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# FIGHTING FORCES



"HUMAN BOOBY TRAP"  
 "TAIL GUNNER"  
 "PIED PIPER PRIVATE"  
 "FRONT-LINE HOUSE"



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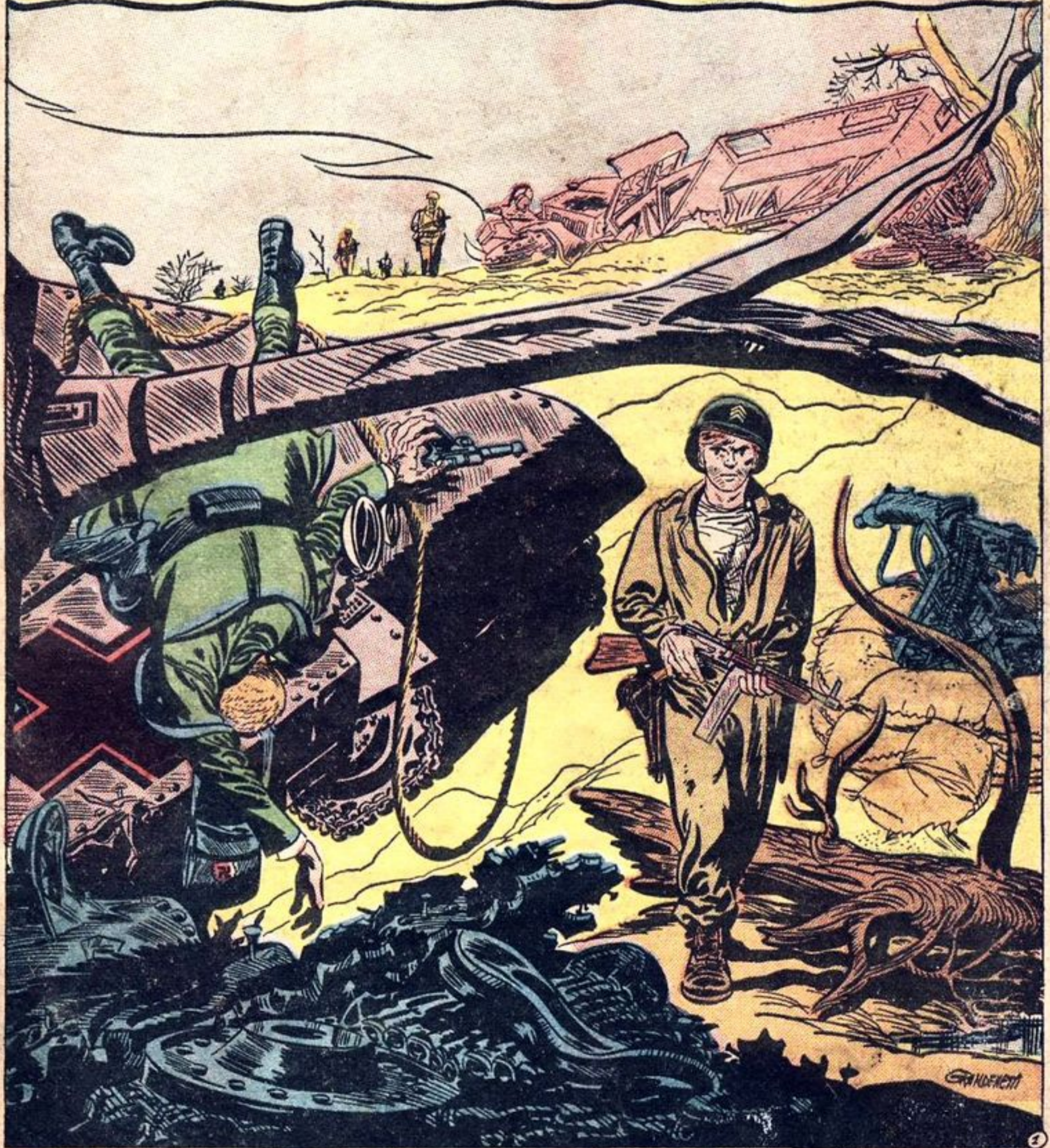
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**M**ET SGT. BAKER  
OF EASY COMPANY!  
HE'S SEEN A LOT--  
AND DONE A LOT--  
AND KEPT ON HIS  
FEET! BUT THAT  
WAS BEFORE HE  
MET THE ...

# HUMAN BOOBY TRAP!



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IN WAR--



--THE WHOLE WORLD'S A BOOBY TRAP--



TIMED TO EXPLODE IN YOUR FACE!

" I REMEMBER WHEN EASY COMPANY SCRAMBLED OFF THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD AND SCRATCHED ITS WAY INLAND... "



LET'S GO, EASY! WE'RE NOT CROSSIN' TIMES SQUARE ON SUNDAY!

**BLAM!**

" IT WAS ON THE ROAD TO ROME THAT I SAW MY FIRST DOUBLE-TAKE BOOBY TRAP... "



A BLIND MAN WOULD STEP AROUND THIS ROMAN CANDLE!

" I WAS ABOUT TO WALK AROUND THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE GUARANTEED TO SUBTRACT YEARS FROM YOUR LIFE--ALL OF THEM--WHEN A FIVE ALARM FIRE BELL RANG IN MY HEAD... "



THE NAZIS ARE TOO THOROUGH TO LEAVE BOOBY TRAPS UNCOVERED WHERE YOU CAN EASILY SPOT THEM!



MAYBE THEY'RE PULLIN' A SWITCH! MAYBE THEY WANT YOU TO WALK AROUND THIS TNT BAIT?

"IN WAR YOU HAVE TO OUTGUESS THE ENEMY IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR DOGTAGS AROUND YOUR NECK--INSTEAD OF HAVIN' THEM SENT BACK TO G.R.--BUT LIKE ANY SCIENTIST YOU HAVE TO TEST ALL DANGEROUS THEORIES ON YOURSELF--FIRST!"



I'LL STEP OVER THE MINE!

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT-- THAT'S THE LAST THING THE ENEMY FIGURED WE'D DO--



"I WALKED AS IF I WERE STEPPIN' ON EGGHELLS-- FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES!"



STILL-- IN ONE-- PIECE--!

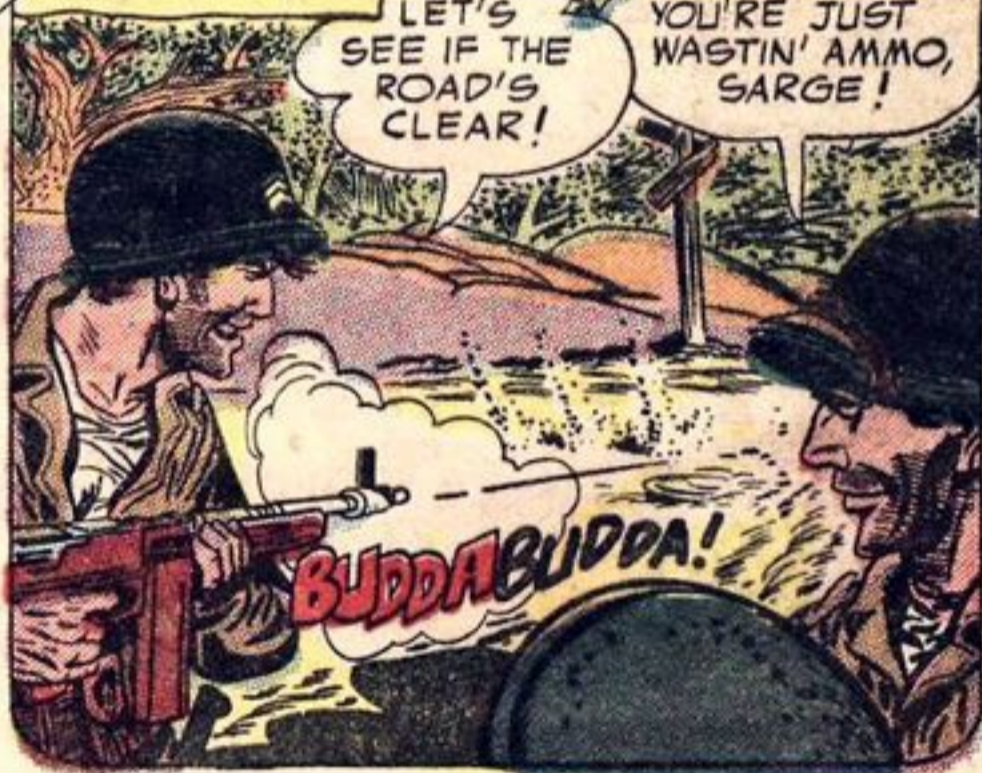
OKAY, EASY! PUT YOUR CLODHOPPERS EXACTLY WHERE I PUT MINE! AND SET 'EM DOWN EASY!



EASY EASY! RIGHT, SARGE!

THIS PUSSY-FOOTIN'S A WASTE OF TIME! THE MINE'S A DUD! AN' THERE'S NOTHIN' ELSE AROUND!

"I WAITED UNTIL EASY COMPANY WAS PAST ME-- THEN..."



LET'S SEE IF THE ROAD'S CLEAR!

YOU'RE JUST WASTIN' AMMO, SARGE!

BUDDABUDDA!



BUDDABUDDA!

BLAAM! WHAM!

VIIIP! VIIIP!

"LATER, AFTER D-DAY, IN THE RUBBLE OF ST. LO, EASY COMPANY WAS DOIN' SOME STREET CLEANIN' WHEN NAZI TYPISTS STARTED WRITIN' LETTERS TO US--IN LEAD!"



THAT MACHINE GUN'S BLOCKIN' OUR WAY! WE'LL RUSH IT IN WAVES--I'LL GO FIRST! COVER ME!



THAT MG CREW IS IGNORIN' MY COVER FIRE LIKE DUCKS SITTIN' IN RAIN!



"AS EASY STARTED FOLLOWIN' ME IN LEAP-FROGGIN' WAVES..."



"AGAIN THAT FIVE ALARM FIRE BELL RANG IN MY HEAD! I RAN OUT AND HIT THE STREET ON MY BACK--"



"IT WAS THEN I SAW THEM..."

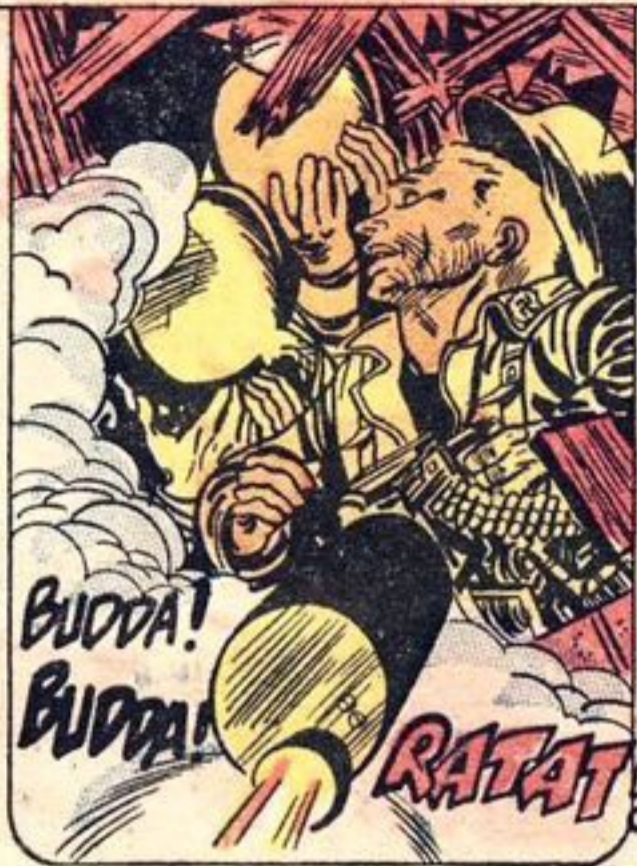
"THERE'S THE REAL CREW! WAITIN' FOR US TO RUSH THE DUMMY MACHINE GUN TRIPPED TO FIRE AUTOMATICALLY! THEY'LL CUT EASY TO SHREDS!"



