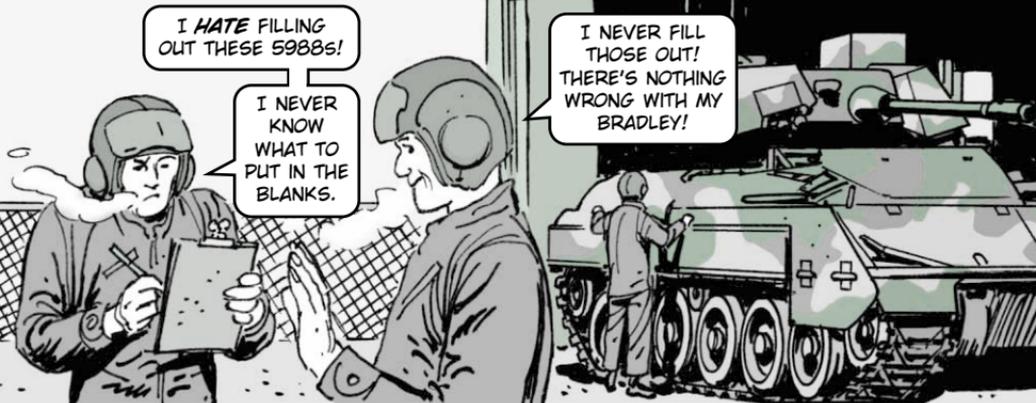


FILL OUT MAINTENANCE FORM RIGHT



There's not much difference between not doing something and not doing something right. Take filling out the DA Form 5988-E, *Equipment Maintenance and Inspection Worksheet*, for example.

Some operators never fill out one. When asked, they say, "There's not a thing wrong with my vehicle!" Unfortunately, the perfect vehicle still hasn't been invented. So little equipment faults that should have been reported turn into big ones. Pretty soon the vehicle is NMC.

Then there are those operators who do fill out the 5988-E, but don't do it right. They're not specific about a fault or don't use the correct nomenclature from the TM to list an item. They don't write down the PMCS item number or circle it when the item is a deadline fault.

When the mechanic gets the form, he can't figure out the problem. At best, he'll waste time troubleshooting. At worst, the fault never gets fixed at all.

