

A STUBBORN STICK



THAT'S THE SOUND OF A SOLDIER TRYING TO INSTALL THE SECOND END STICK ON HIS ALUMINUM COT, NSN 7105-00-935-0422.

INSTALLING THE **FIRST** END STICK IS **SIMPLE**. YOU JUST SLIP IT THROUGH THE COT COVER AND ATTACH IT TO THE FRAME.

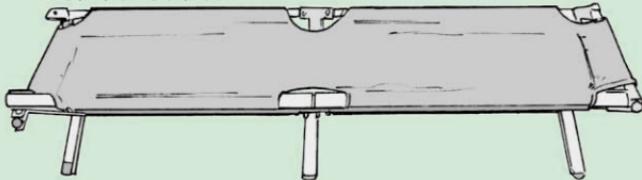
IT'S THE **SECOND** STICK THAT POSES THE PROBLEM. WITH THE COT COVER STRETCHED TIGHT, IT'S A CHORE TO ATTACH THE STICK.



HERE ARE **TWO THINGS** YOU CAN DO TO EASE THE STRAIN...



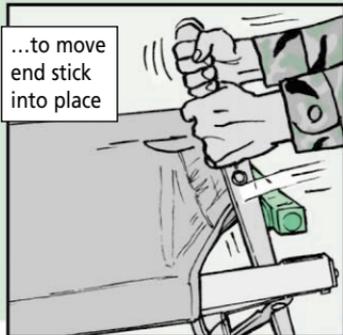
1 SPREAD THE COVER IN THE SUN FOR A WHILE. THE HEAT RELAXES THE MATERIAL AND MAKES IT MORE FLEXIBLE AND EASIER TO STRETCH.



2 WHEN YOU INSTALL THE SECOND END STICK, ATTACH ONE SIDE OF THE STICK TO THE FRAME. THEN USE A PRY BAR FOR LEVERAGE TO MOVE THE OTHER SIDE INTO PLACE. JUST MAKE SURE SOMEONE'S HOLDING THE OTHER END OF THE COT. AN END STICK FROM ANOTHER COT MAKES A GOOD PRY BAR.



Use a pry bar...



...to move end stick into place