WATCH IT, EASY! ROBBERS IN THE HOUSE!



"THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT A 'DEAD MAN' COULDN'T SUDDENLY START FIRIN'--IN WAR!"



"IN A WAR THAT'S ONE BIG BOOBYTRAP FOR THE UNWARY--THE ONLY SAFE ENEMY IS ONE WHO'S BEEN BURIED FOR SEVEN DAYS!"



"ON ANOTHER BEACHHEAD WE MET SOME MORE MASTERS OF 'SEEMIN' WHAT THEY AIN'T!"



"BUT THESE 'DOORNAILS' SUDDENLY CAME TO LIFE!"



"I UNPINNED A GRENADE AND MADE LIKE A SUB 'WITH A TORPEDO..."





"THOSE 30 SLUGS RIPPIN' THE WATER ALL AROUND ME FELT LIKE DEPTH CHARGES -- I HAD TIME FOR JUST ONE PITCH -- BEFORE I HIT THE WATER ..."



"IT CONNECTED!"

**BLAAM!**



"IT WAS BETTER TO GET WATER IN OUR FACES -- THAN DIRT ..."



YEAH -- EASY COMPANY'S LEARNED THAT THINGS ARE NEVER WHAT THEY SEEM IN WAR!



EVERY ROCK -- EVERY BLADE OF GRASS -- MAY HIDE A BEAD CENTERED ON YOUR HEART! EVERY SHADOW MAY FIRE AT YOU!



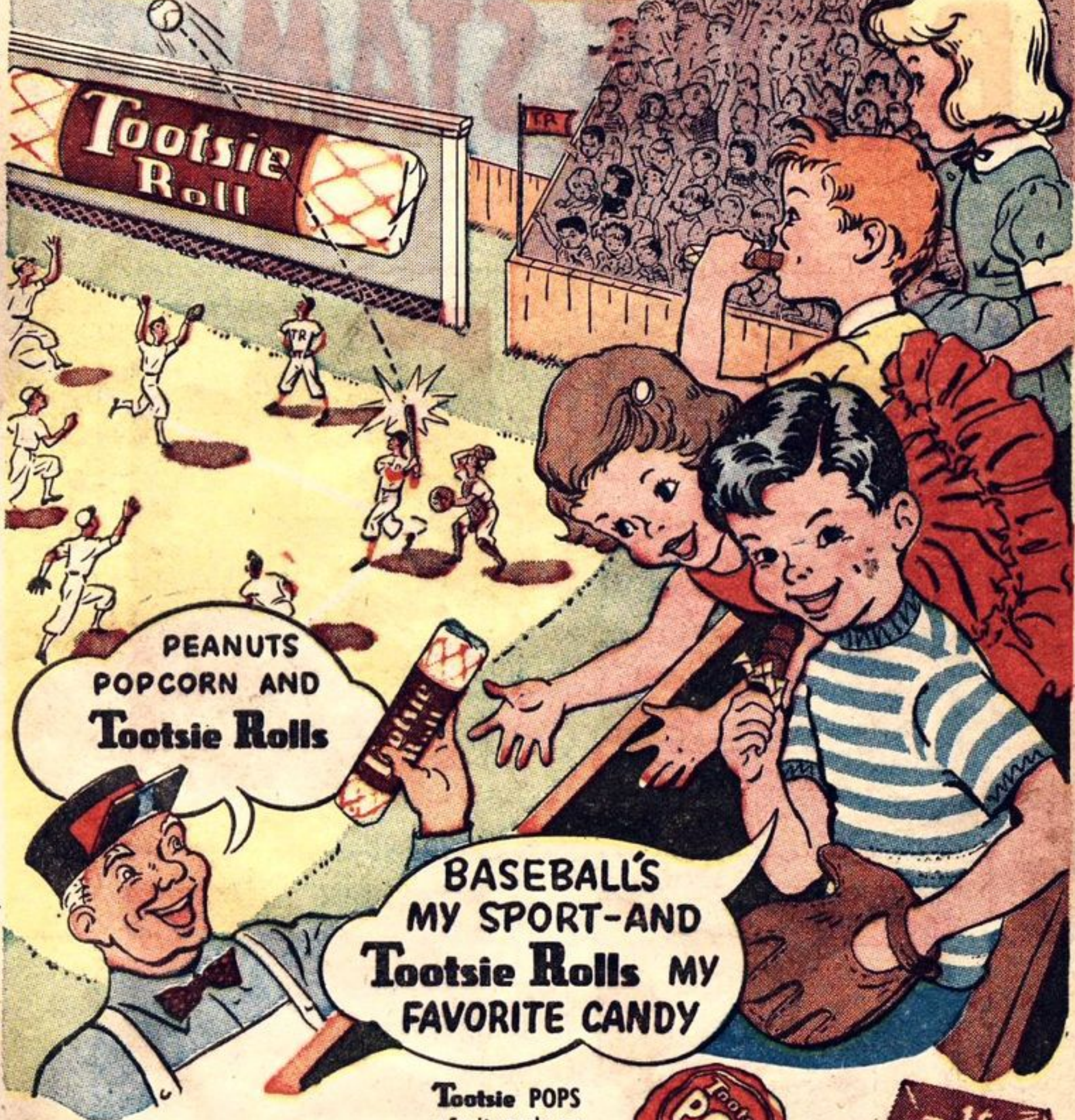
YEAH -- YOU LEARN THE HARD WAY THAT THE ONLY SAFE ENEMY IS ONE WHO'S BEEN BURIED FOR SEVEN DAYS!



The End



# Tootsie Roll



PEANUTS  
POPCORN AND  
**Tootsie Rolls**

BASEBALL'S  
MY SPORT-AND  
**Tootsie Rolls** MY  
FAVORITE CANDY

**Yes, for baseball fans  
and players, too!**

## Tootsie Rolls

... the All-American Champ of Candies

• **CHOCOLATY**

• **TASTY**

• **LONG LASTING**

Stays firm and fresh even on the hottest days.

At all candy counters — still only **5c**

### Tootsie POPS

—Fruit candy on  
the outside,  
TOOTSIE ROLL in-  
side. Two treats  
for the price of  
one — only 2c.



These delicious **Tootsie** CANDIES  
are only 1c each.

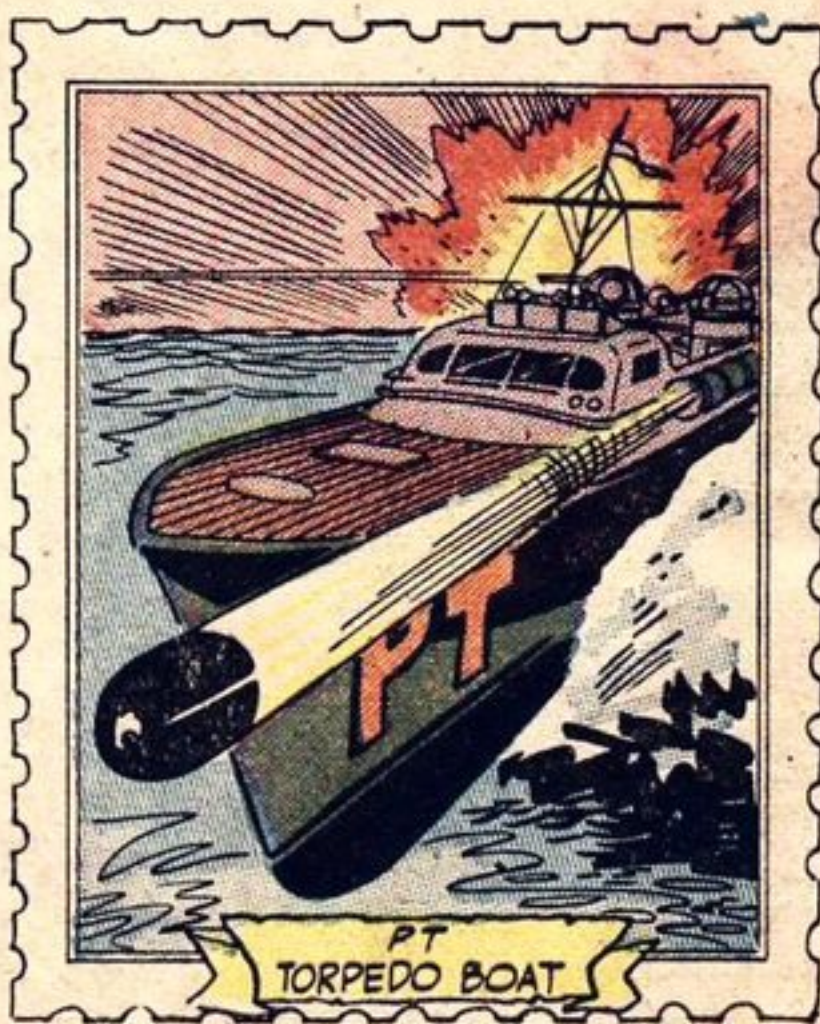
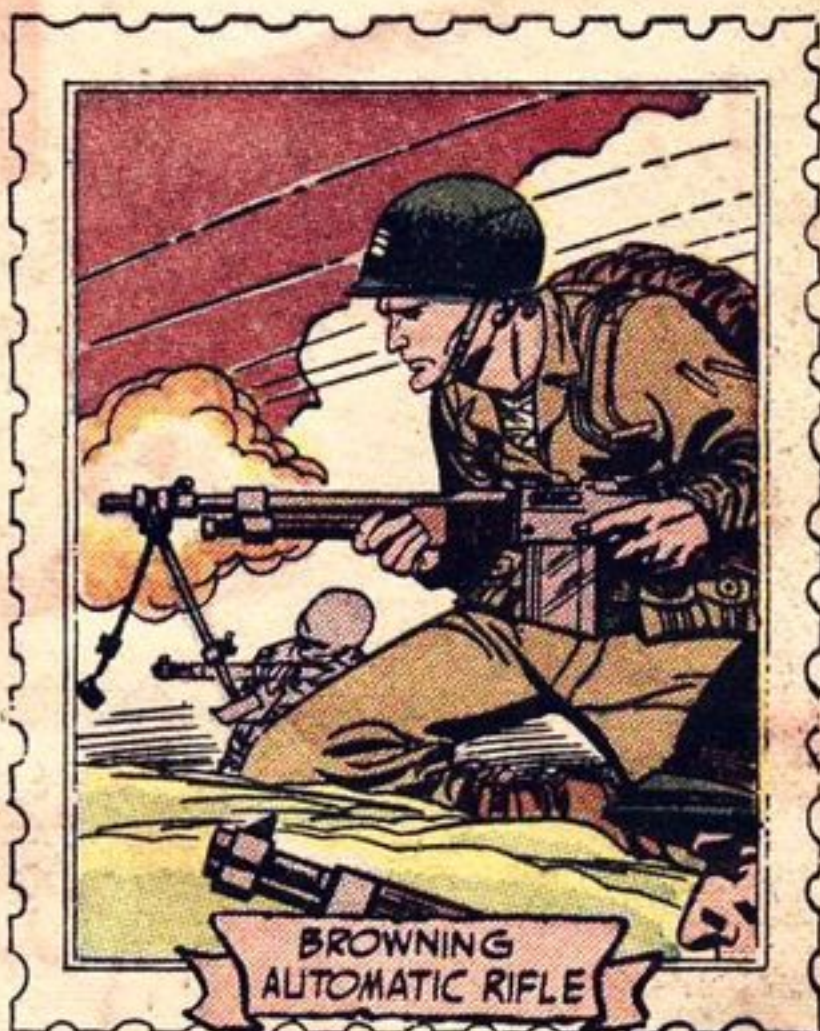
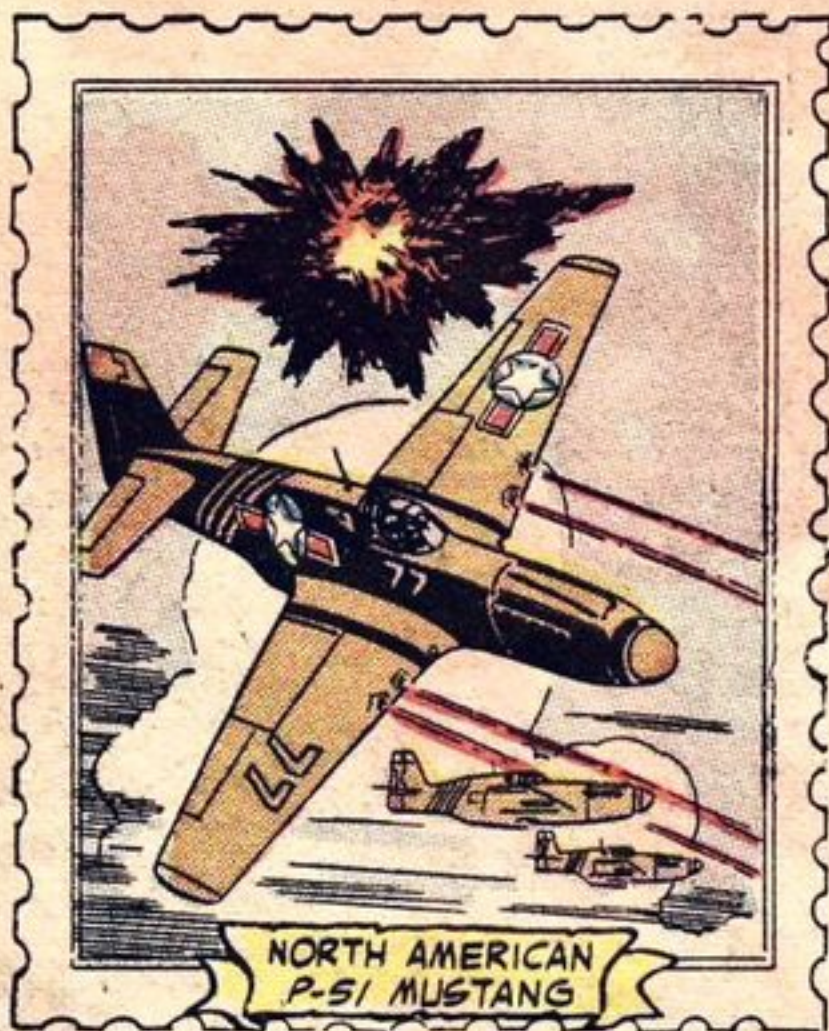


