

rear with his RTOs and the FO so he can observe and listen to the radio. The squad leaders are centered behind their squads listening on the AN/PRC-126. Team leaders are located with their soldiers close to the squad leader. Instructions given to the SBF leader by FM radio are relayed to the subordinate leaders who then direct the individual soldiers. The soldiers should echo the

commands to ensure that they understand them.

The mission to overwatch and support by fire is probably the most difficult—and potentially the most important—one a unit can receive. The perfect attack would find the assault element moving unencumbered onto an objective where all the enemy had been destroyed or forced to withdraw, and this ideal can be

realized through good training, sound SOPs, and excellent leadership.

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# SWAP SHOP

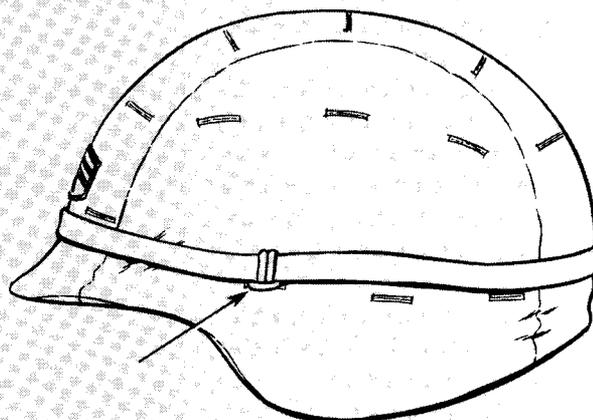
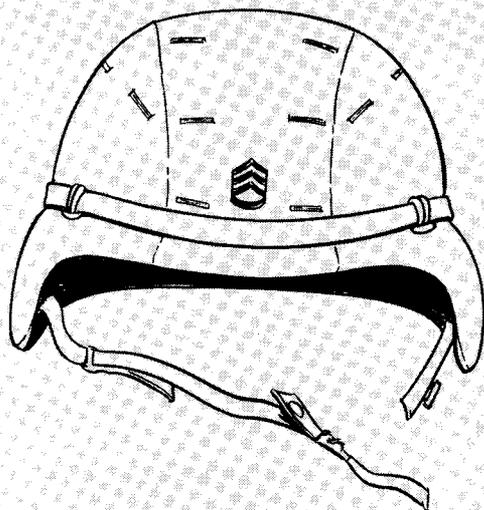


## PASGT HELMET BAND RETAINER

According to Kathleen Swift, a clothing designer at the U.S. Army Natick Research, Development, and Engineering Center, here's how you make a helmet band retainer for the PASGT (personnel armor system, ground troops) kevlar helmet:

- Cut two 29-inch pieces of gutted 550 cord.
- Fold the 550 cord in half.
- Pass the bight (or fold) in the cord down behind the helmet band on the side of the helmet, above the location of the chin strap, from top to bottom.
- Pass the free running ends of the cord through the loop formed in the cord. This will form a girth hitch over the helmet band.

- Unfasten the hook and pile fasteners that secure the helmet cover to the helmet.
- Pass the free ends of the 550 cord down through the buttonhole on the cover directly below the band.
- Feed the ends down to the rim of the helmet, pass them to the inside of the helmet, and secure with a square knot around the suspension band where it is bolted to the helmet. (Do not secure to the sweat band.)
- Tie off the free running ends with half-hitches and cut. Sear remaining 550 cord so no more than one-half inch remains.
- Repeat this process on the opposite side of the helmet.
- Resecure helmet cover with the hook and pile tabs.



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