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(1) The M196 tracer cartridge assembled with WC 846 propellant and fired in the all-tracer mode is unsuitable for use in the M16A1 rifle at ambient temperature of 95°F, or higher.

(2) The use of GPCS bullet jackets with M196 cartridges loaded with WC 846 propellant and fired in the all-tracer mode constitutes an improvement but does not eliminate the performance difficulties experienced with this cartridge assembled with GM bullet jackets.

b. It is recommended that:

(1) The use of WC 846 propellant in the M196 all-tracer cartridge modes be discontinued where employment of the ammunition at ambient temperatures approaching 95°F can be expected.

(2) Investigation be conducted to identify the cause, and remedy, of the unsatisfactory performance given in this test by M196 all-tracer loading with WC 846 propellant.

(3) The mix of ball and tracer cartridges regardless of propellant be determined which will yield acceptable performance within useable temperature ranges and specified rates of fire.

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ABSTRACT

A special study was conducted at Aberdeen Proving Ground from November 1967 through January 1968 to investigate bore fouling when firing M196 tracer ammunition from the M16A1 rifle in a high-temperature environment. Seventeen lots of M196 tracer cartridges, representing several manufacturing "variables", were tested at 95°F and 155°F. It was concluded that the M196 tracer cartridge loaded with WC 846 (ball-type) propellant is incompatible with the M16A1 rifle when stored and fired at 95°F or higher; the tracer cartridges loaded with IMR 8208M propellant performed satisfactorily in the M16A1 rifle at the test temperatures.

FOREWORD

Development and Proof Services was responsible for preparation of the test plan outline, conducting the test, and preparing the test report.

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Reported isolated instances of bore fouling in the 5.56-mm, M16A1 rifle when firing all-tracer ammunition and an occurrence of severe bore fouling with tracer ammunition in a current test at Aberdeen Proving Ground indicated the need for an investigation of this phenomenon. The bore fouling experienced at Aberdeen Proving Ground, in conjunction with jacket separations, excessive dispersion, and erratic bullet flight, occurred under a high-temperature environment (+155°F) with a tracer lot (LC-12081) assembled with ball propellant. A tracer lot (TW-18001) containing IMR propellant, tested similarly, performed satisfactorily. A test was therefore begun to learn whether the problem was associated with the particular lot, the manufacturer, or the propellant. Tracer cartridges assembled with gilding-metal-clad steel (GMCS) bullet jackets were also included in the test to learn whether these constituted an improvement over the standard gilding-metal (GM) jacket with respect to the bore fouling condition.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF MATERIEL

Seventeen lots of cartridges, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, representing several manufacturing "variables" in 5.56-mm tracer ammunition, were used in this test. These lots consisted of cartridges from two assembly plants (Lake City and Twin Cities) both IMR- and ball-propellant-loaded lots, and cartridges assembled with experimental GMCS bullet jackets and the standard GM jackets. Identification of components associated with each lot is contained in Table 2.2-I.

1.3 TEST OBJECTIVE

To determine the prevalence among variously assembled 5.56-mm tracer cartridge lots of an apparent incompatibility of tracer ammunition with the M16A1 rifle when used in a high-temperature environment.

1.4 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Each of four lots of ball-propellant-loaded tracer cartridges assembled with GM jackets, each tested in a separate rifle, demonstrated severe bore fouling, excessive bullet yaw and jacket separations in the first or second 80-round cycle of firing in the 155°F environment. Representative witness-screen targets are shown in Appendix I. None of the six Lake City or five Twin Cities test lots (GM jackets) loaded with IMR propellant exhibited this condition when similarly fired to 1000 rounds on each rifle - lot combination.

Tests of the four ball-propellant-loaded lots were repeated with new rifles and with materiel conditioned to 95°F. The four lots demonstrated the same performance as encountered at 155°F within one to five 80-round cycles of firing.

The remaining quantities of the samples from three of the ball-propellant lots initially conditioned to 155°F were reconditioned to 95°F and fired from new rifles at that temperature. One lot repeated the performance initially encountered at 155°F in the first 80-round cycle, the remaining two lots demonstrated bore fouling and one bullet breakup but otherwise fired seven cycles successfully.

The ball-propellant-loaded lot with experimental GMCS bullet jackets showed some improvement at 155°F over the lots with ball propellant and standard GM jackets. Bore fouling and bullet yaw occurred only after 480 rounds and then to a lesser degree than with the standard jackets. The lot with GMCS jackets and IMR propellant gave performance comparable to that of the IMR-loaded lots with GM jackets.

Tests conducted with a combination of rifle and ball-propellant lot which had previously proven unsatisfactory at 155°F showed the combination would perform satisfactorily without removing the fouling from the bore when the ammunition was conditioned to range temperature (44°F) and the weapon remained at 155°F. Conversely, when 155°F ammunition was fired with the rifle at range temperature, bullet yaw and erratic flight occurred. A previously unfired rifle was successfully fired 400 rounds with one of the ball-propellant lots with both the rifle and ammunition at range temperature.

1.5 CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded that:

- a. The M196 tracer cartridge assembled with WC 846 propellant is unsuitable for use in the M16A1 rifle at ambient temperature of 95°F, or higher (ref pars. 1.4 and 2.2.3).
- b. The use of GMCS bullet jackets with M196 cartridges loaded with WC 846 propellant constitutes an improvement but does not eliminate the performance difficulties experienced with this cartridge assembled with GM bullet jackets (ref pars. 1.4 and 2.2.3).

1.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a. The use of WC 846 propellant in the M196 tracer cartridge be discontinued where employment of the ammunition at ambient temperatures approaching 95°F can be expected.
- b. Investigation be conducted to identify the cause, and remedy, of the unsatisfactory performance given in this test by M196 tracer loaded with WC 846 propellant.

SECTION 2. DETAILS OF TEST

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Testing was conducted with all test ammunition lots and associated weapons conditioned to 155°F. The four test lots containing WC 846 propellant were also tested at 95°F and, additionally, three of these lots were tested at 95°F after initially being conditioned to 155°F. Other firings were conducted with the rifles and one WC 846 propellant lot at range temperature.

2.2 HIGH TEMPERATURE

2.2.1 Objective

To examine the various test lots of M196 tracer for the occurrence of severe bore fouling, bullet yaw, and erratic bullet flight when fired from the M16A1 rifle under a high temperature environment.

2.2.2 Method

The bores of the M16A1 rifles used in the test were gaged and inspected prior to use.

The weapons and ammunition were stored and fired under environmental temperature conditions as given in Table 2.2-I.

The firing schedule consisted of 80-round cycles with the weapon returned to the ambient environmental temperature at the end of each cycle. Modes of fire were alternated (by magazine) between semiautomatic fire and automatic fire in short bursts. Repetitive cycles were fired with each weapon and cartridge-lot combination until definitive results were obtained.

