
Subject: Re: Fire Ant Bites

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I hate the buggers. It does bring to mind a funny story though. Several years ago a buddy and I were at a local rifle range. It was deserted at the time and we were using black powder rifles that day. Anyhow he was taking aim on the target and a big red ant (much like the fire ants) bit him and caused him to miss. The next thing I knew he was dumping about 1/2 pound of black powder down the ant hole. He made a trail of it about 2 feet long (just like in the movies). He also figured that new manufacture black powder would burn down the trail slowly like in the movies. Bad thinking. He lit the trail..... woosh. It traveled the two feet in about a half second. He was only about that distance from the hole as well. Woosh.. Boom! It not only singed his eyebrows and front of his hair. It blew about 1000 ants into the air that then bounced off the metal sun roof over him and rained down on him. The ants were to put it mildly really pissed off. Watching your buddy running around like a crazed madman hooting and hollering was not funny at the time, but in retrospect rather amusing and a good lesson..... use a longer fuse next time.
