

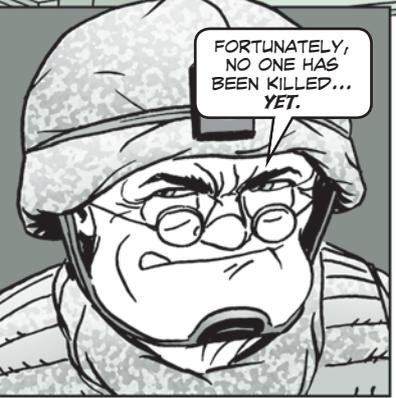
SAFETY ALERT

Safe Firing in OGPK

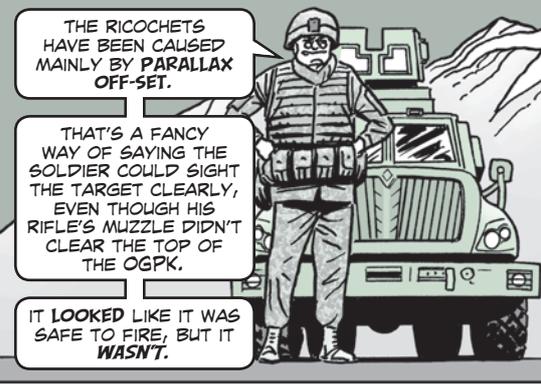


NINE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OF SOLDIERS FIRING FROM INSIDE THE OBJECTIVE GUNNER PROTECTION KIT (OGPK) WITHOUT THEIR M16 RIFLE OR M4 CARBINE BEING COMPLETELY CLEAR OF THE OGPK ARMOR WALL.

THE BULLETS RICOCHETED OFF THE INSIDE OF THE OGPK, STRIKING THE SHOOTER AND, IN SOME CASES, VEHICLE PASSENGERS.



FORTUNATELY, NO ONE HAS BEEN KILLED... YET.



THE RICOCHETS HAVE BEEN CAUSED MAINLY BY PARALLAX OFF-SET.

THAT'S A FANCY WAY OF SAYING THE SOLDIER COULD SIGHT THE TARGET CLEARLY, EVEN THOUGH HIS RIFLE'S MUZZLE DIDN'T CLEAR THE TOP OF THE OGPK.

IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS SAFE TO FIRE, BUT IT WASN'T.



IMPROPER POSITION



PROPER POSITION

- Here are four rules to keep you from becoming your own ricochet victim:
- Don't fire individual weapons from the OGPK if at all possible. The OGPK is meant for firing mounted machine guns.
 - If circumstances absolutely require you to fire your rifle from the OGPK, maintain muzzle awareness at all times.
 - To fire your rifle from the OGPK, brace against the OGPK's ring edge or as far forward as possible and **support the rifle on the edge**, making sure the barrel extends outside the OGPK.
 - Make sure weapons are on **SAFE** except when you're ready to fire. That prevents accidental firings.



Brace weapon on edge of OGPK for firing

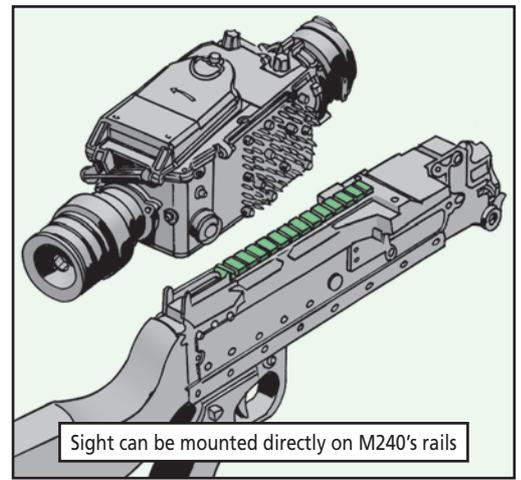
M240, MK 19, M2 Machine Guns...

AN/PAS-13 Mounting Help

Dear Half-Mast,
 How do you get the mounts to put the AN/PAS-13 sight on the M240, MK 19, and M2 machine guns?
 SGT H.O.

Dear Sergeant H.O.,
 The AN/PAS-13 sight is covered by TM 11-5855-312-10 and it is the best source for mounting info. According to the TM's Pages 2-87 through 2-88, the AN/PAS-13 can be mounted directly on the M240's rails.
 For the M2, you will need the mount that comes with NSN 5340-01-502-7233. For the MK 19, order a mount with NSN 5340-01-434-2231.

Half-Mast



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