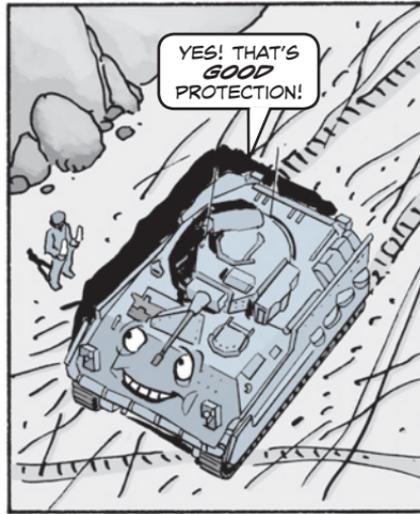


# M242 FIRING HELP IN THE DESERT



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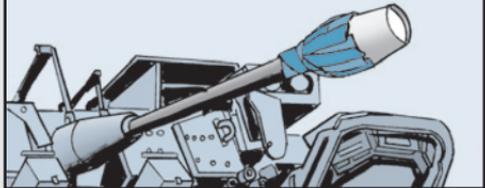
Sand is a killer for your Bradley's M242 automatic gun. If too much sand builds up in the receiver, the bolt has trouble functioning and you get misfires.

We found during our tour in Southwest Asia that taping over the ejection port and taping a paper cup over the barrel helped keep sand out of the receiver. And, of course, if you needed to suddenly fire, the tape and cup will be blown off.

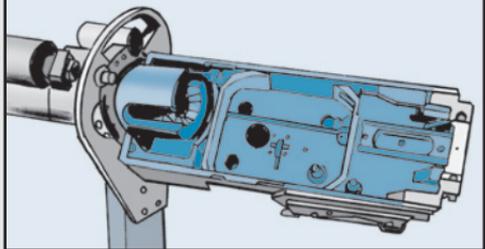
But even with the tape and cup, you still need to take off the feeder every chance you get and clean sand out of the receiver. There's just no way to completely seal sand out of the receiver.

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Tape cup on barrel and tape over ejection port



But still clean inside receiver every chance you get



*Editor's note: A simple fix that will help keep your M242 firing. Thanks for the tip, Sergeant. But always make sure the M242 is unloaded and the turret lock engaged before putting on the cup and tape.*