

SRTA Is REAL Ammo

DON'T BE
FOOLED.

JUST BECAUSE
SRTA IS TRAINING
AMMO DOESN'T
MEAN IT CAN'T
KILL YOU OR
YOUR BUDDIES.

IT CAN BE JUST
AS LETHAL AS
NORMAL ROUNDS!



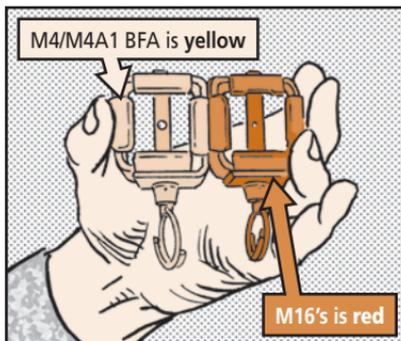
Dear Editor,

I just read your article on Page 24 in PS 698 (Jan 11) on using the M2 practice bolt with the M16 rifle and M4/M4A1 carbine. You said "The M2 bolt converts the weapon gas operation to blowback and prevents accidental firing of a REAL (emphasis mine) round."

Through my work with the OHARNG, I have seen what damage short-range training ammo (SRTA) can do to corrugated steel panels 100 yards down range. **SRTA is REAL ammo and can kill at short range.** Soldiers need to treat SRTA with the same care and caution they do with normal rounds.

One other point: On the next page, you talked about the difference between the M16 and M4 BFAs. One thing you didn't mention is that if you use an M16 BFA on an M4 or an M249 machine gun, it can deform the BFA so much it flies off the weapon and becomes a projectile. Not too safe! So Soldiers need to make sure they're using the correct BFA. The M4/M4A1 BFA is yellow, the M16's is red.

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*Editor's note: Excellent
safety points, Sergeant Major.*