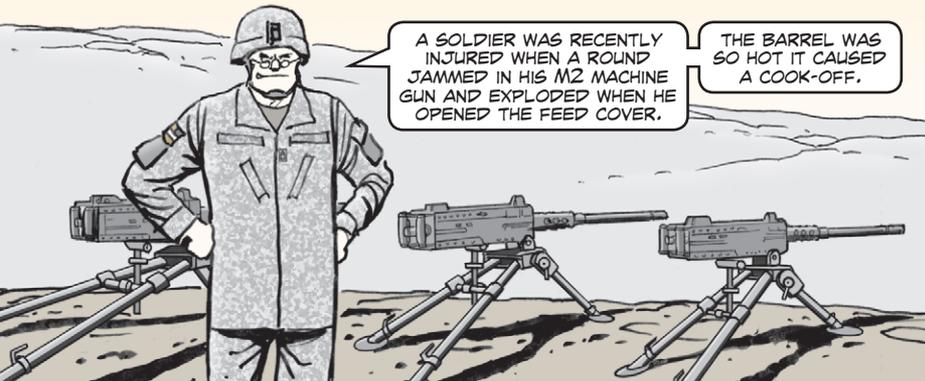
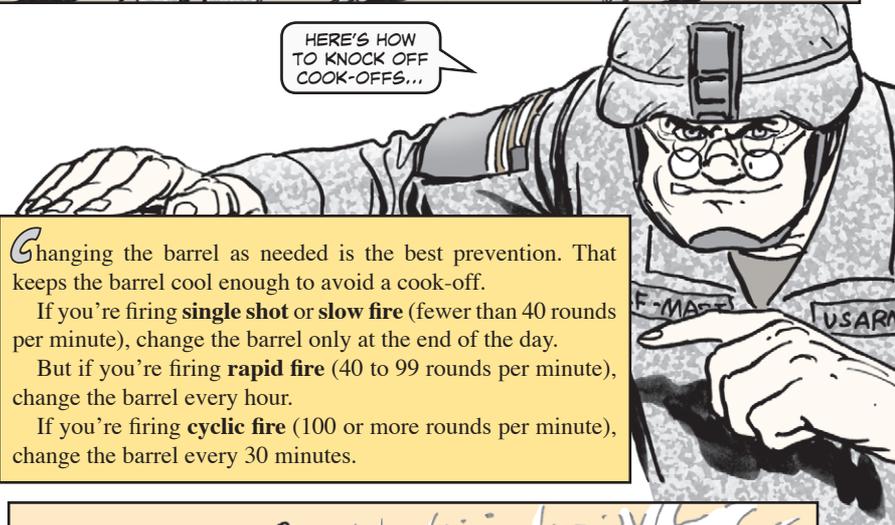


# KNOCK OFF COOK-OFFS



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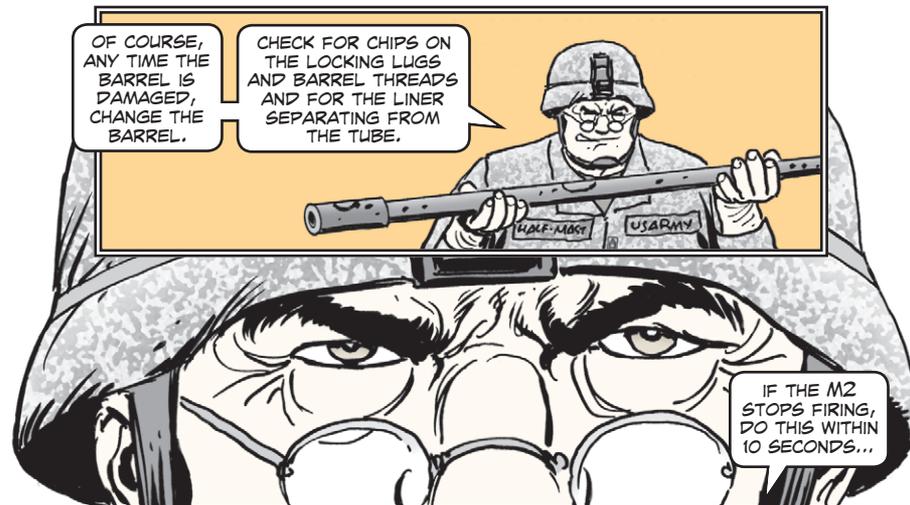
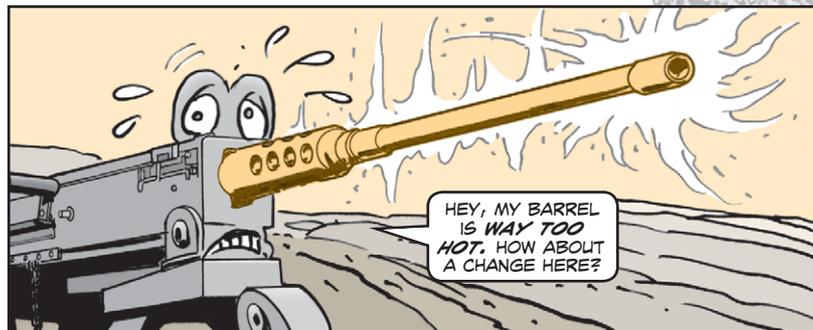


Changing the barrel as needed is the best prevention. That keeps the barrel cool enough to avoid a cook-off.

If you're firing **single shot** or **slow fire** (fewer than 40 rounds per minute), change the barrel only at the end of the day.

But if you're firing **rapid fire** (40 to 99 rounds per minute), change the barrel every hour.

If you're firing **cyclic fire** (100 or more rounds per minute), change the barrel every 30 minutes.



IF THE M2 STOPS FIRING, DO THIS WITHIN 10 SECONDS...

1. Pull the retracting slide handle to the rear.
2. Look to see if a round or fired case is ejected. If a round or fired case was ejected, release the retracting slide handle and try to fire again.
3. If the M2 doesn't fire and the barrel is hot enough to cause a cook-off (you've been firing 100 or more rounds per minute), place the bolt in the forward position, put the M2 in single action mode, and keep it aimed at the target.
4. Evacuate the immediate area for 15 minutes and let the M2 cool off. If you're in "bad guy" territory, keep the barrel pointed away from your guys and get out of the fire zone. **Never open the feed cover on a hot weapon.** A stuck round could explode in your face.
5. After the M2 has cooled for 15 minutes, keep it pointed down range and open the cover. Remove the ammo belt and pull the retracting slide handle to the rear. If the round isn't ejected, lock the bolt to the rear and return the slide handle forward. Look for the round in the chamber.

If the round is in the chamber, have someone put a cleaning rod into the muzzle end of the barrel and gently tap the round from the chamber. The weapon is now clear.

