

# HOTSHOT SHOOTING HELP!

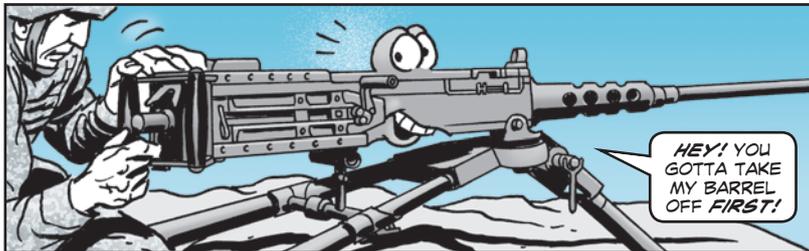
WOW! YOUR M2 IS REALLY FIRING WELL!!

YEAH, HE'S A REAL HOTSHOT THANKS TO MY PM!

THESE TIPS CAN KEEP YOUR M2 MACHINE GUN FIRING SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

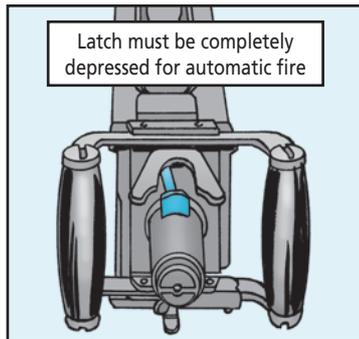


**Remove the barrel first when disassembling the M2.** If you don't, you won't be able to remove the barrel extension, which means you have to try to reassemble the M2 to remove the barrel. That ain't easy.



HEY! YOU GOTTA TAKE MY BARREL OFF FIRST!

**Understand how the butterfly trigger works.** The bolt release latch is not what you press to fire. The latch acts as a selector switch. If the latch inside the receiver is in the up position, the M2 fires in automatic mode. If it's down, the M2 fires single shot. If your M2 is firing single shot, make sure the bolt release latch is completely depressed before you yell for help. Holding the latch release completely down with your thumb prevents the latch from catching the bolt and keeps your M2 firing automatic.

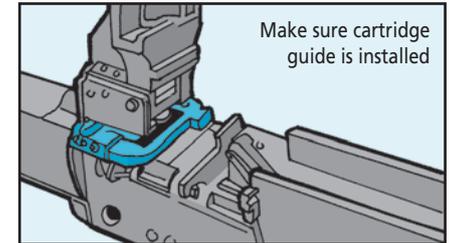


Latch must be completely depressed for automatic fire

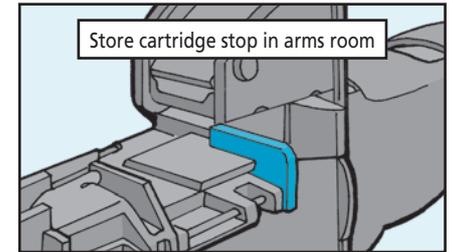
**Thoroughly lube the M2 before storage, especially its moving parts.** Some units are storing their M2s bone dry, which lets corrosion do a number on the weapons. The M2 needs as much lube protection as the other weapons in the arms rooms.

**Don't go blank on blank firing.** When you install the blank firing attachment (BFA) on the M2, don't forget the BFA's cartridge guide assembly, NSN 1005-01-092-9537. The guide, which goes in the feed tracer, compensates for the shorter blank round. Without it, the M2 jams.

But to install the cartridge guide, you must remove the cartridge stop. Armorers, remove the stops **before** your M2s go to the firing range to fire blanks or you'll likely never see the stops again. And remember to reinstall the cartridge stops when you remove the BFAs. Otherwise, the M2s won't fire.



Make sure cartridge guide is installed



Store cartridge stop in arms room

# Rotation Extends Bushing Life

Dear Half-Mast,

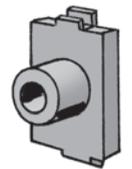
The bushing that was added to the M48 machine gun's backplate seems to last a very short time. The charging cable cuts through it like a hot knife through butter. Is there anything we can do to make it last?

SPC J.L.

Dear Specialist J.L.,

Yes, there is. The bushing was added to help the charging cable last longer by preventing the cable from rubbing on metal. When the bushing develops a groove, rotate it so that the cable is rubbing a different part of the bushing. You should be able to do this three or four times before the bushing needs replacing.

Rotate bushing after charging cable cuts groove in it



Half-Mast