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Brian

You bring up some interesting points to consider.

1) The safety issue. I had a round go off on the range one day when I took the weapon off of safe. I'm not sure if it was a safety malfunction or an operator head space and timing problem. At the time I hadn't heard about there being a possible problem with the safety mechanism.

I mentioned it to my sniper partner and he told me he had heard of the problem so I spent a lot of time trying to duplicate the malfunction but I have never been able to do so. (thus I believe it was an operator head space and timing problem)

Now when deployed on a mission I aim the rifle in a safe direction before taking the weapon off of safe, just in case.

2) Currently I deploy with the weapon on safe but once in position I take the weapon off of safe and then keep my finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard.

You mentioned the need to get a round off quickly if there is a sudden threat. I guess we have to ask ourselves what is quickly? Is there every a time that you would "snap" a shot off at a threat.

On an operation I was called upon to take a shot on a threat and the rifle malfunctioned. I had time to re-bolt a new round and fire the shot. (the threat was still a threat) I guess the point of this is that the threat is usually a threat for long enough to insure that it is the threat. So, you'll have time to take the weapon out of whatever safe mode you carry it and place it into combat.

I'm going to try the bolt handle in the raised position next time on the range to see how it works.

Keep your head down, Semper Fi

Gil

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