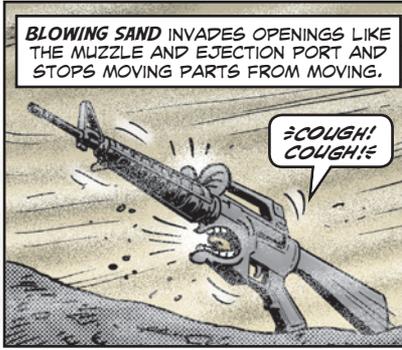


BEATING THE DESERT WITH PM

THE DESERT IS A VERY TOUGH PLACE FOR YOUR RIFLE, MACHINE GUN OR PISTOL.



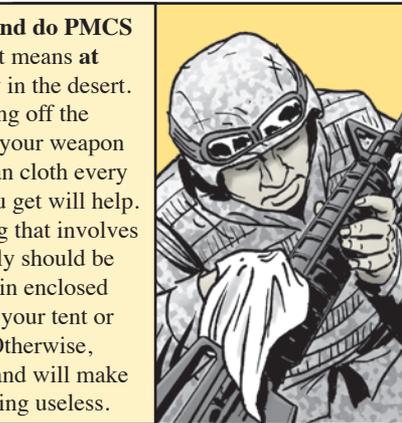
BLOWING SAND INVADES OPENINGS LIKE THE MUZZLE AND EJECTION PORT AND STOPS MOVING PARTS FROM MOVING.



EVEN WORSE, THE SAND MIXES WITH LUBE AND BECOMES A SCOURING POWDER THAT GRINDS UP PARTS.



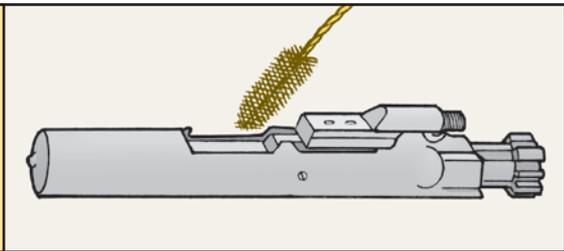
AND THE DESERT'S EXTREME HEAT DRIES UP LUBRICANT.



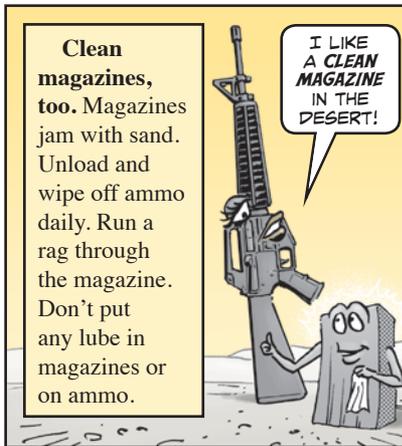
HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO HELP YOUR WEAPON WIN ITS BATTLE WITH THE DESERT...

Clean and do PMCS often. That means at least daily in the desert. Even wiping off the outside of your weapon with a clean cloth every chance you get will help. Cleaning that involves disassembly should be done only in enclosed areas, like your tent or quarters. Otherwise, blowing sand will make your cleaning useless.

Pay special attention to moving parts like the bolt carrier. Wipe and brush them clean. Blow out sand from areas like the trigger assembly that you're not allowed to take apart.



Easy on lubricating exposed surfaces. Lubricants like CLP attract sand. Clean and lube only internal parts frequently and generously. But wipe the outside of the weapon completely dry.



Clean magazines, too. Magazines jam with sand. Unload and wipe off ammo daily. Run a rag through the magazine. Don't put any lube in magazines or on ammo.



Use rifle covers, muzzle caps, and spare magazine bags. Cover mounted machine guns. Keep the M16/M4's ejection port cover closed and a magazine installed.



YOUR WEAPON'S -10 TM PROVIDES ALL THE INFO YOU NEED FOR HELPING YOUR WEAPON BEAT THE DESERT.

HERE ARE THE TMS AND WHERE YOU NEED TO LOOK IN THEM...

Weapon	TM #	Operation under unusual conditions	PMCS	Expendable/durable items
M2	9-1005-213-10	WP 0015	WP 0021	WP 0038
M240	9-1105-313-10	WP 0018	WP 0020	WP 0040
M249	9-1005-201-10	Page 2-45	Page 2-1	Page D-3
M9	9-1005-317-10	WP 0006	WP 0010	WP 0019
M16/M4	9-1005-319-10	WP 0006	WP 0012	WP 0022
M203	9-1010-221-10	WP 0016	WP 0021	WP 0038
M320	9-1010-232-10	WP 0016	WP 0019	WP 0027