

PM IS FOR EVERYTHING

...BY EVERYBODY



When it comes to ***Preventive Maintenance**, Everything and Everybody get in the act.

Everything—meaning every piece of clothing and equipment the Army issues you or that you use . . . gets the “plush-carpet” treatment by you when it comes to care, cleaning and right kind of operation.

It means **everything** . . . not just rifles and trucks. It means your tent, shovel, pack, radio, stove, jacket, recoilless rifle, mortar—everything.

And, Everybody . . . means just that—**everybody**.

Private—yes. Specialist—yup. Corporal—right. Sergeant—him, too. Yes, Sir, right on through lieutenants, captains, majors, colonels and generals. **PM** is everybody’s job.

Which, when boiled down to a nub, means that when you (and every man in uniform) have been issued equipment to wear, use or operate, you’ve got the biggest job in the world—that of giving it the right kind of care and operation.

That’s **Preventive Maintenance** your insurance to win in battle.



About This Issue

You may have already noticed that this issue of PS is special. For one thing, the whole magazine is printed in four colors, not just the covers and the center section.

The contributions by Generals Shinseki and Coburn and Sergeant Major of the Army Tilley are another special feature.

This issue also has some really unusual-looking pages, like the two you see here. The reason they look strange is because they were first printed in PS 20 or 30 or more years ago. Word for word, including all illustrations, they’re the same. Yet their message is just as relevant today as it was back then.

Why? Well, one reason is because soldiers are still using some of the same kinds of equipment that were used in Vietnam, even Korea. More importantly, the need for preventive maintenance on that equipment has not changed.

It still needs regular checkups to guard against the insidious damage of corrosion. It still needs lube at regular intervals. Its filters still need periodic cleaning or changing.

So, while your tools, equipment, gear and weapons have evolved over the last 50 years to meet the ever-changing nature of warfare, the need for preventive maintenance has not changed.

And it never will.