

Safety Bulletin

Negligent Discharges
OIF SB-004



“It’s Wasn’t My Fault!”

Top Ten Excuses for having a Negligent Discharge:

Drum Roll – Please.....

- 10) I didn’t think I Chambered a round?
- 9) I did look in the Chamber, but I didn’t see anything?
- 8) It was dark and my flashlight batteries were dead, so I couldn’t see very well?
- 7) My weapon just bumped against the door, I didn’t pull the trigger or anything?
- 6) When I tripped, my weapon hit the ground and it just fired?
- 5) It wasn’t my weapon; I was clearing it for my bud, so he didn’t have to get out of the vehicle. I thought the clearing procedures were all the same?
- 4) I always keep my finger near the trigger, “at the ready”, it just went off all by itself?
- 3) All I did was push the receiver cover forward, I don’t know what happened?
- 2) I haven’t put a magazine in it since I cleared it yesterday?
- 1) Yes, I did forget to drop the magazine, but I had it on Safe, I don’t know what happened. It must have malfunctioned

Let’s face it – there are no acceptable excuses for having a Negligent Discharge. However, the next time you should happen to find a Anti-Iraqi Force (AIF) hiding in the bottom of the Clearing Barrel – Feel Free to Bust a Cap!