All firing was directed through a paper witness-screen target located 25 meters forward of the firing point. A separate target (shot-group) was obtained for each 20 rounds.

Initially, firing was conducted with one weapon for each cartridge lot. Additional weapons were fired as indicated in Table 2.2-I.

The bores of the rifles were cleaned prior to beginning the test but were not cleaned at any time during the test.

To the extent possible, a count of downrange trace function was made during the firing of each lot.

Records of the number and type of malfunctions were maintained for each weapon and cartridge-lot combination.

2.2.3 Results

The results of the high-temperature test are shown in Table 2.2-I. Performance data for the M16A1 rifles used in the test, bore measurements and inspection data, photographs of representative witness screen targets, and tracer function data are given in Appendix I.

Table 2.2-I. Barrel Fouling Test Data

Rifle No.	APG	Mfr	No. Cycles, 80 Rd/cycle ^a	Total Rds Fired	Tracer, M196 Ammunition		Bullet Jacket	Proj Performance ^b	Barrel Cond
					Lot	Prop. Type			
1	613991		2	160	LC-12071	Ball	GM	Yaw after 60 rd	Fouled
2	749787		1	80	LC-12112	Ball	GM	Yaw after 7 rd	Fouled
3	803273		1	80	LC-12114	Ball	GM	Yaw after 10 rd	Fouled
4	807238		1	80	LC-12115	Ball	GM	Yaw after 10 rd	Fouled
5	809140		12	1000	LC-12119	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
6	654600X		12	1000	LC-12107	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
7	766198		12	1000	LC-12108	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
8	800219		12	1000	LC-SP-499	IMR	GMCS	Satisfactory	Clean
9	800686		12	1000	LC-12109	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
10	802960		12	1000	LC-SP-520	Ball	GMCS	Yaw after 480 rd	Fouled
11	804059		12	1000	TW-18018	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
12	805255		12	1000	TW-18027	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
14	808311		12	980	TW-18028	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
15	808411		12	1000	LC-12110	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
16	808565		12	1000	LC-12111	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
17	809705		12	998	TW-18045	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
18	813583		12	1000	TW-18047	IMR	GM	Satisfactory	Clean
19	813856		12	1000	LC-SP-499	IMR	GMCS	Satisfactory	Clean
20	813861		12	1000	LC-SP-520	Ball	GMCS	Yaw after 480 rd	Fouled

^aAn additional 20 to 40 rounds were fired following each 12th cycle (960 rounds) to complete the total number of rounds shown.

^bYaw indicates occurrence of bullet yaw, increased dispersion, erratic bullet flight, and evidence of bullet breakup after number of rounds indicated.

Table 2.2-I (Cont'd)

Rifle No. APG Mfr	No. Cycles, 80 Rd/ cycle ^a	Total Rds Fired	Tracer, M196 Ammunition		Bullet Jacket	Proj Performance ^b	Barrel Cond
			Lot	Prop. Type			

Weapon conditioned at +155°F.

Ammunition conditioned at +44°F (previously conditioned at +155°F).

2	749787	1	80	LC-12112	Ball	GM	Satisfactory	Fouled
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Weapon conditioned at +44°F.

Ammunition conditioned at +155°F.

2	749787	1	80	LC-12112	Ball	GM	Yaw after 60 rd	Fouled
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Weapon and ammunition reconditioned from +155°F to +44°F.

13	808300	5	400	LC-12112	Ball	GM	Satisfactory	Fouled
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Weapons and ammunition reconditioned from +155°F to +95°F.

21	813908	7	557	LC-12071	Ball	GM	Satisfactory	Fouled
22	814152	7	560	LC-12114	Ball	GM	Satisfactory	Fouled
24	814328	1	80	LC-12115	Ball	GM	Yaw after 60 rd	Fouled

Weapons and ammunition conditioned at +95°F.

25	814451	5	400	LC-12071	Ball	GM	Yaw on target	Fouled
26	814589	4	320	LC-12112	Ball	GM	Yaw on target	Fouled
27	814599	1	80	LC-12115	Ball	GM	Yaw after 60 rd	Fouled
28	814808	1	80	LC-12114	Ball	GM	Yaw after 60 rd	Fouled

^aAn additional 20 to 40 rounds were fired following each 12th cycle (960 rounds) to complete the total number of rounds shown.

^bYaw indicates occurrence of bullet yaw, increased dispersion, erratic bullet flight, and evidence of bullet breakup after number of rounds indicated.

GM = Gilding metal.

GMCS = Gilding-metal-clad-steel.

The following observations were made during the test:

- a. Cartridge lots loaded with WC 846 propellant were observed under daylight conditions, to give visible display of trace upon bullet exit from the muzzle whereas lots loaded with IMR 8208 propellant gave visible trace only after the projectile had traveled 5 to 10 feet from the muzzle.
- b. In many instances, ejected tracer closure disks were noted on the ground forward of the gun position. The proximity of some of these to the muzzle poses the possibility that some are being ejected and burned in the bore, and may contribute to fouling of the bore.
- c. During the firing of GMCS lots loaded with ball propellant, unique fouling deposits were observed on interior and exterior surfaces of the weapon. The fouling was rust-colored and appeared to be vaporized gilding metal. Some "drying" of the lubricant on the gun parts was associated with the fouling; however, gun functioning was not affected. The IMR-loaded GMCS lot did not exhibit this peculiar type of fouling.
- d. The excessive fouling in the bore after firing the ball-propellant-loaded lots was from the gas port forward. The remainder of the barrel showed relatively little fouling. The fouling build-up was sufficiently severe to prevent gaging the barrels after firing.
- e. One instance of bullet breakup was detected during the firing of 2000 rounds of the IMR-loaded GMCS lot. The breakup was evidenced by a fragment hole in the witness-screen target.

2.2.4 Analysis

It is apparent from results of this test that the combination of elevated temperature and ball propellant produces unsatisfactory performance of the M196 tracer cartridge; however, the fact that IMR-loaded cartridges performed satisfactorily does not necessarily indicate that the origin of the problem rests with the propellant. The probabilities must be considered that some unidentified characteristic(s) of the M196 bullet design, component materials, or the technique of assembly provides a marginal condition which is revealed when the bullet is subjected to the interior ballistics generated with WC 846 propellant. This consideration dictates that the cause of the failure be identified and eliminated, not only to secure compatibility with WC 846 propellant but to assure that the M196 bullet, as assembled, is reliable.

