



TIPS ON VC/NVA MINES  
AND BOOBY TRAPS

**BE ALERT - STAY ALIVE**

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**MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS CAN KILL SO BE ALERT-STAY ALIVE.**

**IF POSSIBLE, DON'T BE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY.**

**NEVER TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED, IT MIGHT LOOK HARMLESS BUT IT MIGHT BE A KILLER.**

**EVIDENCE OF OLD CAMOUFLAGE MAY INDICATE MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS.**

**SUSPECT ALL OBJECTS THAT APPEAR LOOSE OR OUT OF PLACE.**

**ALWAYS LOOK FOR TRIP WIRES.**

**NEVER BUNCH UP AND BECOME A GOOD TARGET FOR COMMAND DETONATED MINES.**

**DESTROY MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS IN PLACE OR MARK, REPORT, AND LEAVE THEM ALONE.**

**BEFORE CUTTING TRIP WIRES, CHECK BOTH ENDS FOR BOOBY TRAPS.**

**OBJECTS SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED WITHOUT CHECKING FOR BOOBY TRAPS.**

**ONLY THE ENEMY'S IMAGINATION LIMITS HIS USE OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS-REMEMBER THAT.**

**BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL IN AREAS WHERE YOU ARE EXPECTED TO SLOW DOWN, BUNCH UP OR BECOME A GOOD TARGET.**

**YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE, SEEK THEIR HELP IN LOCATING MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS.**

**TRAILS AND ROADS SHOULD BE SUSPECTED. CHECK REFILLED HOLES, AREAS COVERED WITH STRAW OR GRASS, LITTERED WITH DUNG, PAVEMENT REPAIRS, AND OTHER SUSPICIOUS SPOTS.**

**REPORT MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS IMMEDIATELY.**

**ALWAYS CHECK YOUR AREA FOR EVIDENCE OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS WHEN YOU SET UP YOUR DEFENSE.**

**PROBE GINGERLY WHEN MINES ARE SUSPECTED, DON'T DEPEND SOLELY ON MINE DETECTORS. SINCE THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE AREA YESTERDAY, DON'T ASSUME THERE IS NOTHING THERE TODAY.**

**KNOWLEDGE INSPIRES CONFIDENCE**

## REMEMBER

MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ARE FAVORITE DEVICES OF THE VC/NVA. GRENADES, SPIKE TRAPS, AP AND AT MINES AND A VARIETY OF OTHER MEANS ARE EMPLOYED TO HARASS, SLOW DOWN, CONFUSE AND KILL FRIENDLY FORCES. THE FORMS OF THESE WEAPONS ARE LIMITED ONLY BY THE IMAGINATION OF THE DESIGNER. YOUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS IS . . .

ALERTNESS

CAUTION