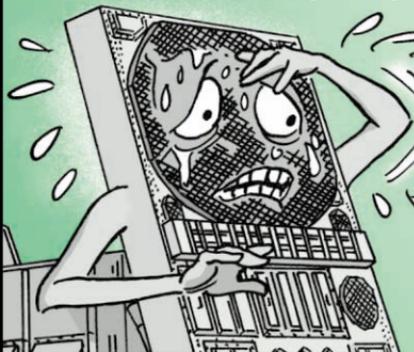
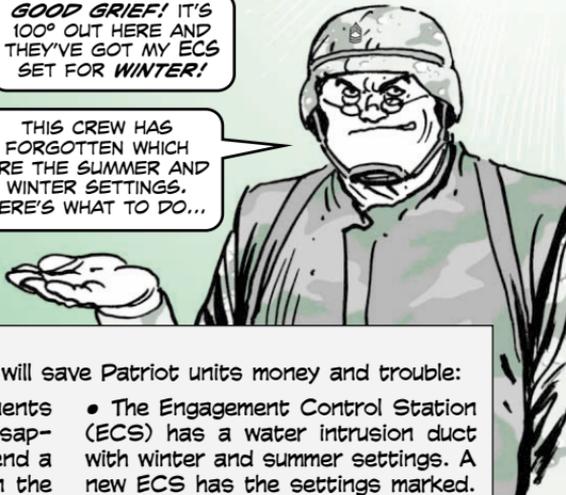


LATCH PINS & SUMMER/WINTER SETTINGS



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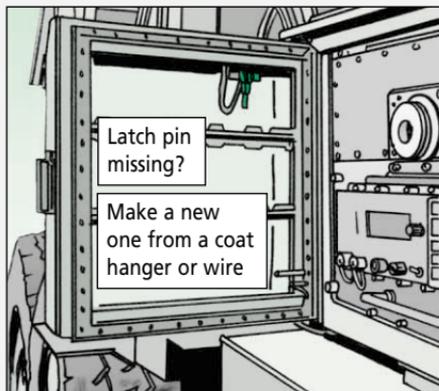
THIS CREW HAS FORGOTTEN WHICH ARE THE SUMMER AND WINTER SETTINGS. HERE'S WHAT TO DO...



Dear Editor,

We have a couple of ideas that will save Patriot units money and trouble:

- The door latch pins for components like the radar filter eventually disappear or break. In the field, just bend a coat hanger or any similar wire in the shape of the latch pin and you're back in business. Just make sure it's around the same thickness as the old latch pin. When you get back from the field, get a new pin fabricated. Use a hanger only as a field fix.
- The Engagement Control Station (ECS) has a water intrusion duct with winter and summer settings. A new ECS has the settings marked. But the first time the ECS is painted those markings disappear. And if it's set for the wrong season, the ECS may get too much moisture in the winter and too much heat in the summer. The solution is to stencil S and W for the settings. When the handle is pushed in, it's set for summer. When the handle is pulled out, it's on winter.



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