SECTION 3. APPENDICES

APPENDIX I - TEST DATA

Performance Data, M16A1 Rifle

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Weapons and ammunition conditioned at +155°F.			
Rifle Serial No.: 613991.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12071 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
160	160	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 749787.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12112 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 803273.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot 12114 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 807238.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot 12115 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 809140.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12119 (IMR propellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
160	160	None	
80	240	2-FF	Occurred during 2nd round of first and fourth magazines. Both rounds damaged during chambering.
80	320	1-FF	Same as above (5th round of 4th magazine).
80	400	1-FF	Same as above (5th round of 2nd magazine).
80	480	1-FF	Same as above (3rd round of 3rd magazine).

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
80	560	1-FF	Same as above (20th round of 2nd magazine).
80	640	4-FF	Same as above (4th and 17th round of 2nd magazine, third round of 3rd magazine, and 16th round of 4th magazine).
80	720	6-FF	Same as above (9th, 11th, and 15th round of 1st magazine, 7th round of 3rd magazine, and 14th and 17th round of 4th magazine).
80	800	8-FF	Same as above (2nd, 7th and 15th round of 1st magazine, 4th and 14th round of 2nd magazine, 2nd and 4th round of 3rd magazine, and 6th round of 4th magazine).
80	880	13-FF	Rounds damaged during chambering.
120	1000	7-FF	Rounds damaged during chambering.

Rifle Serial No.: 654600X.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12107 (IMR propellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.

1000 1000 None

Rifle Serial No.: 766198.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12108 (IMR propellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.

80	80	2-BOB	Occurred with 3rd and 11th round of first magazine.
720	800	None	
80	880	1-BOB	Occurred with 5th round of first magazine.
120	1000	None	

Rifle Serial No.: 800219.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-SP-499 (IMR propellant 8208M), GMCS bullets.

240	240	None
80	320	None
680	1000	None

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rifle Serial No.: 800686.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12109 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
1000	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 802960.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer M196, lot LC-SP-520 (ball pro- pellant WC 846), GMCS bullets.			
80	80	None	
80	160	None	
840	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 804059.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot TW-18018 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
1000	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 805255.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot TW-18027 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
1000	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 808311.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot TW-18028 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
1000	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 808411.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12110 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	1-BOB	Occurred with the 2nd round of first magazine.
920	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 808565.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12111 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
720	720	None	
80	800	1-FF	Occurred with 1st round of second magazine.
200	1000	None	

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rifle Serial No.: 809705.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot TW-18045 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
998	998	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 813583.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot TW-18047 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GM bullet jacket.			
480	480	None	
80	560	1-FJ	Occurred with fourth magazine.
80	640	1-FJ	Next round was in the chamber. Occurred with 11th round of second magazine. Both empty case and next round were try- ing to feed into chamber.
80	720	None	
80	800	1-FJ	Occurred with 6th round of second magazine. Both empty case and next round were try- ing to feed into chamber.
		1-FX	Occurred with third magazine. The next round was being fed from magazine.
		1-FJ	Occurred with 14th round of fourth magazine. Next round was in the chamber.
80	880	1-FX	Occurred with 16th round of fourth magazine. The next round was being fed from the magazine.
120	1000	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 813856.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-SP-499 (IMR pro- pellant 8208M), GMCS bullets.			
1000	1000	None	

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rifle Serial No.: 813861.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-SP-520 (ball propellant WC 846), GMCS bullets.			
400	400	None	
80	480	None	
520	1000	None	
Weapon conditioned at +155°F.			
Ammunition conditioned at +44°F (reconditioned from +155°F).			
Rifle Serial No.: 749787.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12112 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	None	
Weapon conditioned at +44°F.			
Ammunition conditioned at +155°F.			
Rifle Serial No.: 749787.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12112 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
80	80	None	
Weapon and Ammunition reconditioned from +155°F to +44°F.			
Rifle Serial No.: 808300.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12112 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
400	400	None	
Weapons and ammunition reconditioned from +155°F to +95°F.			
Rifle Serial No.: 813908.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12071 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
557	557	None	
Rifle Serial No.: 814152.			
Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12114 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.			
240	240	None	
80	320	1-Failure to extract.	Occurred with 4th round of first magazine. The next round was being fed to the chamber.

<u>No. Rds Fired</u>	<u>Total Rds Fired</u>	<u>Stoppages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
80	400	1-FX	Occurred with 19th round of first magazine. The next round was being fed to the chamber.
160	560	None	

Rifle Serial No.: 814328.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12115 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.

80	80	None	
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Weapons and ammunition conditioned at +95°F.

Rifle Serial No.: 814451.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12071 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.

400	400	None	
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Rifle Serial No.: 814589.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12112 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.

320	320	None	
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Rifle Serial No.: 814599.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12115 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.

80	80	None	
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Rifle Serial No.: 814808.

Ammunition: Cartridge, 5.56-mm, tracer, M196, lot LC-12114 (ball propellant WC 846), GM bullet jacket.

80	80	None	
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BOB = Bolt overrode base.

FF = Failure to feed.

FJ = Failure to eject.

FX = Failure to extract.

Note: In these firings, the issue complement of new magazines provided with each rifle was used only in the rifle to which assigned.

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel															
DATE OF GAUGING	NUMBER	MODEL	MANUFACTURER	CASTING NUMBER	Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.										
					Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"								
						Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.								
14 NOV. 67	803273	M16A1	APG # 3	X	H.M. NAKINS	✓	1.25	+0.0004	+0.0004	+0.0003	+0.0003						
												20.	2.00	3	2	3	3
												19.70	3.00	4	2	5	4
												18.70	4.00	3	3	4	3
												17.70	5.00	3	1	3	4
												16.70	6.00	4	1	2	4
												15.70	7.00	3	1	3	4
												14.70	8.00	1	2	3	4
												13.70	9.00	2	1	3	4
												12.70	10.00	1	2	3	4
												11.70	11.00	2	2	4	4
												10.70	12.00	3	2	4	4
												9.70	13.00	2	2	5	4
												8.70	14.00	0	2	4	4
												7.70	15.00	2	2	5	5
												6.70	16.00	4	2	5	5
												5.70	17.00	4	3	5	5
												4.70	18.00	4	4	5	5
												3.70	18.35	4	3	5	5
												2.85	18.85	4	4	5	5
2.60	19.10	+0.0005	+0.0004	+0.0005	+0.0005												
BORESCOPE REMARKS: Heavy circumferential tool marks remaining in strings of chamber and extending forward through it. Forward edge of gas port lightly eroded.																	
BY: SUWANTZ - MIAK																	

