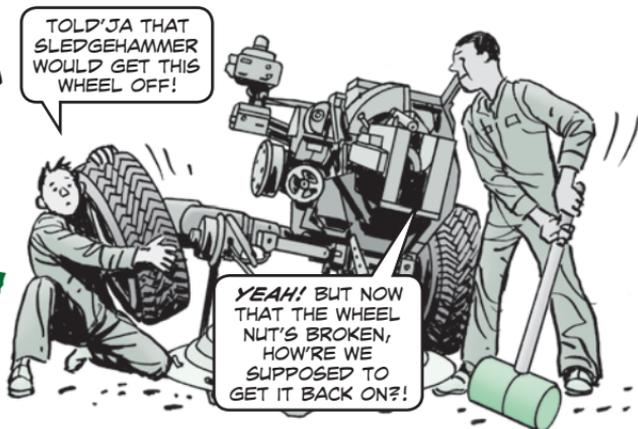
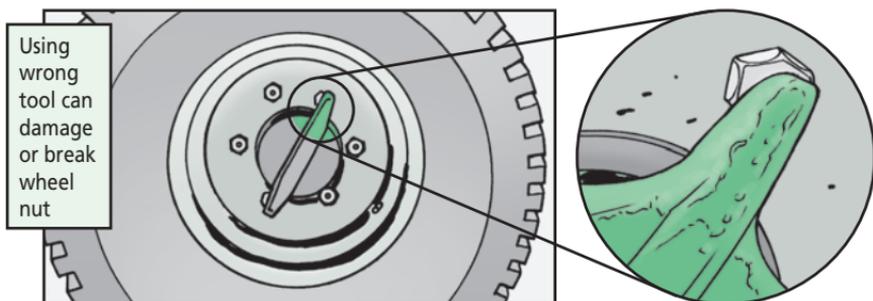


TAP, TAP BEATS WHACK, BANG!



Some operators use whatever's handy to remove the wheel nut, NSN 5310-01-369-2906, and wheel when unfolding their M119A2 howitzer. A sledgehammer, metal pipe, claw hammer, even a big rock—they'll grab anything they can find to do the job quick and easy.



In the long run, this short-term solution just makes the job harder. Sure the wheel nut is metal, but that doesn't mean it's indestructible. Enough of that abuse will damage the wheel nut and maybe even break off its tabs.

You also take the chance of a slip that'll hit and break the valve stem. Then you've got a flat tire to deal with. That's never a good situation when you're out in the boonies.

The right tool to use is the hand hammer, NSN 5120-01-420-8619, that's part of your howitzer's BII. The hammer has a softer brass head that will move the wheel nut without damaging it.

Just remember, even the hand hammer can cause damage if you swing it wildly. All it should take is a few short taps to loosen or tighten the wheel nut.

