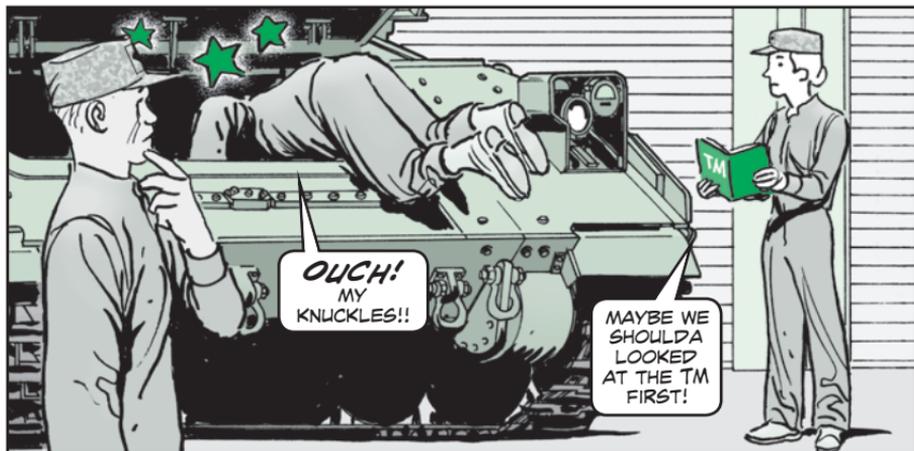


KNUCKLE BUSTER DILEMMA



Dear Half-Mast,

When it's time to pull the powerpack on a Bradley, new mechanics always seem to scratch their heads when it comes to the prop shaft on the right side of the engine compartment.

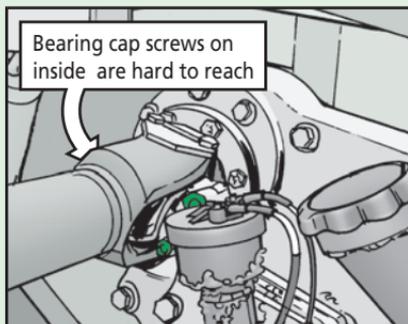
Two of the bearing cap screws are easy to reach. The problem is with the other two. Both screws are behind the prop shaft, so trying to get a wrench on 'em just results in busted knuckles.

The answer to the problem is in the TM, but for some reason it always seems to be overlooked.

You need to tow the Bradley forward about a foot. That rotates the prop shaft 180° and brings the two hidden screws to the outside so they can be easily removed.

Can you pass the word? We're starting to run out of bandages!

SFC S.T.B.



Dear Sergeant S.T.B.,

Consider the word passed. Mechanics, this is just another reason why it's important to follow the TM step-by-step when performing a maintenance task. You won't miss an important step and you'll keep the skin on your knuckles!

Half-Mast