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel								
NUMBER	FIRING STATUS (Check One)	MODEL	MANUFACTURER	CASTING NUMBER	Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
					Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
	BEFORE	AFTER				Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.	
5.56 MM Barrel	APG # 4	M 16A1	HARRKINS	W. O. 324-633-80	20.	1.25	+0.0005	+0.0004	+0.0004	+0.0004
					19.70	2.00	5	4	5	5
					18.70	3.00	5	4	6	6
					17.70	4.00	4	5	5	5
					16.70	5.00	4	4	4	5
					15.70	6.00	5	4	4	5
					14.70	7.00	2	4	3	5
					13.70	8.00	1	2	3	6
					12.70	9.00	2	2	4	4
					11.70	10.00	2	2	3	4
					10.70	11.00	2	2	2	3
					9.70	12.00	1	2	4	3
					8.70	13.00	2	3	4	3
					7.70	14.00	2	2	4	4
					6.70	15.00	3	2	4	4
					5.70	16.00	3	2	4	4
					4.70	17.00	4	3	4	4
					3.70	18.00	4	3	4	5
					3.35	18.35	4	3	5	5
					2.85	18.85	5	4	5	5
2.60	19.10	+0.0004	+0.0003	+0.0005	+0.0005					
BORESCOPE REMARKS: Light circumferential tool marks remaining in straight of chamber and extending thru-out bore. Beveling edge of lands chipped in loading area. Eccentricity of gas port lightly exceeded.										
341 SCHWARTZ - MARK										

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		M16A1						
DATE OF GAUGING	FIRING STATUS (Check One)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
			Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
	BEFORE	AFTER	Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.		
5.56 MM Barrel	654600A	APG # 6	20.	1.25	+0.0009	+0.0009	+0.0009	+0.0005
			19.70	2.00	4	2	4	5
			18.70	3.00	4	2	5	5
			17.70	4.00	4	3	5	6
			16.70	5.00	4	3	5	6
			15.70	6.00	2	3	4	6
			14.70	7.00	2	3	5	5
			13.70	8.00	2	2	6	4
			12.70	9.00	3	4	5	5
			11.70	10.00	2	11	6	6
			10.70	11.00	3	4	5	7
			9.70	12.00	3	3	5	6
			8.70	13.00	4	3	6	6
			7.70	14.00	4	3	7	6
			6.70	15.00	4	4	6	7
			5.70	16.00	11	4	7	7
			4.70	17.00	5	11	7	7
			3.70	18.00	5	4	7	6
			3.35	18.35	4	4	7	6
			2.85	18.85	5	5	7	7
2.60	19.10	+0.0005	+0.0005	+0.0007	+0.0007			
BORESCOPE REMARKS: Light circumferential tool marks beginning in straight of chamber and extending downward thru-out bore. Lands lightly chipped on chamfer edges in forward bore area. Forward edge of bore part coated slightly. Light metallic buildup thru-out bore. Grooves measured at muzzle end.								
BY: HADUK & WILSON								

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		M16A1									
DATE OF GAUGING	FIRING STATUS (Check One)	Dist. (Inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.							
		Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"					
	BEFORE			Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.				
15 Nov 67	APG # 8	800219	M16A1	NUMBER OF ROUNDS B.F. @ APG	PROOF OFFICER M. W. WILSON	20.	1.25	+0.0005	+0.0005	+0.0008	+0.0009
						19.70	2.00	5	5	8	9
						18.70	3.00	4	4	10	10
						17.70	4.00	4	5	10	10
						16.70	5.00	4	4	9	10
						15.70	6.00	4	5	9	9
						14.70	7.00	3	4	7	8
						13.70	8.00	3	3	7	7
						12.70	9.00	3	3	9	9
						11.70	10.00	3	4	10	10
						10.70	11.00	4	3	8	10
						9.70	12.00	3	2	8	9
						8.70	13.00	3	3	8	9
						7.70	14.00	2	3	9	8
						6.70	15.00	3	3	7	9
						5.70	16.00	3	4	8	8
						4.70	17.00	4	4	9	8
						3.70	18.00	4	3	9	10
						3.35	18.35	3	3	9	8
						2.85	18.85	3	3	9	8
2.60	19.10	+0.0003	+0.0004	+0.0008	+0.0008						
BORESCOPE REMARKS: Light longitudinal scratches in main chamber chamber. Circumferential tool marks beginning in straight of chamber and protruding forward thru-out bore. Deformed edge of lands aligned in firing zone. Forward edge of groove of lands eroded. Very light metallic deposits thru-out bore.											
BY: M. W. WILSON											

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		M16A1								
CASTING NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.				
				Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"		
				Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.			
				20.	1.25	+0.0004	+0.0003	+0.0005	+0.0005	
				19.70	2.00	3	4	6	6	
				18.70	3.00	4	3	7	6	
				17.70	4.00	3	4	6	6	
				16.70	5.00	3	2	5	6	
				15.70	6.00	3	3	5	6	
				14.70	7.00	2	2	6	6	
				13.70	8.00	2	1	6	5	
				12.70	9.00	2	2	6	5	
				11.70	10.00	1	2	7	6	
				10.70	11.00	2	1	6	6	
				9.70	12.00	2	1	6	6	
				8.70	13.00	2	2	6	6	
				7.70	14.00	2	2	6	5	
				6.70	15.00	2	2	6	6	
				5.70	16.00	2	2	6	6	
				4.70	17.00	3	3	6	6	
				3.70	18.00	3	3	7	6	
				3.35	18.35	4	3	7	6	
				2.85	18.85	4	3	7	7	
				2.60	19.10	+0.0004	+0.0004	+0.0007	+0.0007	
				BORESCOPE REMARKS: Light circumferential tool marks beginning in straight of chamber and extending forward thru cut bore. Driving edge of lands blunted in lower cone area. Light wire edge on rear of groove. Forward cone bluish coated light metallic deposits thru cut bore.						
				BY: MORRIS & WILMOTH						

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel									
CASTING NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	FIRING STATUS (Check One)		Dist. (inches) From					
				BEFORE	AFTER	Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
								Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.
						20.	1.25	+0.005	+0.006	+0.006	+0.006
						19.70	2.00	4	6	7	7
						18.70	3.00	5	5	8	8
						17.70	4.00	5	4	6	7
						16.70	5.00	4	4	6	7
						15.70	6.00	3	3	4	6
						14.70	7.00	3	3	4	4
						13.70	8.00	4	3	4	4
						12.70	9.00	3	3	4	5
						11.70	10.00	4	2	5	4
						10.70	11.00	3	3	5	4
						9.70	12.00	2	3	5	4
						8.70	13.00	3	3	6	5
						7.70	14.00	4	3	6	6
						6.70	15.00	3	4	6	6
						5.70	16.00	4	4	6	6
						4.70	17.00	4	4	6	6
						3.70	18.00	3	4	6	6
						3.35	18.35	4	5	7	6
						2.85	18.85	4	4	6	7
						2.60	19.10	+0.005	+0.004	+0.005	+0.006
						BORESCOPE REMARKS: Light - nicks and scratches in main part of chamber, light to moderate circumferential tool marks beginning in straight of chamber and extending downward thru out bore. Driving edges of lands clipped. Upper chamber bore of gas port + chamber - bore lightly eroded. Very slight metallic deposits thru out bore.					
						BY: [Signature]					

