

Mortars...

KEEP COUNTING ROUNDS



WELL, THAT WAS A GOOD FIRING DAY. I'M OUTTA HERE!

HOLD ON THERE, SPEEDY! FIRST RECORD HOW MANY ROUNDS I FIRED!

Every time you fire your mortar it should be recorded on the DA Form 2408-4, *Weapon Record Data Card*, and then transferred to the electronic gun card in TULSA.

This is especially true if you're firing the M224A1 mortar. It uses the 60mm M225A1 cannon tube. That cannon tube is deadlined after 10,000 rounds or when its bore diameter reaches 2.404 inches, whichever comes first. If you've lost count of how many rounds have been fired, a high count has to be assumed. The M225A1 may be deadlined too soon.

There is no round count limit for other mortar cannon tubes, but there's still a requirement to track rounds fired.

Enter 2408-4 information at TULSA: <https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/guncard/index.cfm>

For more on inspecting cannon tubes, see TM 9-1000-202-14 (Feb 99, with Change 5, Jan 11), *Evaluation of Cannon Tubes*.

MK 19 Machine Gun...

MANDATORY PARTS REPLACEMENT NO LONGER MANDATORY

Dear Editor,

I'm seeing units following the MK 19 machine gun mandatory replacement parts list that was in the 2004 version of TM 9-1010-230-23&P. But the Aug 12 version eliminated the mandatory replacement list. That means the parts should be replaced only as needed.

But when I tell units this, they don't believe me. It would help if you told them, too.

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Editor's note: Believe SSG Beeman!
Replace those MK 19 parts only as needed.