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# BATTLE STAMPS

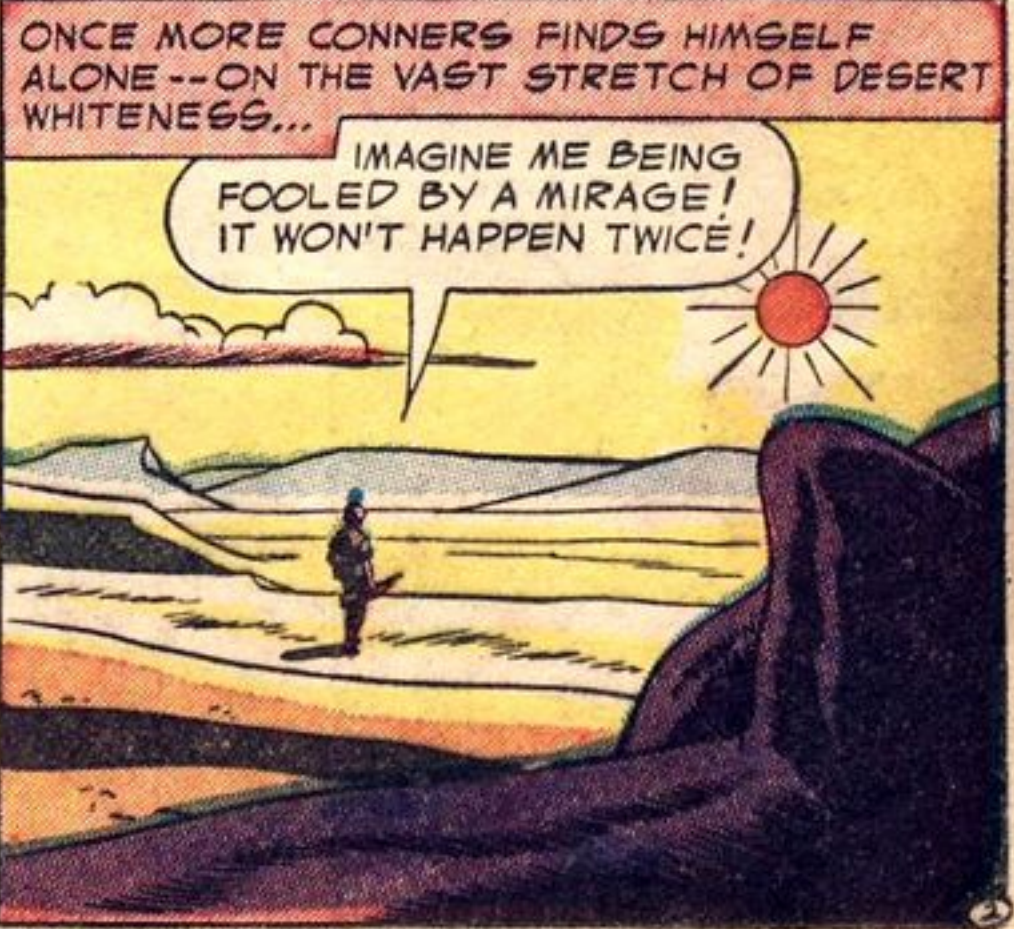
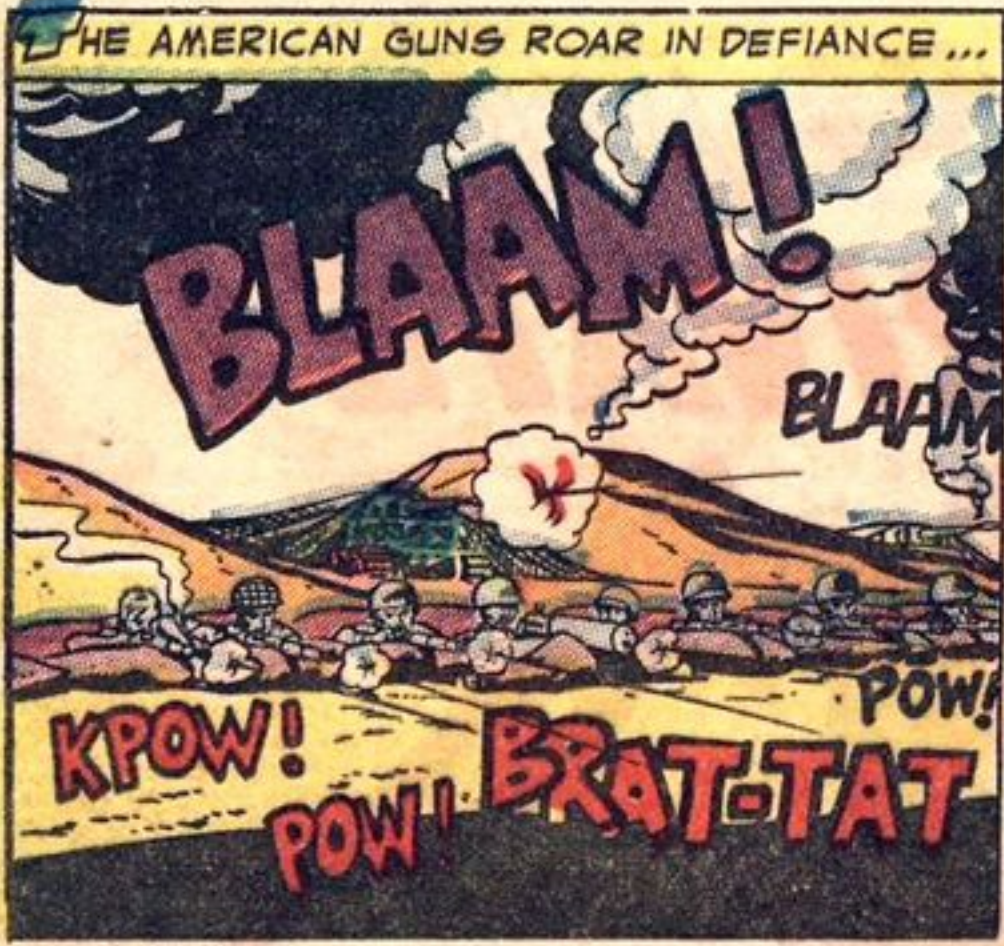
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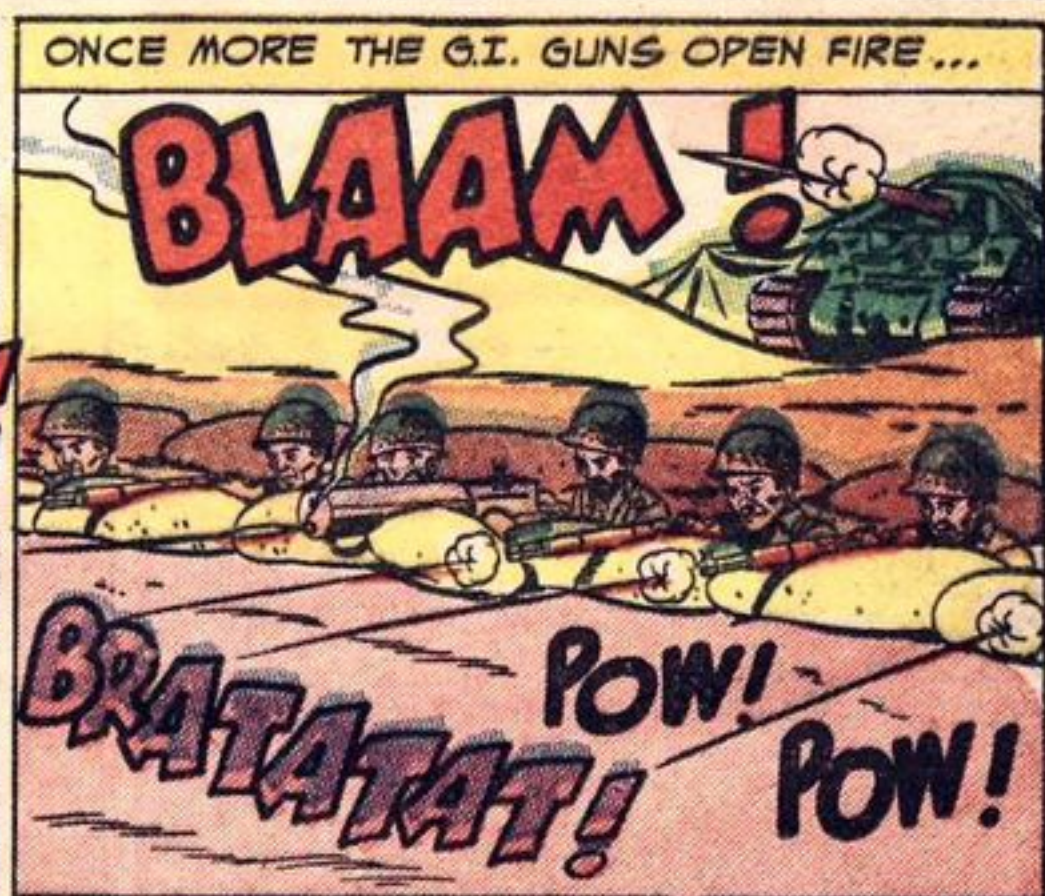
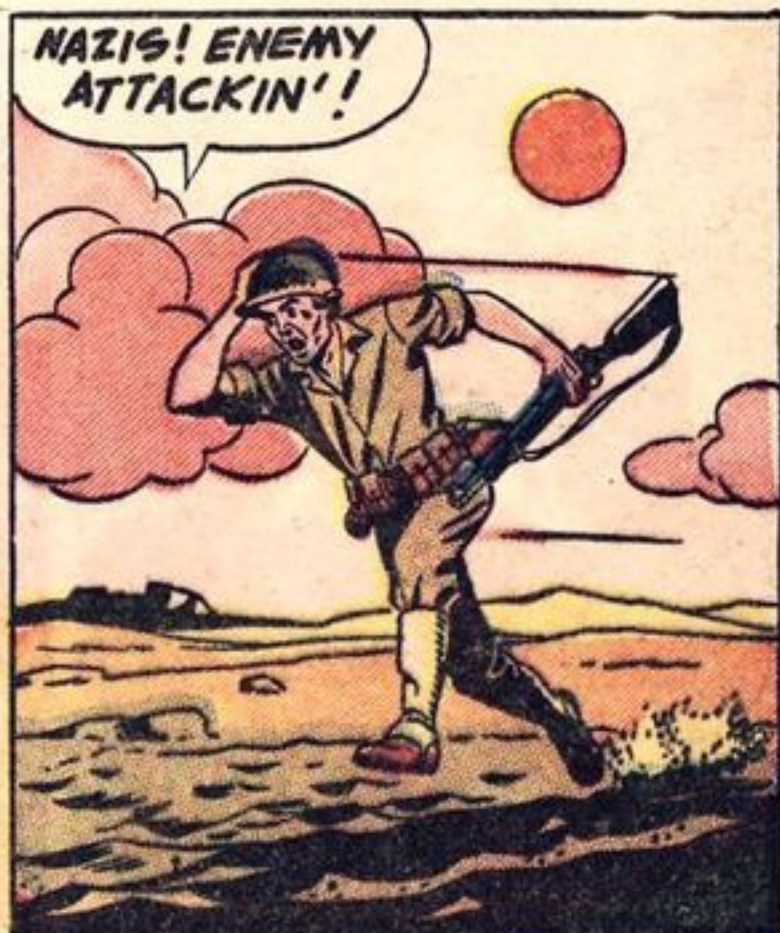
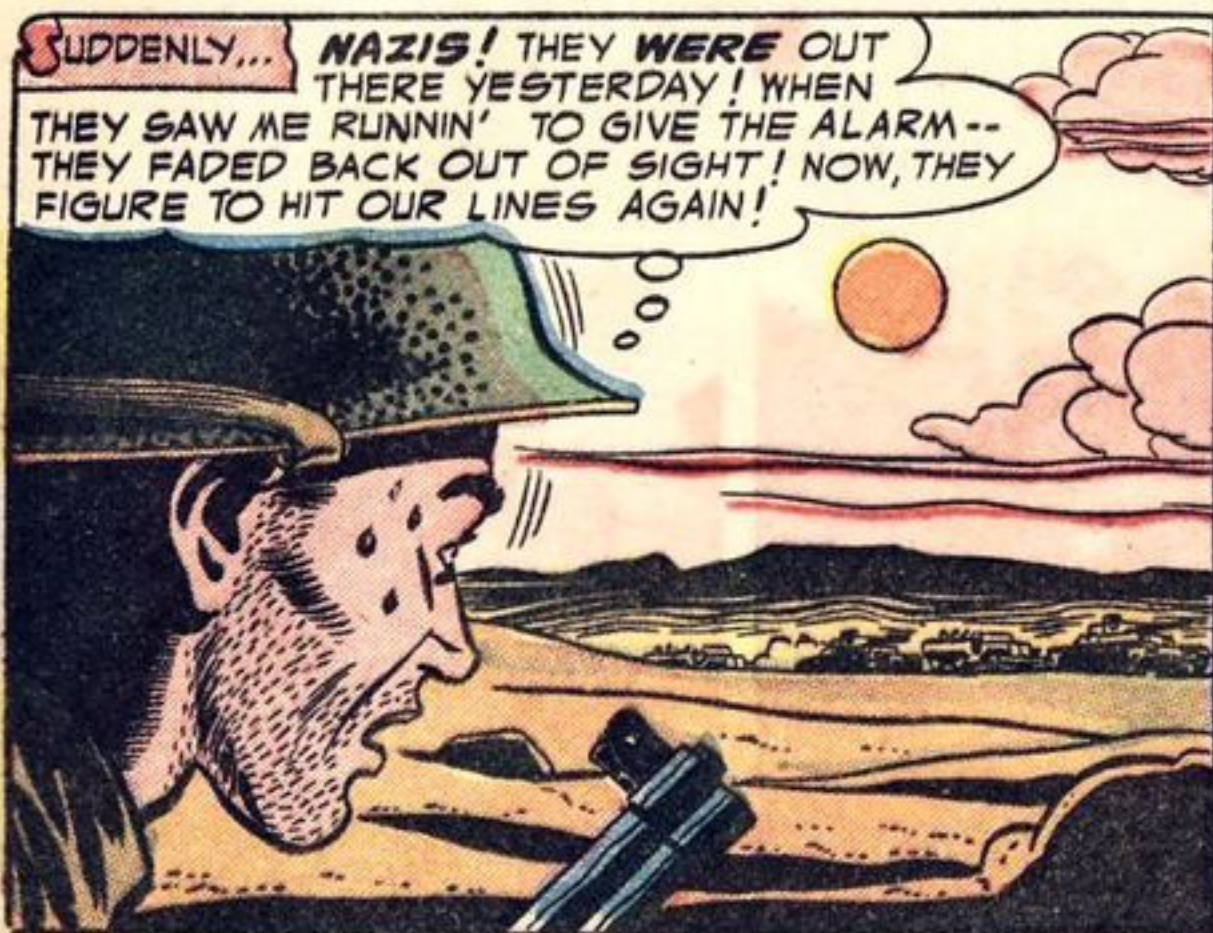


