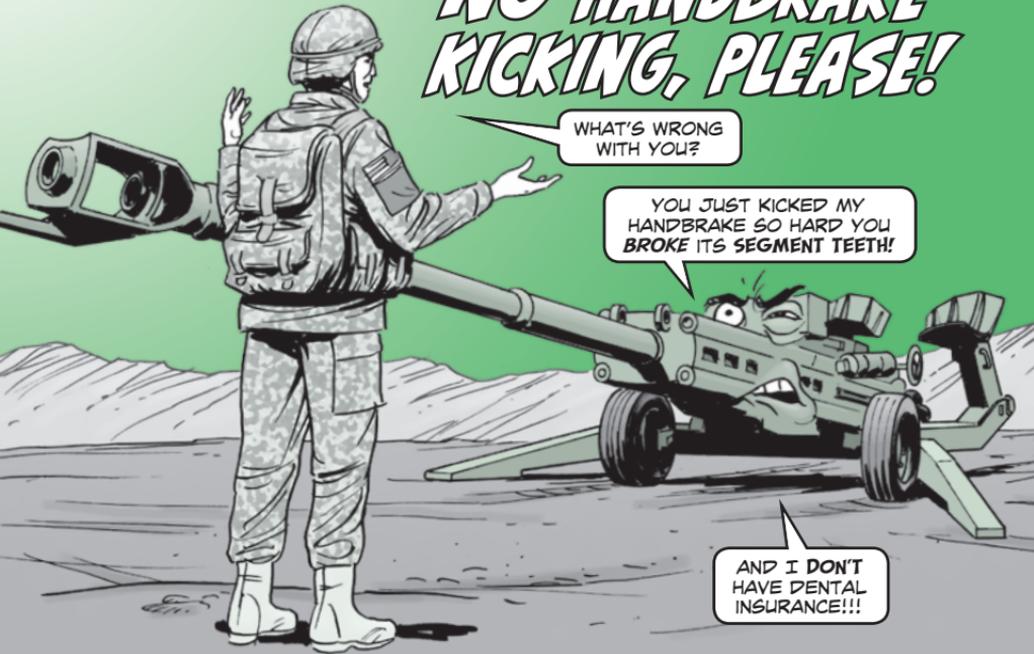


# NO HANDBRAKE KICKING, PLEASE!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

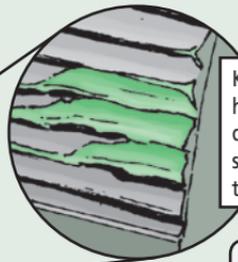
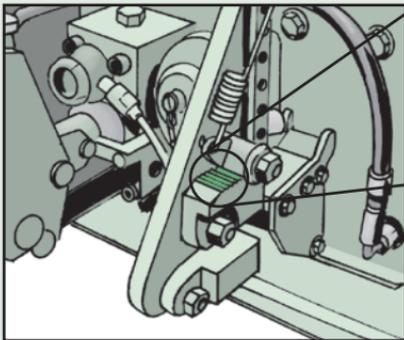
YOU JUST KICKED MY HANDBRAKE SO HARD YOU BROKE ITS SEGMENT TEETH!

AND I DON'T HAVE DENTAL INSURANCE!!!

Dear Editor,

When we do the scheduled services on the M777A2 howitzer, we often find cracked ratchet handbrake brackets. This is caused by Soldiers kicking the handle to release the handbrake, which damages the brake's segment teeth. It costs almost \$1,400 to replace the handbrake.

If you can't get the handbrake to release, tell your repairman. Your feet aren't the solution.



Kicking handbrake damages segment teeth

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**Editor's note:**

Yes, let's put the brakes on broken brake teeth.