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FORT WHICH DID NOT RETURN!

BAKER'S DOZEN!

END OF THE SEA WOLF!



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 GEFREITER HANS MÜLLER...
 DIED... TWO DAYS AGO...
 OR--SO HE
 THOUGHT!

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THE DAMP-COLD INVADES
THE TREES... CONDENSES
ON THE RIFLE... GRIPS
THE MAN!

I-I'M
SCARED!
I'M-



HIS OWN VOICE STARTLES HIM!
HE TREMBLES... FROM THE COLD...
FROM A DREAD FEAR!

I... I KNOW
THE ENEMY'S
AROUND HERE...
SOMEPLACE!



BUT... I'VE GOT
TO KEEP
MOVING! I-I'VE
GOT TO--



UP AHEAD THE BLACK
BRANCHES SPROUT AN
UGLY IRON SNOUT!



THE IRON
SNOUT
SNIFFS
THE WINTER
AIR LIKE
A HUNGRY
WOLF--AND
THE IRON
MOUTH
HOWLS!

WHUM

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HOURS PASS... AS THE ROLLING WINTER FOG DISCLOSES A SHELL-TORN, BURN-SCARRED GROUND!
IT MOVES... SHREPPED TREE LIMBS RUSTLE... THE FOREST SEEMS TO SIGH...



M-MY LEG...
FEELS LIKE
IT'S...
BROKEN!

I CAN
HARDLY...
STAND
UP...

HIS IMPULSE IS TO CRY... MOAN... SCREAM!
BUT-- WHO WOULD HEAR... EXCEPT THE ENEMY?



TH- THEY USED
A SHELL... TO
STOP ONE
MAN!

M-MAYBE
THEY FIGURED
I'D TELL... MY
OUTFIT... THEY'RE
HERE... WAITING
IN THESE
WOODS!



THE WOUNDED
G.I. CLUTCHES
THE THOUGHT!
IT BECOMES
HIS REASON
TO GO ON!

I MUST
REACH MY
OUTFIT!-- TELL
THEM... PASS
THE WORD!

THROUGH THE TANGLING THICKET THE MAN PAINFULLY DRAGS HIMSELF-- THE ICY FOG
CHOKING HIS GASPING LUNGS! THEN... AHEAD... IN A CLEARING...



IT'S-- IT'S
A HOUSE!

H- HERE...
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE!

I'M... GETTING WEAKER!
G-GOT TO REACH... THE DOOR!

M-MAYBE... SOMEONE INSIDE CAN... GET WORD TO... THE OUTFIT!



UHHNH...



WITHIN THE SOLDIER'S MIND A TITANIC STRUGGLE BEGINS... HE FEELS HIMSELF DRIFTING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS... AS ONCE MORE HE WANDERS THROUGH THE WOODS! TREES TURN INTO LIVING HORRORS... WHOSE MOUTHS GAPE TO DEVOUR HIM!





THE TERRIBLE FEARFUL IMAGES DISAPPEAR... AS THE G.I. SLOWLY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

WH-WHERE AM I? WHO ARE... YOU?

REST... YOU ARE SAFE FROM HARM!



THANKS-UNH-FOR PATCHING M-ME UP! BUT... I MUST GO! MUST GET TO MY OUTFIT--

YOU ARE TOO WEAK! THERE IS TIME... TO WARN YOUR FRIENDS! BE PATIENT...



AYE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT WAR! ABOUT MEN... CAUGHT IN THE MAELSTROM OF NATIONS IN CONFLICT...!

YES... I KNOW ABOUT WAR! LET ME TELL YOU OF THE THINGS I'VE SEEN! LISTEN... CAREFULLY...

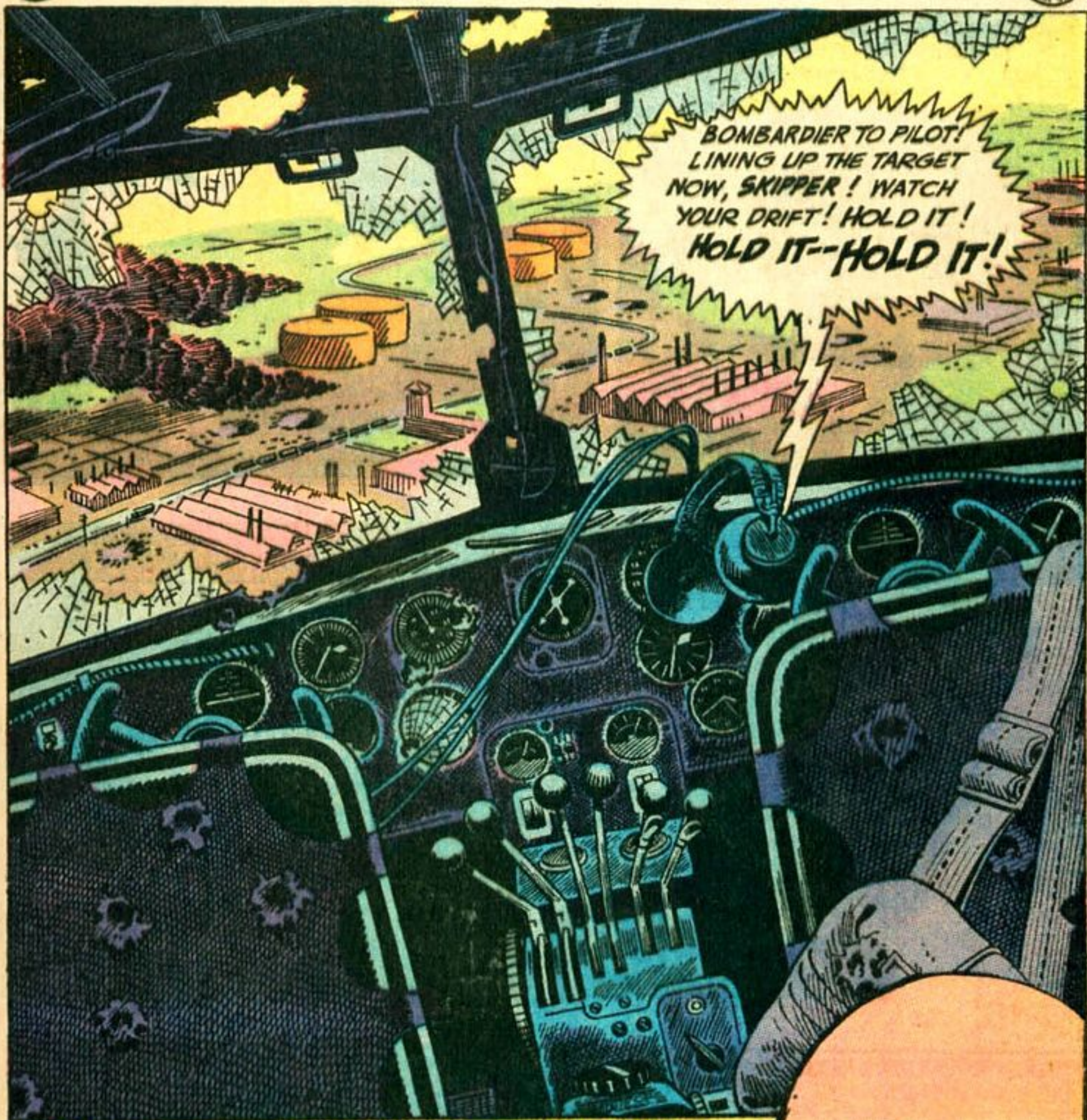


THE ENEMY... IS ALL AROUND US! AND YOU SAY I HAVE TIME...?

I AM AN OLD MAN... I HAVE SEEN MANY WARS... FOUGHT MANY BATTLES!



I MUST BE... GOING OUT OF MY MIND! I'M ALIVE... THOUGH I SHOULD'VE BEEN KILLED! I FIND A HOUSE... WHERE THERE SHOULD BE NONE! AND--AN OLD MAN ADVISES ME ON WAR!



**BOMBARDIER TO PILOT!
LINING UP THE TARGET
NOW, SKIPPER! WATCH
YOUR DRIFT! HOLD IT!
HOLD IT--HOLD IT!**

**ON WAR, THE SKY BECOMES A PLACE OF MYSTERY!
STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN... FOR WHICH NO
LOGICAL EXPLANATIONS CAN BE MADE!
HERE IS A TALE TOLD BY THE MAN TO WHOM
IT HAPPENED... OF THE...**

FORT WHICH DID NOT RETURN!



IT HAD BEEN A LONG TRIP FROM THE DUTCH UNDERGROUND, TO THE FRENCH MAQUIS, TO THE CHANNEL FISHERMEN WHO HAD FERRIED THE **BOMBARDIER** TO THE ENGLISH COAST...



DURING ALL THAT TIME HE HAD WONDERED WHAT HE WAS GOING TO TELL HIS **FLYING FORT SQUADRON** MATES IF HE MADE IT BACK...



THE **BOMBARDIER** KNEW NOW WHAT HE HAD KNOWN ALL ALONG...



THE SILENCE IN THE **BOMBARDIER'S** FACE--THE STRANGE, FARAWAY LOOK IN HIS EYES, TURNED HIS FRIENDS AWAY...



THERE WAS ANOTHER BOMBING RAID THAT EVENING... AND THE **FORTS** WERE LINED UP...

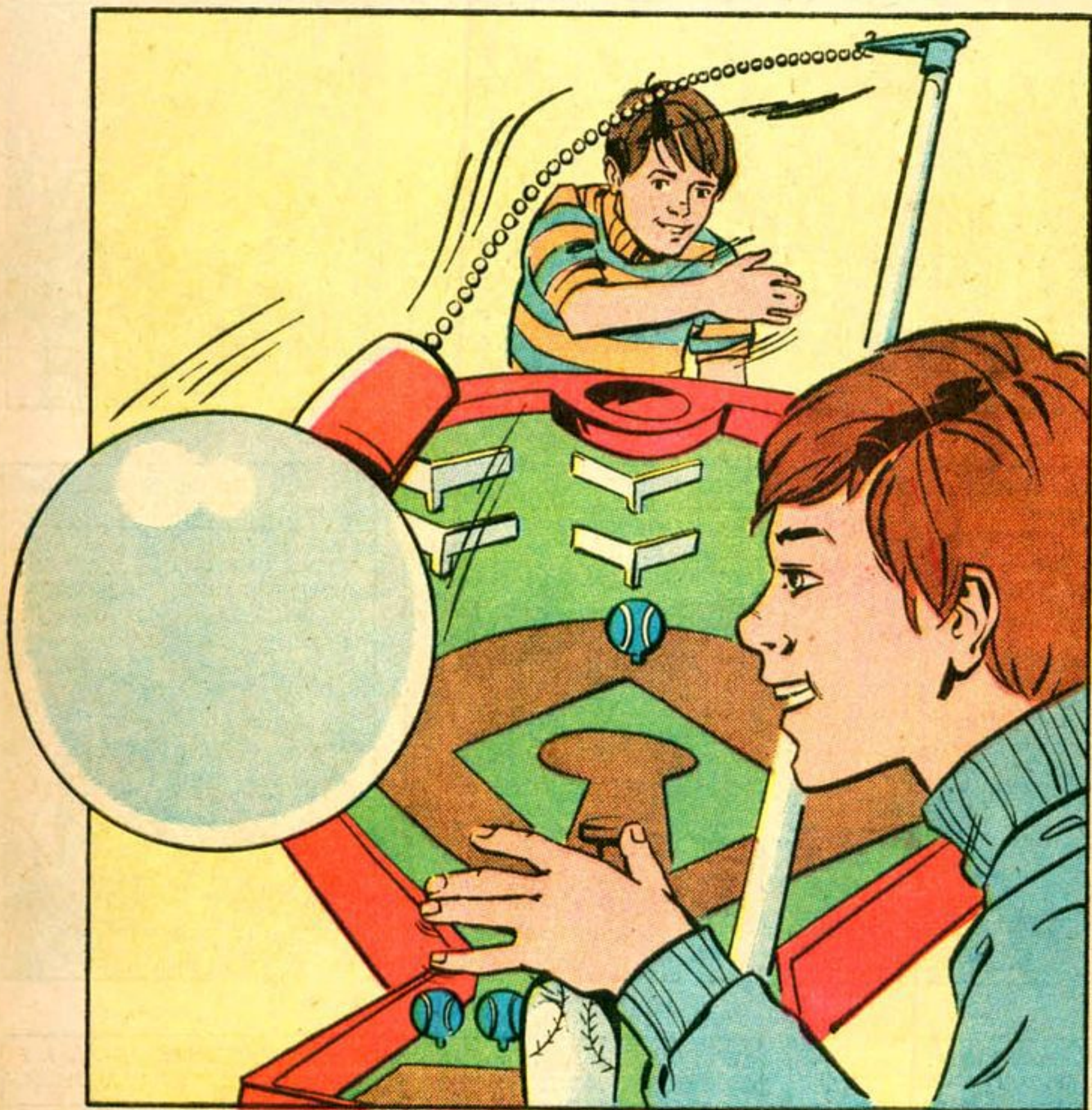


THE **BOMBARDIER'S** THOUGHTS FLED BEFORE THE HURT IN HIS HEART... AND FILLED IN THE SPACE WITH THE SIGHT OF HIS **FORT** AND ITS CREW AS THEY APPEARED *THAT DAY* WHEN...



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What would you call a game with pitchers, hitters, runners, outs, base hits, double plays, home runs and a . . . chain?



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EVERYONE IN THE B-17 CREW PATTED MOTHER HEN ON HIS WAY INTO THE SHIP... THE PILOT...



I'M DEPENDING ON YOU, MOTHER HEN!

"MOTHER HEN"

THE CO-PILOT...



YOU'LL GET US THERE, MOTHER HEN!

THE NAVIGATOR...



MOTHER HEN... I'LL LAY OUT THE COURSE--AND I KNOW YOU'LL FOLLOW IT RIGHT DOWN THE LINE!

THE BOMBARDIER...



YOU'RE GOING TO LAY T.N.T. "EGGS" RIGHT DOWN THEIR SMOKESTACKS, MOTHER HEN!

THE TWO WAIST GUNNERS... RIGHT WAIST... LEFT WAIST...



I WON'T LET ANY OF THOSE BIG BAD FIGHTERS NEAR YOU, MOTHER HEN!

