



## FLOOR MATS A-OK

Dear Windy,

The floor in the troop area of our Kiowa (OH-58A) is thin and can be easily punctured. The floor is actually the inner skin of the lower aft fuselage structural panel.

Many repairs could lead to evacuation of the bird to support for replacement of the panel.

Is there any way to protect the floor to cut down on repairs?

SP6 R.J.S.

Dear Specialist R.J.S.

Yes, indeed!

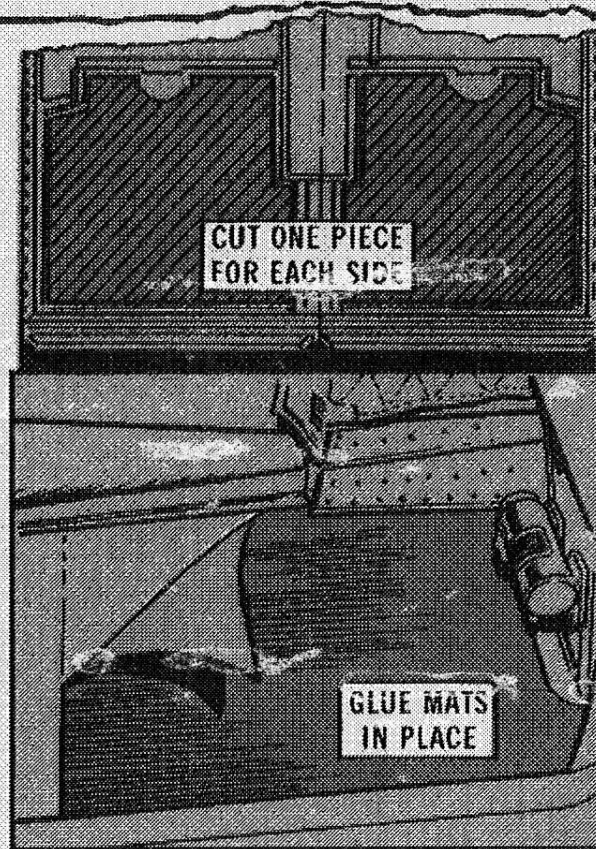
Latch onto a roll of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in corrugated black rubber floor matting, listed in Fed Cat C7220/90-IL-A (Dec 71) as FSN 7220-753-2982.

Cut 2 pieces to fit each side of the troop area. Weight added to the bird will be negligible.

You've got to glue the mats in place so they won't end up in the tail rotor.

Clean the floor and apply a coating of adhesive. FSN 8040-273-8717, listed in Fed Cat C8000-IL-A (Oct 71), will get you a 1-pt can.

Press the mats in place and you'll get protection from dents and punctures . . . prevents troops from slipping, too.



Windy