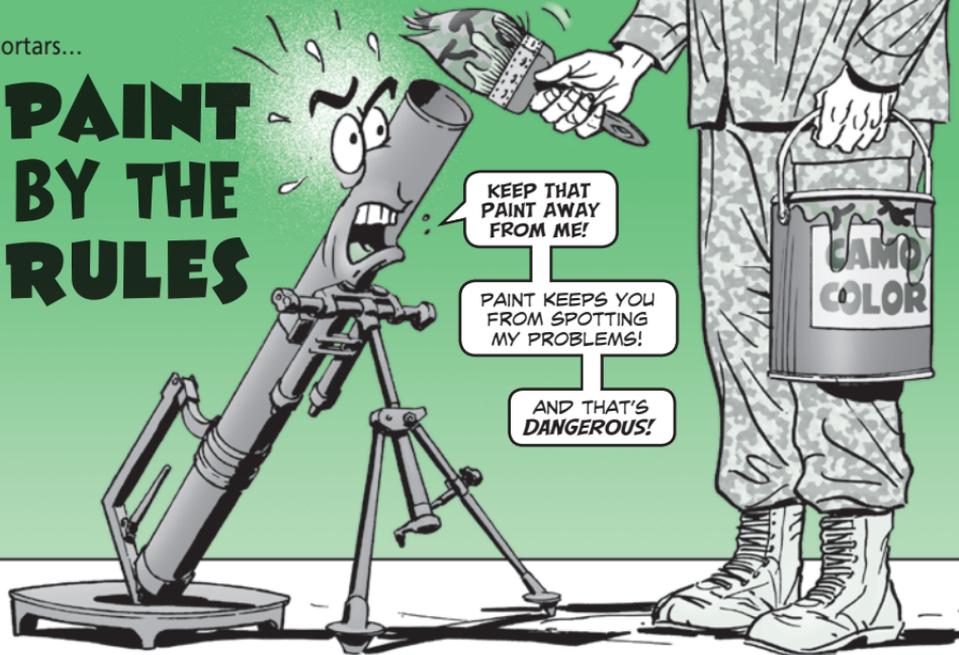


Mortars...

PAINT BY THE RULES



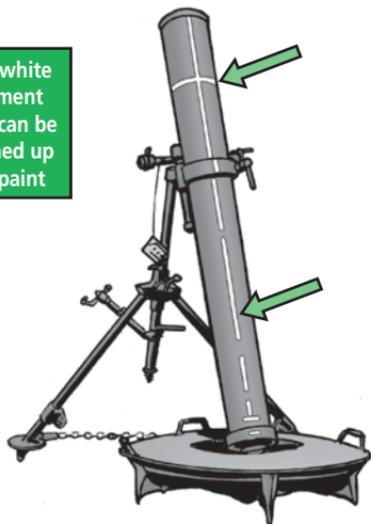
Some mortar units are painting their mortars, usually with camouflage colors. That's not a good idea.

Paint can make it hard to accurately inspect the mortar for problems. You could end up firing a mortar that's unsafe for firing.

The only painting allowed is what's specifically mentioned in the field maintenance sections of the mortars' TMs. For example, if the white lines used for alignment on the M120A1 mortar are chipped or faded, you can touch them up following the instructions in WP 0035-4 of TM 9-1015-256-13&P (Aug 12).

Otherwise, leave the paint brush at home.

Only white alignment lines can be touched up with paint



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