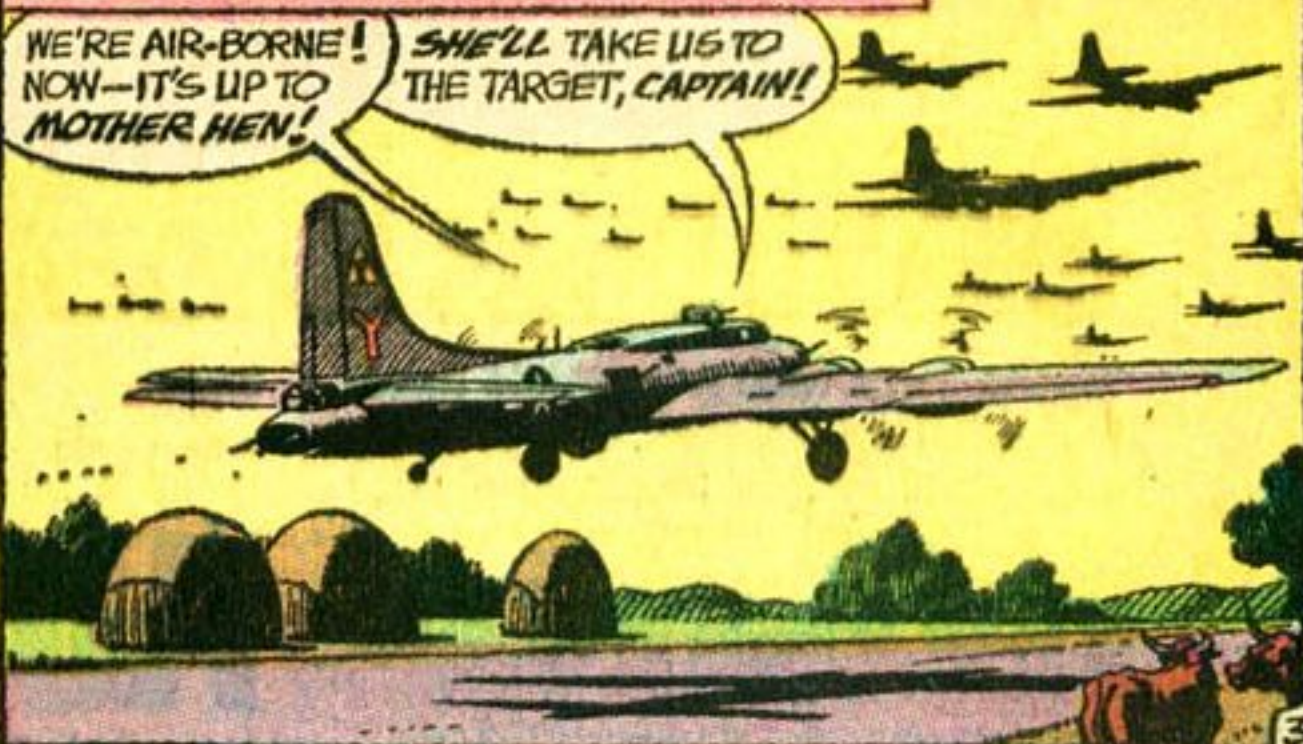
THAT GOES FOR ME, MOTHER HEN!

THE TAIL GUNNER...



I'LL KEEP 'EM OFF YOUR TAIL, MOTHER HEN!

CONTROL TOWER GAVE THE FLYING FORTS THE GREEN LIGHT--AND THE B-17 CALLED MOTHER HEN WADDLED DOWN THE RUNWAY AND HOPPED INTO THE AIR WITH THE REST OF THE FLIGHT...



WE'RE AIR-BORNE! NOW--IT'S UP TO MOTHER HEN!

SHE'LL TAKE US TO THE TARGET, CAPTAIN!

IN THE COMPARTMENT, IN THE EXTREME NOSE, THE **BOMBARDIER** HAD AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF THE COUNTRY RUSHING UNDERNEATH THE **FORT**...



I'M FAR OUT IN FRONT HERE! ISOLATED! LIKE AN INFANTRY SCOUT AHEAD OF HIS BUDDIES! BUT I KNOW **MOTHER HEN** WILL HOLD ME UP!

IN THE PILOT'S COMPARTMENT IN FRONT OF THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WING, SEATING THE **PILOT** AND **CO-PILOT**...



NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DUCK FIGHTERS ON THE WAY TO THE TARGET! DUCK FLAK OVER THE TARGET! AND DUCK FIGHTERS ON THE WAY **BACK HOME!**

MOTHER HEN WILL CARRY US EVERY FOOT OF THE WAY, CAPTAIN!

AT HIS "FLYING DESK" THE **NAVIGATOR** BENT OVER HIS CHARTS...



PILOT TO **NAVIGATOR** TO **PILOT!** IN THIRTY SECONDS YOU SHOULD SEE OUR HOW WE DOING? **NAVIGATOR** TO **PILOT!** IN THIRTY SECONDS YOU SHOULD SEE OUR HOW WE DOING? **NAVIGATOR** TO **PILOT!** IN THIRTY SECONDS YOU SHOULD SEE OUR HOW WE DOING? **NAVIGATOR** TO **PILOT!** IN THIRTY SECONDS YOU SHOULD SEE OUR HOW WE DOING?

TWENTY EIGHT SECONDS TICK BY... TWENTY NINE... THIRTY...



NAVIGATOR CALLED IT RIGHT ON THE NOSE, **LIEUTENANT!** THERE'S THE RIVER-- ON MY **LEFT!**

CHECK! **MOTHER HEN** ISN'T STRAYING AN INCH OUT OF THE WAY!

AT **PORT** AND **STARBOARD**--WAIST GUNNER POSITIONS...



HEAR **MOTHER HEN** PURR, **STARBOARD?** **CATS "PURR", PORT!** BUT I DIG YOU!

IN THE TAIL, THE **TAIL GUNNER** WATCHED ENEMY TERRITORY RUSHING BACKWARDS AWAY FROM THE **FORT**...



AND I USED TO GET SICK WHEN I SAT **BACKWARDS** IN A TRAIN! NOW LOOK AT ME! ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN "LEFT FIELD" SUSPENDED 8000 FEET IN SPACE!



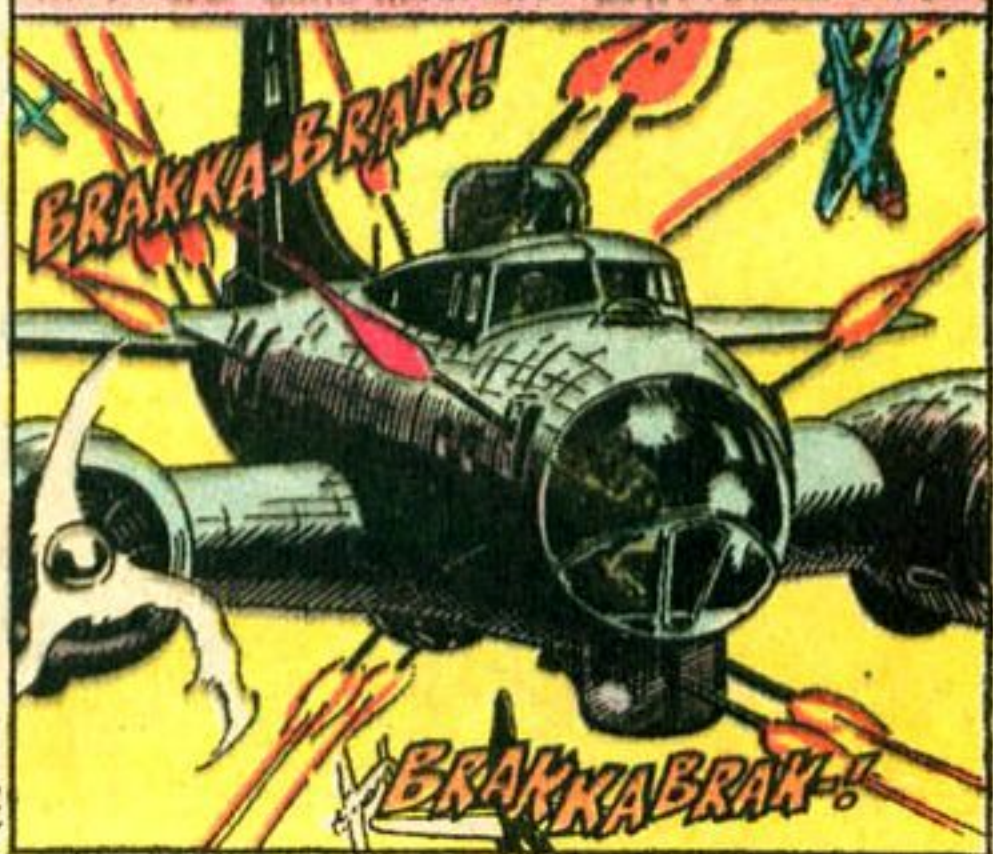
TWELVE MINUTES LATER THE FIRST GROUP OF FIGHTERS ARRIVED DOWN AT THE FORTS!



FWS AT 3 O'CLOCK HIGH! KEEP A TIGHT FORMATION NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS! CLOSE UP!--CLOSE UP!

RATTATTATA

THE FORTS' GUNS WERE LIKE HEAVY ARTILLERY!



BRAKKA BRAK!

BUT THE FOCKE-WULFS WERE AS HARD TO PIN DOWN AS ANGRY, BUZZING MOSQUITOES.



RATTATTATA

AND THOUGH SOME OF THE FIGHTERS WERE SLAPPED DOWN BY FORT GUNS-- OTHERS STUNG THE FORTS WITH A FATAL BITE!

THE GUYS IN THE BROOKLYN BELLE GOT IT! WHO'S THAT UP THERE AHEAD STARTING TO GO DOWN? I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT!



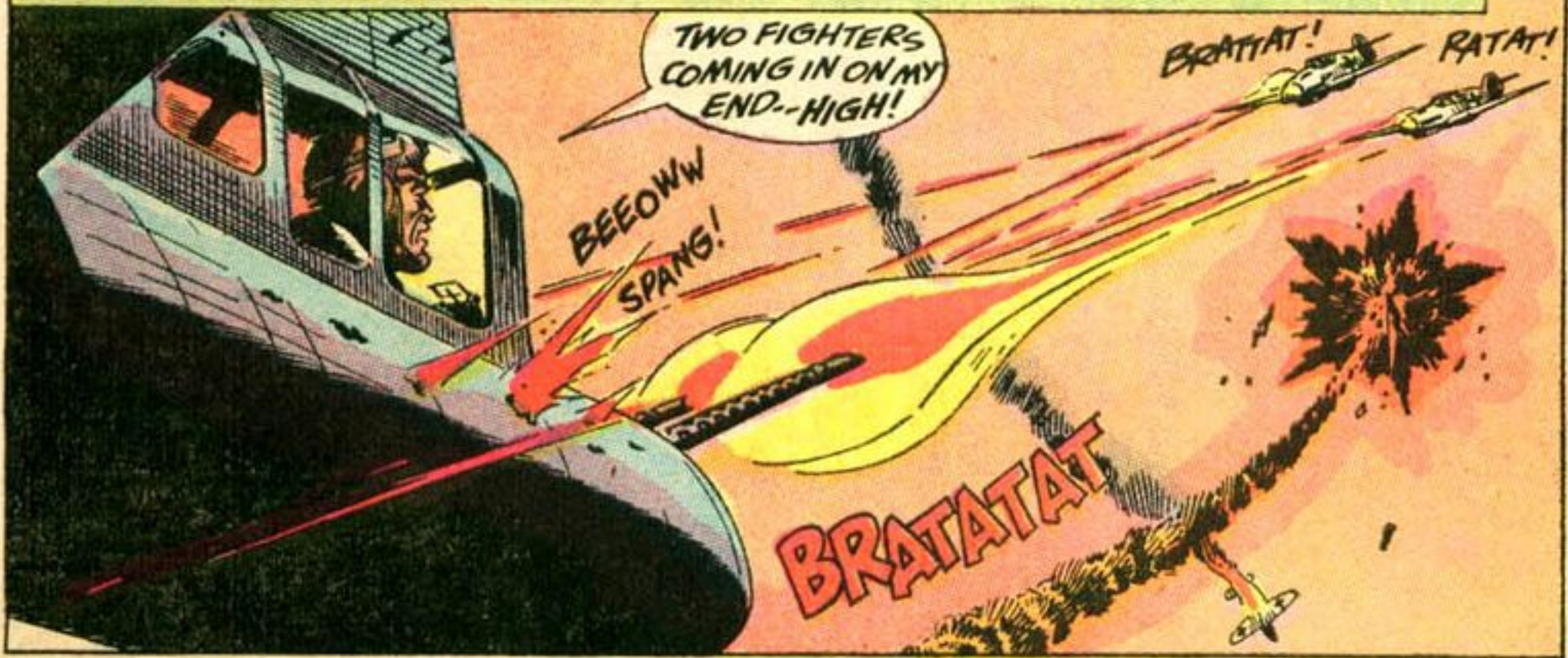
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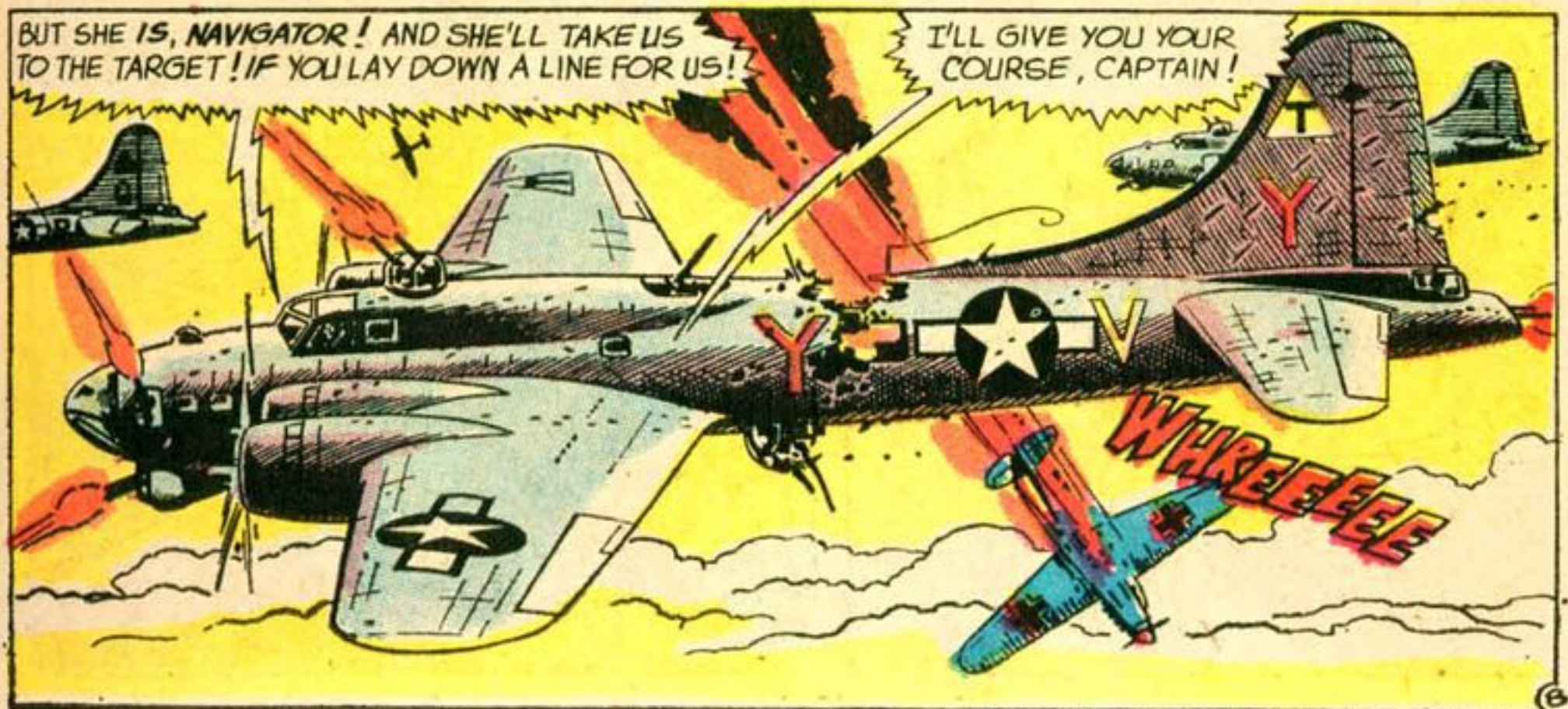
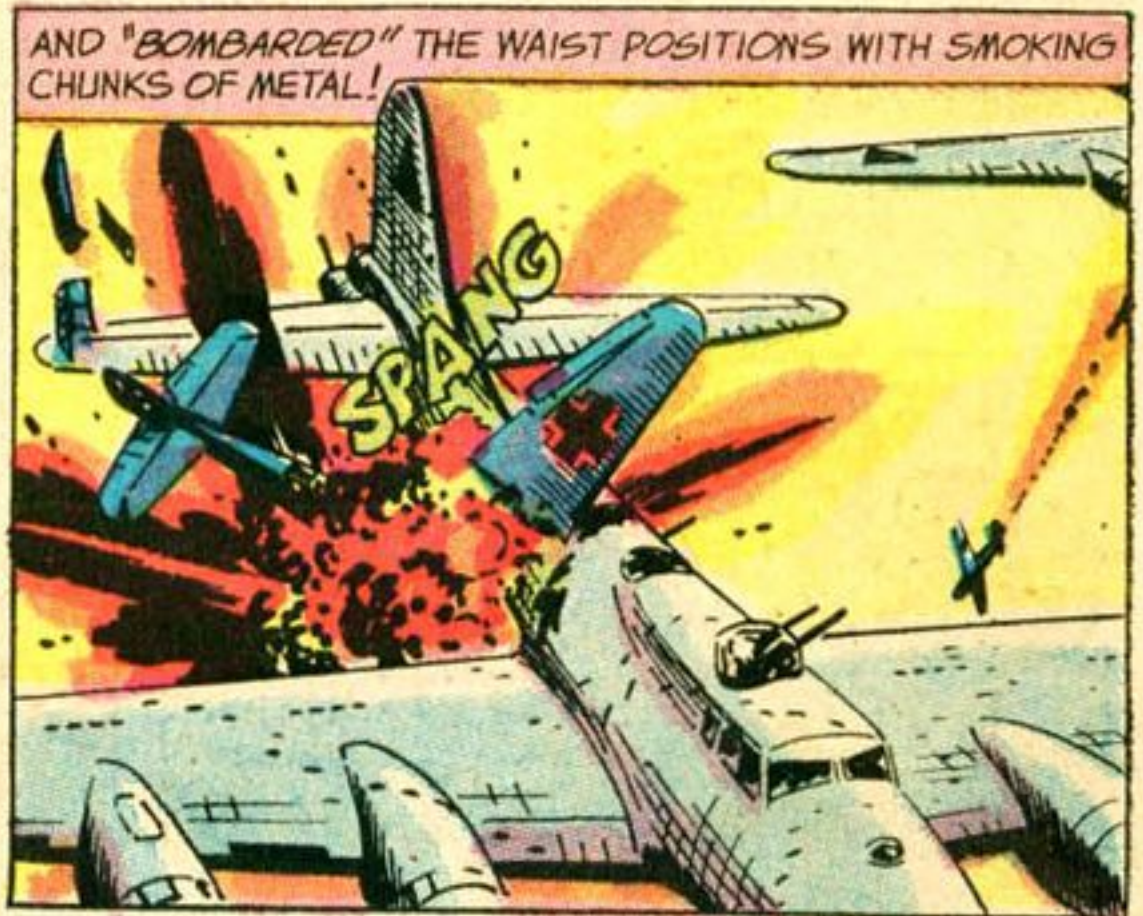
I THINK IT'S POWERHOUSE PETE!



