

FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE



IN THE MOVIE, **COOL HAND LUKE**; THE CAPTAIN OF ROAD PRISON 36 SAID TO THE GATHERED PRISONERS; "WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE IS FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE."

IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE TONE OF THE CAPTAIN AND THE LOOK ON HIS FACE THAT THIS "FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE" WAS GOING TO LEAD TO DIRE CONSEQUENCES.



"SO IT IS ON THE BATTLEFIELD. A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE MEANS LOSS OF EQUIPMENT AND LIFE."

HELLO? HELLO?

!!SIGH!! IT'S NO USE!



WHAT COULD BE THE **NUMBER ONE CAUSE** FOR POOR COMMUNICATION ON THE BATTLEFIELD?

HMMM...

IS IT LACK OF TRAINING?

NO. SOLDIERS WHO OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT **KNOW** THEIR EQUIPMENT AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK.

IS IT POOR EQUIPMENT?

HECK NO. THE UNITED STATES ARMY HAS THE **WORLD'S BEST**, MOST STATE-OF-THE-ART COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

COULD IT BE EQUIPMENT FAILURE DUE TO LACK OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE?

YES.

A SPOT OF CORROSION LESS THAN THE SIZE OF A DIME CAN SILENCE A RADIO.	A SPECK OF DIRT CAN DEAFEN EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING WITH SATELLITES ORBITING THE EARTH.	A SEEP OF MOISTURE THROUGH A WORN GASKET CAN MAKE A FRIEND SOUND LIKE A FOE AND A FOE LIKE A FRIEND.
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IN THE MOVIE, THE LINE "WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE IS FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE" IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD WRITING AND GOOD ACTING. IT HAS NO REAL LIFE CONSEQUENCES.

IF THAT LINE IS SAID ON THE BATTLEFIELD, THERE IS NOT ONE THING GOOD ABOUT IT AND NO ONE IS ACTING.

PM ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE SURVIVAL OF SOLDIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD. AM I MAKING MYSELF CLEAR?

