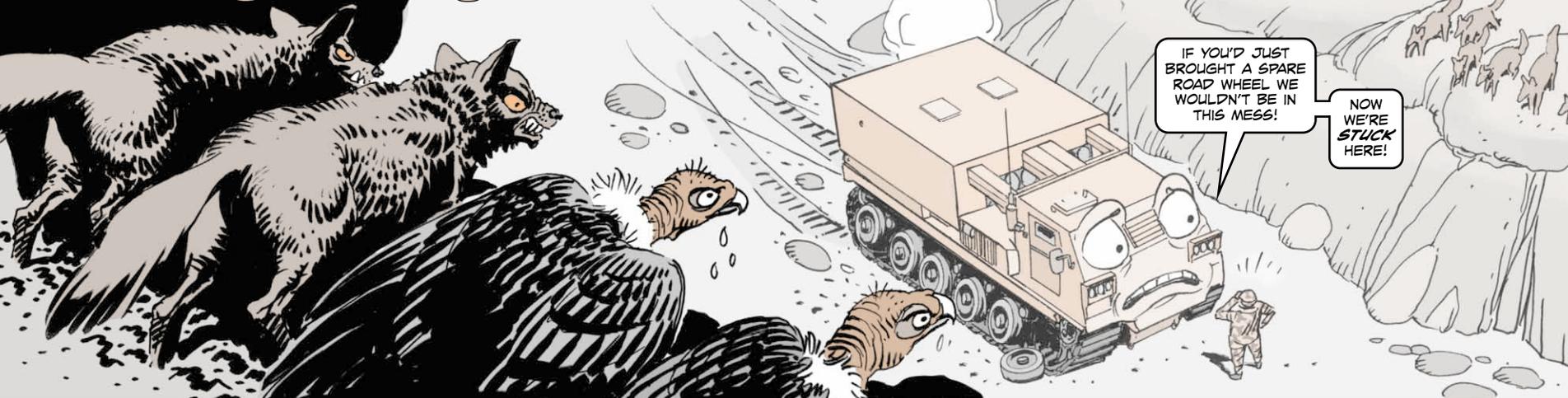


Spares Spare You Trouble In Field



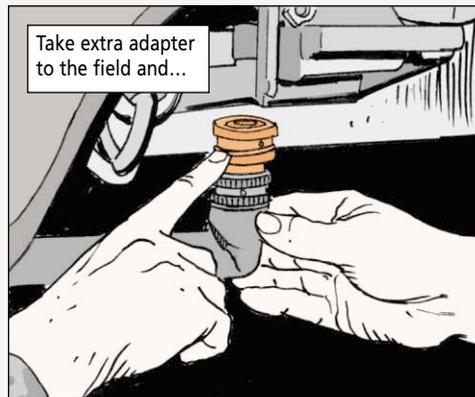
Dear Editor,

Here at Ft Hood we've found taking a few spare parts to the field spares us downtime and problems with our MLRS.

An Extra Adapter

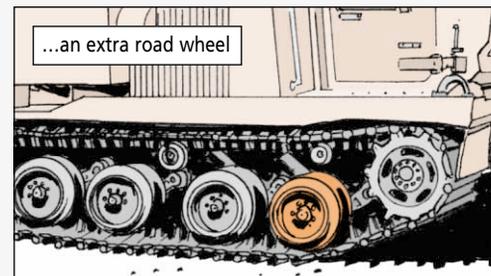
The W19 and W20 cables are the interface between the launcher and rockets and must be connected and disconnected often. Both cables have adapters to protect the cable connectors. With all the connecting and disconnecting, the adapters get plugged with dirt or damaged. Then the W19 or W20 doesn't make a good connection and you can't fire.

The field fix is usually just to remove the adapter and plug in the cable without the adapter. The problem with that is that then the cable itself is often damaged. Cables are expensive to replace. We avoid damaged cables by taking at least one extra W20 adapter, NSN 5935-01-238-5896, and one W19, NSN 5935-01-155-9847, to the field. If an adapter has problems, we just replace it. Adapters are much cheaper than cables.



Extra Road Wheel

A damaged road wheel can stop you in your tracks in the field. And often it can take quite a while to get a replacement. So we just put an extra road wheel in the support truck. If a road wheel is damaged, we put on the replacement and get back to business.



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From the desk of the Editor

In PS 525 (Aug 96), we pointed out that electrical contact cleaner is also a good way to handle dirty cable adapters. Just remove the adapter and spray it with the cleaner. Circuit board cleaner works or you can order cleaning solvent with NSN 6850-01-371-8048.

Spray dirty adapter
with contact cleaner