BAM!

SUDDENLY, MOTHER HEN STARTED TO SHAKE IN EVERY RIVET AS THE TAIL GUNNER OPENED UP...





GRIMLY, THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT WATCHED THE FORMATION OF FORTS DRAWING AWAY FROM THEM ...

WITH THE HITS MOTHER HEN HAS TAKEN--WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE REST OF THEM! AND THEY CAN'T SLOW UP TO TAKE CARE OF STRAYS AND STRAGGLERS WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE WHOLE MISSION!

MOTHER HEN WILL GET US TO THE TARGET JUST THE SAME!



BUT THIS WAS WHAT THE ENEMY WAS WAITING FOR--STRAYS AND STRAGGLERS WHO WERE NO LONGER UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE MASSES GUNS OF THE FORMATION...

LUCKY LULU IS BEING JUMPED BY FIGHTERS OVER THERE!

LOOKS LIKE THIS ISN'T HER LUCKY DAY!



NOW, IT WAS MOTHER HEN'S TURN...

TWO FIGHTERS COMING MY WAY-- AT FOUR AND SIX! I'M LINING UP THE ONE AT FOUR--HE'S NEAREST!

BRATTA



GOT HIM!--GOT HIM! NOW I'LL TACKLE HIS PARTNER AT SIX!

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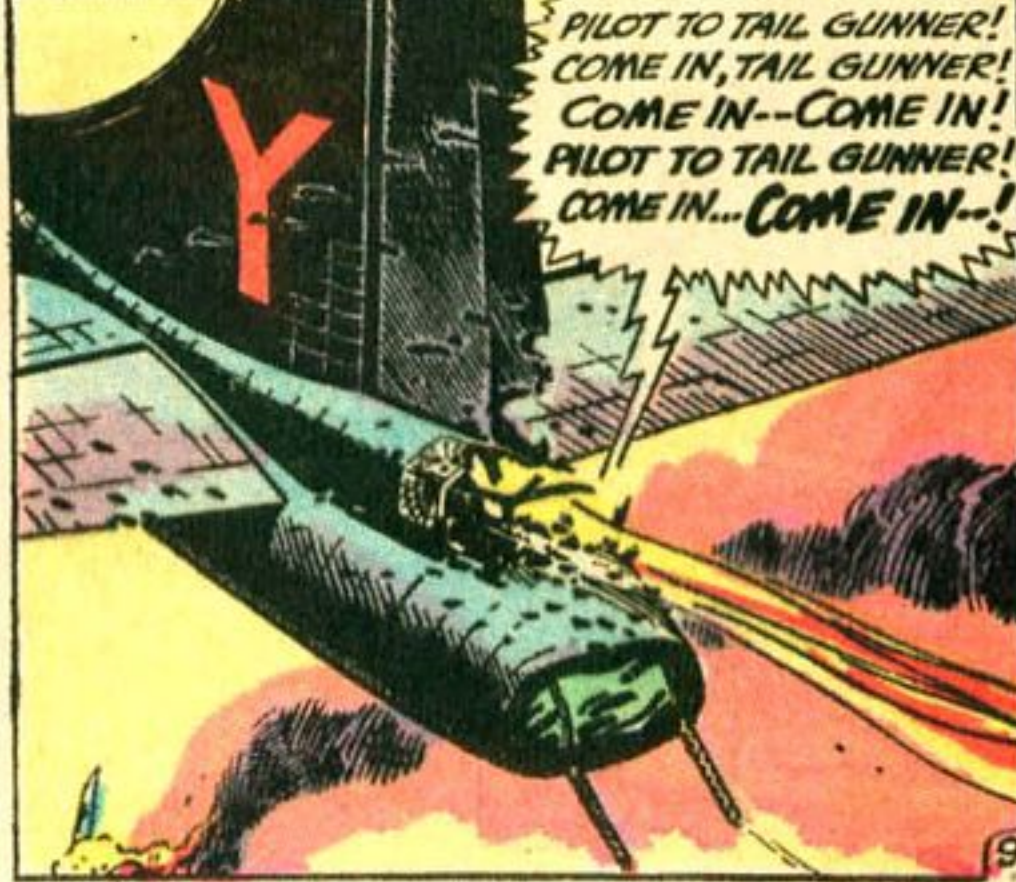


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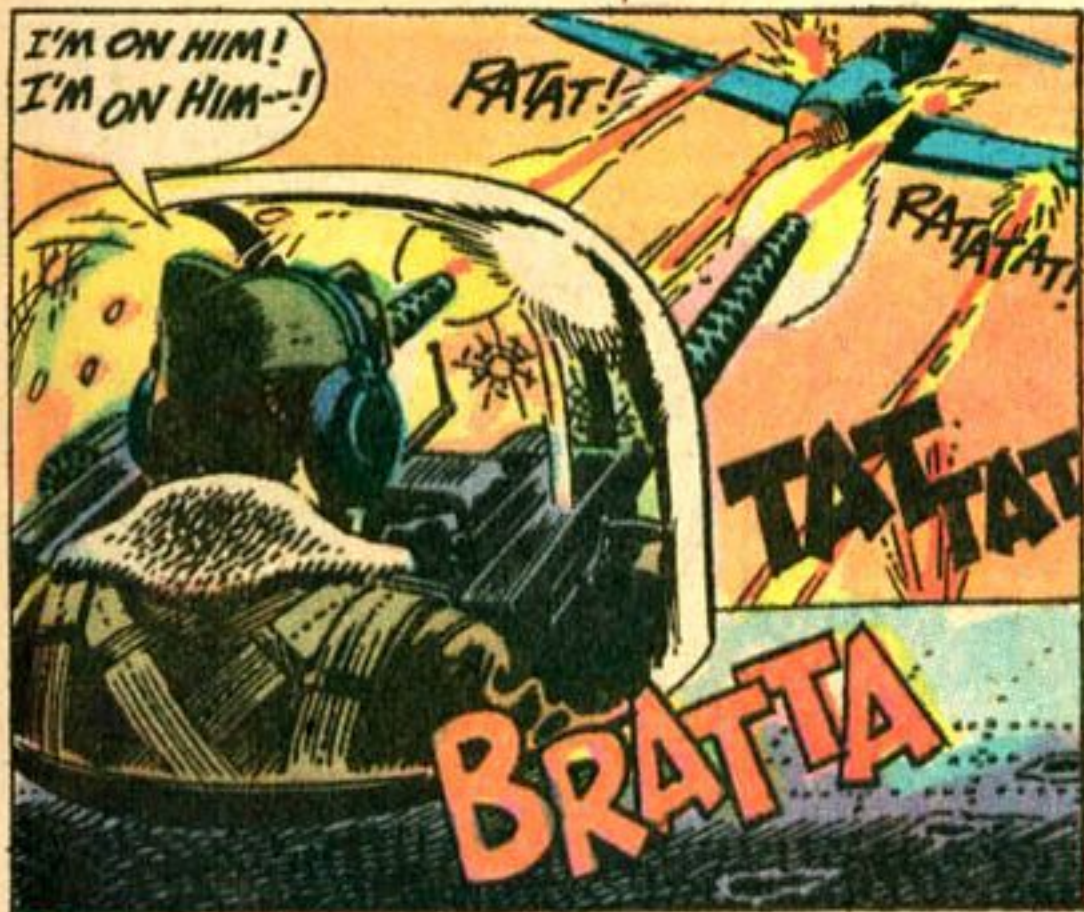


PILOT TO TAIL GUNNER! COME IN, TAIL GUNNER! COME IN--COME IN! PILOT TO TAIL GUNNER! COME IN...COME IN--!

