

# DON'T MODIFY YOUR WEAPON



Soldiers continue to try to improve their weapons by modifying them. They think they can come up with better ways to make their weapons work than can the Army's small arms experts.

That is a dangerous assumption. Putting an M4 buttstock on an M16 rifle, for example, can cause it to malfunction. You don't want that happening in the middle of a fire fight.

The **only** time a weapon can be modified is if the Army has approved a modification work order (MWO).

Para 3-1e in AR 750-10, *Army Modification Program*, makes this very clear: "Commanders will not allow their equipment to be modified unless there is an official MWO."

If you modify your weapon without authorization, you risk making it non-mission capable and you can be held responsible for any damage to it or your fellow soldiers.

If you want to help your weapon do its best, take care of it like its operator's TM tells you to. That's enough.