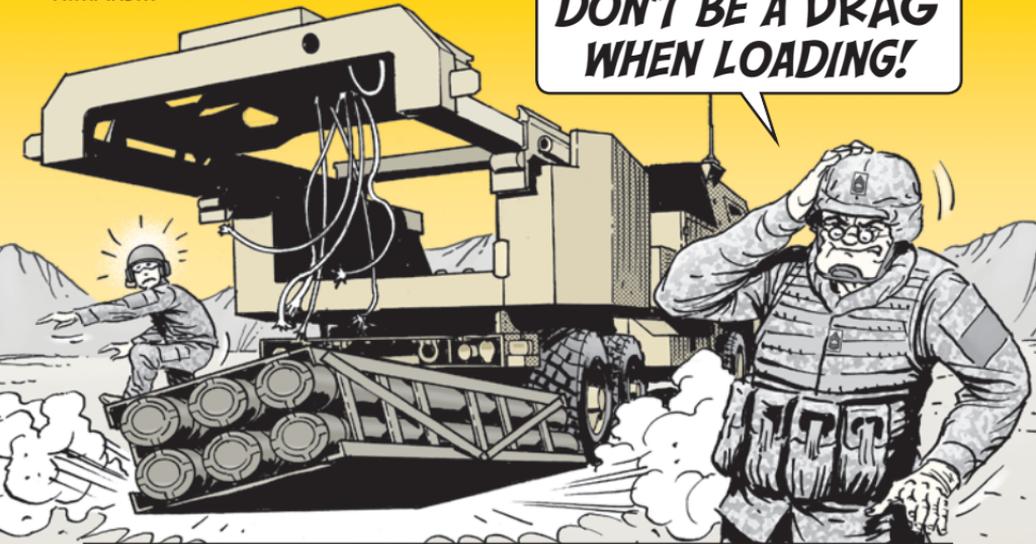


HIMARS...

**DON'T BE A DRAG  
WHEN LOADING!**



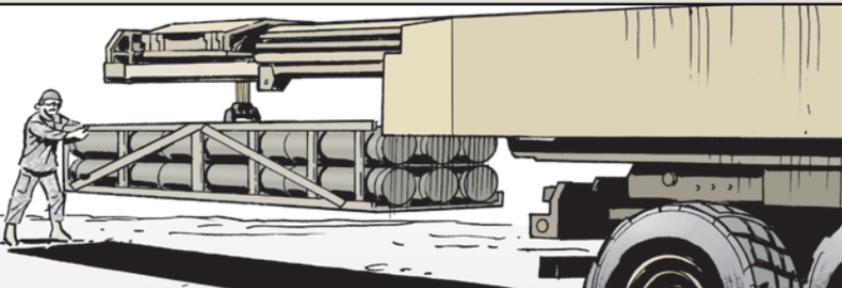
IN ONE 18-MONTH PERIOD, **28** DIFFERENT M142 HIMARS HOIST CABLES **FAILED**. AND IT'S **NOT** BECAUSE THE CABLES WERE DEFECTIVE. IT WAS BECAUSE **LOADING PROCEDURES** WERE NOT CORRECTLY FOLLOWED!

Crews are using the hoist cable to drag the rocket pod. That results in the cable fraying or being cut when it slips off the hoist pulley. If that happens often enough, the cable breaks.

Dragging the rocket pod is a drag for the hoist cable. Save the cable by following this caution from TM 9-1055-1646-13&P:

**CAUTION:** To prevent damage to the hoist assembly and/or the rocket pod or GMLA, do not drag rocket pod or GMLA. The hoist hook and pulley assembly should be positioned as close as possible over the hoist lifting bars of the rocket pod and GMLA...

15.9 inches  
is maximum  
distance  
hoist hook  
can be from  
pod's hoist  
lifting bars



...When the rocket pod or GMLA is on the ground, the maximum distance allowed is the width of the hoist hook and pulley assembly [15.9 inches]. This distance decreases to 0 if the rocket pod or GMLA is lifted from a resupply vehicle or trailer.