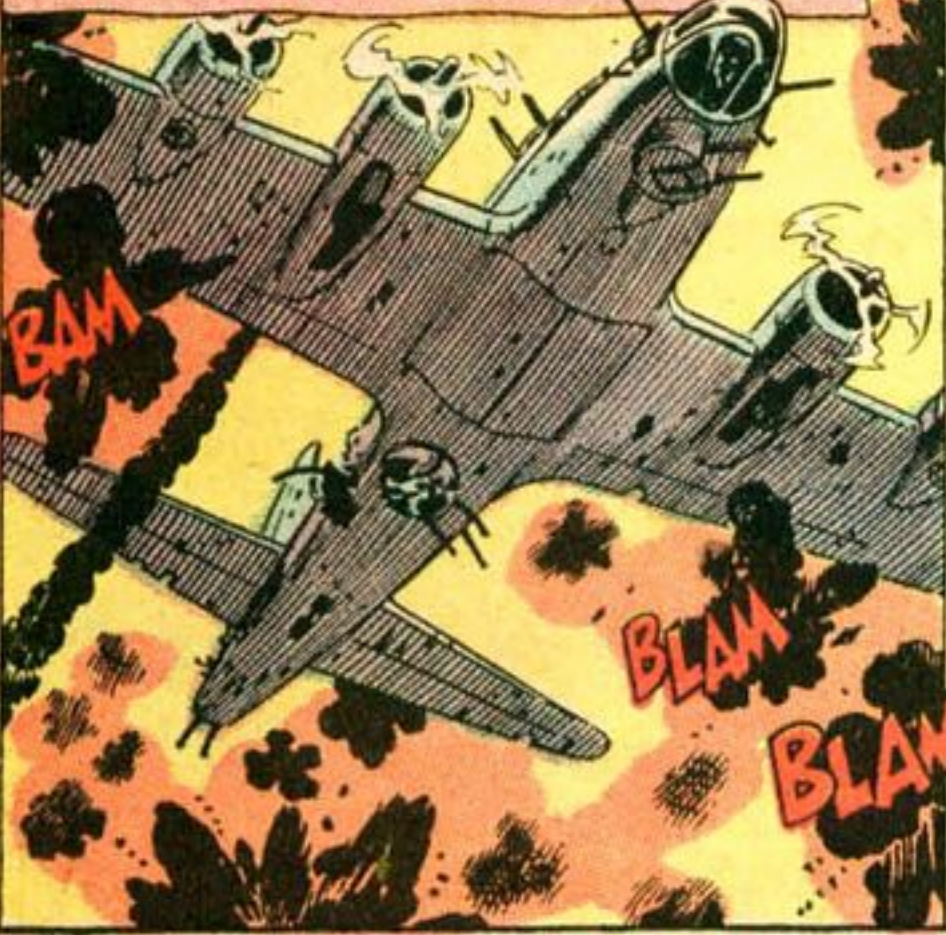
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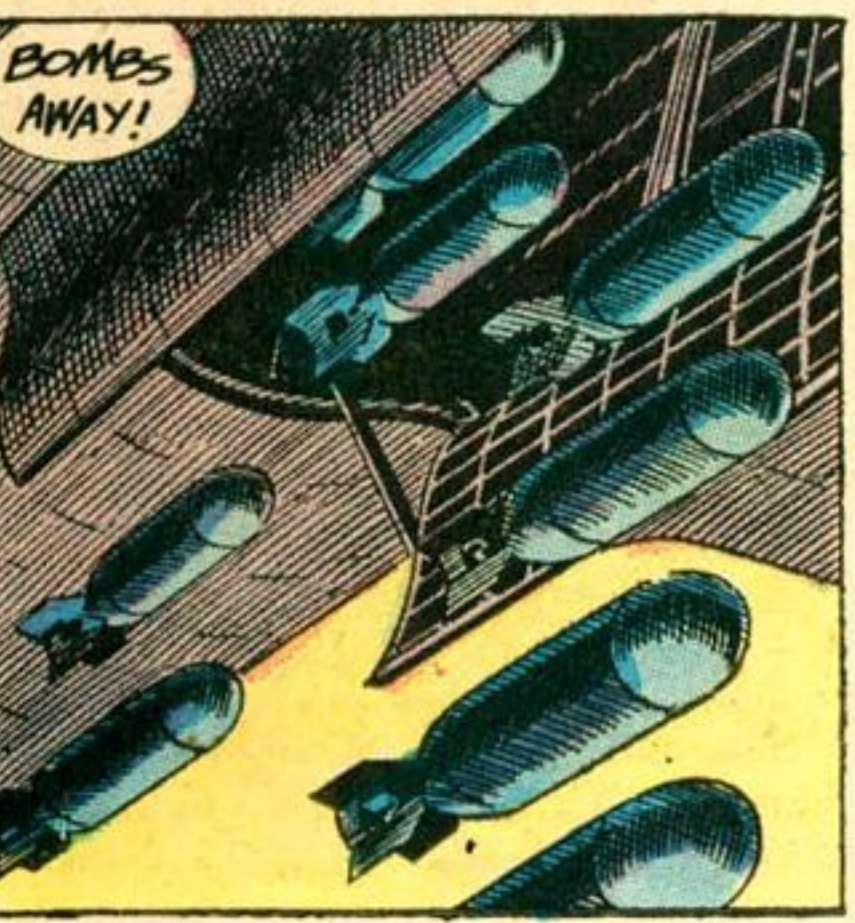
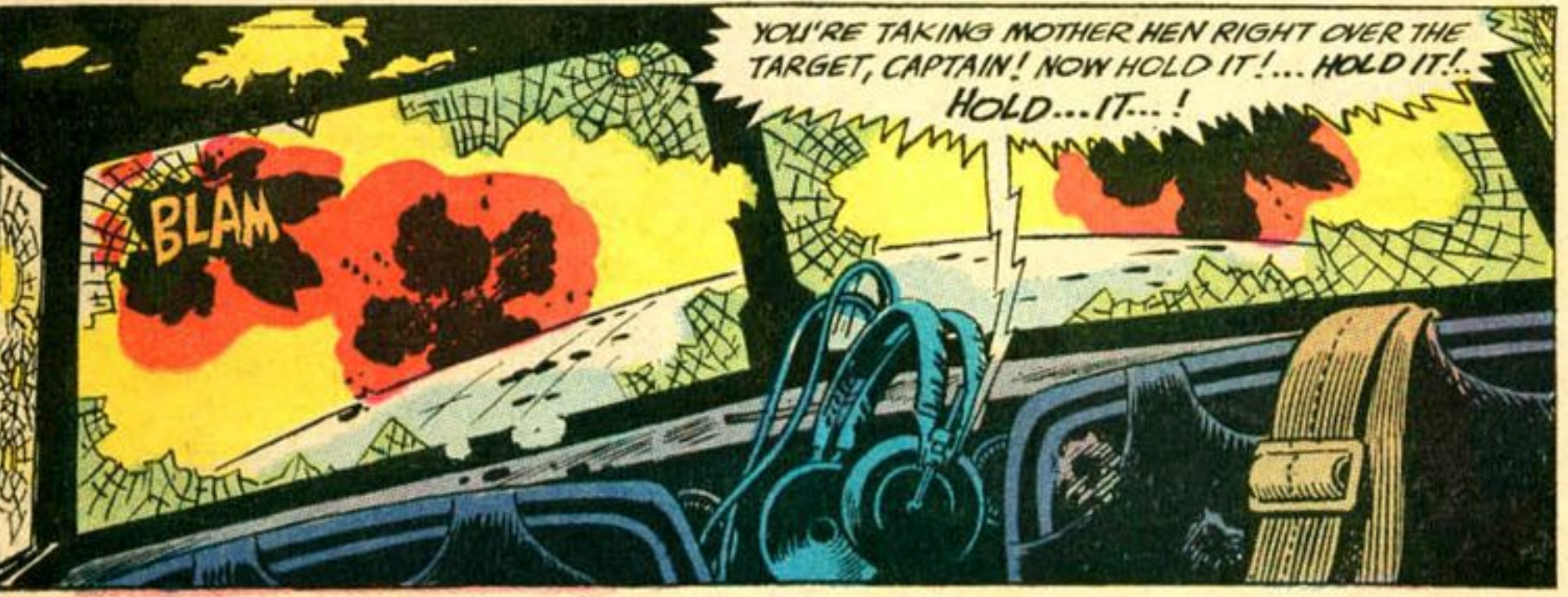
BUT STILL MOTHER HEN FLEW ON THROUGH THE SKIES... THROUGH A NIGHTMARE WITH RENDING FLAK CHANGING PLACES WITH FIGHTERS...



ONWARD FLEW THE BATTERED, RIDDLED FORT THROUGH THE FLAMING FOREST OF FLAK ...



WHILE IN THE SILENT SHIP, THE BOMBARDIER HOVERED OVER HIS INTRICATE INSTRUMENTS... LIVING IN THE PRIVATE WORLD OF HIS BOMB SIGHT... DEAF... DUMB... AND BLIND TO EVERYTHING ELSE!



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SOMEHOW, THE SILENT FORT HEADED BACK THROUGH THE ACRES OF EXPLODING FLAK AGAIN...



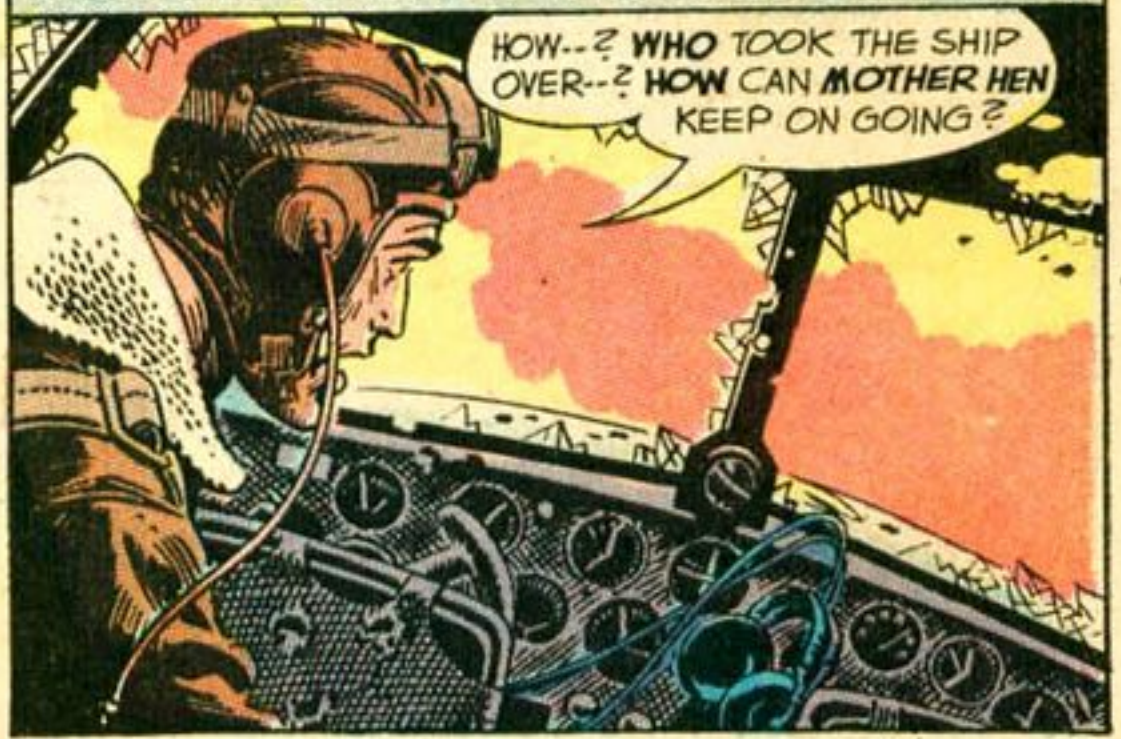
AND THE ANGRILY BUZZING FIGHTERS WHO COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY A SHIP WHICH DIDN'T RETURN THEIR FIRE...



SOMEHOW, MANAGED TO STAGGER OUT OF THEIR SIGHTS...

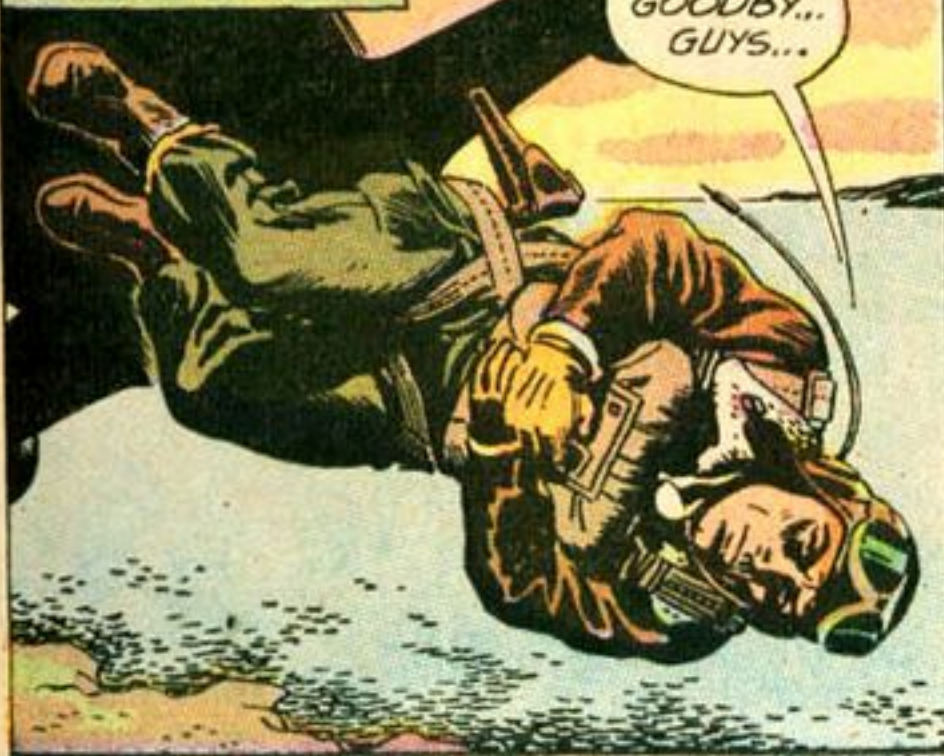


NOT HEARING A SINGLE SOUND COMING FROM ANY OF THE POSITIONS INSIDE THE LIMPING SHIP, THE BOMBARDIER MADE HIS WAY TO THE PILOT'S COMPARTMENT... AND STARED...



HOW--? WHO TOOK THE SHIP OVER--? HOW CAN MOTHER HEN KEEP ON GOING?

THE BOMBARDIER CHECKED EVERY FOOT OF THE SILENT FORT... AND THEN... AS IT HEADED TOWARDS THE DUTCH COAST...



GOODBY... GUYS...

ONWARDS DRONED THE SHIP... OUT OVER THE MISTY EMBRACES OF THE SEA... AS IF TO A FARAWAY LAND...



TAKE... GOOD CARE OF THEM, MOTHER HEN...



WEIRD WAR TALES



UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS HAD PASSED THE BOMBARDIER ON FROM HAND TO HAND...UNTIL NOW... HE WAS BACK ON HIS OWN FIELD...WITH HIS SECRET THOUGHTS...



HE KNEW THAT HIS FELLOW FLIERS RESPECTED HIS SILENCE...AND WOULD PATIENTLY WAIT UNTIL HE WAS READY TO TALK...



NO--I COULD NEVER TELL THEM WHAT REALLY HAPPENED--I WOULD JUST KEEP ON DOING MY JOB...IN ANOTHER SHIP...AS I WAS DOING A WEEK LATER...



AND IN THE FOREST OF EXPLODING FLAK AND BLAZING CRISS-CROSSING OF TRACERS FROM FIGHTERS OVER OTHER TARGETS...I SMILE TO MYSELF... AS...



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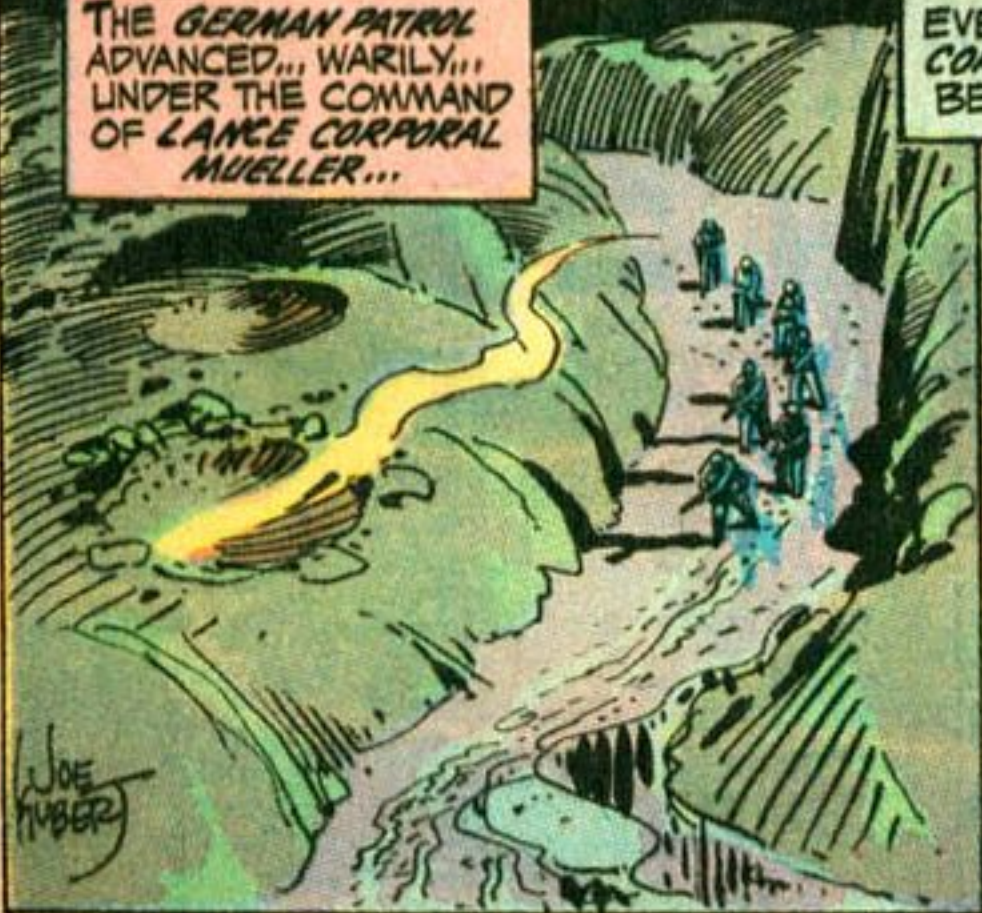
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THE STORY BEHIND THE COVER



THE GERMAN PATROL
ADVANCED... WARILY...
UNDER THE COMMAND
OF LANCE CORPORAL
MUELLER...



