



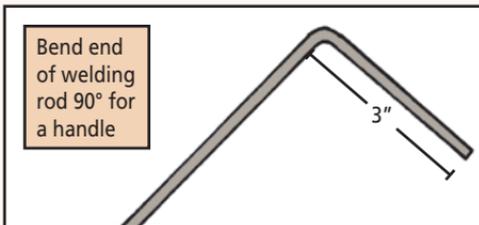
YOU MAY FIND USING A **CLEARING ROD** IS BETTER THAN A **CLEANING ROD** ON A FIRING RANGE.

HERE'S HOW TO MAKE ONE...

CLEARING VS CLEANING ROD

On the firing range, units may prefer to use a clearing rod instead of a cleaning rod to deal with stuck rounds. A clearing rod doesn't have sections that can unscrew and come apart in the weapon's barrel. If a cleaning rod section is left in the barrel, the barrel can explode next time the weapon is fired!

If your commander approves the use of a clearing rod on the range, you can make one from a 36-in long, $\frac{3}{16}$ -in diameter brass welding rod, NSN 3439-00-244-4541. Put a 90° bend three inches from one end to make a handle. File off any burrs or sharp edges.



Take it easy inserting the clearing rod so you don't damage the muzzle crown. And don't slam the rod into the bolt face. If you do find a stuck round, don't try to poke it out with the rod. Use the clearing procedure in the weapon's TM.

Of course, in the field you will have to use a cleaning rod for a stuck round. In that case, use a rod's swab holder at the end you push into the muzzle. Then, when you pull out the rod, check for the swab holder. That way you know part of the cleaning rod isn't still in the barrel.

