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WHY LEARN ABOUT MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS?

*-because
they **KILL!***

Mines and booby traps are not placed by magic; they are placed by the enemy or our own troops. They were once safe to handle, and they are always made unsafe by somebody doing something to them—removing the safety pin or compressing and latching a spring. A soldier who has had a little experience with mines can always find a way to return them to their original, safe condition.

Veterans returning from overseas say that all soldiers (yes, even WAC's) should be taught how mines work, how to identify them, and what measures to take against them.

This pamphlet is to give you something to read and study before going into territory previously occupied by the enemy. It will acquaint you with various types of mines used, how they are used, where they are used, and what to do about them.

The material for this pamphlet is taken from FM 5-3, Land Mines and Booby Traps, which should be referred to for further information on this subject.

DON'T BE CARELESS



WATCH YOUR STEP!

DON'T BE CURIOUS



CURIOSITY KILLS MORE THAN CATS

DON'T BE A SOUVENIR-GRABBER



BE SMART—LEAVE 'EM ALONE

DON'T BE FOOLHARDY



FOOLS RUSH IN, BUT ONLY ONCE

CHAPTER TWO

WHAT ARE MINES?

*They
are hidden
DANGER!*

JAPANESE BOOBY TRAPS

There is no doubt that the Japanese have information on German booby traps. Captured documents also indicate that the Japanese have their own booby traps.

Many items of regular Japanese ordnance can be adapted as booby traps. The 70-mm barrage mortar shell contains seven parachute bombs projected by a time train and fixed powder charge after the shell leaves the mortar. These can be made effective booby traps for the curious or unwary soldier either as captured materiel or if found on the ground as "duds." Grenades can be used for booby-trapping. For instance, a pull-type grenade can be fastened to a dead soldier with the pull string fastened to some solid object. Moving the body will set the grenade off.

Look out for electrically detonated booby traps. Any vehicle searchlight, generator, light circuit, or other electrical gear can be rigged easily so the current will detonate an explosive charge.

CHAPTER FIVE

WHERE
DO YOU FIND
THEM?

Everywhere!

ANTITANK MINES

are found in mine fields. . .



in roads, and along shoulders.



ANTIPERSONNEL MINES

are found not only in antitank and antipersonnel minefields, but also—in bivouac areas. . .



in wire entanglements. . .



in likely routes of advance. . .



in obstacles



BOOBY TRAPS are found wherever the enemy has been. . .

in mine fields. . .



in equipment. . .



What you DON'T do -

1. Don't cut a taut wire; don't pull a slack one.
2. Don't attempt to disarm or remove a mine or booby trap unless you are trained to do so.
3. Don't move or touch abandoned vehicles, supplies, and equipment.
4. Don't drive or walk in areas not marked clear of mines.
5. Do not stand on running boards of vehicles.
6. Don't open doors or windows without first examining both sides.



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