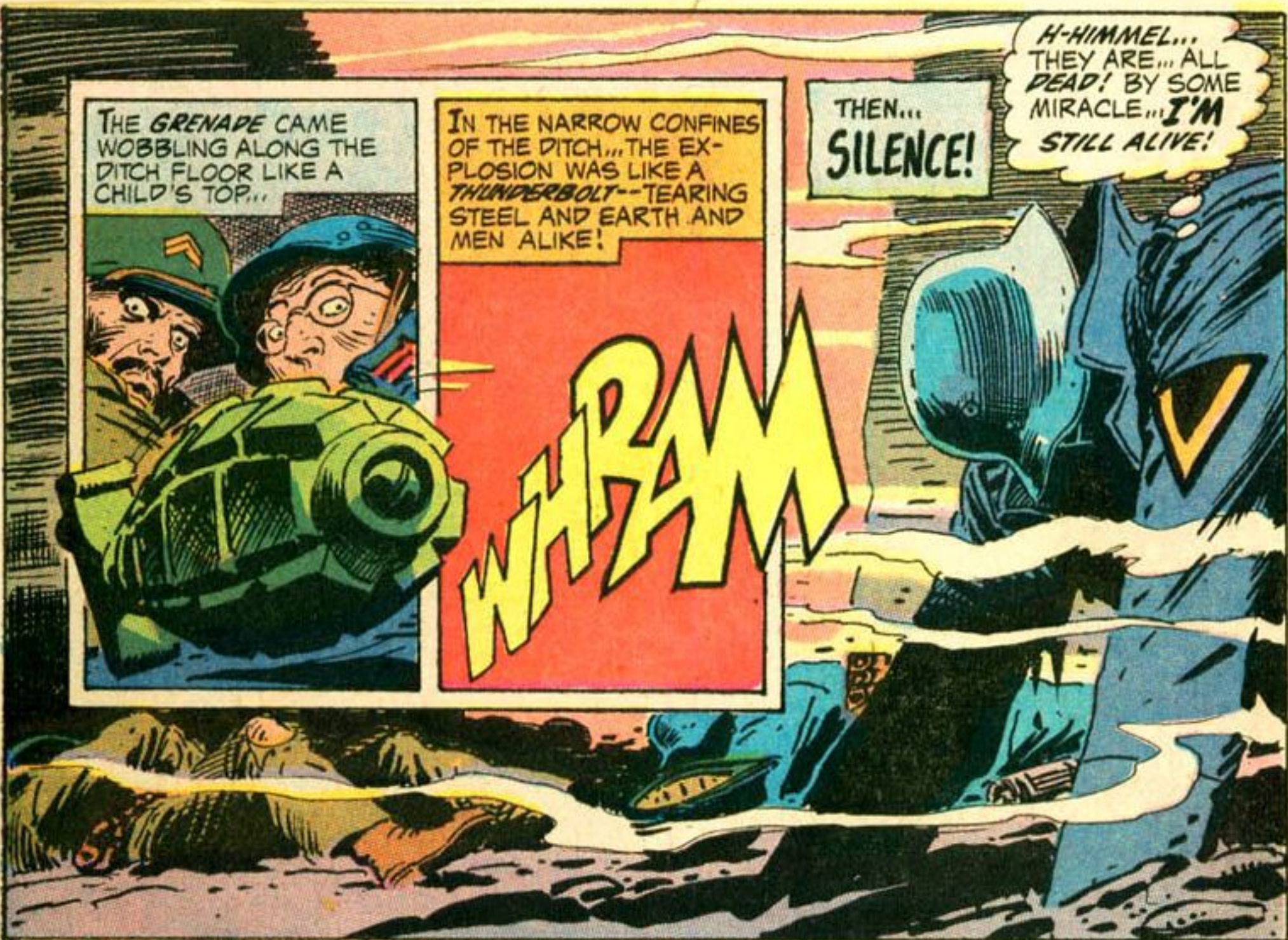
EVERY MAN'S EYES WERE RIVETED ON LANCE
CORPORAL MUELLER! HE WAS THEIR LINK
BETWEEN SAFETY... AND DISASTER!



I DID NOT ASK FOR
THIS RESPONSIBILITY!
YET... I TEND THE
LIVES OF ALL
THESE MEN!



SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...
ANOTHER PATROL COMING FROM
THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION RUNS
HEADLONG INTO THEM!



THE GRENADE CAME WOBBLING ALONG THE DITCH FLOOR LIKE A CHILD'S TOP...

IN THE NARROW CONFINES OF THE DITCH... THE EXPLOSION WAS LIKE A THUNDERBOLT--TEARING STEEL AND EARTH AND MEN ALIKE!

THEN... SILENCE!

H-HIMMEL... THEY ARE... ALL DEAD! BY SOME MIRACLE... I'M STILL ALIVE!



N-NO TIME... I MUST REPORT!... THE ENEMY IS SENDING OUT PATROLS... FORCE! I MUST TELL THE LEUTNANT!



FINALLY, LANCE CORPORAL MUELLER REACHED HIS OWN POSITIONS... AND...

HERR LEUTNANT... I BEG TO REPORT THE LOSS OF MY ENTIRE PATROL-- DUE TO A VERY STRONG ENEMY FORCE PROBING OUR OUTER PERIMETER!



THE HERR LEUTNANT NEVER SPOKE A WORD...

HE... DID NOT LIKE MY REPORT!-- I HAVE FAILED IN MY MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES!

CORPORAL MUELLER TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIS COMRADES...

B-BUT... I DID MY BEST--! WHY DO YOU ALL LOOK LIKE THAT?

DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME? NONE OF YOU COULD HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY!



THEY... HATE ME! SHUN ME... FOR LOSING MY PATROL!

A TERRIBLE GUILT POSSESSED LANCE CORPORAL MUELLER...

I MUST WIPE OUT MY SHAME! REGAIN THE RESPECT OF MY COMRADES... EVEN IF I MUST FACE THE ENTIRE ALLIED ARMY ALONE... BY MYSELF!



LANCE CORPORAL MUELLER NEVER FELT THE STORM OF LEAD THAT LASHED HIM-- NEVER FELT THE CRUSHING DEATH DEALT BY ENEMY GUNS! BUT--THE PAIN AND AGONY-- THE GUILT OF COMMAND WOULD BE WITH HIM... FOREVER!



ONCE IN AWHILE, EVERY SOLDIER CATCHES A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF HIM... IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE... THE ICY TOUCH OF DEATH!





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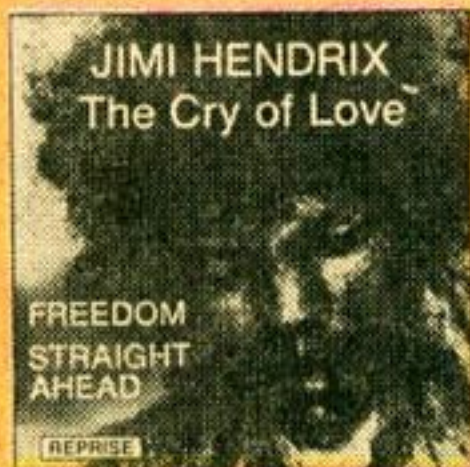
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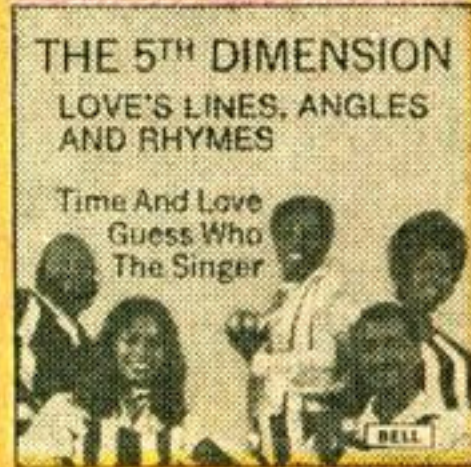
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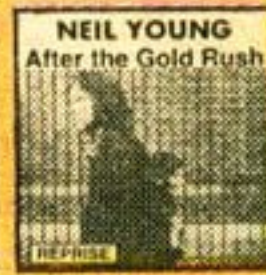
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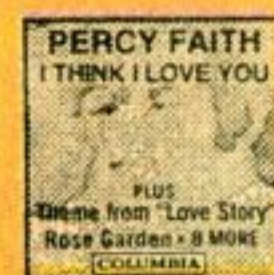
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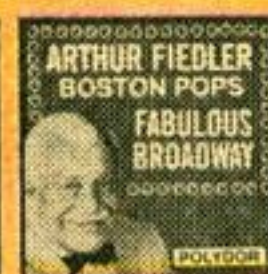
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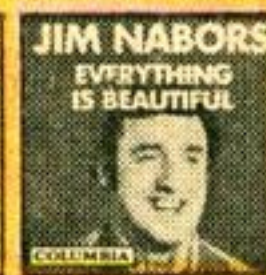
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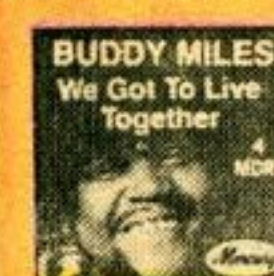
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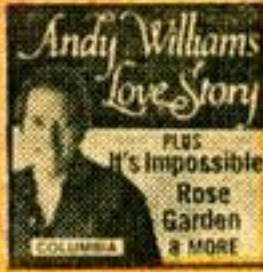
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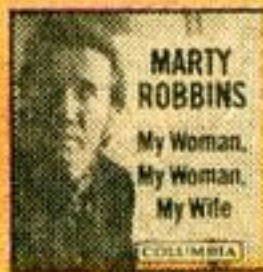
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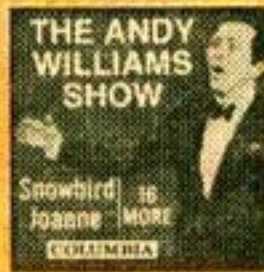
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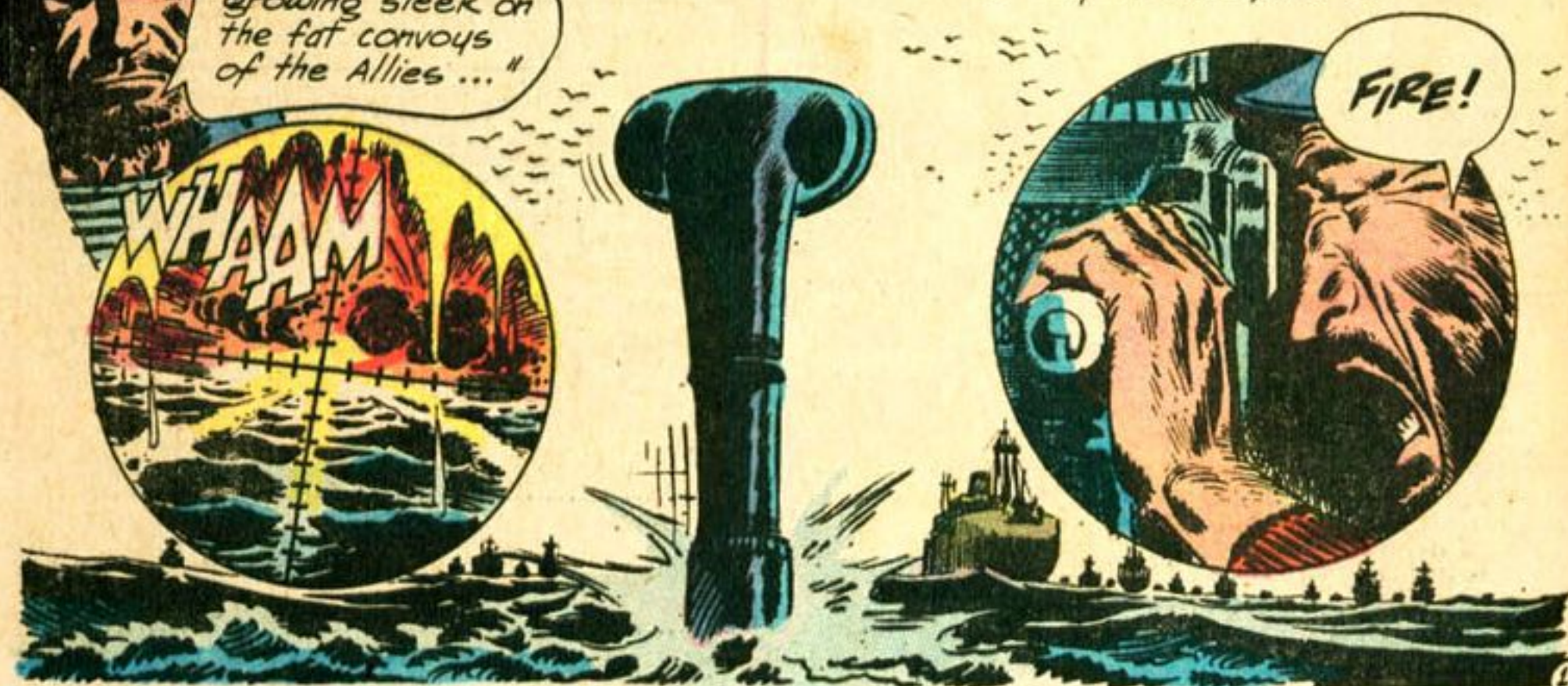
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K-620



"We were the most FEARED U-BOAT of the seven seas!
Then one afternoon, I sighted A CONVOY... my tactic
was to attack the last ship in line first..."





WEIRD WAR TALES



"That rusty freighter was so slow I was positive the torpedo could not miss -- but -- at the last moment..."



IT'S TURNING ASIDE!



THAT TUB EVADED OUR TORPEDO AS IF IT WAS A MAN-OF-WAR -- WITH DETECTION DEVICES AND DESTROYER'S ENGINES! BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! SURFACE! WE'LL BLAST HER WITH OUR DECK GUN!

JAWOHL, KAPITAN!

"I did not waste another torpedo on this hulk -- the SEA WOLF surfaced and bared her 5 INCH TEETH..."



AT THIS RANGE YOU CANNOT MISS! SINK THAT JUNK SHIP!

"I trained my binoculars on the rusty freighter -- the first shell was a DIRECT HIT!"



