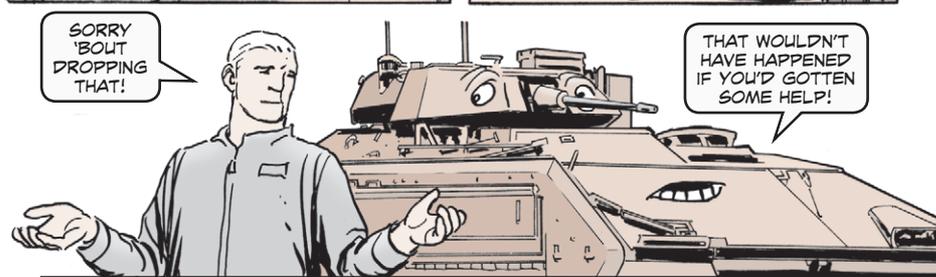
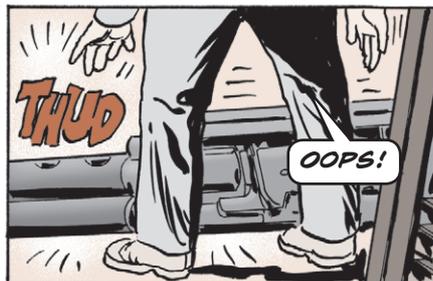
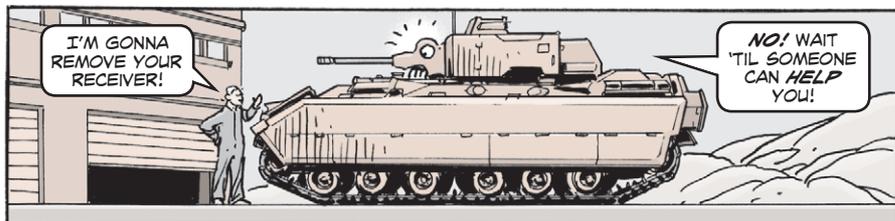


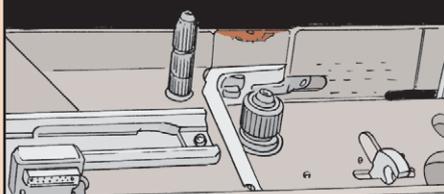
No Damage M242 Removal



Dear Editor,

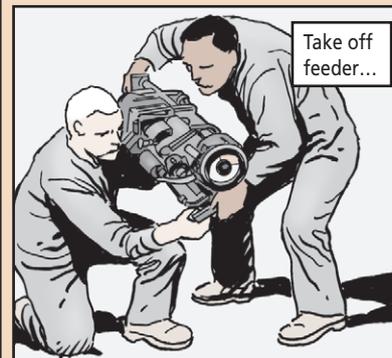
Here at the MATES at the Louisiana National Guard, we have seven M242 automatic gun receivers that have been damaged by careless handling when being removed from Bradleys. We're sure other Bradley units have the same problem. And since a damaged receiver means you have to replace a \$48,000 M242, it's an expensive problem.

Trying to remove M242 receiver by yourself results in bent receiver rails



You can save that expense by removing the receiver with *two* people doing it like this after you make sure the weapon is clear, remove the barrel, and put the manual safety handle to SAFE:

1) The commander takes off the feeder and hands it to the gunner, who steps out of the Bradley and places it on a clean, flat surface. Make sure to lock the feeder handle in the down position to avoid damaging the connector.



2) The commander unlocks the receiver and removes it from the trunnion. After it's clear of the trunnion, he turns it clockwise so it's at a 45-degree angle to hand it to the gunner.

3) The gunner gets down on one knee to take the hand-off. He puts one hand under the end of the receiver and the other hand under the middle of the receiver, while the commander holds the barrel support sleeve. (**Never hold the receiver by the motor. You can wrench it loose.**)



4) The gunner cradles the receiver to carry it out of the Bradley and lays it on a clean, flat surface on its left side so that the motor and solenoid won't be damaged.

This procedure saves receivers and saves your unit lots of money.

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Editor's note: Your receiver tip is received loud and clear. Thanks for helping Bradley crews avoid expensive damage to their M242s.