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BE SURE OF YOUR M1 RIFLE

RIFLE ACCESSORIES—not stored right in butt stock (see p 374 of FM 23-5).

REAR SIGHT—aperature not blackened, adjustments worn or not operating smoothly.

BOLT—cracks, burrs, rust, broken firing pin.

BUTT PLATE—loose, screws missing.

SAFETY—not operating.

SWIVELS—loose in stock.

SLING—frayed, broken webbing, buckles weak, faulty.

TRIGGER GUARD—fits too tight or won't close at all (let your Ordnance support know. It's supposed to come to rest approx. 30° from locked position without forcing).

TRIGGER HOUSING—burrs, rust, bent.

CLIP LATCH—binding, spring weak or broken.

FINISH ON METAL PARTS—shines, rust, shows signs that abrasives were used.

FRONT SIGHT—dents, burrs, loose, deformed, blade not blackened.

BORE—pits, rust, bulges, rings, erosion.

MUZZLE—dents, burrs, patch stuck inside (if you can't get it out with cleaning rod, it's a job for the armorer).

FOLLOWER ROD—pinched or worn fork, loose rivets.

GAS CYLINDER—dents, burrs, lock screw head has dirt or carbon on it (make sure you check this after you've used a grenade launcher—NCO or Ordnance personnel supervises).

OPERATING ROD—rounded, chipped or cracked piston, bent or damaged and restricted movement.

OPERATING ROD SPRING—broken, bent, rusted.

STOCKS AND HANDGUARDS—signs of unauthorized sanding (fuzzy surfaces), cracked, split, scarred, screws loose or slots damaged.

CHAMBER—rust, dirt in shoulder (clean like FM23-5 para 32b. [2] says).

CLEANING ROD (M10)—assembled wrong or incompletely. Buffer missing.