighting from behind a bunker rather than in it. Vietcong or North Vietnamese human waves have been known to overrun or infiltrate portions of the perimeters turning the battle into an all out fight for regulars taking enemy fire from several positions. In such perimeter fights, however, the enemy have taken tremendous losses.