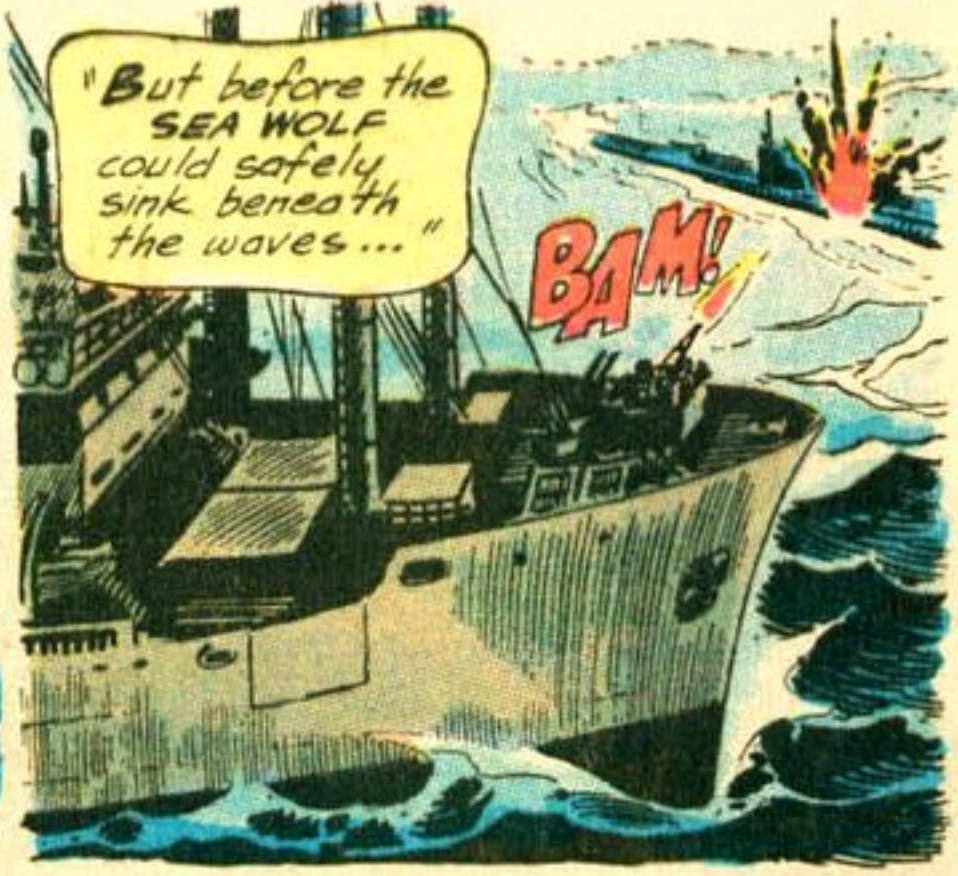
"The crew was abandoning the ship in panic -- like rats deserting a doomed vessel..."



"THAT is why I was startled as..."

WE'RE BEING FIRED ON!







WEIRD WAR TALES



"That Q-BOAT not only stayed afloat--"



"Even when we destroyed one gun--the other kept firing ..."



"Some of their shots went home--the SEA WOLF was losing her fur ..."



"The greatest killer sub of the seas-- being fought to a STANDSTILL--"



"Then one of our shells found an ammunition magazine and..."



"THAT FINISHES HER! NOW TO HUNT THE REST OF THE CONVOY!"





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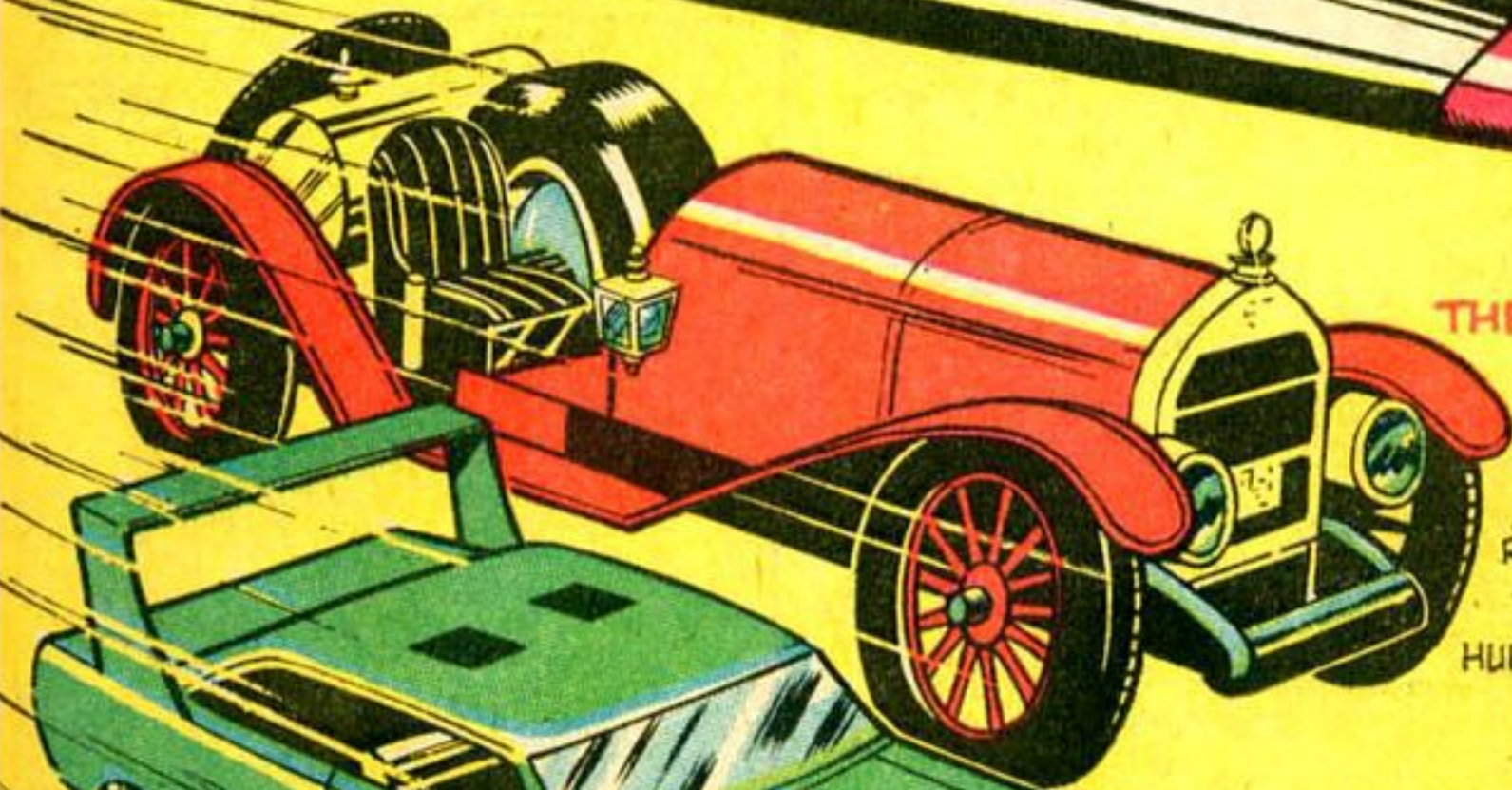


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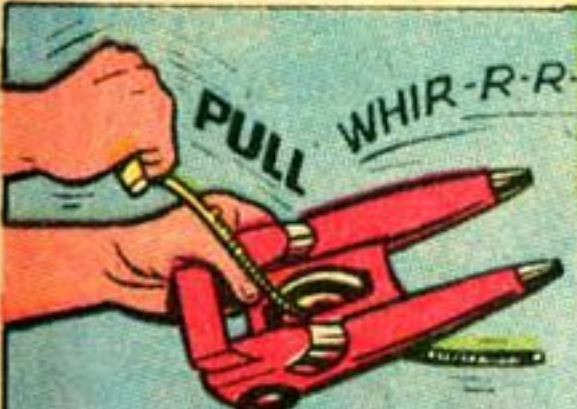
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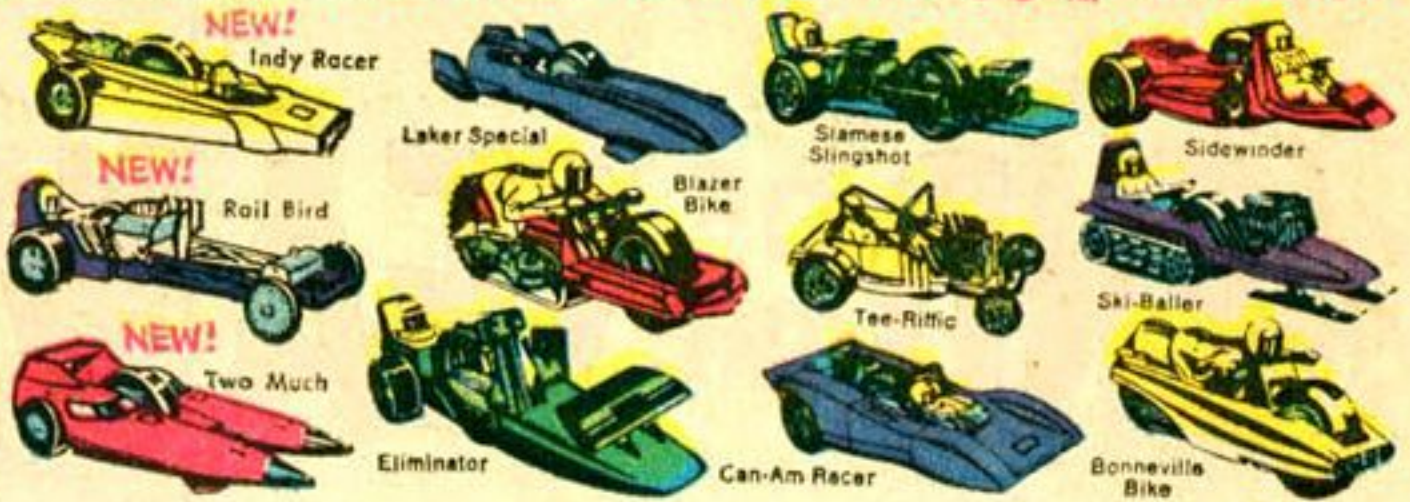


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WEIRD WAR TALES



AS THE HUGE CRANE BRINGS TO THE SURFACE AN ASTOUNDING SIGHT...

**KLACKETY
KLACK**

YES, I SANK
THAT Q-
BOAT!

KLAAAK

BUT BEFORE
IT WENT
DOWN--



IT TOOK
MY U-BOAT
WITH IT!

MAKE
WAR
NO MORE

JOE KUBERT

The END OF THE SEA WOLF!

END OF A CONVOY K-682

Somewhere in the 300-mile blue stretch of ocean which extends from New Guinea to the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul, steamed an enemy convoy carrying 15,000 troops, escorted by 10 warships and screened continuously by *Zeros*.

Twice the Americans, swarming low in *B-17s* with *P-38* cover went searching for the elusive convoy, but low-hanging clouds gave the enemy perfect cover.

Then, the pilot of a single *P-38* spotted the convoy nearing Vitiaz Strait, 100 miles from Lae. The Strait was the only navigable passage through the reefs, and the Americans knew the enemy would have to commit themselves that very night. They would either have to head northwest for Wewak or Medang, splitting their forces in two directions, or make a run through the Strait for Lae.

The Americans had their tactics for each possibility, and weren't fooled when the convoy tried a feint -steaming toward Wewak but, under cover of darkness, turning abruptly and heading for Lae.

All afternoon and night, the Americans busied themselves for the dawn alert. Meanwhile, the movement of the convoy and all other necessary information was being sent in by a *P-38* pilot who stuck to the enemy every inch of the way. Typical of his regular 20-minute reports was one that came in like this:

"Enemy convoy now at 05.00 south, 147.30 east, heading 270 degrees, speed eight knots, 25 *Zeros* circling. Weather fair, ceiling ragged at 5,000 feet, visibility 15 miles plus."

At dawn, the Americans set out with 106 planes *B-17's*, *B-25's*, *A-20's*, *P-40's*, *P-39's*, and *P-38's*. Flying at 10,000 feet, they reached the target on schedule. The enemy convoy stretched out over an area of 15 miles, with a pair of cruisers leading the pack, while destroyers hugged the transports.

The *B-17* squadron leaders were called into the echelon positions, while the *B-25's* and the *A-20's* fell back in preparation for the first run. High overhead, from 15,000 to 23,000 feet, *P-38's* sailed into a pack of *Zeros*. The fight was on.

The warships were streaming ack-ack as the first *B-17's* started their runs. One *B-17*, ignoring the blossoming ack-ack bursts all about, unloaded four 1,000-pounders. All but the last, which missed by only 20 feet, went home. The transport seemed to shudder in the water. And while it was still shuddering, the *B-25's* rolled in on the next wave at masthead height, and finished the job.

Minutes later, a second transport caught a load of 1,000-pounders right in the middle. It opened up like a hinge and went down.

Meanwhile, the *Zeros* were hitting the bombers from all directions, trying to shake them off their runs. Warn-

ings from fire-control officers crackled from all sides: "*Zeros* heading in from 11 o'clock! Watch out for this one, boys he's really lining us up!"

And below, the warships were circling frantically, at the same time throwing up streams of flak that bounced the bombers violently.

The battle in the air began to follow a familiar pattern. The *Zeros* would break through trying to get at the bombers, and whenever they did, the *P-39's* came screaming down on them with throttles wide open. One *P-38* broke a *Zero* in half with a single burst, then, as it swooped to get out of the way of the flying pieces, came face to face with another *Zero*, and knocked that one out of the sky.

At the end of 15 minutes, at least two of the transports had vanished completely, while several more were sending up towers of smoke. One of the enemy cruisers had caught one in its gasoline tanks, and bright orange sheets of flame were shooting out of it in all directions.

One *Zero*, spiraling downward and trailing smoke and flame, crashed on an already smoking cruiser, completing the sinking of the ship.

At the same time, one of the *B-17's* caught a burst of explosive bullets from a *Zero* in its hydraulic fluid line. Flaming oil was sprayed all over the bomb-bay compartment. The pilot was down to 300 feet when the other crewmen beat out the flames with their heavy winter flying suits. Amazingly enough, the plane made it back to its base, 350 miles across the 14,000-foot Owen Stanley Range.

Comedy relief was afforded in the bitterest part of the fighting when one pilot of a *B-17* started a run on a cruiser. But before he could complete his run, the cruiser exploded from a direct hit by another plane. The pilot changed his direction and started a run for another cruiser. But this cruiser, too, blew up before he could get close to it. Those who heard the plaintive words of the pilot after this second one will probably never forget them: "Hey, you guys, you trying to hog them all? Save a couple for me!"

But, at the end of 30 short minutes, there were no battleships or transports left for anyone. In half an hour every ship of the convoy was either sunk or burning. For miles around in every direction the sea was littered with wreckage. What's more, every last *Zero* had been knocked down.

This was the Battle of the Bismarck Sea and it was the most savage whipping the Japanese Navy had ever suffered.