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel							
CASTING NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
				Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
						Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.
				20.	1.25	+0004	+0003	+0007	+0006
				19.70	2.00	3	3	6	5
				18.70	3.00	1	2	5	4
				17.70	4.00	1	0	5	3
				16.70	5.00	2	1	3	3
				15.70	6.00	1	1	4	4
				14.70	7.00	- 2	0	2	2
				13.70	8.00	- 1	- 2	4	3
				12.70	9.00	0	0	4	3
				11.70	10.00	0	+ 1	4	3
				10.70	11.00	+ 1	0	3	3
				9.70	12.00	1	1	3	3
				8.70	13.00	1	0	3	3
				7.70	14.00	1	0	4	3
				6.70	15.00	1	1	4	3
				5.70	16.00	2	2	4	3
				4.70	17.00	1	2	4	4
				3.70	18.00	1	2	4	4
				3.35	18.35	1	1	4	4
				2.85	18.85	2	1	4	4
				2.60	19.10	+0002	+0001	+0005	+0004
BORESCOPE REMARKS:									
<p><i>Shot to measure longitudinal wear taken in main chamber. First circumference of chamber showing straight chamber. Edge of chamber very irregular at carbide contact of all lines. Some small edge of gas port visible. Overall shot to measure deposits throughout barrel.</i></p>									
				137 MARK					

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel						
DATE OF GAUGING	FIRING STATUS (Check One)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	Dist. (Inches) From		Meas. Indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
			Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
	BEFORE	AFTER			Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.
5.56 MM Barrel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20.	1.25	+0.0002	+0.0002	+0.0005	+0.0005
			19.70	2.00	1	1	5	5
			18.70	3.00	0	-0.0001	5	5
			17.70	4.00	0	0	5	5
			16.70	5.00	0	-0.0001	4	4
			15.70	6.00	-0.0001	2	4	4
			14.70	7.00	3	3	3	5
			13.70	8.00	4	3	3	3
			12.70	9.00	2	1	3	4
			11.70	10.00	2	1	3	4
			10.70	11.00	2	2	3	3
			9.70	12.00	1	1	3	3
			8.70	13.00	2	3	3	3
			7.70	14.00	4	2	3	3
			6.70	15.00	2	2	3	2
			5.70	16.00	1	1	3	3
			4.70	17.00	-0.0001	0	3	3
			3.70	18.00	0	-0.0002	3	3
			3.35	18.35	0	0	3	3
			2.85	18.85	+0.0001	0	3	3
			2.60	19.10	.0000	.0000	+0.0003	+0.0005
BORESCOPE REMARKS:								
<p><i>Light longitudinal scratches and circular pits in the lands in muzzle portion of chamber. Occasional critical imperfections observed at slope of chamfer between rifling and throat. Throat has a fine, distinct white of carbon with the exception of a few imperfections of pitting. Forward edge of chamber not fully finished. Light blue surface in the throat. Throat band loose.</i></p>								
BY: MOK								

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		5.56 MM Barrel					
		Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
DATE OF GAUGING	NUMBER	FIRING STATUS (Check One)	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
				Rear Face of Barrel	Vert.	Hor.	Vert.
21 NOV 67	814152	BEFORE	1.25	+0011	+0011	+0013	+0013
	PPG #22	AFTER	2.00	9	8	14	13
			3.00	9	9	13	13
			4.00	8	8	12	12
			5.00	8	7	10	10
			6.00	7	6	10	11
			7.00	6	6	9	11
			8.00	2	6	9	10
			9.00	6	6	12	10
			10.00	6	6	10	10
			11.00	6	6	10	10
			12.00	6	6	10	10
			13.00	6	5	10	10
			14.00	4	5	9	9
			15.00	5	5	10	9
			16.00	6	5	10	9
			17.00	6	5	9	9
			18.00	7	7	8	9
			18.35	5	6	8	9
			18.85	7	7	10	9
			19.10	+0007	+0007	+0009	+0009
BORESCOPE REMARKS:							
<p><i>Borescope longitudinal observation on</i> <i>and found no significant defects.</i> <i>Borescope is straight and clear.</i> <i>Borescope is straight and clear.</i> <i>Borescope is straight and clear.</i> <i>Borescope is straight and clear.</i> <i>Borescope is straight and clear.</i></p>							
BY: MANK							

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		DATE OF GAUGING, 27 NOV 67		FIRING STATUS (Check One)		NUMBER OF ROUNDS	MODEL	MANUFACTURER	CASTING NUMBER	5.56 MM Barrel							
				BEFORE	AFTER					Dist. (Inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.					
										Rear Face of Barrel		Face of Flash Suppressor		LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
										Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.		
										20.	1.25	+0006	+0006	+0008	+0009		
										19.70	2.00	07	06	09	11		
										18.70	3.00	06	07	12	12		
										17.70	4.00	06	07	11	11		
										16.70	5.00	07	05	10	11		
										15.70	6.00	07	04	10	11		
										14.70	7.00	05	05	10	11		
										13.70	8.00	05	05	11	11		
										12.70	9.00	06	08	12	11		
										11.70	10.00	07	07	11	12		
										10.70	11.00	06	05	10	11		
										9.70	12.00	04	04	11	11		
										8.70	13.00	04	05	12	12		
										7.70	14.00	05	05	10	09		
										6.70	15.00	06	06	10	12		
										5.70	16.00	06	07	10	11		
										4.70	17.00	06	07	12	12		
										3.70	18.00	07	07	12	12		
										3.35	18.35	07	07	12	12		
										2.85	18.85	07	08	12	12		
										2.60	19.10	+0008	+0007	+0011	+0010		
										BORESCOPE REMARKS:							
										<p><i>Circumferential tool marks beginning at chamber slope and extending thru out bore. Drawing edge of lands slightly chipped at commencement of rifling. Forward edge of gas port slightly rounded. Light diameter toward bore.</i></p>							
										<p><i>man. - Schwartz</i></p>							

