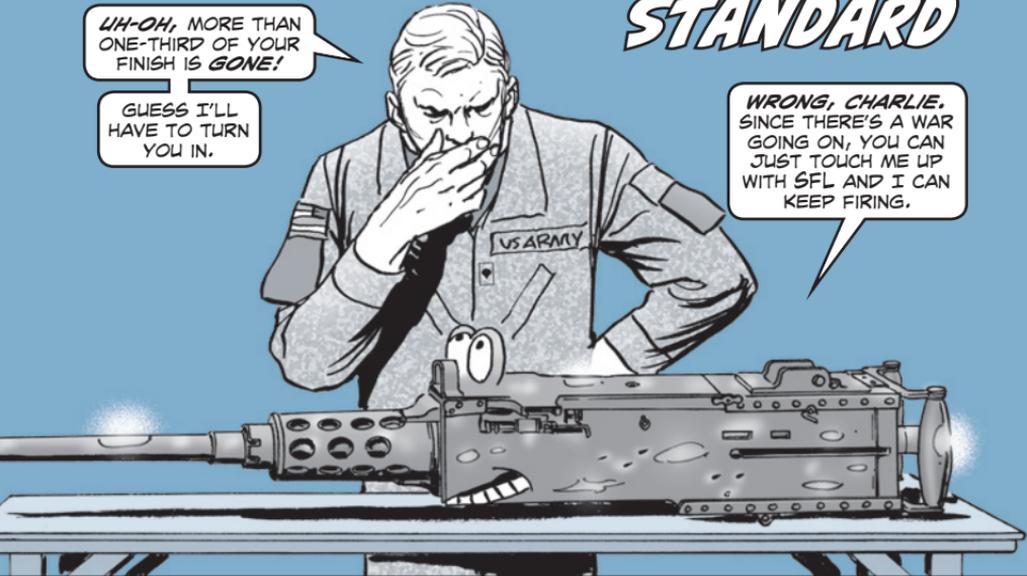


WAR CHANGES FINISH STANDARD

UH-OH, MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF YOUR FINISH IS GONE!

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TURN YOU IN.

WRONG, CHARLIE. SINCE THERE'S A WAR GOING ON, YOU CAN JUST TOUCH ME UP WITH SFL AND I CAN KEEP FIRING.



How much of the M2 machine gun's finish can be missing before the weapon must be turned in to depot? If you look that up in the M2's TM 9-1005-213-23&P, the answer is more than one-third of the M2's surface.

But that criteria is for peacetime. In extended combat operations like Iraq, the M2 doesn't need to be turned in, no matter how much of its finish has worn off. As long as the M2 is fully functional, you can keep firing it.

But you do need to touch up those shiny spots with solid film lubricant (SFL), NSN 9150-01-260-2534, to prevent corrosion and to keep light from reflecting off the weapon and pinpointing your position to the enemy.

Armorers, before applying SFL, first clean the shiny areas with dry cleaning solvent. The solvent gets rid of all lubricant in the metal. Lubricant prevents SFL from sticking to the weapon, so soon you'll have a shiny spot again.

After cleaning with solvent, let it dry completely. Then apply the SFL and let it dry for 12 hours. Then re-lube the weapon. You're done.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE, CONTACT TACOM-RI'S AT DSN 793-2108, (309) 782-2108, OR EMAIL us.army.mil

