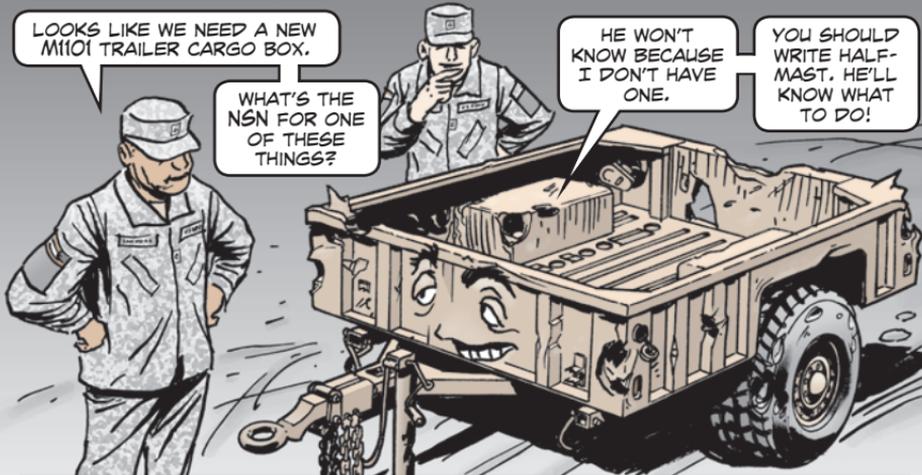


REPLACEMENT CARGO BOX?



Dear Half-Mast,

We need the NSNs for the cargo boxes on M1101 and M1102 light tactical trailers. How do we get them?

SFC H.E.P.

Dear Sergeant H.E.P.,

This is a popular question! TACOM LCMC tells us that there aren't any NSNs. Here's why:

You can get a new cargo box for \$4,700 plus shipping and handling. A phone call to Kevin Mulrenin of Silver Eagle Manufacturing, (800) 547-6792, gets you help with this. His email is: kevin.mulrenin@silvereaglemg.com

But listen. The cargo box is anchored to the frame using "huck" rivets. (It's not bolted down to the frame like the old M101-series trailers of the past.)

Now here's where it gets interesting. Got your calculator handy? If your unit doesn't have a huck rivet gun, getting one will set you back \$3,500 on top of the cost of the cargo box. That's at least an \$8,200 repair job! A new trailer costs \$8,900 and the current MEL for the trailer is 65%.

So you'll have to get a new trailer if you don't have a huck rivet gun. If you do have one, it'll take two Soldiers two days to do the repair job.

I hope the drivers in your unit aren't turning too quickly while hauling these trailers. That could roll over or jack-knife the trailer. Trailers with extensive damage should be coded out as Code H and sent to the bone yard for scrap.

Contact Mark Worden at TACOM LCMC if you need more help.

He's at (248) 588-9335 and mark.worden.civ@mail.mil

Tell him Half-Mast sent you.

Half-Mast