

# MAKE SURE BARREL IS CLEAR



YOU DIDN'T CHECK FOR A STUCK ROUND, DID YOU?

YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!



ONE MK 19 GUNNER IN AFGHANISTAN NARROWLY ESCAPED INJURY WHEN THE BARREL OF HIS GUN BLEW UP..

...BECAUSE THERE WAS A ROUND STUCK IN THE BARREL THAT HE HADN'T CHECKED FOR.

"WHAT THE ARMY THINKS HAPPENED IS THAT HIS MK 19 FIRED THREE ROUNDS, BUT STOPPED ON THE FOURTH ROUND BECAUSE OF A SPLIT CARTRIDGE CASE."



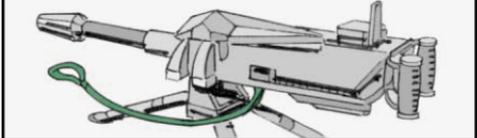
"WHEN THE SOLDIER PULLED THE TRIGGER AND NOTHING HAPPENED, HE OPENED THE MK 19'S COVER AND SAW THE RUPTURED CASE."

"HE REMOVED THE CASE, BUT DIDN'T CHECK FOR A STUCK ROUND. HE TRIED TO FIRE AGAIN. THE FIFTH ROUND HIT THE FOURTH ROUND STUCK IN THE BARREL AND THE BARREL EXPLODED."

WELL, WHAT **SHOULD** THE SOLDIER HAVE DONE BEFORE TRYING TO FIRE?

HE **SHOULD** HAVE USED THE BORE OBSTRUCTION DETECTOR TO CHECK FOR A STUCK ROUND.

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE DETECTOR ARE IN WP 0014-00-13 IN TM 9-1010-230-10. HE WOULD HAVE FOUND THE STUCK ROUND AND BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE IT WITH THE ROUND REMOVAL TOOL, WHOSE USE IS COVERED BY WP 0014-00-28."



THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM A NARROW ESCAPE AND HIS GUN FROM SUFFERING MAJOR DAMAGE.

