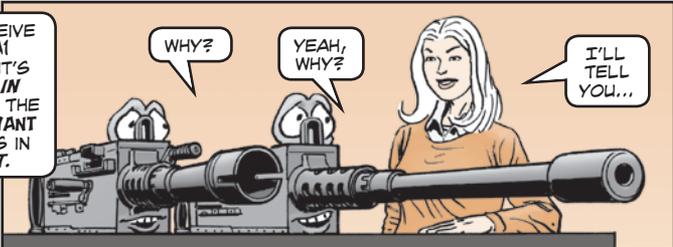


M2 vs. M2A1: IT'S EITHER/OR



I'M REPORTING FOR DUTY. THAT MEANS YOU NEED TO GO TO ANOTHER UNIT. I'M AFRAID I **DON'T** WORK WITH M2s. I WORK STRICTLY WITH OTHER M2A1s.

ONCE UNITS RECEIVE THE NEW M2A1 MACHINE GUNS IT'S TIME TO **TURN IN** THEIR OLD M2s. THE ARMY **DOESN'T** WANT M2s AND M2A1s IN THE **SAME** UNIT.



WHY?

YEAH, WHY?

I'LL TELL YOU...

...YOU CAN INTERCHANGE M2 BARRELS WITH OTHER M2 MACHINE GUNS AND YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH M2A1 BARRELS AND M2A1 MACHINE GUNS.

BUT, IF YOU TRY TO USE AN M2A1 BARREL ON AN M2 OR AN M2 BARREL ON AN M2A1, YOU **DAMAGE** THE WEAPON AND MAYBE EVEN **YOURSELF**.



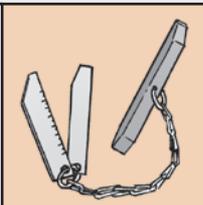
AND IT'S **PRETTY EASY** TO MAKE THAT **MISTAKE!**

THE BARRELS DON'T LOOK THAT DIFFERENT.

M2A1 BARRELS HAVE INTERRUPTED THREADS ON THE RECEIVER SIDE OF THE BARREL, A BARREL LOCK PIN (OR LUG) AND A CARRYING HANDLE ASSEMBLY.

M2 BARRELS HAVE THE SAME SERIAL NUMBER AS THEIR RECEIVER AND DO NOT HAVE A CARRYING HANDLE ASSEMBLY OR BARREL LOCK PIN.

REMEMBER, ANY TIME THE M2 IS TO BE FIRED IT MUST **FIRST** BE HEADSPACED AND TIMED BY THE GUNNER. AND THAT'S ALSO TRUE ANY TIME BARRELS ARE SWITCHED.

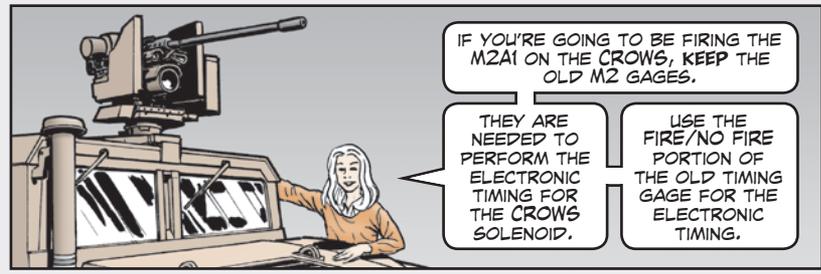


TO DO THAT, EVERY GUNNER **MUST** HAVE HIS OWN M2 HEADSPACE AND TIMING GAGES, NSN 5220-00-535-1217. **DON'T** GO TO THE FIELD OR RANGE WITH ONLY ONE SET OF GAGES FOR ALL THE M2s. THAT'S ASKING FOR **TROUBLE**.

THE M2A1 MUST HAVE ITS HEADSPACE AND TIMING VERIFIED BY YOUR REPAIRMAN BEFORE YOU GO TO THE FIELD.



BUT ONCE THAT'S DONE YOU CAN SWITCH ITS TWO BARRELS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT GAGING IT AGAIN.



IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE FIRING THE M2A1 ON THE CROWS, KEEP THE OLD M2 GAGES.

THEY ARE NEEDED TO PERFORM THE ELECTRONIC TIMING FOR THE CROWS SOLENOID.

USE THE FIRE/NO FIRE PORTION OF THE OLD TIMING GAGE FOR THE ELECTRONIC TIMING.

MK 19 AND M203 AMMO DON'T MIX!

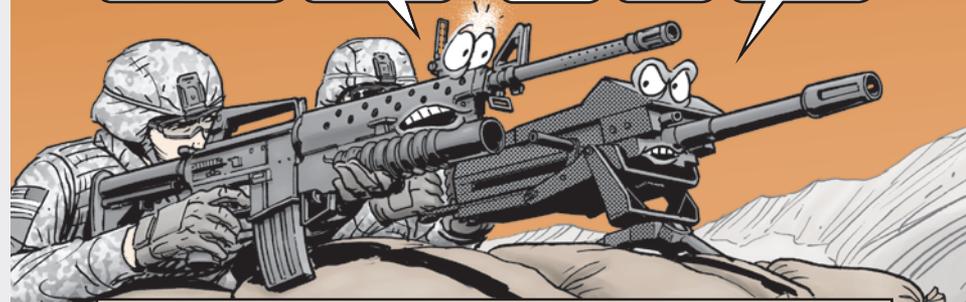
EXCUSE ME, I SEEM TO BE RUNNING A BIT SHORT OF AMMO.

MIGHT I BORROW A FEW OF YOUR ROUNDS?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

OUR ROUNDS DON'T MIX!

YOU GOTTA FIRE YOUR ROUNDS **ONLY**.



Dear Editor,
The MK 19 and M203 weapons may both fire grenades, but they definitely can't fire the same ammo.
MK 19 ammo comes linked. M203 ammo has no links. Cutting off the links for MK 19 ammo so it can be used in an M203 is illegal and dangerous. And trying to fire M203 ammo in an MK 19 is equally dangerous. We had one unit try that with an MK 19 and half the rounds burst during the feed stroke.
Just follow the -10 TMs for both weapons on what ammo to use and you'll be fine.

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Editor's note:
Thanks for the warning, Karl.