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

CASTING NUMBER		MANUFACTURER		MODEL		NUMBER OF ROUNDS		5.56 MM Barrel											
								Dist. (inches) From		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.									
DATE OF GAUGING		FIRING STATUS (Check One)		NUMBER OF ROUNDS		Rear Face of Barrel		Face of Flash Suppressor		LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"							
						BEFORE		AFTER		Vert.		Hor.		Vert.		Hor.			
5.56 MM Barrel		814457		41601		B.F. 1175		20.		1.25		±.0003		±.0003		±.0004		±.0004	
27 NOV 67		✓		✓		B.F. 1175		19.70		2.00		03		03		03		02	
								18.70		3.00		01		02		03		03	
								17.70		4.00		01		01		04		03	
								16.70		5.00		01		01		04		04	
								15.70		6.00		03		01		03		04	
								14.70		7.00		00		00		03		03	
								13.70		8.00		+ 01		01		01		03	
								12.70		9.00		02		01		04		04	
								11.70		10.00		00		01		03		03	
								10.70		11.00		+ 01		00		03		03	
								9.70		12.00		01		00		03		03	
								8.70		13.00		00		00		03		04	
								7.70		14.00		00		00		03		04	
								6.70		15.00		00		00		03		04	
								5.70		16.00		+ 03		+ 01		03		04	
								4.70		17.00		01		02		04		04	
								3.70		18.00		03		02		04		04	
								3.35		18.35		02		02		04		05	
								2.85		18.85		02		02		04		05	
								2.60		19.10		±.0002		±.0002		±.0004		±.0004	
BORESCOPE REMARKS:																			
										<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">light to moderate longitudinal scratches in main powder chamber. Circumferential tool marks beginning at throat of chamber and extending thruout here. Driving edge of lands heavily chipped at commencement of rifling. Very light erosion on forward edge of gas port. Very light deposits thruout here.</p>									

5.56 MM Barrel

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DATE OF GAUGING 27 Nov. 67	FIRING STATUS (Check One) BEFORE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTER <input type="checkbox"/>	NUMBER 814599	MODEL M16A1	NUMBER OF ROUNDS RF A-APT	PROOF OFFICER HANKINS W.O. 324-633-80	MANUFACTURER	CASTING NUMBER	Dist. (inches) From				Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.			
								Rear Face of Barrel	Face of Flash Suppressor	LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"			
										Vert.	Hor.	Vert.	Hor.		
								20.	1.25	+0001	+0001	+0001	+0001		
								19.70	2.00	00	-01	00	00		
								18.70	3.00	00	02	-01	-01		
								17.70	4.00	-02	01	02	01		
								16.70	5.00	01	01	02	01		
								15.70	6.00	01	02	02	02		
								14.70	7.00	03	02	02	01		
								13.70	8.00	04	02	01	01		
								12.70	9.00	03	02	01	01		
								11.70	10.00	03	02	01	01		
								10.70	11.00	02	03	02	01		
								9.70	12.00	03	02	02	01		
								8.70	13.00	03	02	01	02		
								7.70	14.00	02	03	01	02		
								6.70	15.00	02	03	02	02		
								5.70	16.00	02	02	02	02		
								4.70	17.00	01	02	02	01		
								3.70	18.00	01	01	02	02		
								3.35	18.35	02	01	02	01		
								2.85	18.85	02	01	02	01		
								2.60	19.10	-0001	.0000	-0002	-0001		
BORESCOPE REMARKS:								<p>light to moderate longitudinal scratches in main powder chamber. Circumferential marks beginning in straight of chamber and extending throughout bore. Forward edge of gas port slightly eroded. light deposits intermittently through bore.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark Schantz</p>							

MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

5.56 MM Barrel		CASTING NUMBER		MANUFACTURER		MODEL		NUMBER		NUMBER OF ROUNDS		PROOF OFFICER		Dist. (inches) From							
5.56 MM Barrel		814 808		M16A1		AP6 # 28		AP6 # 28		B.F. AT AP6		HANKINS		Rear Face of Barrel		Face of Flash Suppressor		LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"	
DATE OF GAUGING		FIRING STATUS (Check One)		BEFORE		AFTER		NUMBER OF ROUNDS		PROOF OFFICER		HANKINS		Meas. indicated in .0001 of an inch.		LANDS .2190"		Grooves .2235"			
27. Nov - 67		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						13. AT AP6		W.O. 324-633-90		HANKINS		Vert.		Hor.		Vert.		Hor.	
20.	1.25	+ .0001	+ .0000	+ .0004	+ .0001																
19.70	2.00	00	- 02	02	01																
18.70	3.00	- 01	01	02	01																
17.70	4.00	01	02	02	01																
16.70	5.00	02	02	01	00																
15.70	6.00	03	02	01	+ 01																
14.70	7.00	03	03	00	02																
13.70	8.00	03	04	- 02	01																
12.70	9.00	01	03	00	00																
11.70	10.00	03	03	+ 01	00																
10.70	11.00	04	03	01	00																
9.70	12.00	03	03	01	00																
8.70	13.00	04	03	01	00																
7.70	14.00	03	02	01	00																
6.70	15.00	04	04	01	00																
5.70	16.00	04	03	01	00																
4.70	17.00	01	02	01	00																
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BORESCOPE REMARKS:

Light to moderate longitudinal scratches in main powder chamber slope and straight to chamber smoothly machined. Light circumferential tool marks beginning in centering slope and extending thru out barrel. Light indents on lands and grooves beginning at origin of rifling and extending (approx) 2.00" forward. More pronounced in twelve o'clock area. Light erosion on forward edge of gas port. Light deposits thru out bore.

Mark Schantz

Observed Trace Count for Firings at 155°F

<u>Trial No.^a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>	<u>Trial No.^a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>	<u>Trial No.^a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>	<u>Trial No.^a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>
Lot: LC-12071.		3	72	Lot: LC-12109.		8	51
Gun: No. 1.		4	72	Gun: No. 9.		9	60
Propellant: Ball.		5	76			10	59
		6	75	1	75	11	59
1	40	7	75	2	77	12	50
2	45	8	75	3	76		
		9	79	4	76	Lot: TW-18027.	
Lot: LC-12112.		10	74	5	74	Gun: No. 12.	
Gun: No. 2.		11	74	6	77		
		12	72	7	74	1	54
1	10			8	76	2	37
		Lot: LC-12108.		9	74	3	37
Lot: LC-12114.		Gun: No. 7.		10	78	4	42
Gun: No. 3.				11	76	5	49
		1	75	12	75	6	45
1	15	2	78			7	41
		3	74	Lot: LC-SP-520.		8	43
Lot: LC-12115.		4	77	Gun: No. 10.		9	55
Gun: No. 4.		5	78	Propellant: Ball.		10	50
		6	76			11	52
1	19	7	79	1	55	12	51
		8	78	2	59		
Lot: LC-12119.		9	79	3	57	Lot: LC-12112.	
Gun: No. 5.		10	78	4	60	Gun: No. 13 ^b .	
Propellant: IMR.		11	78	5	53	Propellant: Ball.	
		12	77	6	62		
1	49			7	62	1	73
2	47	Lot: LC-SP-499.		8	52	2	75
3	43	Gun: No. 8.		9	53	3	74
4	54			10	51	4	78
5	39	1	56	11	53	5	77
6	47	2	54	12	59		
7	62	3	59			Lot: TW-18028.	
8	51	4	60	Lot: TW-18018.		Gun: No. 14.	
9	55	5	61	Gun: No. 11.		Propellant: IMR.	
10	55	6	68	Propellant: IMR.			
11	60	7	73			1	53
12	47	8	64	1	65	2	44
		9	59	2	57	3	43
Lot: LC-12107.		10	60	3	52	4	54
Gun: No. 6.		11	61	4	55	5	43
		12	68	5	64	6	42
1	47			6	52	7	32
2	68			7	38	8	41

^aEach trial consisted of an 80-round cycle. A tracer count was not maintained on the final 20 to 40 rounds fired on some lots after the 12th cycle (960 rounds).