# The **PIED PIPER** **PRIVATE!**

PVT. TOMMY CONNERS NEVER RAN FROM ANYTHING IN HIS LIFE! HE PARTICULARLY DIDN'T LIKE RUNNING FROM THE NAZIS! BUT WHAT ELSE WAS THERE TO DO WHEN HE WAS CAST IN THE ROLE OF . . .









ONE MORE ALARM LIKE THAT AND YOU'LL BE WEARING A STRAIT JACKET!

DON'T SELL US ANY MORE MIRAGES-- WE'RE NOT BUYIN'!



OKAY-- SO IT WAS ANOTHER MIRAGE! A MIRAGE CAN FOOL ME ONCE--EVEN TWICE! BUT THERE WON'T BE A **THIRD** TIME! NO SIR! NEVER AGAIN!



THE NEXT DAY, CONNERS IS DETAILED TO PICK UP SOME SUPPLIES AT QUARTERMASTER..

REMEMBER... STAY OUT OF THAT OFF-LIMITS AREA! THEY'LL SHOOT AT ANYTHING THAT MOVES OUT THERE!

OKAY!



OFF HE GOES, OUT ACROSS THE ENDLESS SANDS...

YES, SIR--NO MIRAGES FOR ME ANYMORE!



THEN, OFF TO HIS RIGHT--

"NAZIS" AGAIN!



I'M NOT FALLIN' FOR ANOTHER MIRAGE!



THIS MIRAGE'S FIRIN' BACK!

**BLAM!**

**WIP!**

CLEAR OF THE WRECKED JEEP...  
THEY KNOW I'M ALONE! THEY'RE  
SENDIN' THOSE RIFLE MEN TO  
GET ME BEFORE I CAN RACE  
BACK AND WARN THE GUYS!  
BUT EVEN IF I DID GET BACK  
THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME!



SO I'VE GOT TO  
DO THIS JOB MY-  
SELF... SOMEHOW!  
RIFLE'S JAMMED!



I HAVEN'T GOT TIME  
TO PLAY GUNSMITH!  
NOT WITH THAT BURP  
GUN LOOKIN' FOR ME!  
I NEED THAT BOULDER  
FOR COVER!



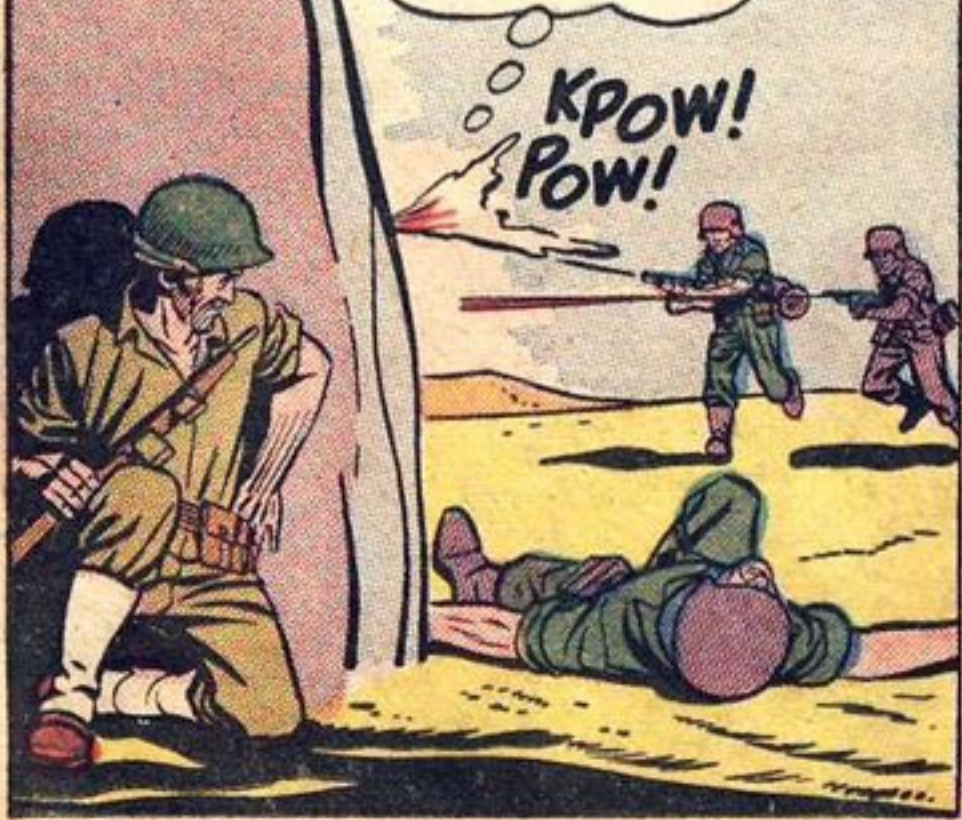
THERE'S NO ONE OUT HERE  
BUT SWASTIKAS AND ME!  
SO THE SOUND OF THOSE  
FOOTSTEPS MEANS WE'RE  
GOIN' TO PLAY HIDE AND  
GO SEEK!



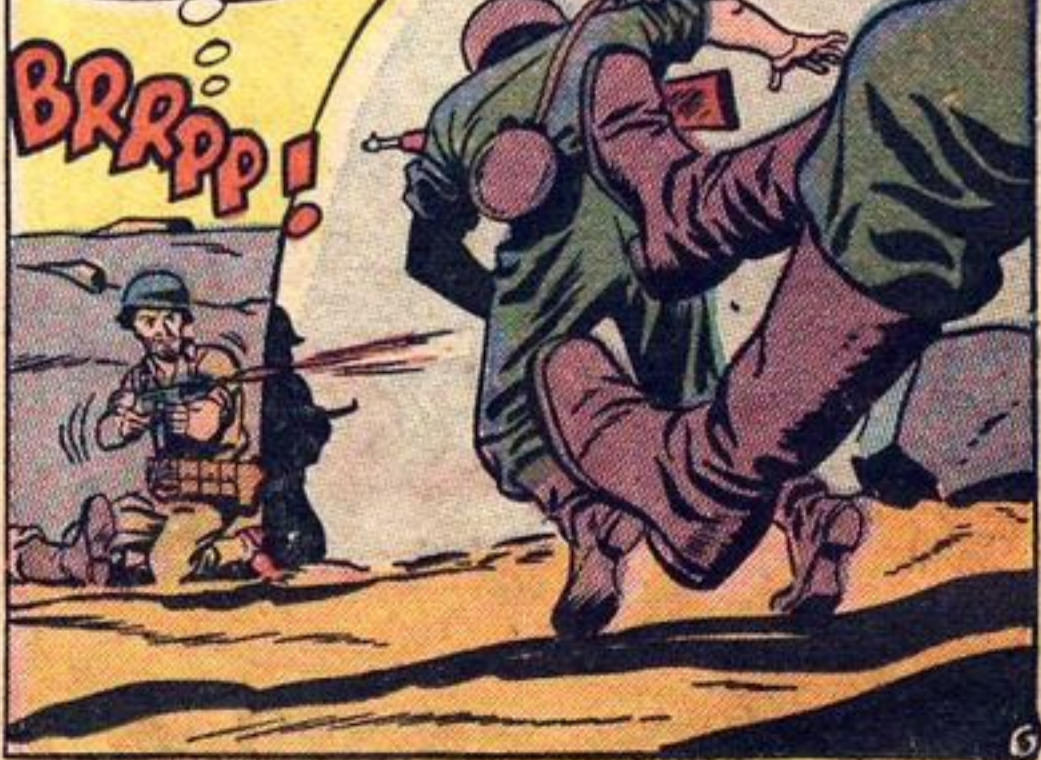
HERE  
I AM!



