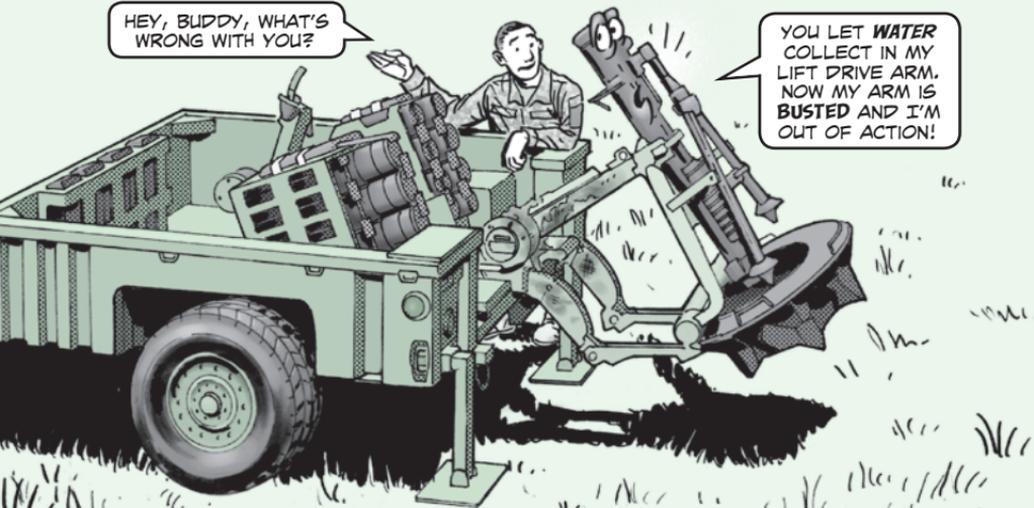


Don't Let **WATER** Disarm Mortar Kit

HEY, BUDDY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

YOU LET **WATER** COLLECT IN MY LIFT DRIVE ARM. NOW MY ARM IS **BUSTED** AND I'M OUT OF ACTION!

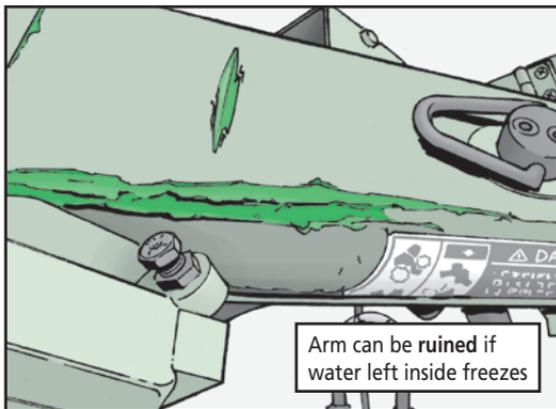


Dear Editor,

We've run into a serious problem with the M326 mortar stowage kit when it's mounted on the M1101/M1102 trailer.

When the M326 is left outside with its manual lift drive arm stowed in the up position, the arm collects water. In the winter, the water freezes inside the lifting arm, causing it to distort, crack, or burst. A damaged lifting arm is unsafe to use and makes the whole M326 NMC.

The best solution is to park the M326 inside if possible. If you can't, keep the M326 covered with a tarp while it's parked outside.



Arm can be ruined if water left inside freezes

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Editor's note: Way to disarm that arm problem! Thanks for the tip. A good tarp for the job comes with NSN 2540-00-653-7589.