Not a single heavy bomber had been lost, although many of them had been hit by as many as 25 *Zeros*. At times the ack-ack had resembled a curtain of fire, but it had failed to bring down anything but the wrath of the bombers' courageous crews.



WEIRD WAR TALES



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BAKER'S DOZEN!

K-618



UNLUCKY 13TH'S JINXED US!

HE MUST'VE FLIPPED TO PET THAT BLACK CAT!

YEAH-- HE SURE ATTRACTED THAT BUZZARD TO US!

RATA TATATI!

BEEOW! RING! BWEW! ZING!



WEIRD WAR TALES



AS BAKER'S DOZEN SETS OUT ON ITS PATROL...

I THOUGHT I ASSIGNED YOU TO THAT SQUAD?

THE SERGEANT DOESN'T WANT A 13TH MAN ALONG, SIR!



GO MAKE IT A "BAKER'S DOZEN" 12 AND 1 FOR GOOD MEASURE! MAYBE YOU CAN RID THEM OF THEIR SUPERSTITIONS!

YES, SIR!



MEANWHILE... AS BAKER'S DOZEN HEADS TOWARD THE TOWN...



BUT...

A BLACK CAT! ON FRIDAY THE 13TH!

COULDN'T BE WORSE LUCK!



BACK THEY RACE THROUGH THE HAMMERING BARRAGE...

WE'RE SAFER RUNNIN' THIS FIRE!



BUT--AS THE SUPERSTITIOUS SQUAD EMERGES...

UNLUCKY 13TH! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY BACK?

THE CAPTAIN ORDERED ME TO JOIN YOU!





BUT--AS THE STRAFER ALMOST STREAKS PAST BAKER'S POINT...



GOT TO GET THAT FIGHTER OFF THE SQUAD'S BACK--

BUDDA-BUDDA!

OR THEY'LL REALLY THINK I'M UNLUCKY!



BLAM!

BUDDA!



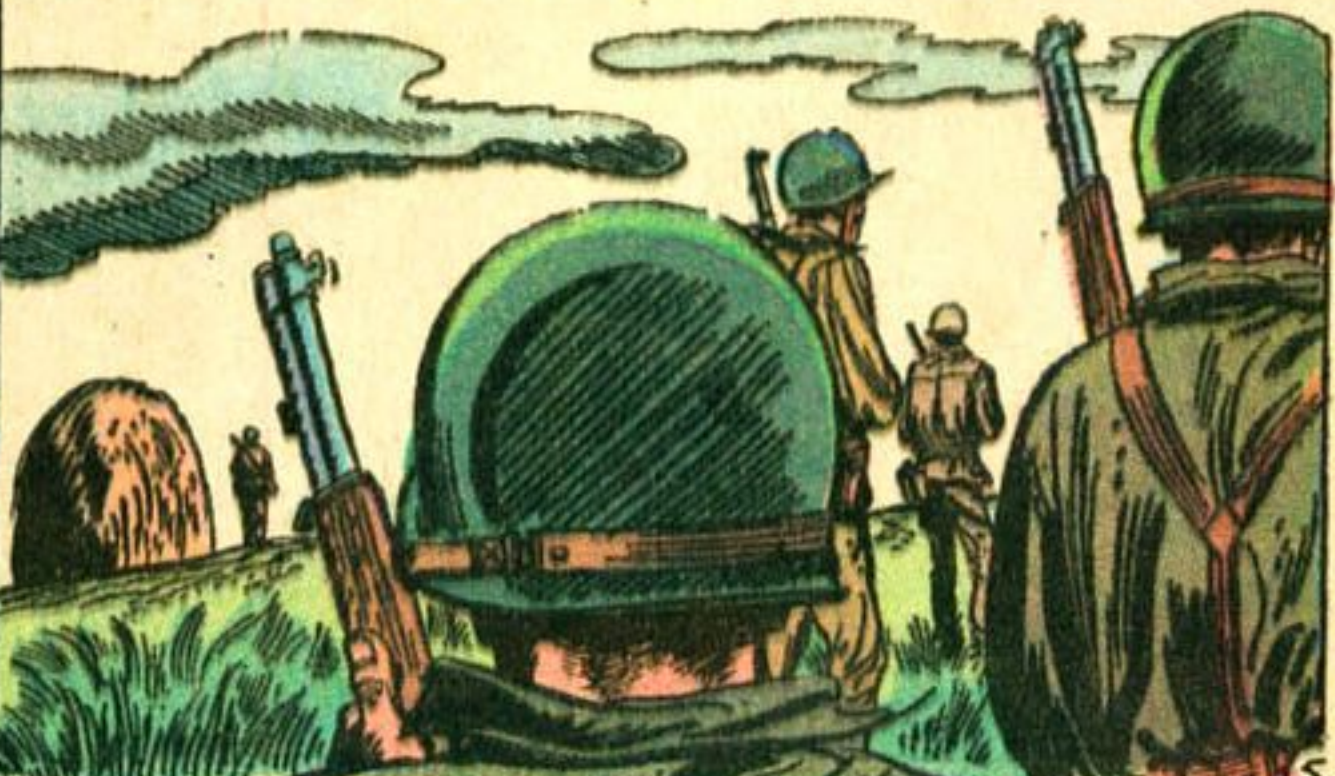
LOOK OUT! OUR BAD-LUCK POINT IS TRYIN' TO DROP THAT SHIP DOWN ON OUR HELMETS!

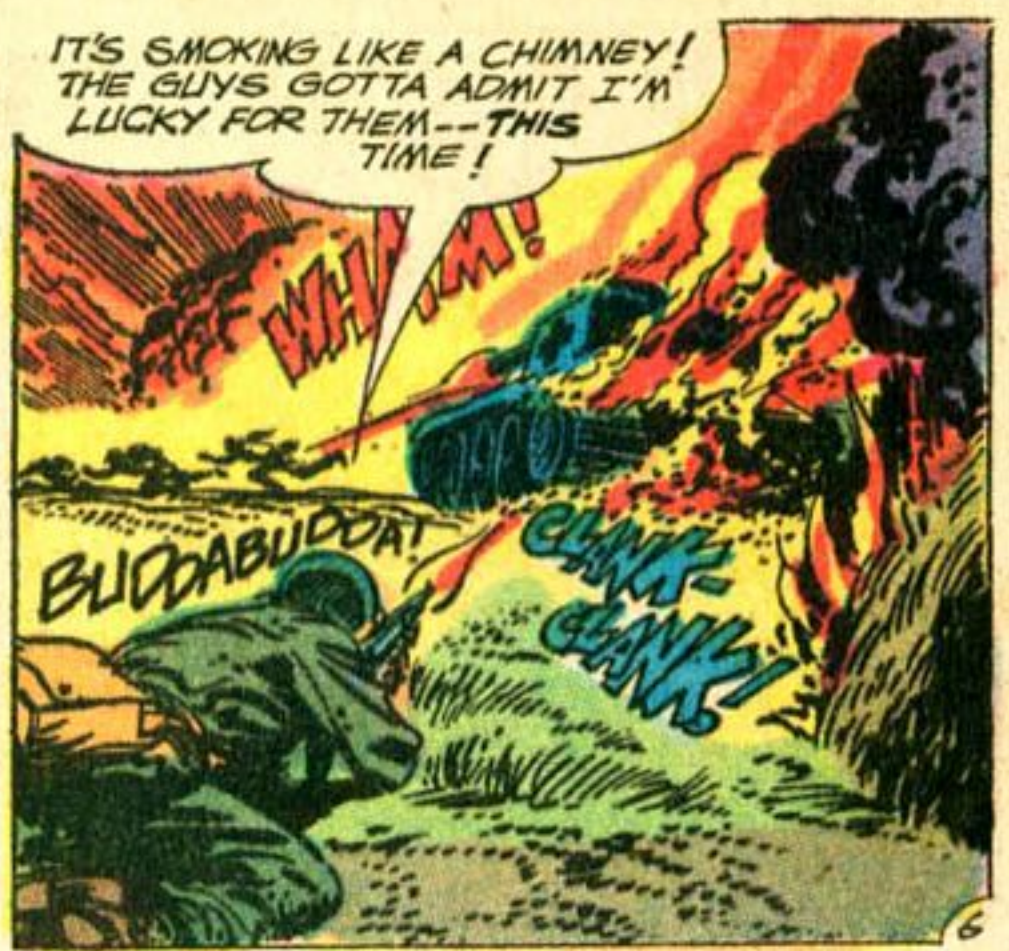
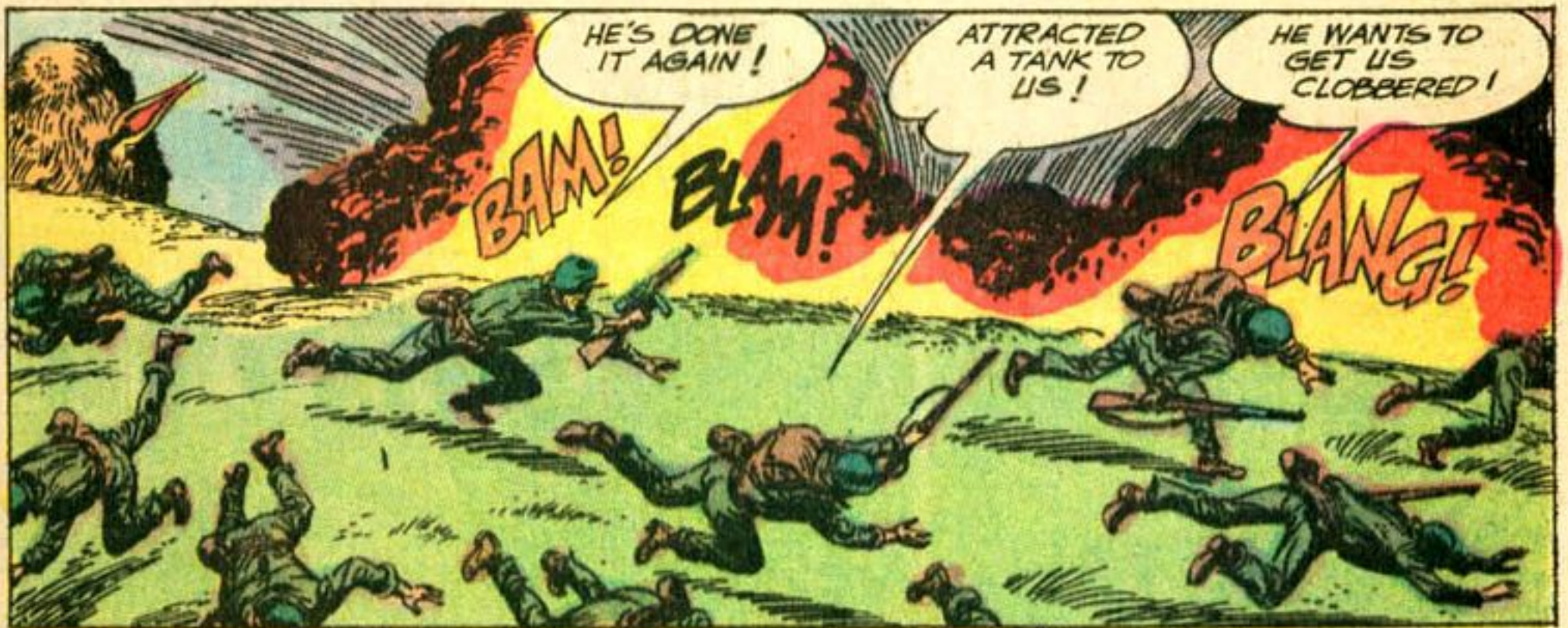
ENEMY COULDN'T GET US-- SO HE'S HELPIN' HIM!

YOU NEARLY GOT US KILLED BY BEIN' UP FRONT! YOU AND YOUR T.N.T. CARGO-- GET OUT ON OUR LEFT-- LIKE AN OUTRIDER! WHAT-EVER YOU DO--KEEP AWAY FROM US!

AND WHAT IF HE WAS HIT-- WITH ALL THAT T.N.T. HE'S LUGGIN' AROUND? WE'D BE BLOWN INTO THE NEXT WAR!

AGAIN BAKER'S DOZEN MOVES TOWARD THE TOWN WONDERING IF IT'LL EVER SEE THE SUN SET ON THIS FRIDAY THE 13TH...

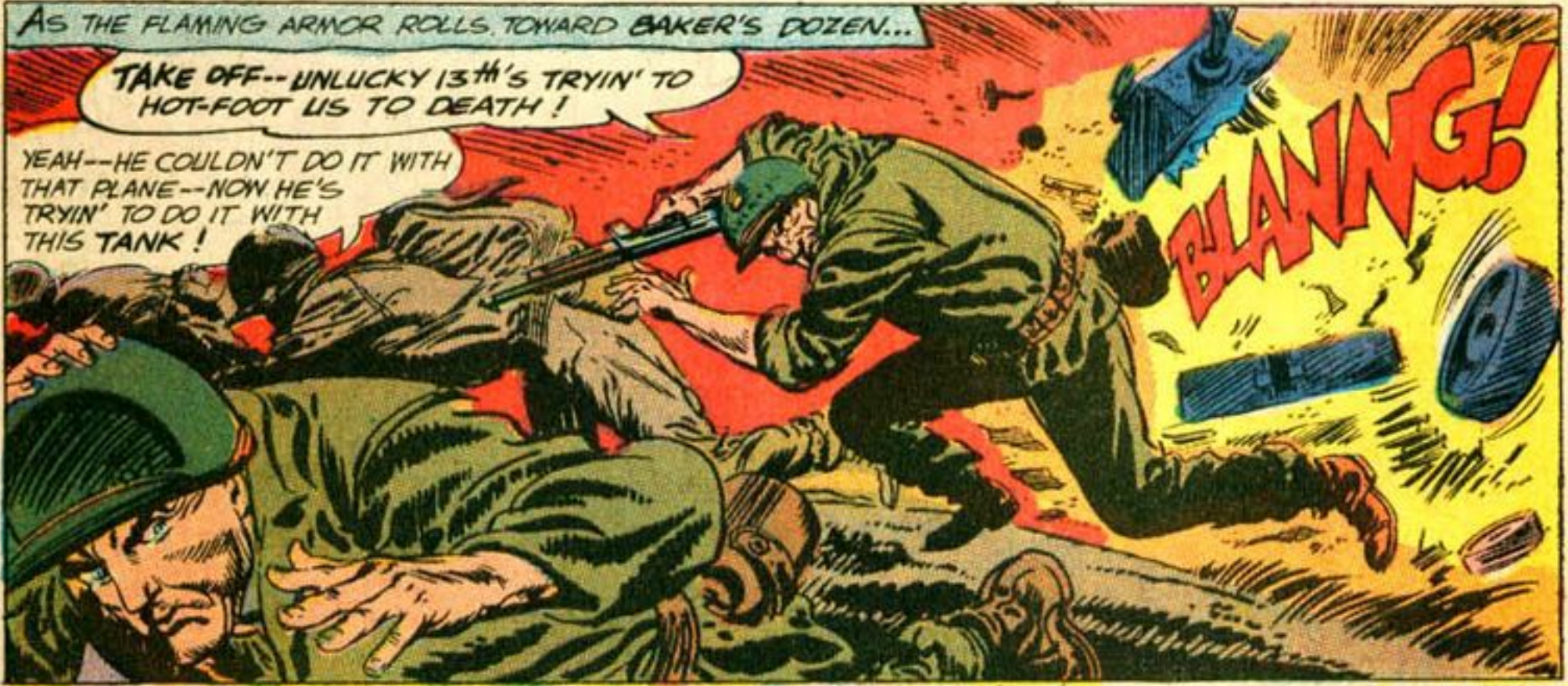




AS THE FLAMING ARMOR ROLLS TOWARD BAKER'S DOZEN...

