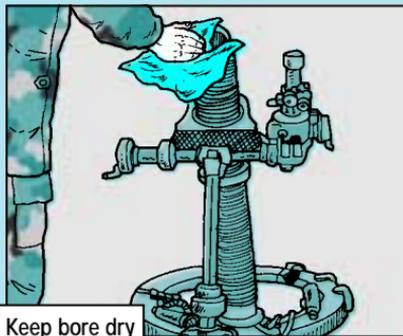


Blow Away Cold Problems

Cold can freeze something as powerful as your mortar...unless you blow away cold problems with PM. Here's how:

■ Lube with LAW instead of GPL when the temperature drops below 10°F. LAW does not get as stiff as GPL in cold weather.

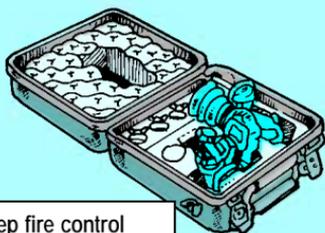
■ Wipe the inside of the bore dry before you go into the cold. That helps prevent ice from forming.



Keep bore dry

■ Cover rounds until they're ready to be fired. That stops ice from coating them.

■ Keep fire control instruments in their cases. They protect the instruments' delicate optics against the cold.



Keep fire control instruments in cases

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■ Never bring fire control instruments directly from the cold into a warm place. The sudden change in temperature cracks optics and lets condensation form inside the instruments. Leave the instruments in a sheltered—but unheated—place where they can gradually warm before you bring them inside.

■ When you bring your mortar inside, wait at least an hour before cleaning and lubing it. That lets the mortar stop sweating from condensation and lets you wipe out all moisture.

