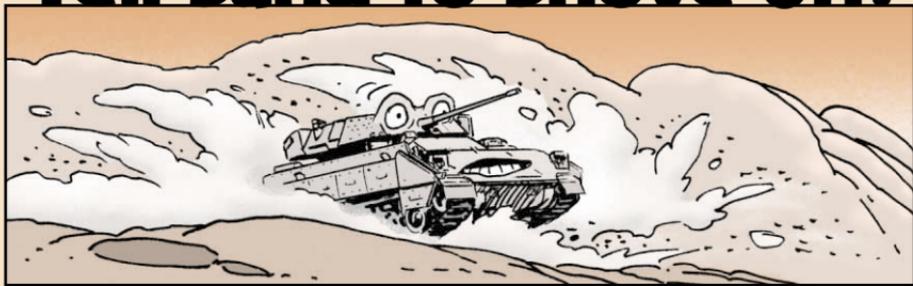


# Tell Sand to Shove Off!



**F**or those deployed to Iraq, sand is a constant headache. It gets in your clothes, your food, and if you're not careful, into the fuel tank of your Bradley.

Sand gathers around the cracks and crevices of the fuel cap filler neck. Then it falls into the fuel tank when the cap is removed for refueling.

It may not seem like much, but eventually enough sand will accumulate to clog the fuel filters and burn out the fuel pump.

Getting the sand out is a real hassle. Your mechanic will have to remove the fuel canisters and clean 'em. If it's bad enough, the fuel cells may even have to be purged.

Your best bet is to keep that sand from ever getting into the fuel tank. Before opening the fuel cap, blow away all the accumulated sand first. Then, wrap a clean cloth around the fuel nozzle while refueling to keep out blown sand.

Don't forget to drain the fuel filters every day. That'll clear out any contamination that **does** get in.

