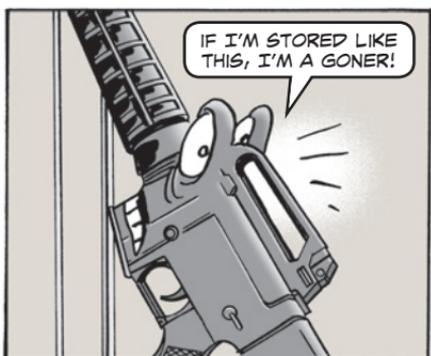
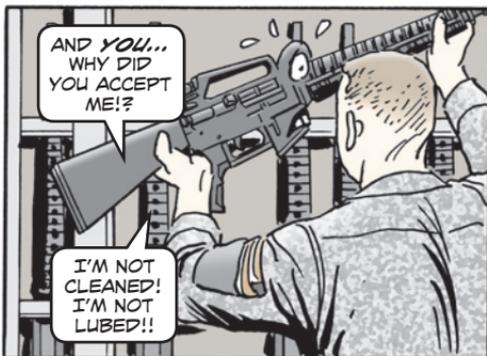


# Clean Weapons Before Storing



Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article in PS 656 on the importance of keeping a dehumidifier running in the arms room to prevent moisture from corroding expensive weapons.

One other point you should make about weapons storage is that it's critical that weapons be thoroughly cleaned and lubed *before* they're stored.

The operator should clean out all burnt gunpowder and carbon from his weapon before he turns it in to the armorer. And the armorer should check that the operator has done that and refuse to accept a weapon that hasn't been thoroughly cleaned and lubed.

Burnt gunpowder or carbon mixed with moisture from humidity can eat a weapon up with corrosion.

Of course, even properly cleaned and lubed weapons should be checked for corrosion at least every 90 days while they're stored, like the -20&P TMs say. No use taking chances.

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*Editor's note: Just a little attention to your weapons pays valuable dividends. Thanks for helping again, SPC*