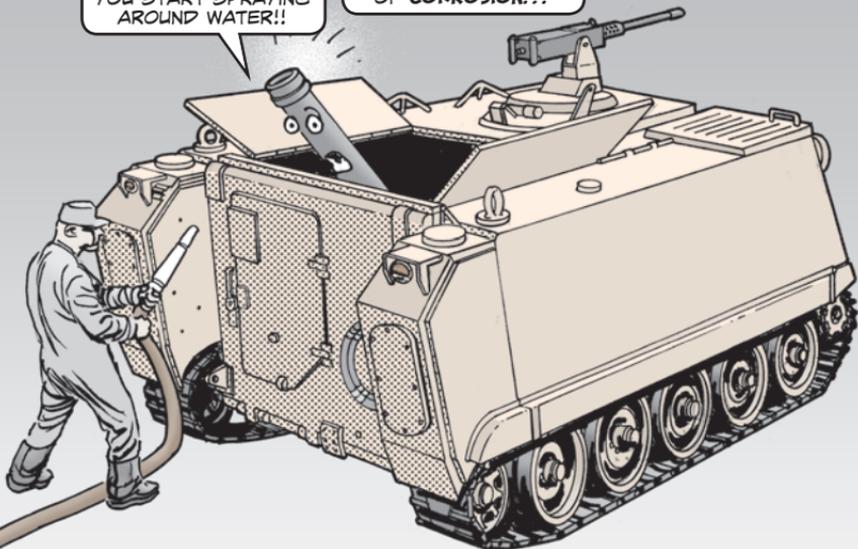


M121  
Mortar...

HEY! TAKE ME  
OUTTA HERE BEFORE  
YOU START SPRAYING  
AROUND WATER!!

ARE YA TRYIN' TO  
GIVE ME A BAD CASE  
OF CORROSION!?!



## REMOVE MORTAR BEFORE WASHING

Dear Editor,

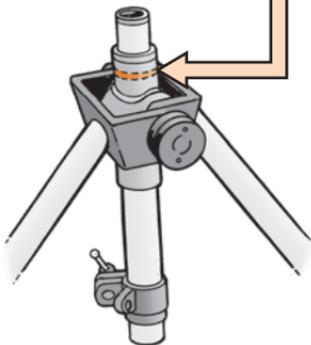
As a TACOM LAR at Ft Riley, I've encountered several M121 with M191 bipod mortars that had corroded so badly that their elevation systems had seized.

The usual cause of this is Soldiers leaving the M121 inside the mortar carrier while they pressure wash the rear of the carrier. Some of that water ends up inside the M121 and corrosion follows. If Soldiers remove the M121 before they wash the M1064-series mortar carrier, there is no problem.

A worn felt seal inside the mortar can also lead to corrosion. Rainwater seeps in past the seal. The semiannual services state "remove and inspect preformed felt for serviceability." I suggest repairmen replace the \$1 seal every six months regardless of its condition. Order the seal with NSN 5330-01-325-9971.

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Wash rack ruins bipod felt seal (inside)



*Editor's note: Excellent suggestions, Gerald. Listen up, mortar men!*