

VACATION!
WAH-HOOO!!

LIVE FROM NEW YORK... IT'S
SATURDAY NIGHT!!

WE'RE
ALL GOING TO
CANCLN!

NACHOS
AND CHEESE!
YAHHHH!!

THIS ISN'T HOW
BATTERIES ARE
S'POSED TO BE
STORED!

WE HAVE
PARTYING
BATTERIES AND
THAT'S WHAT
YOU NOTICE?

STOP STEPPIN'
ON MY FEET!

I'M
FLYIN'!

IS THERE
ANY CAKE
LEFT?

A QUESTION ABOUT BATTERY STORAGE



HERE'S A LETTER
I RECEIVED
ABOUT BATTERY
STORAGE...

Dear Half-Mast,

I just got to my new duty station and one of my first jobs was to take over the storage of all the different communications/electronic batteries we use.

I was surprised to see that the Soldier doing the job before had removed all the batteries from their packaging. When I questioned the wisdom of that, I was told that removing the packaging made storage neater, took up less room, and let you more easily see the type and number of batteries you had on the shelves.

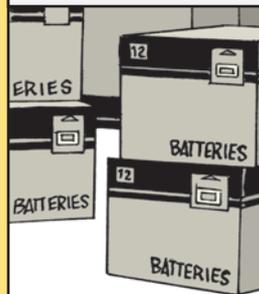
I was always taught that batteries needed to stay in their packaging until use. Was I taught wrong?

SPC J. W.



SPECIALIST
J.W., YOU
WERE TAUGHT
RIGHT!

NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING WHILE IN STORAGE UNTIL READY FOR USE.



THE PACKAGING PREVENTS LOSS OR DAMAGE FROM HIGH HUMIDITY OR DESERT DRY CONDITIONS. IT ALSO PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

WHILE PACKAGING PREVENTS THE OUTSIDE FROM GETTING IN AND DOING HARM, IT ALSO PREVENTS INSIDE-BATTERY LEAKAGE-FROM GETTING OUTSIDE AND PUTTING HARMFUL CHEMICALS IN THE AIR OR ON THE SHELF.

FINALLY, PACKAGING HELPS IDENTIFY BATTERIES BY STOCK NUMBER, MANUFACTURER, LOT NUMBER AND TYPE.

IF THEY ARE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES, THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR THEM IS TO CHARGE THEM UP RIGHT AWAY AND THEN PUT THEM BACK IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING FOR LONG TERM STORAGE. CHARGE THEM ONCE A YEAR FROM THEN ON.

SO, KEEP 'EM PACKAGED AND CHARGED...



... AND PASS THE WORD AROUND YOUR SHOP THAT HALF-MAST TOLD YOU TO!