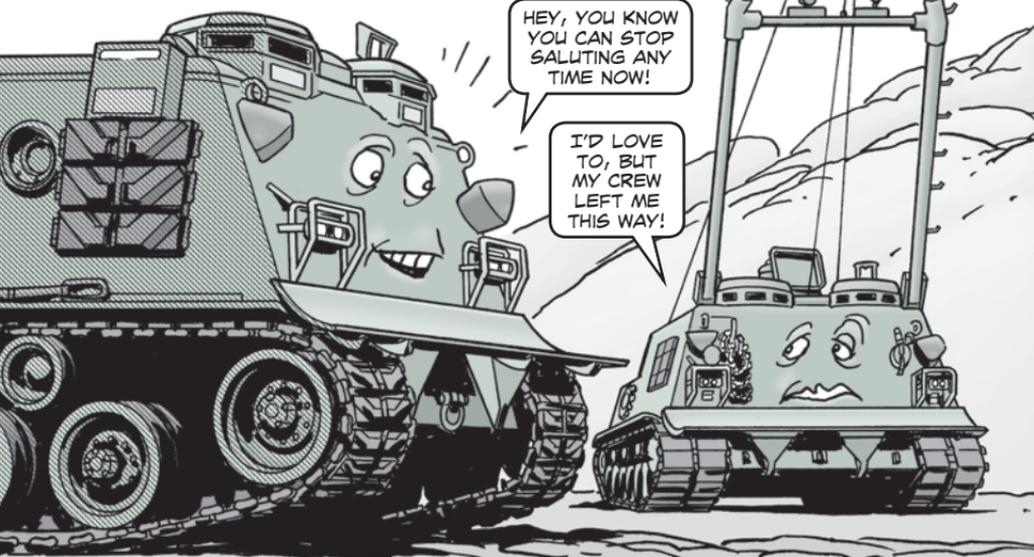


BOOM SALUTE SPELLS DOOM!



HEY, YOU KNOW YOU CAN STOP SALUTING ANY TIME NOW!

I'D LOVE TO, BUT MY CREW LEFT ME THIS WAY!

SURE YOU'RE IN THE ARMY.

AND SO IS YOUR EQUIPMENT.

BUT THAT **DOESN'T** MEAN YOUR M88A1 SHOULD SALUTE ALL THE TIME.

If you leave the boom up when the vehicle is parked, gravity drains the hydraulic fluid from the lift cylinders into its reservoir, leaving behind an air pocket. The next time the boom is lowered, the air pocket can let the boom fall suddenly. That spells doom for equipment or personnel that happen to be in the way!

Follow the information in Item 14 of TM 9-2350-256-10's PMCS tables. Always keep the boom in the stowed (travel lock) position when it's not in use.

If the boom has been in the full-raised position for an extended period of time, follow the instructions on Page 2-142 of TM 9-2350-256-10 to lower it.