HERE COME  
THE OTHERS!



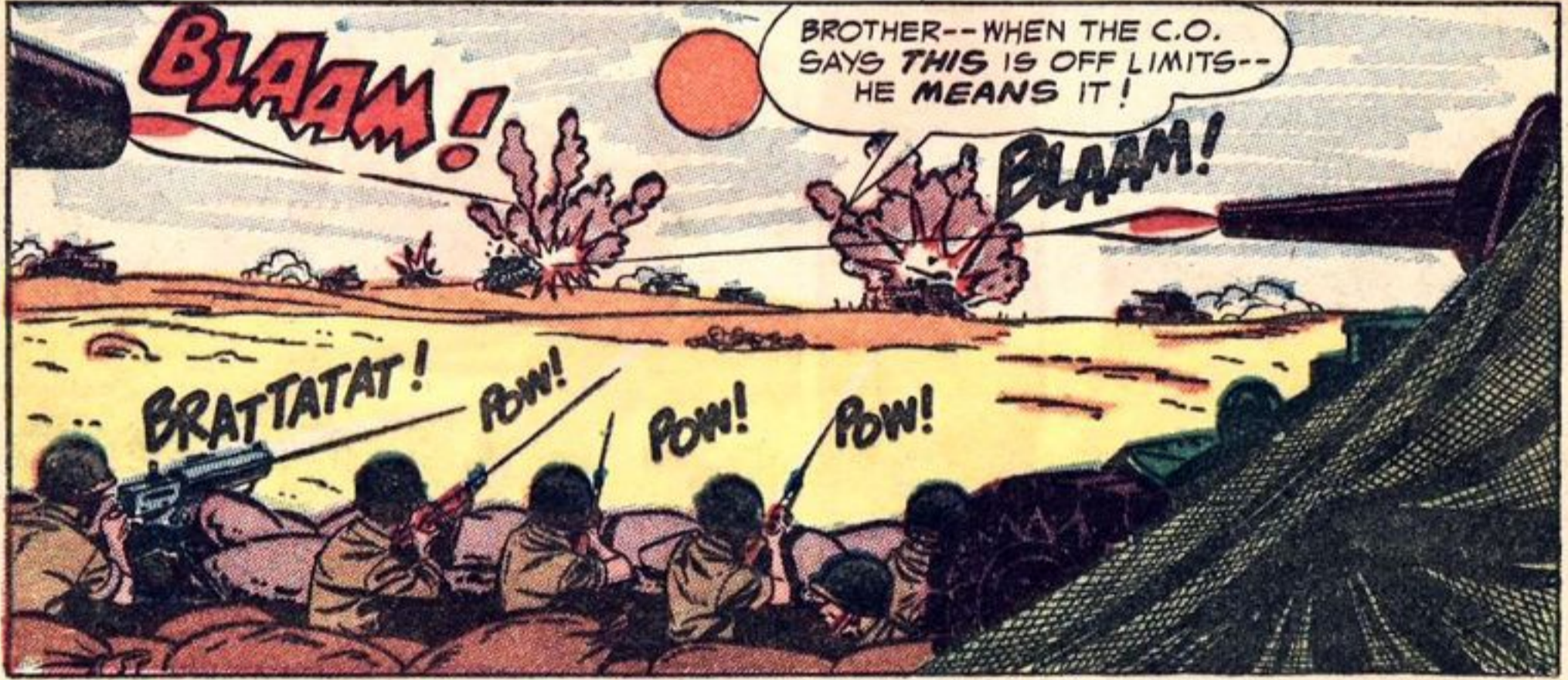
THEY WANT TO  
PLAY TAG AND  
MAKE ME IT!



AS A DARING SCHEME FORMS IN HIS MIND, CONNERS RUNS...

AND LEAD 'EM RIGHT INTO THE OFF-LIMITS AREA! OH-N! MY LEG!

CAN'T STOP NOW... JUST A LITTLE... WAY... MORE...





# ADVENTURES OF THE DUBBLE BUBBLE KIDS

**Panel 1:** LOOK-THERE'S RUFFY! HE'S BEEN BRAGGIN' HE COULD SPEND A NIGHT IN THE OL' HAUNTED HOUSE!

**Panel 2:** HE SURE MAKES EVERYBODY'S LIFE MISERABLE. I WISH WE COULD FIX HIM... AND... SAY! MAYBE WE CAN! LET'S TALK TO HIM.

**Panel 3:** -AND SO WE DARE YOU TO SPEND TONIGHT IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TELLING EVERYBODY YOU WOULD!

**Panel 4:** -OR WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE US TELL PEOPLE YOU BACKED OUT?

**Panel 5:** DON'T WORRY-I'LL BE THERE!

**Panel 6:** IT'LL WORK. I SAW HIM GO IN THERE ABOUT AN HOUR AGO, SO HE OUGHT TO BE SCARED ENOUGH BY NOW TO FALL FOR IT!

**Panel 7:** I SURE HOPE YOUR IDEA WORKS, TIM.

**Panel 8:** I'M THE TWO-HEADED MONSTER-AND I'M COMING AFTER YOU 'CAUSE YOU BULLY ALL THE LITTLE KIDS- HEH-HEH-HEH.

**Panel 9:** PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM!!

**Panel 10:** HELP! LEMME OUTTA HERE!

**Panel 11:** IT WAS SIMPLE! I JUST BLEW A BIG BUBBLE OUT THE SIDE OF MY MOUTH WITH DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM AND IN THE DARK IT LOOKED AS IF I HAD TWO HEADS!

**Panel 12:** YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM RUN! WHEN HE PASSED ME HE SAID HE'D NEVER BULLY ANOTHER KID IN HIS LIFE!

**Panel 13:** COMICS, FACTS, AND FORTUNES IN EVERY PIECE!

**Panel 14:** LONG-LASTING FLAVOR!

**Panel 15:** AND, UMMH-IS IT DELICIOUS GUM!

**Panel 16:** FRANK H. FLEER CORP PHILADELPHIA 41, PA.

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COMICS

# POLIO

Research  
will mean  
*Victory!*

**GAMMA GLOBULIN**—  
obtained from human blood—  
protects for a few weeks.  
But it is in very short supply.



When **POLIO** is around,  
follow these **PRECAUTIONS**



- 1 Keep clean
- 2 Don't get fatigued
- 3 Avoid new groups
- 4 Don't get chilled

### A VACCINE

A safe and promising vaccine is being tested now, but results will not be known until 1955.



THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

# Buzzy "has the answer to" "SCHOOL BLUES!"

GOSH, JOE, YOU CAN'T QUIT SCHOOL JUST LIKE THAT! THINK IT OVER AND GET SOME ADVICE!

WHAT'S THE USE? LOOK AT THIS REPORT CARD--IT GETS WORSE EVERY TIME! NO, BUZZY, I THINK I'LL QUIT AND LOOK FOR A JOB!

REPORT CARD  
Joseph Gley

JUST THOUGHT I'D SEE ABOUT CHANCES FOR A JOB, MR. BROWN. I KINDA LIKE FOOLING AROUND WITH MECHANICAL THINGS.

WE COULD TAKE YOU ON, JOE, BUT FRANKLY YOU'D GET FURTHER IN THE LONG RUN IF YOU FINISHED SCHOOL FIRST. EDUCATION PAYS OFF, YOU KNOW!

I STILL DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STAYING AT SCHOOL. I'M NOT GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF IT!

I SEE HOW YOU FEEL, SON, BUT WE'D BE PRETTY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU QUIT SCHOOL NOW. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO GET INTERESTED IN YOUR STUDIES?

I HAVE AN IDEA. WHY NOT TALK IT OVER WITH MR. ADAMS, YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR? MAYBE HE CAN SUGGEST SOMETHING.

I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE SENSE TO COME IN TO SEE ME, JOE. I'VE REARRANGED YOUR SCHEDULE, AND IT INCLUDES A NEW COURSE THAT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY.

WELL, NOW I'M GETTING SOMEPLACE! I'LL TAKE A CRACK AT IT, MR. ADAMS. THANKS!

HIYA, JOE. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL AROUND.

WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? THAT NEW COURSE I'M TAKING IS A HONEY. AND I'M DOING BETTER IN MY OTHER SUBJECTS, TOO. BOY, AM I GLAD I DIDN'T QUIT WHEN I GOT IN THAT SLUMP!

AUTO MECHANICS

JOE SETTLED AN IMPORTANT DECISION THE WISE WAY. WHEN IT COMES TO SOMETHING THAT WILL INFLUENCE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, DON'T LET DISCOURAGEMENT SETTLE IT FOR YOU. YOUR FUTURE DESERVES REAL THOUGHT--AND THE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GET!

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AS BUZZING NAZI FIGHTER PLANES PLAY A DEADLY GAME WITH HIS FLYING FORT-- SGT. JOE FLANNIGAN, TAIL GUNNER, ANSWERS WITH .50 CALIBER CHATTER...

YEAH! THE C.O. SURE HANDED ME **SOME** SURPRISE WHEN I REPORTED BACK FOR DUTY TODAY...



WHAT, SIR--?! MY ENTIRE CREW HAS GONE **HOME!**



YES, SERGEANT, THEY FLEW THEIR LAST MISSIONS AND LEFT A WEEK AGO WHILE YOU WERE STILL ON FURLOUGH!

BUT WHAT ABOUT ME, SIR? I'VE ONLY **ONE** MISSION TO FLY!



YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO FLY ON ANOTHER PLANE! WITH A NEW CREW! JUST ONE MORE MISSION! AND YOU CAN GO STATESIDE TOO!

DID YOU SAY A **GREEN** CREW, SIR?

YES, SERGEANT! IT'LL BE THEIR FIRST MISSION! YOU'LL BE THE ONLY COMBAT VETERAN ON THE PLANE! THEY'LL NEED A GOOD TAIL GUNNER ALONG WITH THEM! YOU'RE TAGGED!

