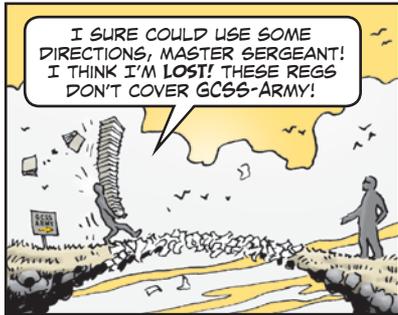
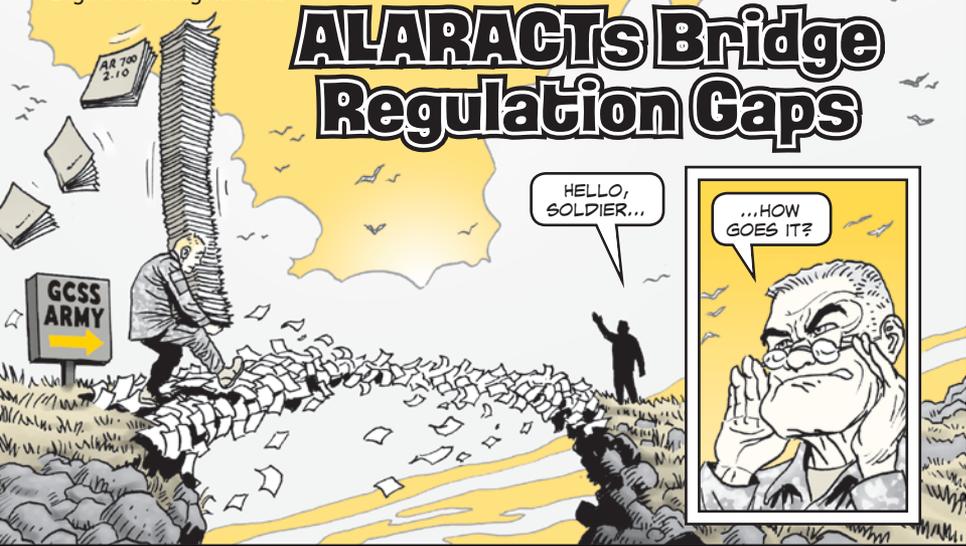
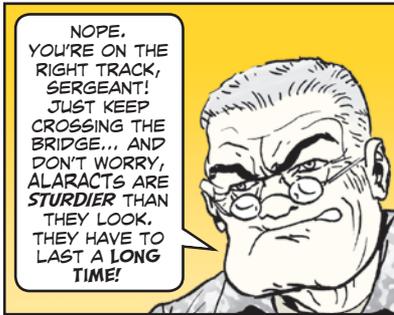


# ALARACTs Bridge Regulation Gaps



I SURE COULD USE SOME DIRECTIONS, MASTER SERGEANT! I THINK I'M LOST! THESE REGS DON'T COVER GCSS-ARMY!



NOPE. YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, SERGEANT! JUST KEEP CROSSING THE BRIDGE... AND DON'T WORRY, ALARACTs ARE STURDIER THAN THEY LOOK. THEY HAVE TO LAST A LONG TIME!

Dear Half-Mast,

There are so many regulations that cover the way we currently do logistics in the Army. What's the plan for all these regs to catch up with GCSS-Army?

SGT T.C.

Dear Sergeant,

Good question. As many of us old-timers know, it can take awhile for Army publications to catch up with actual practices.

Currently, G-4 is revising the following logistics regs: AR 700-138, AR 710-1, AR 710-2, AR 725-50, DA Pam 735-5 and DA Pam 750-8.

Until the updated versions of the pubs are released, G-4 will use All Army Activities (ALARACT) messages to get the word out about any important changes to regulatory guidance or logistics processes as a result of GCSS-Army.

You can view, search or download ALARACTs and other Army policies using the Logistics Innovation Agency's Enterprise Policy Interactive Capacity (EPIC) search tool at: <https://epic.lia.army.mil/>

We covered EPIC in detail on Pages 56-58 in PS 744. You can view or download the article here:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2014/744/744-56-58.pdf>

Another way to keep up with the latest pub changes is by subscribing to the Army Publishing Directorate's weekly update at:

[http://www.apd.army.mil/AdminPubs/new\\_subscribe.asp#subscribe](http://www.apd.army.mil/AdminPubs/new_subscribe.asp#subscribe)

To stay in the know about GCSS-Army, it's a good idea to get into the habit of checking the GCSS-Army website regularly at: <http://gcss.army.mil>

You can also subscribe to receive automatic updates on fielding, training and other issues at: <http://gcss.army.mil/Support/register.aspx>

*Half-Mast*



Dear Editor,

Here's a little brainteaser for you: What's a *scrap break*? This spot quiz woke up workers during PMCS (refresher) training here at Kaiserslautern Army Depot. Nobody knew the answer.

Answer: A *scrap break* is anything that slows down the process of machinery becoming scrap due to missing lubrication. In other words, using an oil can or oiler would be considered a scrap break.

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Editor's Note:

Kudos for your scrappy style of waking up mechanics, Sir. This kind of creativity explains why we've seen your maintenance activity listed in the Army Awards for Maintenance Excellence many times. Now we just need to convince the Army to add this to official terminology!