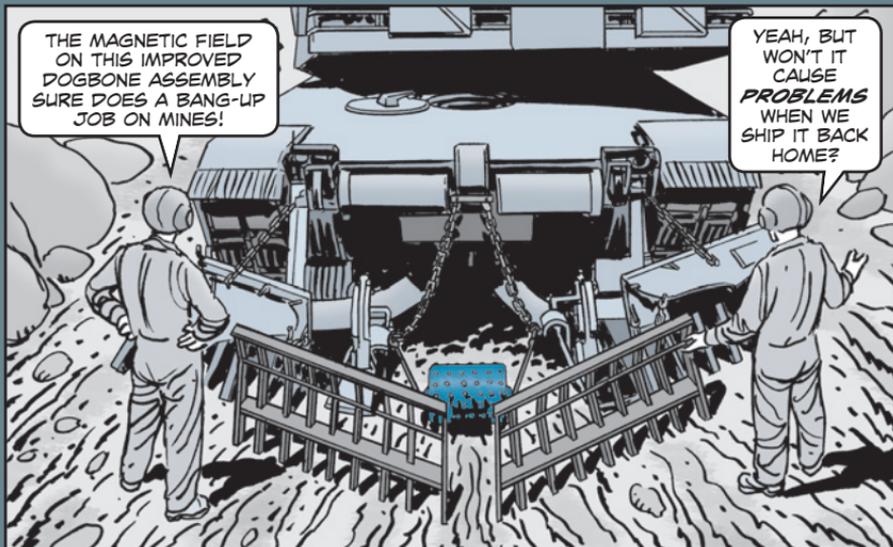


COVER THE DOGBONE



Crewmen, when you get the improved dogbone assembly (IDA), NSN 3815-01-369-7497, for your tank's mine clearing blade or IDA roller, NSN 2590-01-380-4852, **do not** throw away the steel casing it comes in!

The IDA emits a magnetic field that's designed to activate magnetic mines. Problem is, unless the IDA is properly shielded during transport, the magnetic field can also affect the accuracy of navigational electronics on aircraft. Not good!

So make sure you hang onto the steel packing container. You'll need it in order to ship the IDA from place to place.

Already tossed the container? You can't order a new one through the supply system, but you can have one fabricated.

The container should be cylindrical in shape and measure 17 to 17 1/2 inches long with an inner diameter of 13 1/4 to 13 1/2 inches. Make the cylinder out of 1/4-in thick mild steel plate stock and seam weld the entire length following the instructions in IDA drawing #12500468.

For a copy of the drawing, send an email to Half-Mast at:

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Secure the shield in place over the rubberized portion of the IDA before repackaging for shipment. Keep in mind that the magnetic field can also affect watches and pacemakers.