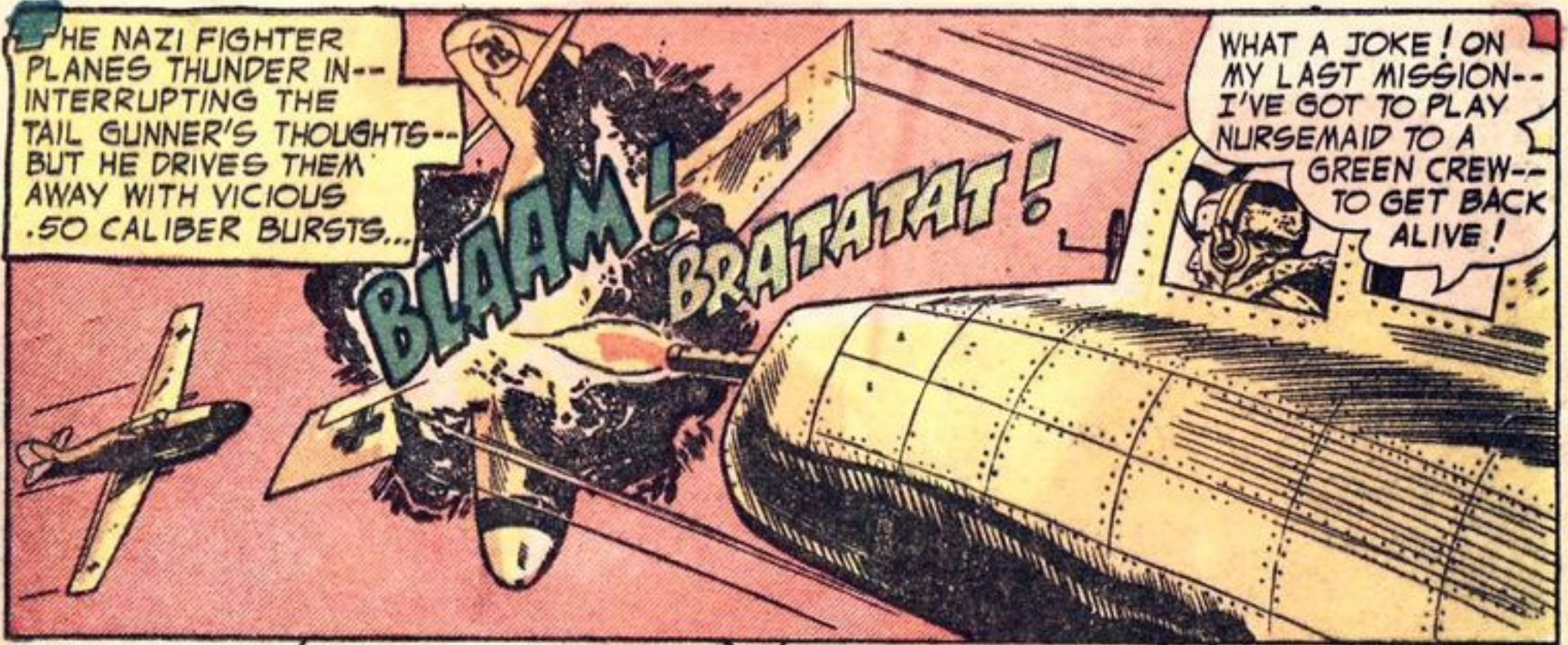


**TAGGED** IS RIGHT! THEY LOOK GREENER THAN GRASS!



"WE MADE IT TO THE TARGET ALL RIGHT--BUT I NEVER EXPECTED TO GET BACK!"





THE NAZI FIGHTER PLANES THUNDER IN-- INTERRUPTING THE TAIL GUNNER'S THOUGHTS-- BUT HE DRIVES THEM AWAY WITH VICIOUS .50 CALIBER BURSTS...

**BLAAM! BRATATAT!**

WHAT A JOKE! ON MY LAST MISSION-- I'VE GOT TO PLAY NURSEMAID TO A GREEN CREW-- TO GET BACK ALIVE!

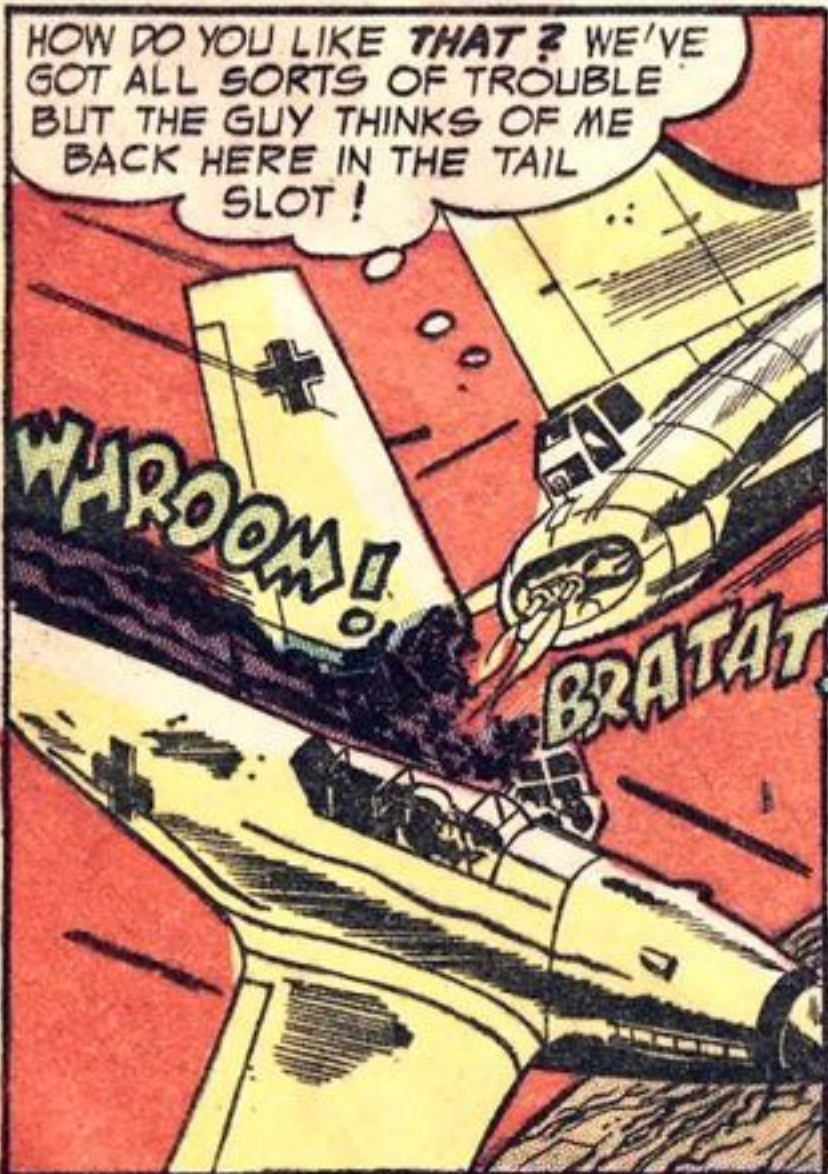


UH-UH! ALMOST OUT OF AMMO! THREE SWASTIKAS COMING IN AFTER ME AND I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LEAD LEFT TO MAKE A SINKER FOR A FISHING LINE!



FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE RUNNING LOW ON AMMO, SARGE!

TH-THANKS! I COULD SURE USE IT!



HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? WE'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE BUT THE GUY THINKS OF ME BACK HERE IN THE TAIL SLOT!



A GREEN KID! NEVER SAW A NAZI PLANE EXCEPT IN PICTURES! BUT WHEN THE HEAT'S ON--HE THINKS OF ME AND MY AMMO! HE'S OKAY!

**BRATATAT!**



SUDDENLY... PILOT TO CREW! PUT ON OXYGEN MASKS! WE'RE GOING UP-- STAIRS TO TRY TO LOSE THESE MOSQUITOES!

**WHROOOM!**

AS THE CREW OF NINE IMMEDIATELY DONS ITS OXYGEN MASKS...



HOPE WE MAKE IT!

THE NAZI FIGHTERS--SEEING THE HUGE BOMBER LIFT ITSELF HIGHER--ROAR IN FURIOUSLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING HER DOWN BEFORE SHE IS OUT OF REACH ...



ON THE TAILSPOT-- .50 CALIBERS SING AN AWESOME TUNE ...



BUT STILL THE FIGHTERS PRESS THEIR ATTACK ...

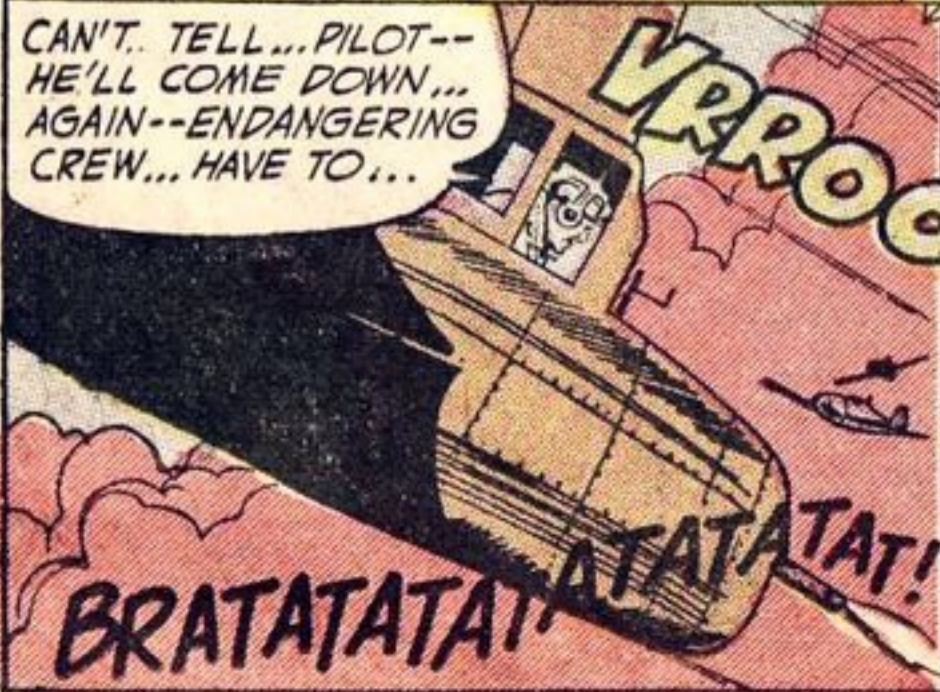


UNTIL... THEY CLIPPED MY OXYGEN MASK! IF I'D HAD MY OWN CREW ALONG, WE'D HAVE DRIVEN THE NAZIS AWAY BY NOW! BUT THESE GREEN GUYS!



THE BOMBER STRAINS--LIFTING HIGHER AND HIGHER--TRYING TO SHAKE FREE OF THE BUZZING FIGHTER PLANES ...

CAN'T TELL... PILOT-- HE'LL COME DOWN... AGAIN--ENDANGERING CREW... HAVE TO...



HAVE TO... SWEAT... THIS... ONE... OUT...





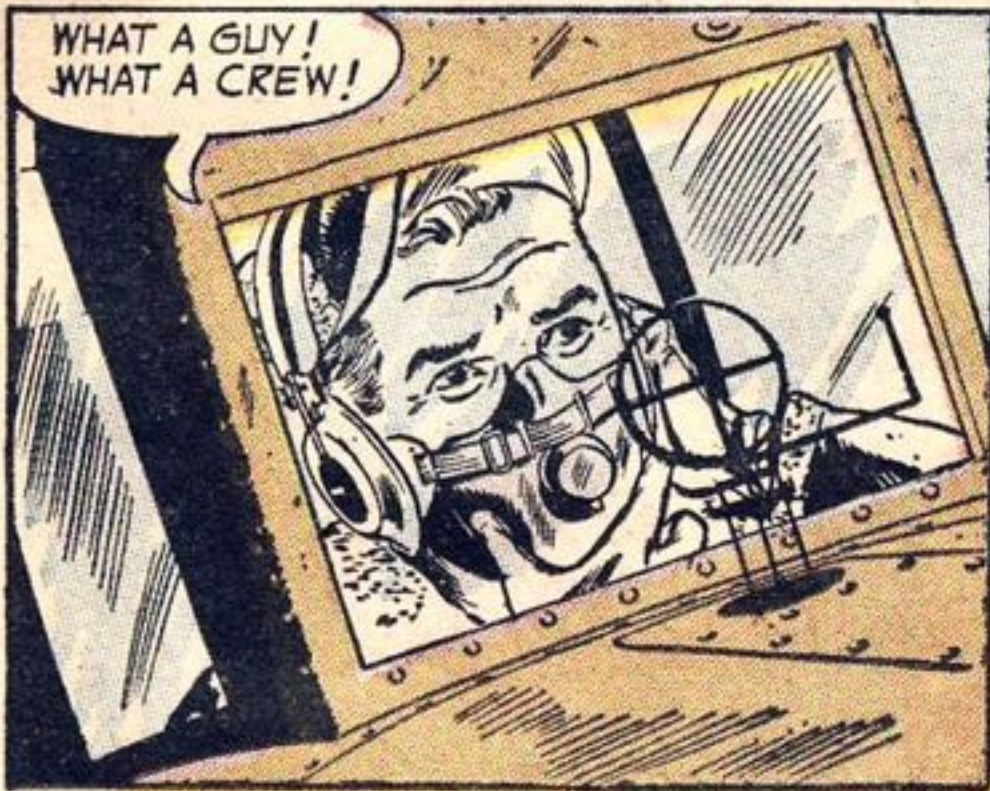
DIDN'T HEAR YOUR GUNS GOING, SARGE! WONDERED WHAT WAS UP! HERE--USE MY MASK!

