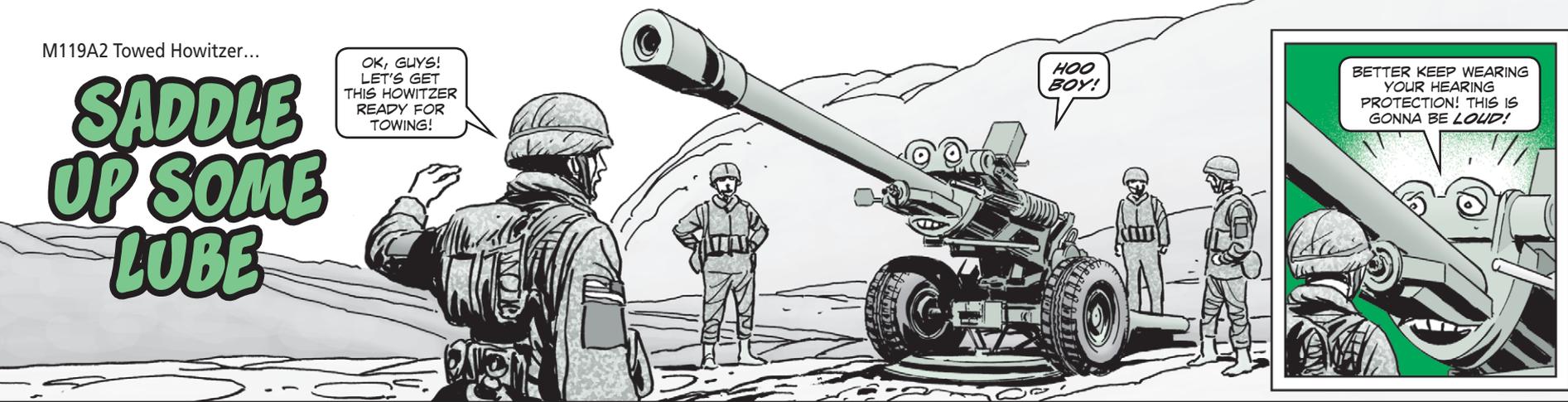


SADDLE UP SOME LUBE

OK, GUYS! LET'S GET THIS HOWITZER READY FOR TOWING!

HOORAY!

BETTER KEEP WEARING YOUR HEARING PROTECTION! THIS IS GONNA BE LOUD!



SKREEE-EEE-EEEEK

BEEN IGNORING THE SADDLE PINTLE LUBE FITTINGS ON YOUR M119A2 HOWITZER LATELY?

WHAT?

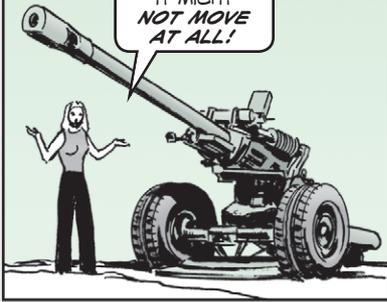


YOU'LL HAVE A LOT HARDER TIME IGNORING THAT EAR-SPLITTING SKREE-E-E-EK! WHEN MOVING THE GUN TO THE TRAVEL OR FIRING POSITION.

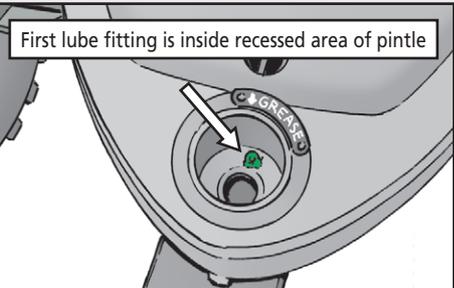
WITHOUT REGULAR LUBE, THE SADDLE PINTLE DRIES UP!

THAT MAKES IT A LOT HARDER—AND NOISIER—TO TRAVERSE AND MOVE THE GUN TO AND FROM THE TRAVEL AND FIRING POSITIONS.

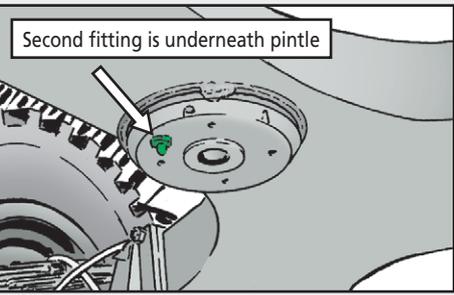
EVENTUALLY, IT MIGHT NOT MOVE AT ALL!



‘Course, location of the grease fittings is part of the problem. The first grease fitting is located on top but inside the recessed portion of the pintle. Its position is marked by a small metal plate, NSN 9905-01-341-8591. The plate is labeled GREASE and has an arrow that points to the fitting.



Unfortunately, that plate is usually either missing or covered with dirt. The pintle itself can fill with dirt, too. That also makes the fitting hard to find.



The second fitting is under the pintle, so it's easy to overlook unless you know where to find it.

Lube both of the fittings weekly with WTR, NSN 9150-00-944-8953. Your howitzer—and your eardrums—will thank you.

M113A3 FOV Radiator Hose Clamp

The radiator hose clamp, NSN 4730-00-278-2523, shown as Item 3 in Fig 49 of TM 9-2350-277-24P (Oct 03), is too large. Instead, use NSN 4730-00-277-6204 (CAGE 58536, PN A-A-52506-F-06) to get the smaller clamp you need for the M113A3 FOV.

M109-Series Howitzer Bore Evacuator

Page J-4, Para J-6.d.(4), of TM 9-1000-202-14, *Evaluation of Cannon Tubes*, says to use molding material when looking for pitting on your M109-series howitzer's bore evacuator. However, no NSN is provided for the molding material. Get it with NSN 9330-01-564-4432. Instructions on how to apply it are on the container.