

ITEM: Perforated Steel Plate.

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DISCUSSION: RPG-2, RPG-7 and other antitank weapons have been used against this unit causing both personnel casualties and vehicle damage.

OBSERVATION: PSP, mounted on each side of a tank, has proven effective as a stand-off for anti-tank rounds. The lower portion of the tank hull and portion of the suspension system is covered by PSP. As a test, three RPG-2 rounds were fired at a tank with PSP mounted on it. Although some rounds did penetrate the additional stand off distant afforded by the plate, the number of penetrations were reduced. On two occasions, tanks with PSP were hit with RPG-2 rounds, and results were highly satisfactory. The round did not penetrate the hull of the tank, there were no casualties, and only a support roller was damaged on the tank.