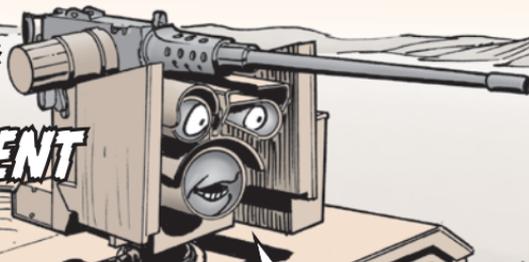


CROWS EQUIPMENT STAYS WITH CROWS



YOU MAY BE GOING HOME, BUT I'M NOT. LEAVE MY TOOL BAG HERE.

YOUR REPLACEMENT WILL NEED IT!

"CROWS equipment stays with CROWS" seems like a pretty obvious statement. But unfortunately that hasn't been the case.

Units deploying back from theater are taking the CROWS tool bag, the weapons adapter kit and the boresight kit with them. Without those items, the new unit can't operate CROWS. And it costs \$23K to replace the tool bag and two kits. That's a pretty hefty bill to leave your replacements.

When it's time to go home, leave your CROWS equipment with CROWS. That's where it belongs and it saves the Army maintenance dollars.

M249 Machine Gun...

CHECK FOR NEW OP ROD

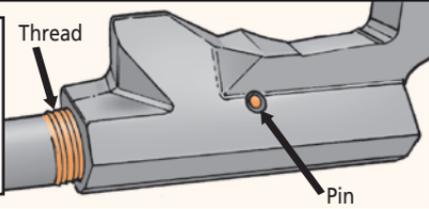


THERE ARE STILL SOME M249 MACHINE GUN OPERATING RODS IN THE FIELD THAT HAVE THE TOWER PORTION/REAR PART WELDED TO THE TUBE.

THESE OP RODS NEED TO BE INSPECTED FOR BENDS, BREAKS, BURRS OR CRACKS.

New op rod has rod screwed into tower portion/rear part

Thread



Pin

If you find any problems, replace them with the newer op rod. It has the op rod screwed into the tower portion/rear part and locked in place with a pin. Order new op rods with NSN 1005-01-134-6737.

For more info, see TACOM LCMC maintenance action message 14-005:

<https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/SAFETY/message.cfm?id+MA14-005.html>