^bWeapon and 400 rounds of ammunition were removed from the 155°F temperature and reconditioned and fired at range temperature (44°F).

<u>Trial No. a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>	<u>Trial No. a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>	<u>Trial No. a</u>	<u>No. Traces</u>
9	35	Lot: TW-18045.		3	54
10	48	Gun: No. 17.		4	54
11	34			5	57
12	39	1	39	6	59
		2	46	7	61
Lot: LC-12110.		3	35	8	59
Gun: No. 15.		4	43	9	73
Propellant: IMR.		5	43	10	75
		6	38	11	73
1	71	7	42	12	66
2	71	8	43		
3	71	9	30	Lot: LC-SP-520.	
4	78	10	34	Gun: No. 20.	
5	75	11	32	Propellant: Ball.	
6	74	12	48		
7	77			1	40
8	76	Lot: TW-18047.		2	43
9	73	Gun: No. 18.		3	47
10	80			4	53
11	78	1	31	5	50
12	74	2	30	6	51
		3	34	7	53
Lot: LC-12111.		4	34	8	54
Gun: No. 16.		5	25	9	47
		6	33	10	53
1	76	7	50	11	54
2	75	8	41	12	59
3	78	9	39		
4	76	10	32		
5	77	11	36		
6	79	12	31		
7	77				
8	73	Lot: LS-SP-499.			
9	77	Gun: No. 19.			
10	78				
11	76	1	56		
12	76	2	53		

^a Each trial consisted of an 80-round cycle. A tracer count was not maintained on the final 20 to 40 rounds fired on some lots after the 12th cycle (960 rounds).

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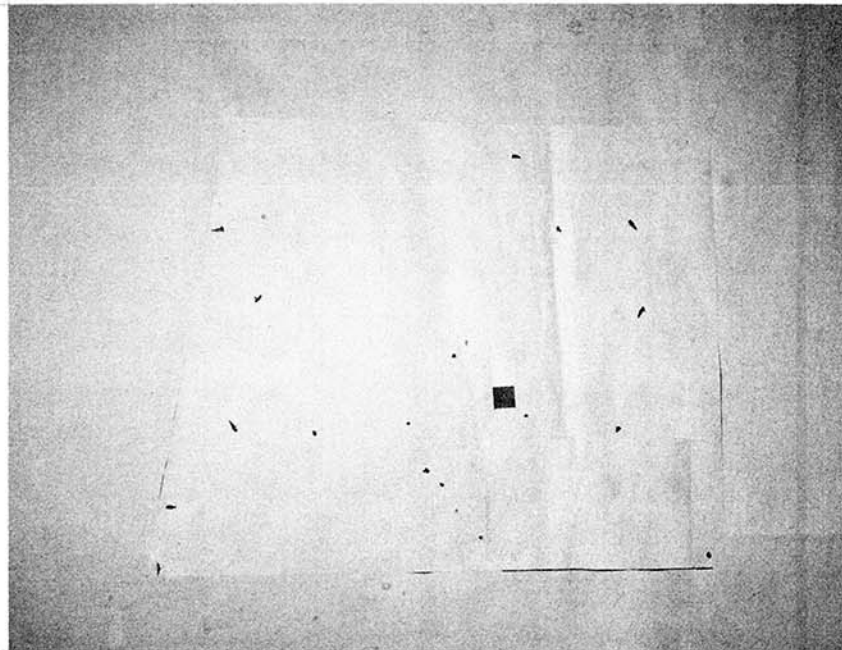
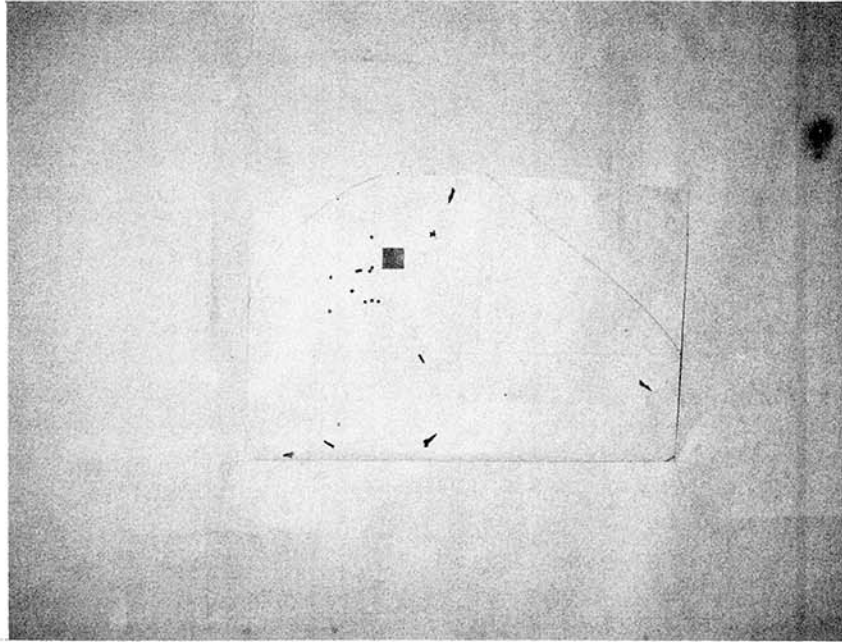


Figure I-1: Typical Bullet Yaw and Fragment Imprints on 25-Meter Witness Screen when Firing M196 Cartridge Lots with WC 846 Propellant and GM Jackets at 155°F. TOP: Rounds 1 to 20. BOTTOM: Rounds 41 to 60.

