

DON'T BLANK OUT WITH BLANKS

HALF-MAST, WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH BLANKS JAMMING OUR M240s.

WE WERE TOLD PART OF THE PROBLEM MAY BE THAT WE DON'T HAVE A PART OF THE BLANK FIRING ATTACHMENT (BFA) CALLED THE DISCRIMINATOR.

YEAH, AND THE BFA NSN LISTED IN TM 9-1005-313-238P IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE LISTED IN THE -10. CAN YOU HELP?

FIRST, YOU DON'T NEED A DISCRIMINATOR. THAT WAS USED WITH AN EARLIER BFA AND IS NOT NEEDED FOR THE M24 BFA,...

...WHOSE NSN IS 1005-01-480-0289, LISTED ON PAGE C-20-1 OF THE -238P (JUN 97 WITH CH 2).

THE M24 BFA'S PARTS CAN BE FOUND THERE, TOO.

PART OF YOUR PROBLEM MAY BE THE **BLANK AMMO** YOU'RE USING.

THERE IS SOME **VERY OLD** BLANK 7.62 AMMO IN THE FIELD THAT **DOESN'T** FIRE WELL.

IT HAS A FLAT FORWARD END AND A PAPER WAD SEALER.

THE BEST BLANK AMMO TO USE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL BULLET AND HAS A METAL STAR CRIMP.

OF COURSE, YOU MUST REMEMBER BLANK AMMO PRODUCES **MUCH MORE CARBON** THAN REAL AMMO.

SO THE M240 NEEDS A MUCH MORE THOROUGH CLEANING AND LUBING AFTER FIRING BLANKS OR YOU WILL HAVE FIRING PROBLEMS NEXT TIME YOU GO TO THE RANGE.

FIRING BLANKS IS A **DIRTY BUSINESS**.

I NEED A REALLY GOOD CLEANING NOW!

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER WHILE DOING PMCS INCLUDE...

IS THE BFA CHAMBER DEVICE **BENT, CRACKED, OR CORRODED?** IS IT SEATED CORRECTLY OVER THE FLASH HIDER?

IS THE GAS REGULATOR SET TO 1?

ARE THERE CHIPS OR GOUGES ACROSS THE FEED TRAY THAT WOULD CAUSE THE AMMO BELT TO DRAG?

ARE THE FEED PAWLS WORN OR ARE THEIR SPRINGS WEAK? IS THE M240 FEEDING PROPERLY?

ARE THE BARRELS BEING CHANGED DURING FIRING? BARRELS SHOULD BE SWITCHED EVERY 10 MINUTES DURING SUSTAINED FIRE (100 ROUNDS PER MINUTE) AND EVERY 2 MINUTES DURING RAPID FIRE (200 ROUNDS PER MINUTE).

I'M READY TO TAKE OVER. WONDER IF THIS GUY KNOWS WE'RE S'POSED TO BE SWAPPED?

NEW VERSIONS OF BOTH THE -10 AND -238P TMS WILL HIT THE FIELD SOMETIME IN 2002. MAKE SURE YOUR PUBS ACCOUNT IS SET UP SO THAT YOU'LL RECEIVE THEM AUTOMATICALLY.