TAKE OFF--UNLUCKY 13TH'S TRYIN' TO HOT-FOOT US TO DEATH!

YEAH--HE COULDN'T DO IT WITH THAT PLANE--NOW HE'S TRYIN' TO DO IT WITH THIS TANK!



BLANNING!

LOOK, JINX! WE PUT YOU IN FRONT-- AND YOU WERE BAD LUCK! WE PUT YOU ON THE LEFT FLANK--DITTO! THIS TIME--GET OUT TO OUR RIGHT! AND TAKE YOUR BAD LUCK--AND YOUR T.N.T.-- WITH YOU!



FINALLY...

IT'S GETTIN' SO WE GOTTA WATCH THAT NUMBER 13 GUY EVEN MORE THAN THE ENEMY! NOW--WATCH IT! DON'T WALK UNDER ANY LADDERS-- DON'T BREAK ANY MIRRORS... DON'T...



SUDDENLY...

NOW--HE'S BREAKIN' A MIRROR!

SOMEONE'S MOVIN' IN THAT DOORWAY! GET DOWN, GUYS!

BUDDA- BUDDA!

CRASH!

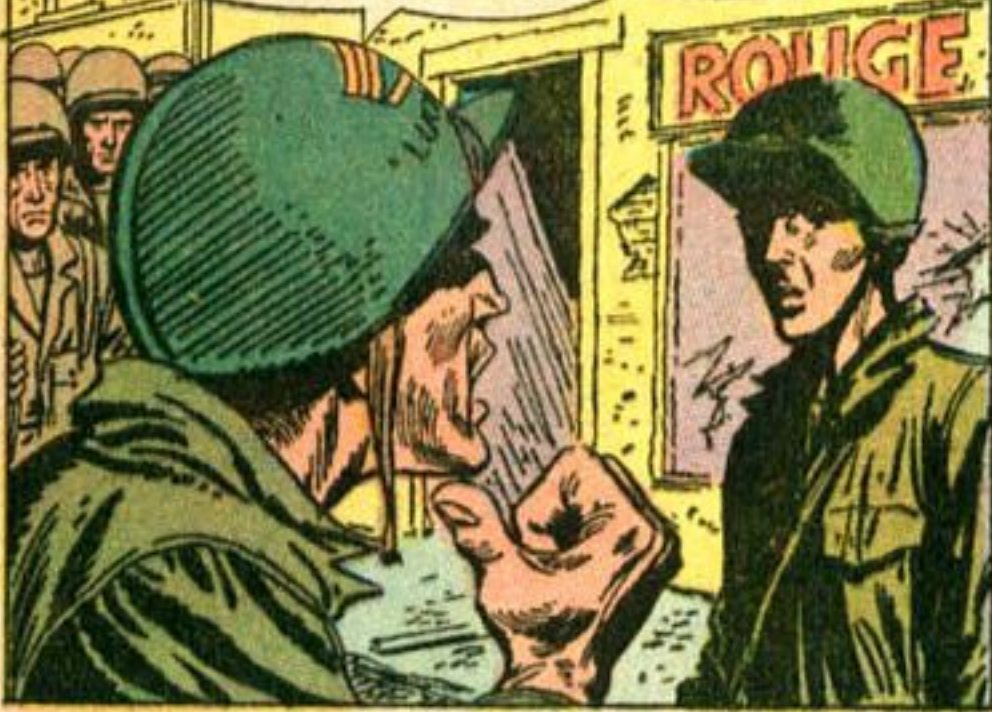
TINKLE- TINKLE!



AS IF THINGS AREN'T BAD ENOUGH-- NOW YOU'VE BROUGHT US 7 YEARS OF BAD LUCK--IF-- WE LIVE THAT LONG-- WHICH AIN'T POSSIBLE WITH YOU AROUND!



THERE ARE ONLY FOUR POINTS TO THE COMPASS! AHEAD! LEFT! RIGHT! AND REAR! WE'VE TRIED DUMPING YOU EVERYWHERE-- EXCEPT THE REAR! OKAY-- TAKE YOUR BAD LUCK BEHIND US!



AS THE 13TH MAN MOVES BACK...



MISTER T.N.T. IS BEHIND US!

LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US-- FROM ABOVE!

2...6...10... 12 CHUTES! AND A TANK!

THAT MAKES 13!



HE'S DONE IT AGAIN! BROUGHT DOWN A PARA-TROOP DROP ON US!



AT THAT MOMENT-- IN THE REAR...

THE SQUAD'S RIGHT! MAYBE I AM JINXING THEM?



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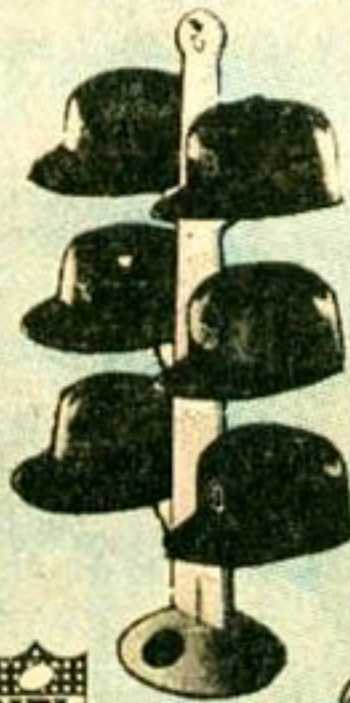
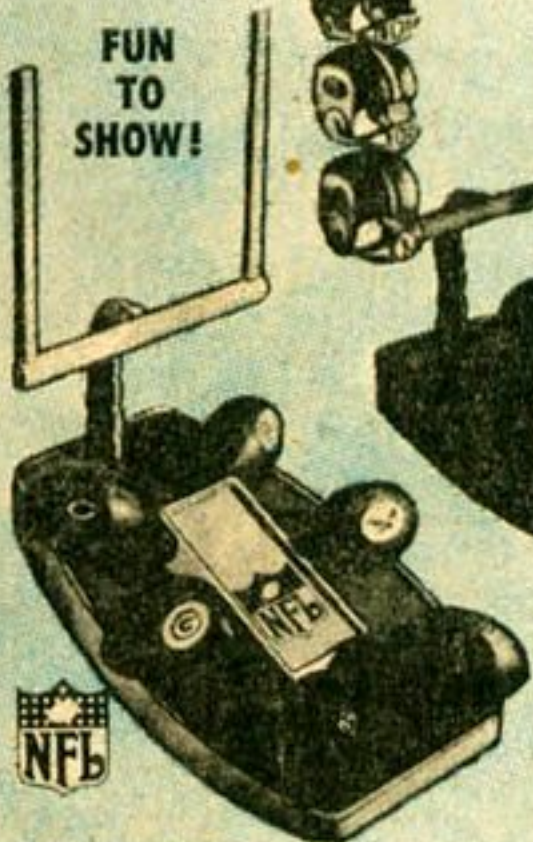
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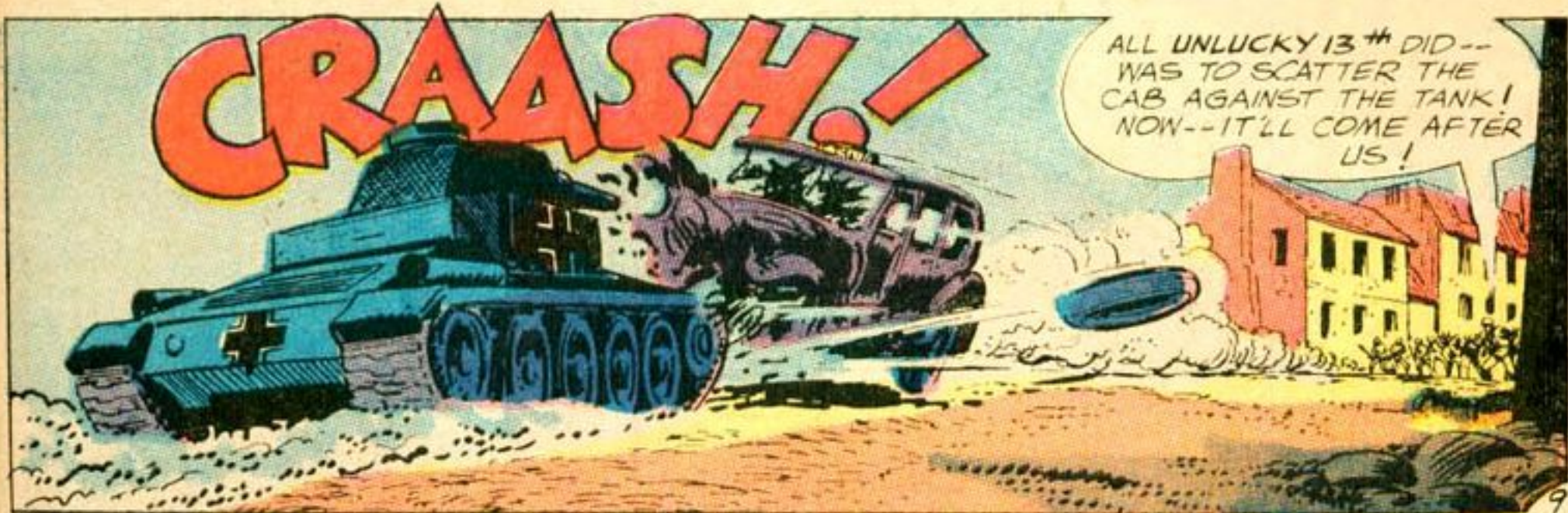
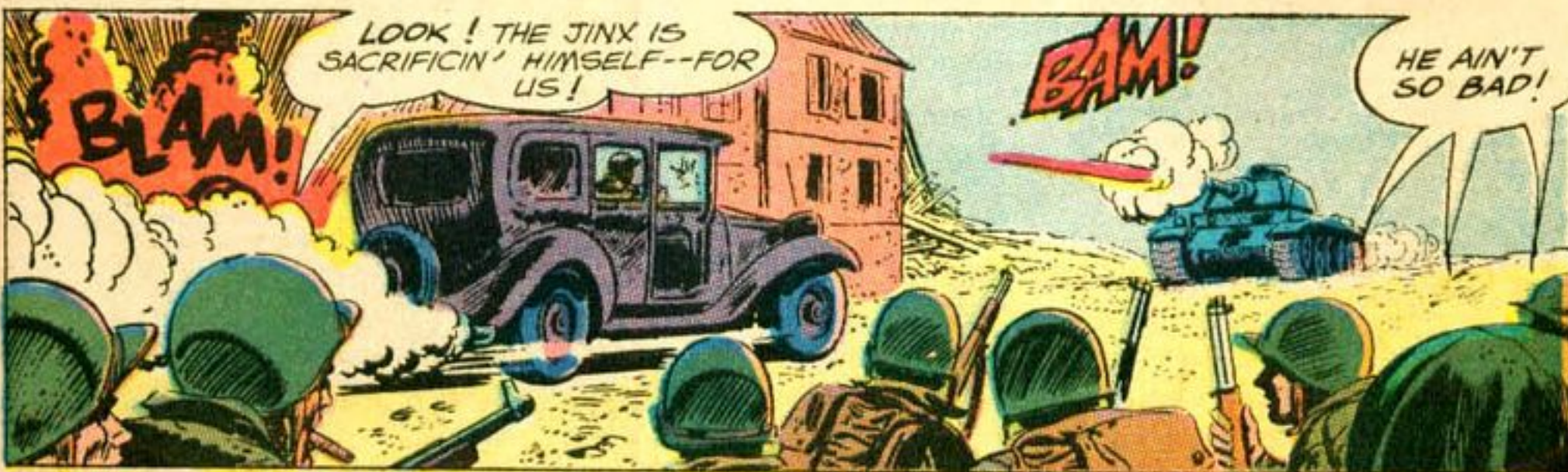
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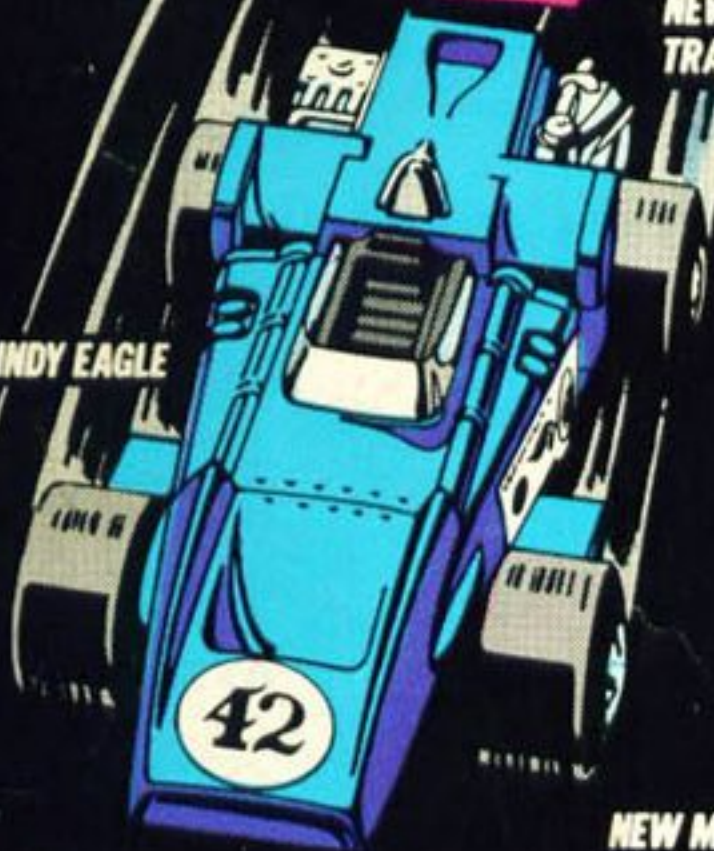
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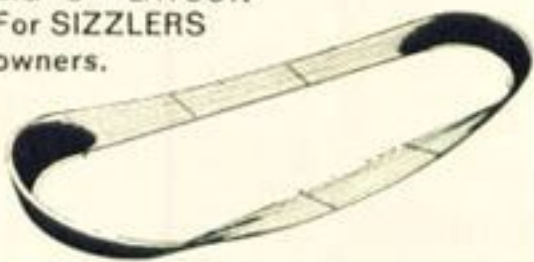
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