



Vehicles...

# Canvas Needs Care Too!

HERE'S THE RIGHT STUFF!

Canvas is all that stands between a truck's cargo—or passengers—and the cold, wet world. That tarp will keep things dry, tho, if you regularly treat it with canvas preservative coating, NSN 8030-00-281-2346. Wash off any dirt, oil, grease and mildew. Check for any tears, holes, ripped seams and mildew-weakened spots. If you can stick your finger thru the fabric, patch it or have the panel replaced. Use the tentage repair kit, NSN 8340-00-262-5767, to make repairs. You'll find the word on using the repair kit in Chap 6 of FM 10-16. If you can't fix the damage using the repair kit, turn the cover in to DS for repair.

Replace any missing or broken ropes, buckles and straps. Put the cover on the truck. It's easier to apply the preservative that way, and the coating will dry faster. The coating is **flammable** while it's wet, so don't smoke, and keep open flames away. Have a fire extinguisher handy, too. You'll find details on applying the coating on Page 2 of C2 to TM 10-8340-211-13. That's a tent TM, but you use the same procedure. Treating is also covered in Chap 14 of FM 10-16. Let the first coat dry four hours, then coat the seams again. Make sure the canvas is completely dry before taking it off the truck.