

DOING THE MACHINE GUN TWO-STEP



CREWMEN, THE PROCEDURES FOR REMOVING THE M2 OR MK 19 MACHINE GUNS FROM YOUR STRYKER'S REMOTE WEAPONS STATION ARE PLAINLY SPELLED OUT IN THE OPERATION UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS SECTION OF YOUR -10 MANUAL.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO *VERY* IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN MOVING THE MACHINE GUN INSIDE YOUR STRYKER.

REMEMBER THEM AND YOU'LL SAVE YOURSELF AN INJURY AND YOUR UNIT A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY.

#1: Both the M2 and MK 19 are very heavy. That's why moving them is a **two-man** lift. Trying to do it all by yourself is a good way to get hurt. And dropping the machine gun doesn't do it much good either.

#2: Don't lower the machine gun through the gunner's hatch. If it slips, the barrel may hit the fire control unit (FCU) screen. A damaged screen means the entire FCU, NSN 1220-01-543-4270, has to be replaced. And with a replacement cost of nearly \$40,000, a new FCU is not something most units want on their shopping lists.

Instead, lower the machine gun through the commander's hatch. That keeps the barrel away from the screen and prevents accidental damage to the FCU.