

# KEEPING YOUR GUN IN A SLING



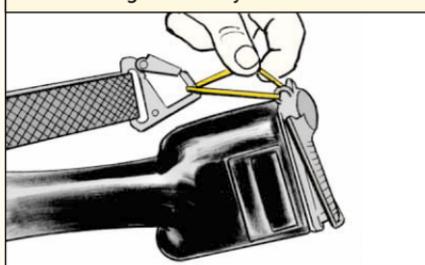
Dear Editor,

The M249 machine gun has an aluminum eyelet for the carrying sling to connect to on the buttstock. But the sling hook is steel, which we've found can sometimes break the weaker eyelet. Then you have nothing to connect the sling to.

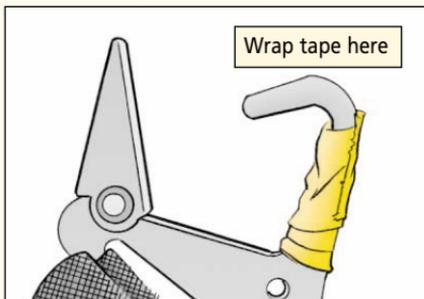
We have two solutions to that problem:

- Connect the hook to the eyelet with a piece of 550 cord or something similar. If something breaks it will be the cord, not the eyelet.
- Wrap duct tape around the hook where it connects to the eyelet. The tape cushions the hook and keeps it from wearing out the eyelet.

Connect sling hook to eyelet with 550 cord



Wrap tape here



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**Editor's note:** Good ideas to hook onto! Thanks, Private. A new buttstock is coming that has a replaceable eyelet, so this problem will eventually disappear