NO--! WHAT ARE YOU... GOING TO USE FOR... OXYGEN?



WE... NEED... YOUR GUNS... SARGE... WEAR THE MASK... YOU'VE -- GOT TO... THAT'S AN ORDER!

Y-YES, SIR!



WHAT A GUY!  
WHAT A CREW!



AND I'M THE ONE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A VETERAN IN THIS CREW!

**BRATATAT!**



I'VE GOT TO SHOW THESE GUYS THAT I MEASURE UP TO THEM! THAT I'M THE BEST TAIL GUNNER IN THE BUSINESS!

**RATATATAT!**

**BRATATATAT!**

**BLAAM!**



THEY'RE  
TOPS--  
TOPS!



HERE IS A SUDDEN EXPLOSION AS  
A SHELL HITS THE TAIL BLISTER,  
AND A THOUSAND RAINBOWS EXPLODE  
IN HIS FACE...



BRATAT  
TATAT!

IT SEEMS LATER-- THAT  
THE TAIL GUNNER COMES  
TO AND...  
MUST BE  
DREAMING--MY  
GUNS ARE STILL  
CHOPPING AWAY!



THE CO-PILOT'S--  
TAKEN MY PLACE!

RELAX, SERGEANT! YOU DID MOST  
OF THE WORK! I'M JUST DUSTING  
UP FOR YOU BEFORE WE CAME DOWN!

BRATAT!



FINALLY...

THERE'S THE  
CHANNEL! WE'VE  
MADE IT!



AT THE AIRFIELD...

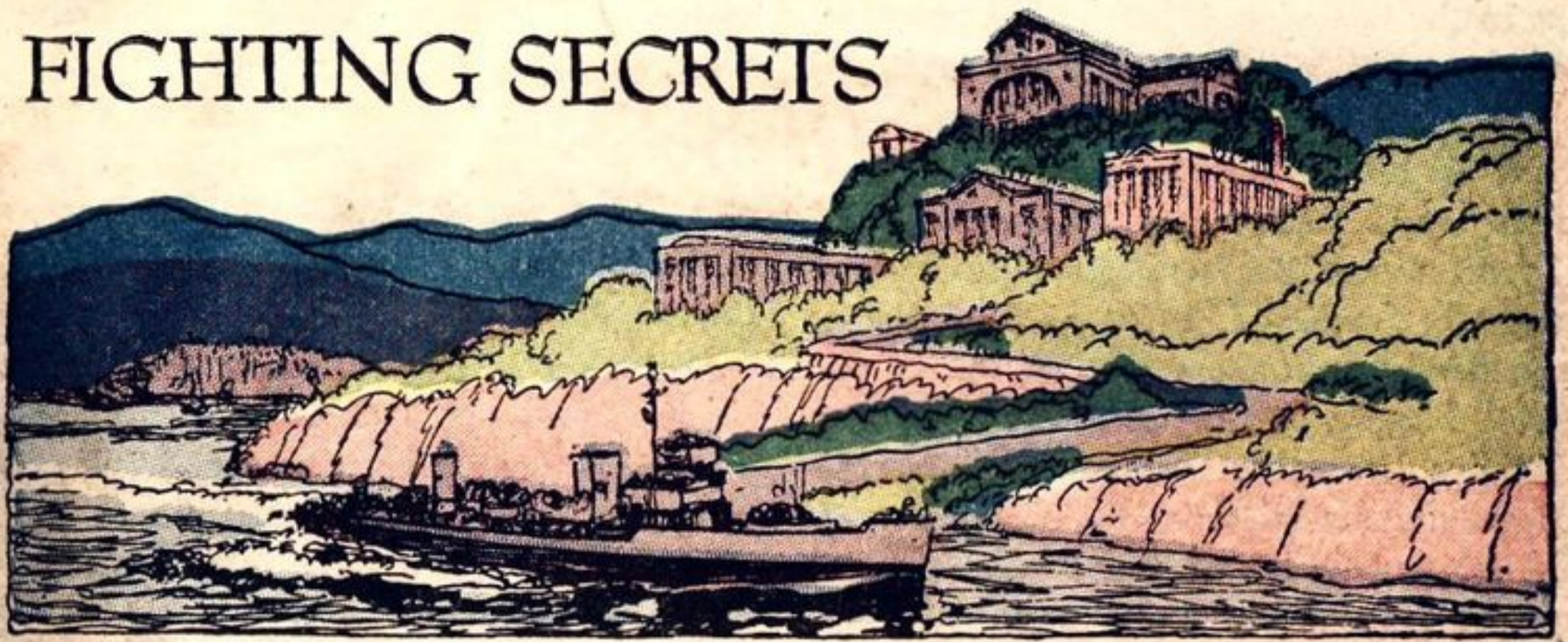
THAT WAS YOUR LAST MISSION,  
SERGEANT! ROTATION PICKS  
YOU UP NOW! YOU CAN GO BACK  
STATESIDE!

BACK? ME, SIR? AND LEAVE MY CREW!  
NO, SIR! WE'VE GOT A LOT OF BOMB-  
ING TO DO BEFORE I GO ANYWHERE!

The End 6



# FIGHTING SECRETS



**D**URING World War II, a fleet of the U. S. Navy idled far off the coast of a Pacific island, while the fighting men aboard impatiently paced the decks. Meanwhile, from an American base hundreds of miles away, Army bombers were taking off on schedule to plaster the enemy island on what was supposed to be a combined, synchronized attack by the fleet unit and the planes.

Now, the fleet unit was in grave danger of upsetting the timetable. The hitch? An enemy minefield between the fleet unit and the island. Given time, the old, tried and true methods of locating and destroying enemy mines would have worked. But there wasn't time. The enemy had seen to that by planting 10 times the usual number.

It was at this critical moment that the U.S.S. *Tunny* (SS 282) arrived with its new FM sonar equipment. And, while seasoned Navy commanders followed the action with astonishment, the *Tunny* confidently penetrated the enemy minefield and brought back the exact locations of 220 mines.

The successful action that followed was dramatic proof that warfare had entered a new phase—the era of electronics. Variations of this incident were duplicated in many different fields of naval activity be-

fore the war's end, and one top Navy commander recently said:

“One thing is certain. The war could not have been won without the aid of electronic equipments and systems.”

“Electronics” is one of the least understood words in use today. If you don't think so, ask the first friend you meet and ask him to give you a workable definition of the word.

In the broadest sense electronics includes all electric phenomena. The dictionary calls it “that branch of science and technology which relates to the conduction of electricity through gases or in vacuo.”

A simpler definition might be, “The science of freeing electrons from the atom, and of harnessing and applying them to such uses as radar, sonar, radio, and television.”

The appearance of the U.S.S. *Tunny* on that fateful day came as a complete surprise to most Navy men at the time. That's because all the work of the Navy Electronics Laboratory (NEL) was, and still is, classified.

Not only the general public, but even a large segment of the Navy, rarely hears about its accomplishments. Just the same, the products of its laboratory made, and are still making, a tremendous difference

in battle tactics and in those long-range developments which alter grand strategy.

The fact that NEL goes all the way back to 1906 when the Navy established a tiny radio station atop Pt. Loma, Calif., is indicative of the Navy's far-sighted planning. On January 1, 1940, the Navy Radio and Sound Laboratory was set up on the point. Finally, in June of 1941 the Bureau of Ships directed the Laboratory to provide space and facilities for the University of California Division of War Research. Electronics for war was under way.

During World War II, and throughout the Korean fighting, NEL played a vital part in keeping the Navy supplied with the latest and best equipment in the field of electronics. Think of what our Navy would be today without such gear as radar, sonar and fire control installations!

But this is only a small part of electronics' contributions. All the delicate mechanisms that are essential to most of the electrical equipment used in the ship or naval aircraft, guided missiles, guns, communications, etc., are electronically controlled.

NEL is still operating on a 24-hour basis, and all of its activities are devoted to one objective—making electronics useful to the fleet.

The Laboratory atop Pt. Loma, which is in sight of San Diego, has mushroomed since its inception. Most of its larger buildings rest on outer Pt. Loma, only a few hundred yards above warships which pass in and out of San Diego harbor.

Since 1945 new but allied activities have been made part of the Laboratory. The Oceanographic research laboratories are now part of NEL, working hand in hand with NEL.

But NEL hasn't put all its eggs in one basket. Pt. Loma is only one of several

spots where NEL specialists work. On lonely desert stations in Arizona and on San Clemente Island, Calif., experiments are taking place day and night. Other experiments are conducted in laboratories located in the remote forests of Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho.

Still other NEL scientists, in their never ceasing quest of knowledge relating to electronics, have penetrated the Arctic and Antarctic oceans, and have played important roles in the atomic and hydrogen bomb developments.

Out of NEL's never-ending program of research and development have emerged concrete solutions of tricky problems that have long badgered scientists working on other war weapons.

NEL, for example, helped to devise the electronic controls and systems needed to make the guided missile efficient at long distances. And the 22,000,000 electron-volt betatron at the Laboratory has enabled NEL researchers to study photographs made through 24-inch-thick steel.

Thanks to NEL, electronics has come into its own. At sea it is now used to detect and locate enemies and to communicate within a ship and between ships, planes and shore stations.

NEL trained technicians also use electronic equipment to gather and analyze information at lightning speeds. A commander-in-chief can now, by means of complicated "nerve and motor" networks, coordinate large numbers of vessels and planes moving at high speeds over vast areas.

Because of this, electronics has been able to change the whole aspect of sea warfare. Previously, battles were fought within relatively limited areas. Today, task force commanders can put electronics to work for them and wage their battles over an area of hundreds and thousands of miles.

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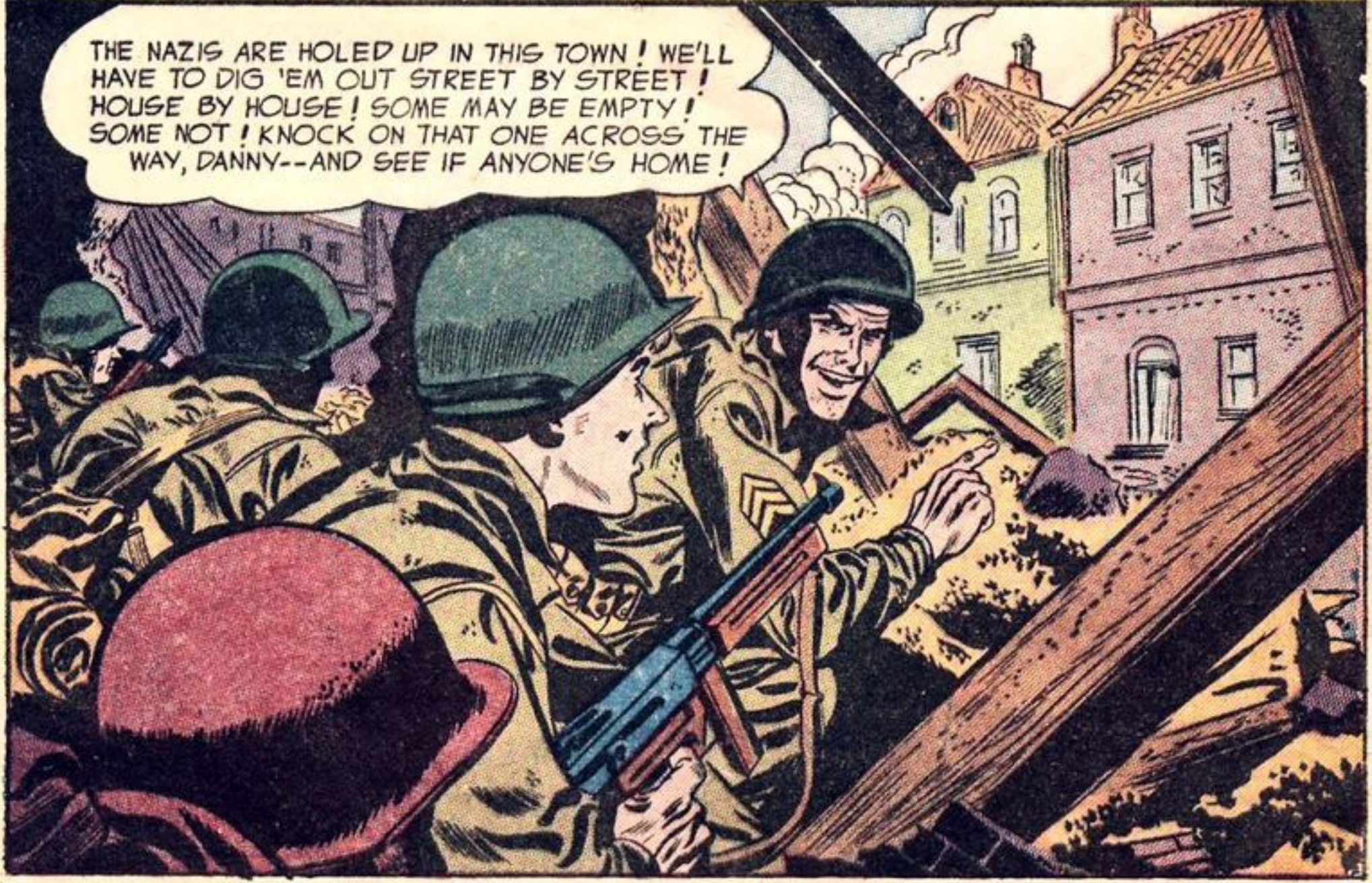
OR THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY...



