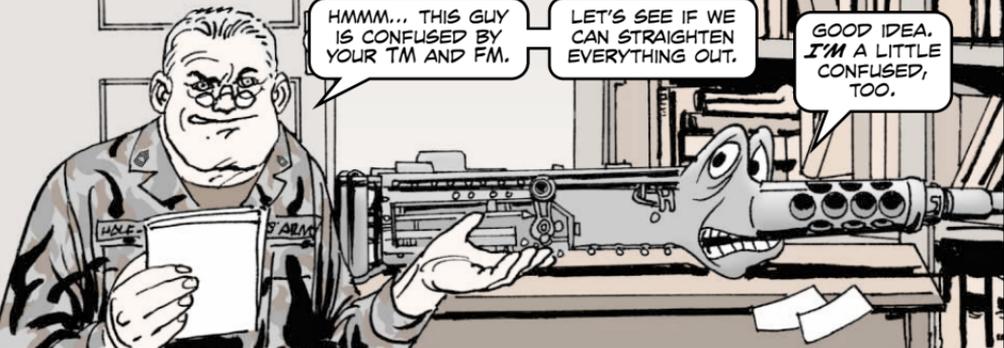


CONFUSED BY THE TM AND FM



HMMM... THIS GUY IS CONFUSED BY YOUR TM AND FM.

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN STRAIGHTEN EVERYTHING OUT.

GOOD IDEA. I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED, TOO.

Dear Half-Mast,

There are some places in the M2 machine gun's TM 9-1005-213-10 and FM 23-65 that seem to contradict each other. I was wondering if you could clear these areas up:

- Para 2-3a in the FM says to use CLP to clean and lubricate and Para 2-3f further says to use RBC only if CLP isn't available. But Chapter 3 in the TM says to use RBC and carbon removing compound for cleaning the M2.

So which is it?

CLP, RBC, AND CARBON REMOVING COMPOUND ARE ALL AUTHORIZED FOR CLEANING THE M2. BUT RBC AND CARBON CLEANING COMPOUNDS ARE CLEANERS ONLY.

ONCE YOU'RE FINISHED CLEANING WITH THEM, YOU MUST WIPE THE MACHINE GUN DRY AND THEN LUBE IT WITH LSA OR LAW, DEPENDING ON THE TEMPERATURE. CLP CLEANS AND LUBES SO NO FURTHER LUBING IS REQUIRED.

FOR REALLY TOUGH CLEANING JOBS, RBC IS USUALLY BETTER THAN CLP. DON'T MIX CLP WITH LSA OR LAW. THEY DON'T WORK WELL TOGETHER.

- Item 4 in work package 0023 00-4 in the TM says "Use LSA above 0° F and LAW below 0° F", but 0023 00-6 says "Between 10° F and -10° F use CLP, LSA or LAW. Below -10° F use only LAW."

What's correct?

SGT C.L.S.

ABOVE 10°, USE CLP OR LSA. BETWEEN -10 AND 10, YOU CAN USE CLP, LSA, OR LAW. BELOW -10, USE **ONLY** LAW.

THANKS, SERGEANT, FOR POINTING OUT THESE CONFUSING AREAS IN THE TM AND FM. HOPE THIS CLEARS EVERYTHING UP.