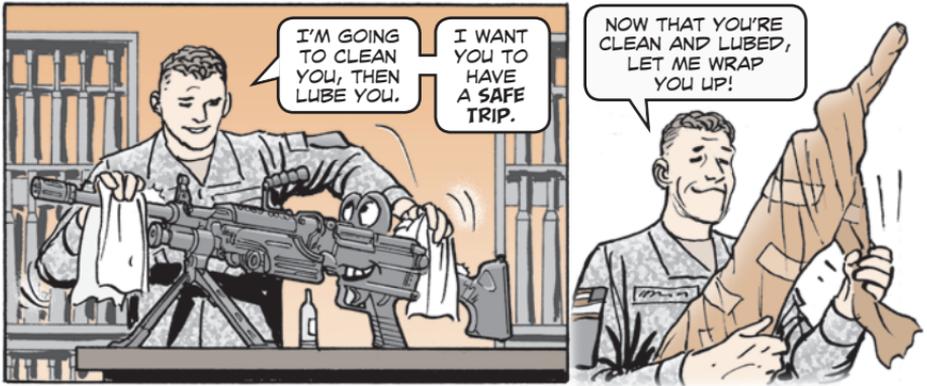


# Safe Shipping for your Weapons



**A**ll the care you give your rifle, machine gun, or pistol in the field can go to waste if you don't show the same care when you ship it to or from SWA.

If you just toss your weapon in a box for shipment, moisture can let corrosion turn it into an expensive piece of junk by the time it arrives at its destination. And that has happened too many times in the last several years. Too many weapons have been ruined because PM was forgotten when it came time to ship them.

But your weapon can have a safe journey if you just remember these rules:

- **Clean 'em.** Completely clean your weapons like their -10 TMs say to. **But no steam cleaning!** That surely leads to corrosion because it also cleans out all lubricant.
- **Lube 'em.** That means CLP for all weapons except the MK19. For it, use corrosion preventive compound (MIL-PRF-16173 grade 3), NSN 8030-00-244-1293, cut 50 percent with mineral oil; or use general purpose lubricating oil (MIL-PRF-3150), NSN 9150-00-231-2356; or general purpose lubricating oil (MIL-PRF-32033), NSN 9150-00-231-9062, if it's used with vapor corrosion inhibitor (VCI). All three lubes can also be used for all weapons if necessary.
- **Wrap 'em.** Wrap weapons in VCI barrier and secure the barrier with tape. NSN 8135-00-664-0015 brings a 3 x 600 foot roll of VCI.
- **Do not use bubblewrap.** Some bubblewrap contains a chloride that when mixed with moisture forms an acid that causes corrosion. There's no way to tell which is which, so avoid **all** of them!

Some units have reported problems getting these VCI materials through the supply system. Flex-Pac and MRN Enterprise are other sources for VCI bags and will ship them within 24 hours.

Contact Flex-Pac at (309) 794-9544. Contact MRN Enterprise at: 412-221-9111 or order at their website: <http://www.mrnterprises.com>