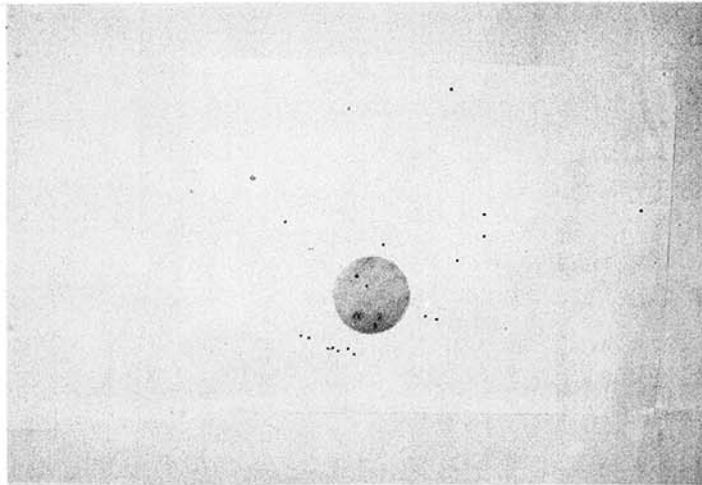


Figure I-2: Typical Bullet Holes in 25-Meter Witness Screen when Firing M196 Cartridge Lots with IMR 8208 Propellant at 155°F. Group Shown for Rounds 981 to 1000, Fired in 3-Round Bursts is Representative of Both GM and GMCS Bullet Jackets.

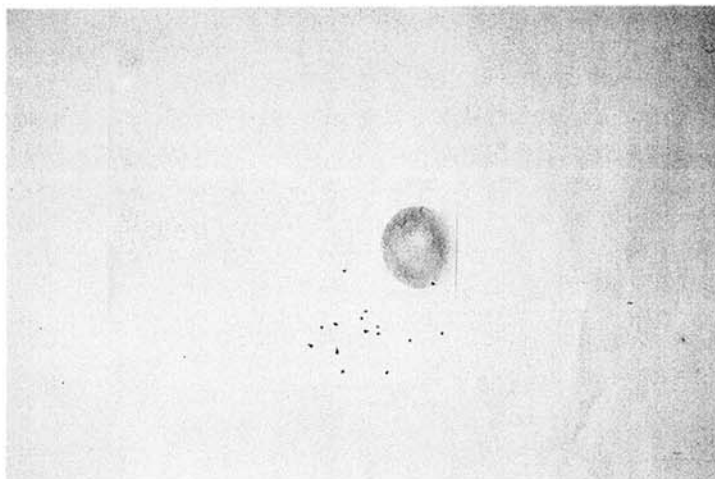


Figure I-3: Witness Screen for Rounds 981 to 1000 Fired in 3-Round Bursts with M196 Cartridge Lot Assembled with WC 846 Propellant and GMCS Bullet Jackets.

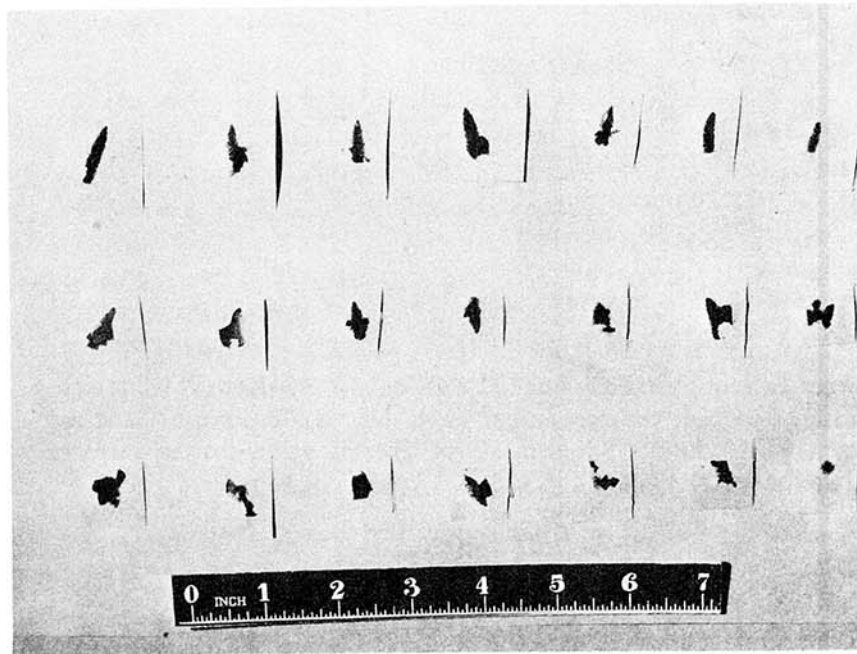


Figure I-4: Typical Witness Screen Imprints of Fragments Observed with M196 Cartridge Lots Loaded with WC 846 Propellant.

APPENDIX II - CORRESPONDENCE



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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND 21005

S: 9 Nov 67

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3 NOV 1967

SUBJECT: Test Directive for Special Study of High Temperature Bore
Fouling of 5.56mm Tracer Ammunition in M16A1 Rifle,
USATECOM Project No. 8-8-0200-08

TO: Commanding Officer
Aberdeen Proving Ground
ATTN: STEAP-CO-P
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md 21005

1. References:

a. Message, APG 12742, dated 171346Z Oct 67, subject: Firing
of M196 Tracer Cartridges in M16A1 Rifles.

b. Planning Meeting held at HQ USATECOM, 24 October 1967, to
discuss Tests of M16A1 Rifle and Associated Ammunition.

c. As a result of reference a, the Project Manager, Rifles (AMCPM-RS),
verbally requested that this command meet (reference 1b) to discuss plans
to further evaluate the degree of incompatibility of tracer ammunition
when fired from the M16A1 Rifle. Messrs Doilney, Hankins, Wilson and Staley,
STEAP-DS-TI, were present.

3. The following was established:

a. The Project Manager, Rifles would provide 45 weapons and
\$15,000 by 9 November 1967.

b. The US Army Munitions Command would provide 6,000 rounds each
of 17 tracer lots. Two lots are to be gilding metal clad steel (GMCS)
projectiles; the remainder are to be standard gilding metal (GM) projectiles.
Twelve lots will be produced by Lake City Arsenal, of which four lots (2 GM
and 2 GMCS), will contain otherwise identical components. The remaining
five lots will be produced by Twin Cities Arsenal.

c. The US Army Test and Evaluation Command will initiate tests
on 9 November 1967, complete tests on 15 December 1967 and provide report
to AMCPM-RS by 20 January 1968.

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4. It is requested that CO, APG implement test program as outlined in para 3c, except the report will be provided to this headquarters by 10 January 1968. Test plan outline is required by 9 November 1967.

5. This is a category 1, SEA related, USATECOM Priority 1 activity. USATECOM Project No. 8-8-0200-08 is assigned.

6. Test plan outline and an interim report in letter form to meet the deadline are acceptable, to be followed by a final report.

7. Distribution will be in accordance with inclosure 1.

8. This is an unclassified task.

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