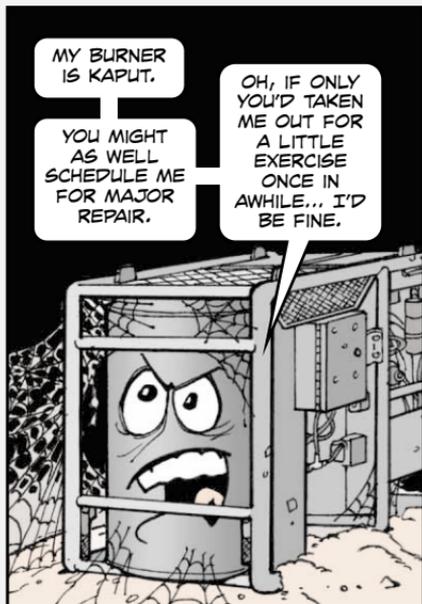


KEEP YOUR M17 IN HOT WATER



Dear Editor,

For the past 18 months I've been traveling to Army posts to help soldiers get their M17 decons ready for duty. I've seen some M17s that were not close to being ready for action, mainly because their burners wouldn't work.

If the M17 can't produce hot water, it's deadlined. The cause for almost all burner problems is that M17s are left in storage for long periods. PMCS is ignored and the M17s aren't exercised. Fuel crystallizes or becomes sludge in fuel lines, carburetors, fuel pumps, solenoid valves, and check valves. You've got a real mess that's going to take real work to clear up.

All of those problems can be avoided just by giving M17s their monthly PMCS and by running them 1/2 hour in both the shower and wand modes. Besides keeping your M17s in shape, this will also provide training for the unit.

And commanders will know their M17s are ready to decon.

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**From the desk
of the Editor**



Thanks for the benefit of your experience, Jim. If chemical companies follow your advice, most of their M17 problems will disappear.