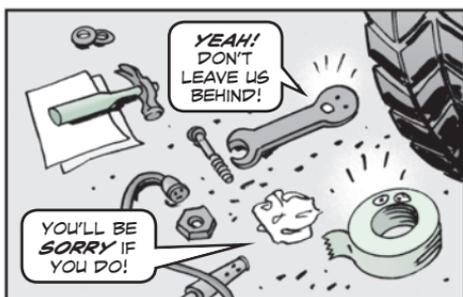


It's the Little Things That *Hurt* the Most



Some soldiers end up putting a lot more into their work than necessary—like pens, loose hardware, tools, TMs, keys, and pocket change. They leave those items behind in the engine compartment after pulling maintenance. And they end up with all kinds of problems.

Electrical shorts, plugged drain holes, torn cables, and punctured fuel cells are just a few of the maintenance nightmares created by leaving little stuff behind.

So, before you start a maintenance task, empty your pockets of all the small items that can cause headaches later. Carefully note the tools you use and make sure you take every one with you.

Then, when maintenance is finished, do a thorough survey of the area. Did you leave anything behind? Look for the packaging material that the new parts came in. And make sure you take away all the old washers, screws and bolts that were replaced.

