

ALICE...

WASHDAY FOR ALICE



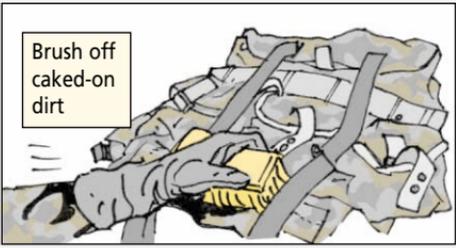
WASHING ME **OFTEN** KEEPS ME LASTING LONGER AND MAKES ME MORE COMFORTABLE TO WEAR!!

When the fabric parts of your All Purpose Lightweight Individual Carrying Equipment (ALICE) get spattered with mud and grime, it's time for cleaning. A washing now and then will help make the parts last longer and make them more comfortable to wear. Here's the washday routine:

- Brush off caked-on dirt with your hands. Or scrape it off with a flat stick or dull tool. Never use anything sharp that will cut the fabric or webbing. After getting rid of the caked-on stuff, sweep away the loose dirt with a soft brush or clean cloth.
- Wash ALICE by hand in a bucket of warm, soapy water. NSN 7930-00-929-1221 brings a detergent that cleans well even in hard or salty water.

Never use a washing machine. And steer clear of chlorine bleach, yellow soap, cleaning fluids and solvents. These products will discolor ALICE and break down the fabric.

- Inspect the fabric for stubborn, soiled spots that won't wash out. Scrub them again with a white or colorfast cloth. Then dip the problem areas in the soapy water again.
- After washing, rinse thoroughly in clean, warm water until all traces of soap are gone. Stretch the fabric back to its original shape.
- Air-dry in the shade or indoors. Don't use a clothes dryer. That leads to shrinkage, not to mention unnecessary wear and tear. And never dry ALICE in direct sunlight or near a heater or open flames—they'll fade and shrink the fabric.



Brush off caked-on dirt



Wash in warm water and mild detergent



DRY ME IN THE **SHADE** TO PREVENT FADING AND SHRINKING!