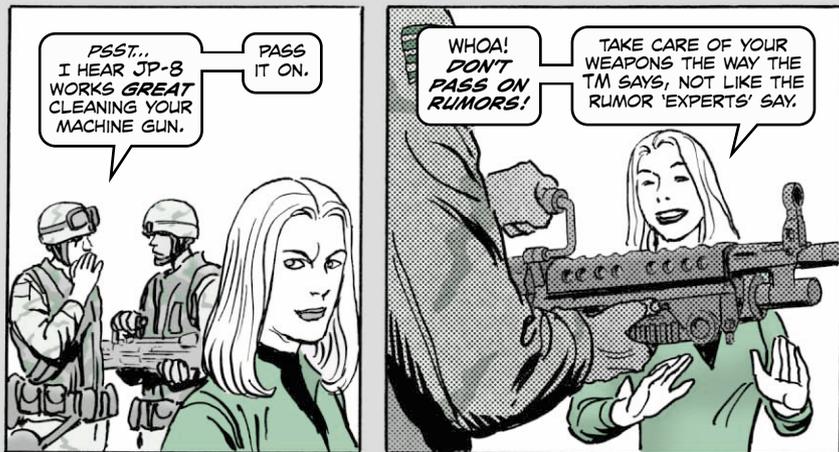
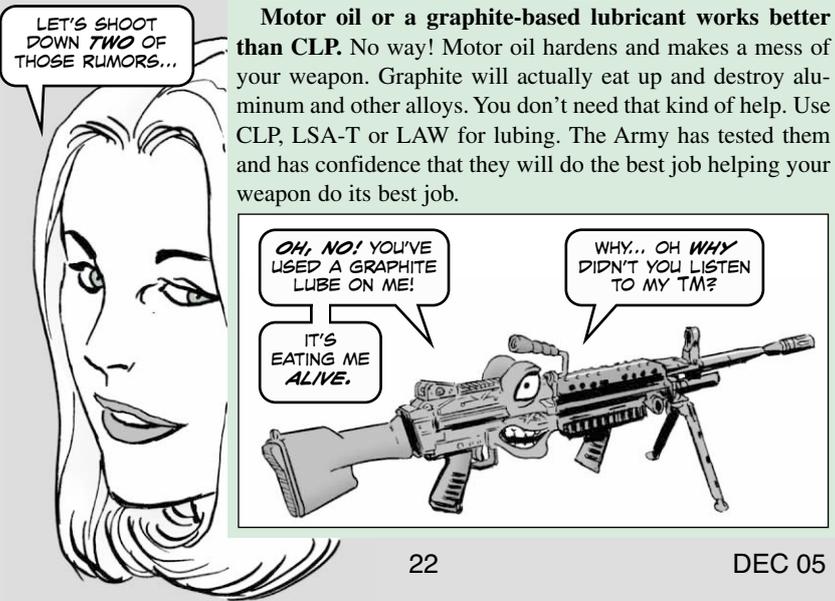


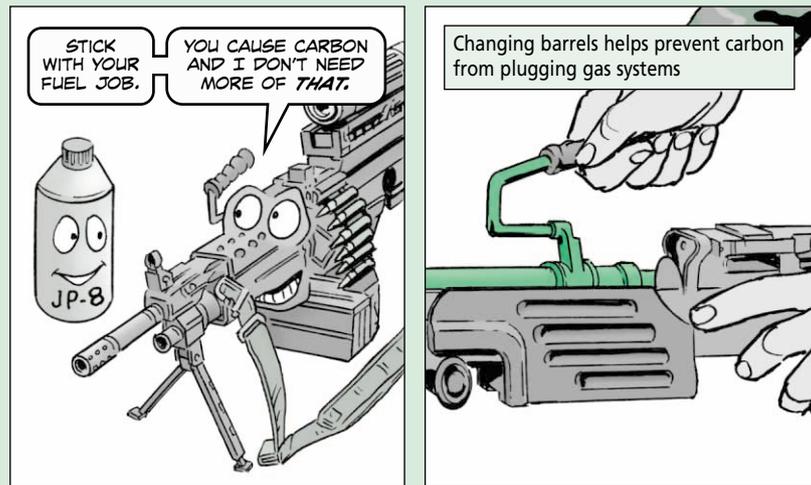
SHOOTING DOWN RUMORS



Rumors about better ways to take care of your rifle, pistol or machine gun just don't seem to want to die. PS still hears reports of soldiers using lubricants and cleaners on their weapons that they've heard are better than what the operator TMs prescribe.



JP-8 does a great job cleaning off carbon. Not really. Any JP-8 remaining on the weapon will actually cause worse carbon buildup—and it's difficult to get off all JP-8. The best way to prevent carbon buildup in gas systems on machine guns is to change barrels when you're supposed to. If you keep firing and firing the same barrel, carbon will soon plug up the gas system.



CLP and your cleaning tools should usually get rid of carbon. Of course, don't use CLP on machine gun gas systems. Those you clean with the scraper. Lube in the gas system causes more carbon.

If you can't get off all carbon, your armorer can use cleaning compound solvent, NSN 6850-01-474-2319, for tough cleaning jobs. But remember the weapon must then be re-lubed. Solvent washes away lube.

