Abbreviated Notes for Home Guard Instructors (Continued)

STOPPAGES / I C K E R S.

MACHINE GUN

Position.	Preparation.	I.A.	Prevention.	Probable Cause.
1st.	Half Load, Pull Crank Handle slowly until Horns of Extractors engage on steps of solid Cams, Belt to Left. All caseswhere not weak Charge, Repeat. To set up for weak or Broken Gib spring Hld.out Lock, slide round on lower half of protection of Gib. Belt to Left.	Pull Crank Handle on Roller belt to left, let go C.H. Iffailure recurs lighten Fuzee spring three clicks. If C.H. remains in 1st, Pos. C.H. on roller out lock "New Lock" Remove round Change Lock.	Attend to Points Before Firing.	I. Weak Charge 2a Heavy Fuzee Spring (b) Want of oil in working Parts (c) Grit in Working Parts. (d) Excessive Packing (e) Worn Barrel (f) Tight Pockets (g) Friction due to frozen oil or water. 3. Weak or Broken Gib Spring.
2nd.	Insert Bulged Round in first pocket in Belt & Load. nange. Bulged Dummy in Belt. Half Load, open rear Cover out Lock place Separated Case over round, replace Lock, Close rear cover, C.H. slowly on Check lever. Telescoped round, Half Load out Lock, remove round place round with S.C. on Extractors. Clos e R.C. Belt to Left.	Force C.H. to Rear Callout "Clearing Plug". Open Rear Cover Examine round on extractors, if damaged "Dont want it" Remove round, Reload. If good round remove use clearing plug. "Dont want it".	If separations recur, change lock. If still recur. Use No.1.& No.2. Washers over connecting rod. Armorer to adjust.	Damaged Cartridges Separated Case. Separated Case on round.
3rd.	Half Load Crank Handle raise rear Cover pull belt over Till round is half way on face of feed block, crank handle slowly forward till Stops in 3rd. position lower rear cover. Proceed to load but ease Crank handle forward to 3rd. position. In friction, repeat. Full 4th round in belt	Slightly raise C.H. Belt to left. let go C.H. Strike down. If occurs. Repeat, Unload of 1 working parts, reload. If above fail, Feed slide. "Fixed" call "Feed Block"	Attend to Points Before Firing. Friction in the Lock. Badly filled belts are the chief Cause.	Slightly cross fed round. Bent or Damaged brass strips. badly filled belt Worn or loose belt pockets