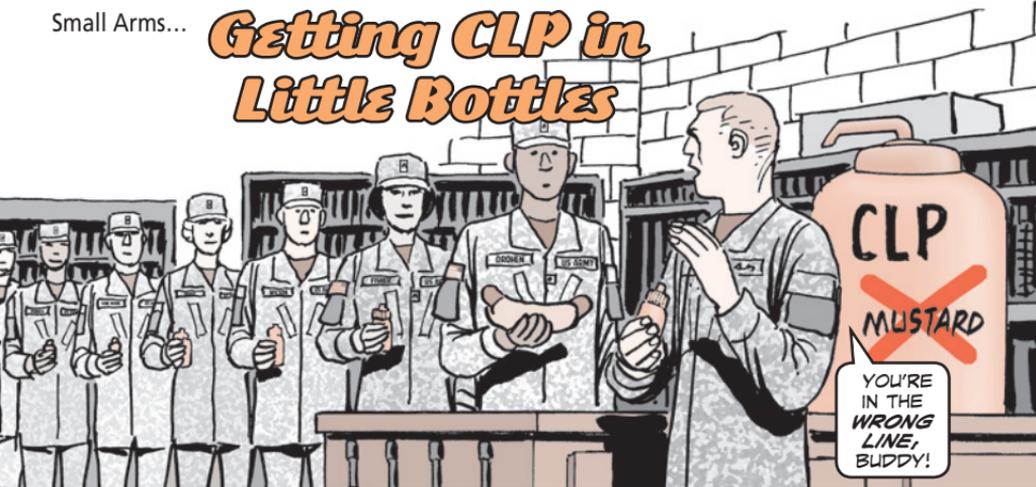


# Getting CLP in Little Bottles



Dear Editor,

We save our unit money by buying a gallon of CLP, NSN 9150-01-053-6688, for less than \$20 and using it to fill 1/2-oz bottles for our gunners' cleaning kits. You can get the bottles for 37 cents each with NSN 1005-00-242-5687 and use them over and over.

The only problem with that is that you make a royal mess trying to get CLP in those little bottles. I solved that problem by getting one of those big jars with a pump that you see at ballgames for mustard and ketchup.

After washing it and the pump thoroughly, I filled it with CLP and then used the pump to fill the bottles. I filled 200 bottles and spilled only four drops.

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*Editor's note: How long did it take to eat all that mustard? Great idea for armorers. Thanks.*

## Relax Those Springs

**S**ome armorers are storing rifles, machine guns and pistols cocked with the bolts or slides locked to the rear. Bad move!

While weapons sit cocked for weeks and weeks, the compression on their springs drains the springs' spring. When it's time again to fire, the weak springs cause poor recoil and feeding.

The M9 pistol has it even worse. If it's stored with the slide locked to the rear, the recoil spring guide rod is left exposed. The rod often ends up dented or bent and must be replaced.

So leave the bolt or slide forward for storage. And don't forget the spring for the sear, trigger and hammer. They should be relaxed, too, with the bolt forward, the safety set to FIRE, and the trigger pulled. The only time a weapon should be charged is when you're on a mission or at the range.