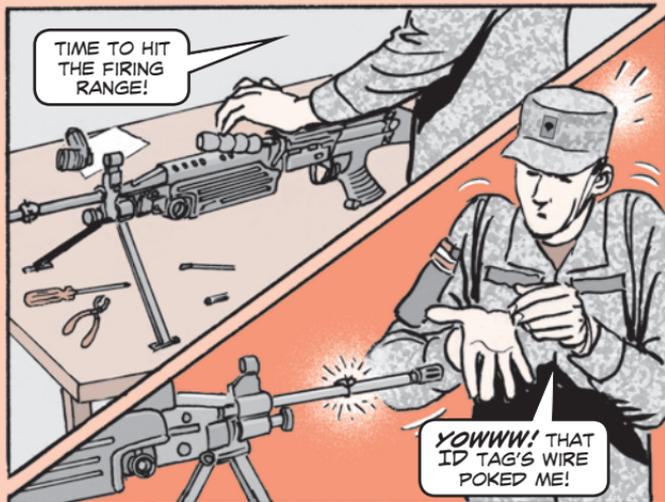


# SAFER BARREL MARKING



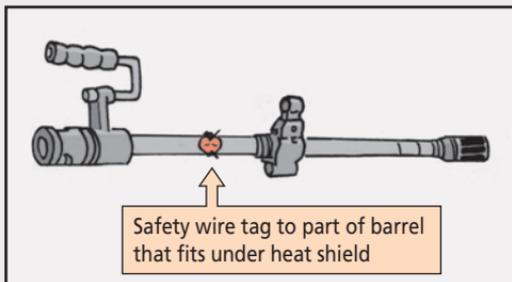
HERE'S A WAY TO **PROTECT** YOUR HAND FROM WIRE CUTS.

Dear Editor,

Over the years PS has run several articles about the best way to mark barrels, such as painting the number on the barrel or safety wiring a dog tag with the number to the barrel's carrying handle.

I have one other suggestion: Safety wire the tag on the barrel where it fits under the heat shield. That way the wire ends can't cut a soldier's hands. But when the barrel isn't mounted the tag is still easily readable.

Douglas Stewart  
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**Editor's note:** Good idea, Mr. Stewart. Painting the number on the barrel or safety wiring a dog tag to the carrying handle or under the heat shield are all good ways to ID barrels.

Whatever way armorers ID barrels is up to them. The important thing is to do it. Barrels are headspaced to specific machine guns. If the wrong barrel is used with a machine gun, it can damage the weapon and injure the soldier. That's why a soldier needs to have an easy way to make sure he has the right barrel.

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