

**Connie's  
Post Scripts**

## M2A2/M3A2 Ramp Armor

The information for Items 86 and 87 in Fig 67 (sheet 3 of 12) of TM 9-2350-284-24P-1 is reversed. Item 86, the personnel door inner plate, should be NSN 5340-01-206-3887 (PN 12334344). Item 87, the ramp door inner plate, should be NSN 9515-01-206-3888 (PN 12334342). Make a note until the TM can be updated.

## No Blank Firing with M249 Short Barrel

Never fire blanks with your M249 machine gun if it's equipped with a short barrel. The increased bolt unlocking velocity can damage the receiver's inner rail. Fire blanks with the normal M249 barrel and the M249 blank firing attachment, NSN 1005-21-912-8997. The Army is developing a BFA for the short barrel. PS will let you know when it's available.

## M88A2 Track Tension

Once is not enough when it comes to adjusting track tension on the M88A2 recovery vehicle. In fact, the third time is the charm. Until WP 0104 00 in TM 9-2350-292-10 (Jan 02) can be updated, add the following after Step 8: "8a. Repeat Steps 1 through 7 two additional times, for a total of three times, for each side of vehicle alternately." TACOM MAM 05-014 is your authority for the change.

## M16A4 RIFLE, M4/M4A1 CARBINE BUIS LOCKING BARS REPLACED FREE

Because of manufacturing problems, locking bars for the backup iron sight (BUIS) for the M16A4 rifle and M4/M4A1 carbine are breaking.

You can now get an improved locking bar and recoil screw as a free replacement.

Soldiers deployed in Iraq can get the locking bar and screw at the Small Arms Support Center at Camp Anaconda. Call 987-0567, ext 6203, to verify they have locking bars on hand.

Soldiers outside Iraq should contact TACOM for the locking bar at DSN 793-2909/(309) 782-2909 or email:

**TACOM-RI-TPF@ria.army.mil**

Put "BUIS locking bar" in the subject line.

If you want express shipping, you will need to provide TACOM your DODAAC, non-APO address, POC and phone number. Otherwise, the locking bar will be shipped by regular mail.

## TURN IN BROKEN AN/APM-305As

If you have an AN/APM-305A transponder set test set, NSN 6625-01-052-3881, that has stopped working, turn it in NOW. Tobyhanna Army Depot will fix it for free as part of the RESET program. Presently, they have no AN/APM-305As on hand, so if you have excess sets, turn them in, too. Questions? Contact CECOM's Charles Lamb at DSN 992-9899/(732) 532-9899 or email:

**charles.lamb@mail1.monmouth.army.mil**

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