

# TIGHTEN UP LOOSE BARREL CHECK



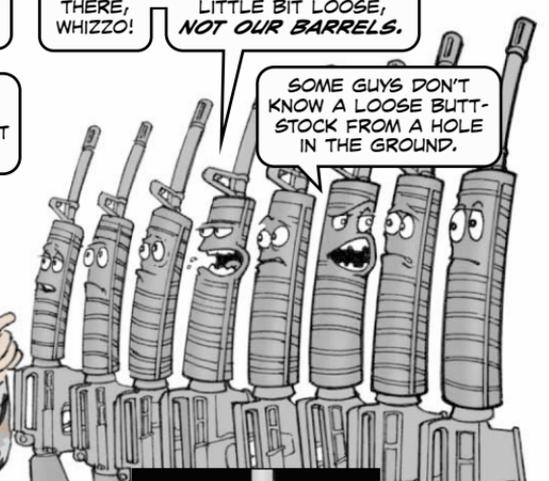
THEY TELL ME YOU **ALL** HAVE LOOSE BARRELS.

THAT MEANS A LONG TRIP TO DIRECT SUPPORT FOR YOU GUYS.

JUST HOLD ON THERE; WHIZZO!

IT'S OUR **BUTT-STOCKS** THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT LOOSE, **NOT OUR BARRELS.**

SOME GUYS DON'T KNOW A LOOSE BUTT-STOCK FROM A HOLE IN THE GROUND.



Dear Editor,

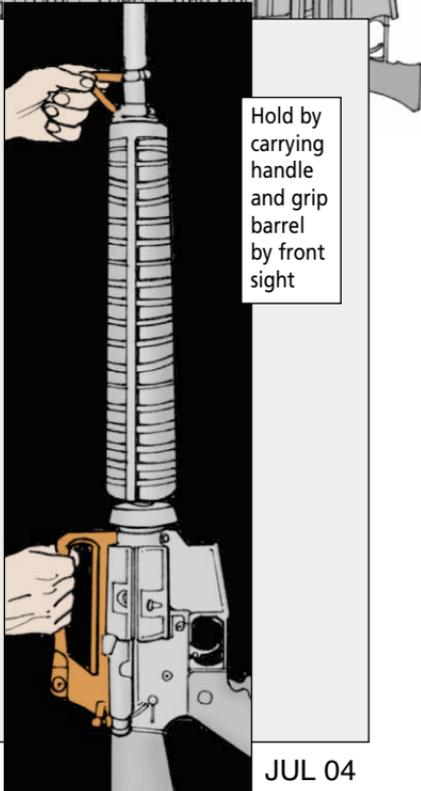
Riflemen and armorers are supposed to check that their M16s and M4/M4A1s don't have any play in the barrel. If the barrel is loose at all, the weapon shouldn't be fired.

The problem is that soldiers often hold the buttstock with one hand while twisting the barrel with the other. The buttstock may have some slight side-to-side movement, which is OK. But sometimes they mistakenly think it's the barrel, not the buttstock, that's loose, and they think they have a problem.

Avoid that mistake by holding the carrying handle with one hand and gripping the barrel around the front sight with the other. First make sure the carrying handle is tight if you have an M16A4 or M4/M4A1. Gently twist the barrel in both directions. If you feel any movement, send the gun to direct support.

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*(Editor's note: I think you've got a good grip on that problem. Thanks.)*



Hold by carrying handle and grip barrel by front sight