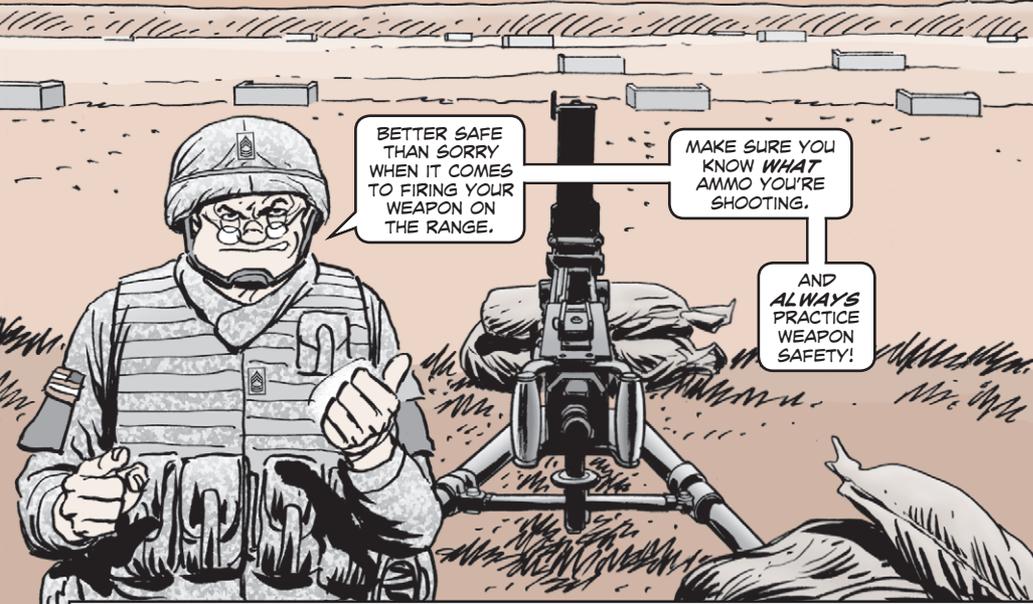


# Rules to Prevent Tragedy



BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY WHEN IT COMES TO FIRING YOUR WEAPON ON THE RANGE.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW *WHAT* AMMO YOU'RE SHOOTING.

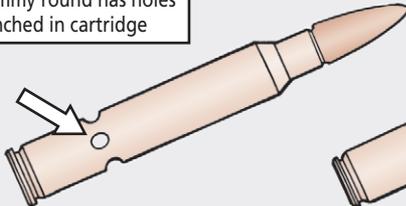
AND *ALWAYS* PRACTICE WEAPON SAFETY!

Dear Editor,

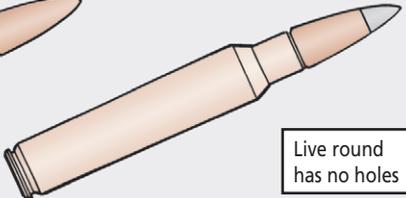
Someone was accidentally shot on a firing range last year because a unit had gotten a live round mixed in with dummy rounds. Remembering a few rules could have prevented that:

1. If you ever spot a live round on the ground at the range, stop everything and tell everyone. A dummy round has holes punched in the cartridge. A live round has no holes.

Dummy round has holes punched in cartridge



Live round has no holes



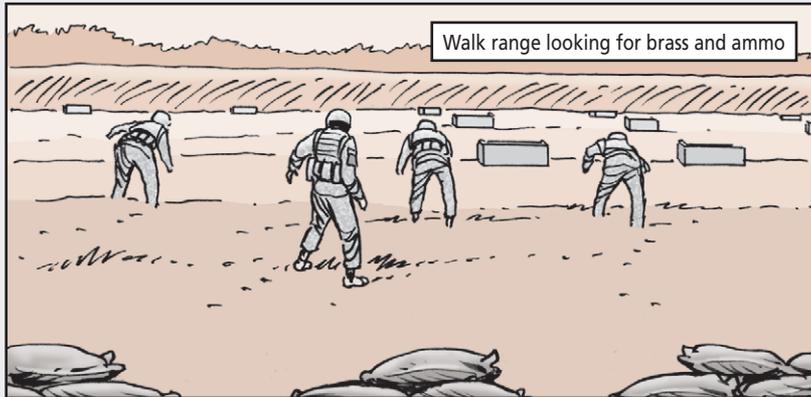
- 2. Report the live round to Range Control and your chain of command.
- 3. Assume there could be live rounds where they shouldn't be.

4. Immediately lay out all dummy or SRTA (short range training ammunition) belts and ammunition and inspect them for live rounds.



Check belts for live rounds

5. Form a line and walk the range picking up all brass and ammo.



Walk range looking for brass and ammo

Anytime you are shooting, regardless of whether it's live or dummy rounds, remember these safety rules:

- 1. Treat the weapon as if it's loaded at all times.
- 2. Never aim a weapon at another person or lay down a weapon so it's pointing at a person.
- 3. Even for demonstrations, set up a weapon as if you were going to fire it. Remember what the field of fire is for that particular weapon and keep people out of that area.
- 4. Inspect a weapon each time it is cocked and loaded, no matter what kind of ammo—live, dummy, or training—you're firing. Make sure it's on SAFE and pointed down range.
- 5. Make absolutely sure no one walks in front of the weapon.
- 6. Clear the weapon before leaving the range and again before turning it in to the arms room.

*Editor's note: Excellent tips, Sir. When it comes to ammunition, you want to be absolutely sure you know what you're shooting and what you're shooting with.*

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