

IT'S THE HUMIDITY

Humidity in the ammo compartment will rust and corrode onboard ammo, whether your tank stays uploaded all the time or only during exercises.

Sure, you can slow the damage by occasionally wiping out any condensation in the ammo compartment. But to really put the brakes to corrosion, you've got to stop moisture.

A few bags of desiccant will do the trick. Just open each ammo door and put a bag on the floor between the ammo tube and the compartment wall. NSN 6850-00-264-6571 gets a drum of 300 bags of desiccant.

When it's time to pull PMCS on the hull ammo compartment, check the desiccant bags.



IF THEY'RE **MOIST** TO THE TOUCH OR IF THE COMPARTMENT WALLS ARE **WET**, IT'S TIME FOR **NEW DESICCANT**.



Standby for Cooling

The T in TRU stands for thermal, gunners. And that means heat—in more ways than one.

During those blistering hot summer days, the thermal receiver unit (TRU) on the gunner's primary sight has trouble coping with the heat. If it's left on too long, it burns out. Replacing it sets your unit back more than \$77,000!

When it's on, the TRU cools itself only when in standby mode. So make a habit of flipping the THERMAL MODE switch to STBY when the TRU is not in use. If the TRU won't be used for some time, flip the switch to OFF.

Your TRU will stay cooler and you can put your maintenance bucks to better use.

