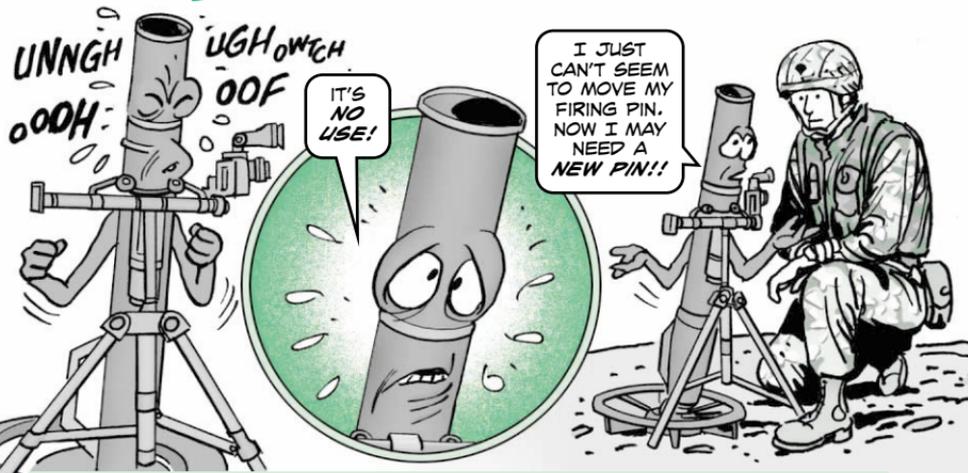


Firing Pin Needs to Move

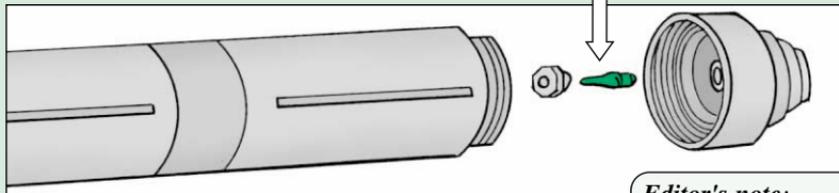


Dear Editor,

If any mortar firing pin becomes immovable due to PM neglect, the tube can end up condemned. That recently happened here at Ft. Drum when we had to condemn a 60mm tube because its firing pin had gone so long without cleaning that it had frozen with corrosion and carbon. A new tube isn't cheap.

Just doing the quarterly PMCS called for in each mortar's -23 TM will keep firing pins moving. PMCS directs that the firing pin, firing pin guide, and firing pin hole be inspected and then cleaned with RBC quarterly. If you fire your mortars frequently, then you should be servicing the firing pin more often than quarterly.

At least quarterly, take tube apart and clean firing pin with RBC



Don't let your mortars sit neglected for months in the arms room. They deserve better.

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Editor's note:
Good advice, Robert. Let's keep those mortar firing pins moving, armorers.