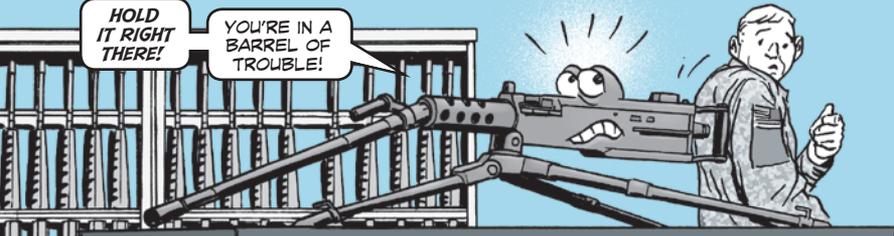


DON'T SCREW UP SCREWING IN BARREL

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

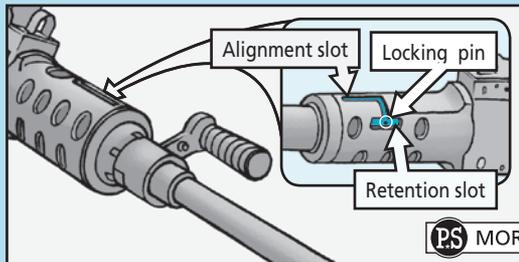
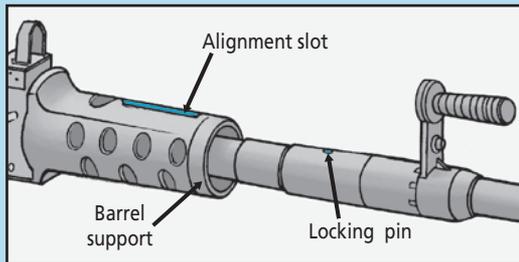
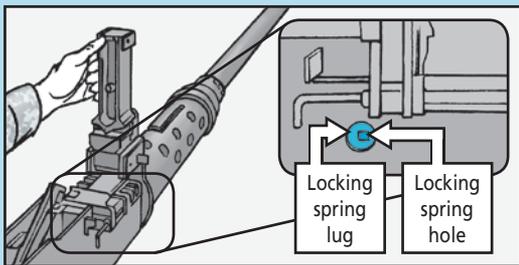
YOU'RE IN A BARREL OF TROUBLE!



M2A1 machine gunners are sometimes getting it wrong when they install the barrel. The result is that the barrel's locking pin is sheared off during firing and the barrel has to be replaced. You could end up in a barrel of trouble if you're not careful.

Here's how to install the barrel correctly:

1. With the cover assembly all the way up, retract the bolt assembly far enough so that the barrel locking spring lug centers in the barrel locking spring hole on the right side of the receiver.
2. Insert the barrel assembly into the barrel support until the barrel locking pin engages the alignment slot.
3. Push the barrel assembly to the rear until the locking pin engages the alignment slot. Grasp the barrel carrying handle. Rotate the barrel assembly clockwise and secure the locking pin in the retention slot.
4. Make sure the barrel's end protrudes beyond the lower barrel extension threads.
5. Release the retracting slide handle and allow the bolt to go forward. Close the cover assembly.



PS MORE

REMEMBER, YOU CAN USE ANY M2A1 BARREL WITH ANY M2A1 MACHINE GUN WITHOUT AFFECTING TIMING AND HEADSPACING.



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M119A2 Howitzer...

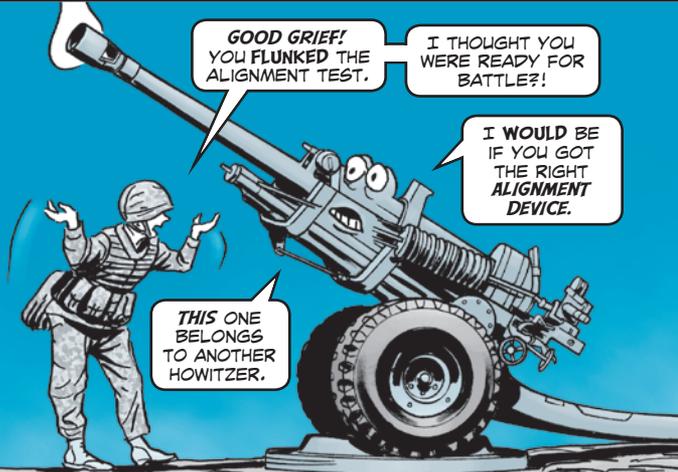
Check Alignment Device's Mounting Bracket Serial Number

GOOD GRIEF! YOU FLUNKED THE ALIGNMENT TEST.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE READY FOR BATTLE?!

I WOULD BE IF YOU GOT THE RIGHT ALIGNMENT DEVICE.

THIS ONE BELONGS TO ANOTHER HOWITZER.



Dear Editor,

When M119A2 howitzer crews are doing the BEFORE PMCS in TM 9-1015-252-10, they need to add a step when they get to Item 15 in WP 0040-15. Crewmen must make sure the serial number for the M140A1 alignment device's mounting bracket (or "dovetail") matches that of the howitzer's serial number.

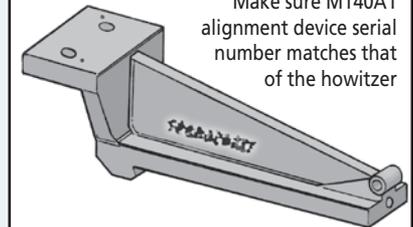
If the wrong dovetail is used, the howitzer can fail the fire control alignment test in WP 0049.

A dovetail can be adapted to another howitzer by being pinned, but this can be done only once. Then the dovetail must be replaced. The pinning procedure is in WP 0081 in TM 9-1015-252-34.

If you find the wrong dovetail, tell your repairman.

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Make sure M140A1 alignment device serial number matches that of the howitzer



Editor's note:
A good PMCS addition, Mr. Palmer. Thanks.