SOMEHOW, YOU NEVER EXPECTED YOUR THEATRE OF WAR WOULD BE A FRENCH TOWN--YOUR BATTLEFIELD A SINGLE STREET--AND YOUR OBJECTIVE ...

# FRONT-LINE HOUSE!

THE NAZIS ARE HOLED UP IN THIS TOWN! WE'LL HAVE TO DIG 'EM OUT STREET BY STREET! HOUSE BY HOUSE! SOME MAY BE EMPTY! SOME NOT! KNOCK ON THAT ONE ACROSS THE WAY, DANNY--AND SEE IF ANYONE'S HOME!



YOU START ACROSS THE STREET ON THE DOUBLE -- ONLY BECAUSE YOU'VE PRACTICED IT THAT WAY A MILLION TIMES...

WHAT A WAR! I'LL NEVER SEE COMBAT IF ALL I DO IS KNOCK ON A COUPLE OF DOORS IN A HOUSE IN A TOWN ARMOR PUNCHED THROUGH!



YOU JUMP FOR THE COVER OF THE DOORWAY -- AS YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT TO DO --!

THE SARGE'S WAY OFF BASE! THERE'S NO ONE LEFT IN THIS TOWN! LOOK AT ME JUMP -- AS IF A NAZI MACHINE GUN'S TRYING TO NAIL ME!



SPRAY THE DOOR -- JUST IN CASE THERE'RE MOSQUITOES INSIDE -- THEY SAID!



ANYBODY HOME?

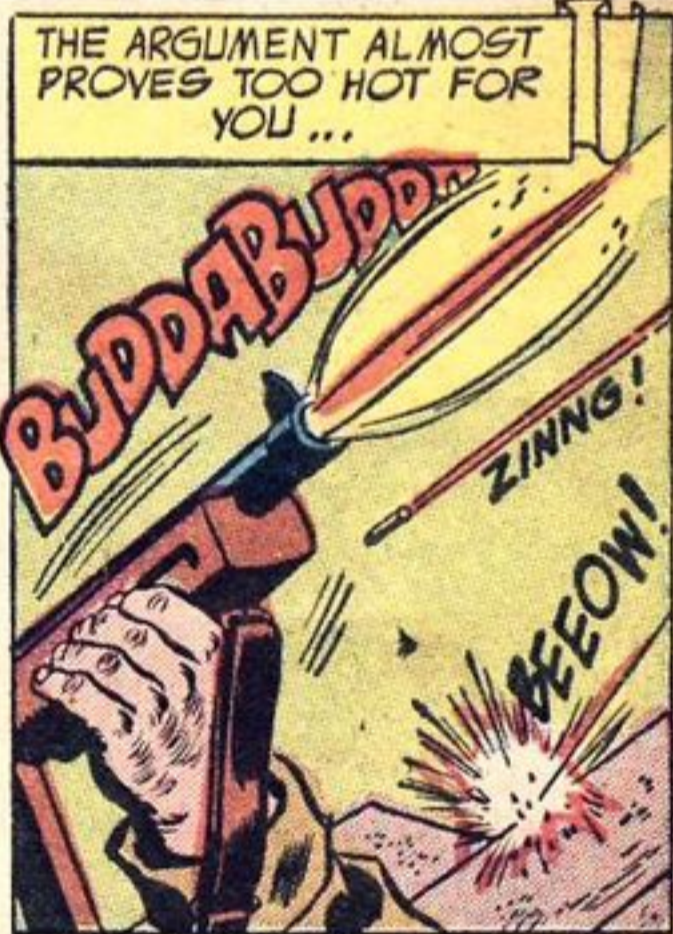


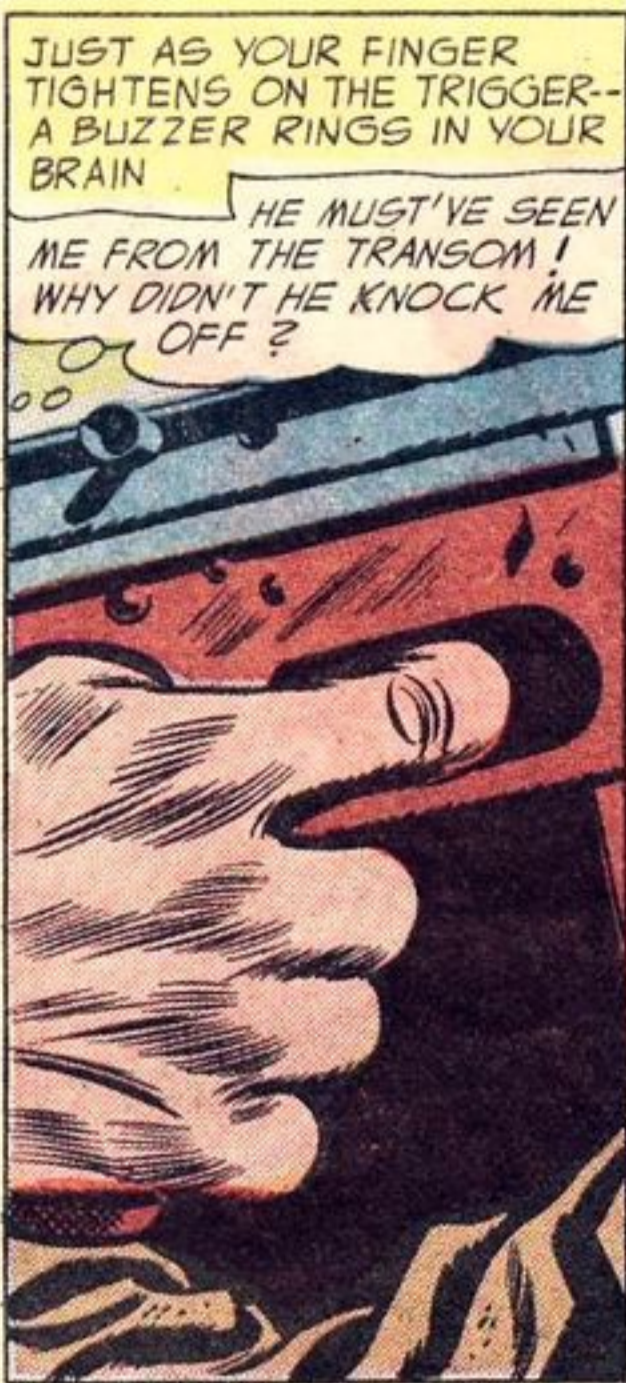
I THOUGHT NOT!



THAT FINISHES THE GROUND FLOOR! IT'LL BE THE SAME TO THE ROOF! WHAT A WAY TO SEE COMBAT -- INSPECTING A HOUSE!







**A**S IF YOU SEE YOURSELF IN A DREAM -- YOU SLUMP DOWN WITH ALL YOUR WEIGHT...



THROWN OFF BALANCE -- THE STRANGLER LURCHES DOWN -- AS YOU JAB UP WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT...



AND THE DREAM IS SUDDENLY OVER...



YOU WALK UP THE LAST FLIGHT OF STAIRS AS IF YOU WERE STEPPING ON EGG-SHELLS... EACH WORTH YOUR LIFE...



HIS HOARSE BREATHING GIVES HIM AWAY AS HE RUSHES AT YOU FROM THE SHADOWS...



YOU PIVOT AND AS YOU SWING THE BUTT OF YOUR MACHINE GUN AGAINST HIM -- HIS OWN MOMENTUM CARRIES HIM OVER THE BANNISTER...

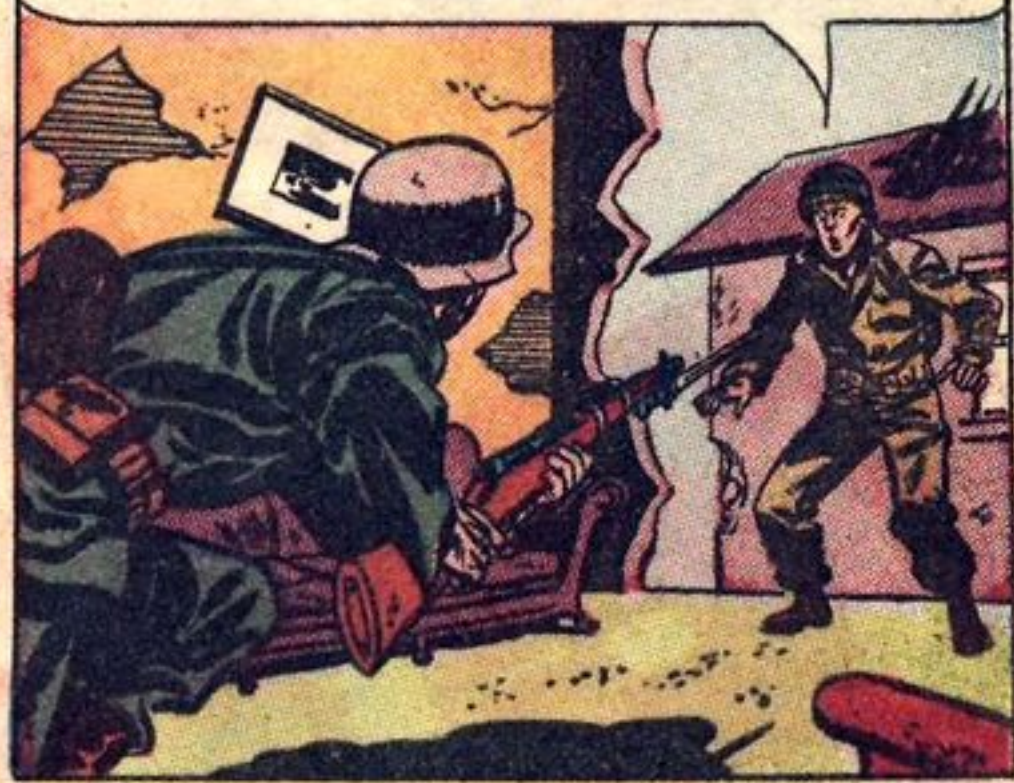




YOU SPRAY EVERY ROOM ON THAT TOP FLOOR LIKE AN INSECT EXTERMINATOR GETTING TRIPLE TIME PAY -- BUT IN THE VERY LAST ROOM -- AN INSECT STINGS BACK...



IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE -- IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... TO BE KILLED IN A HOUSE!



TO BE KILLED ON A DESERT -- OR AN ISLAND -- OR A BEACH -- OR A HILL -- IS ONE THING!



BUT IN A HOUSE --!



IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!



YOU GO DOWN STAIRS A LOT FASTER THAN YOU WENT UP... ONLY STOPPING TO PICK UP SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T SEE BEFORE ON THE GROUND FLOOR...



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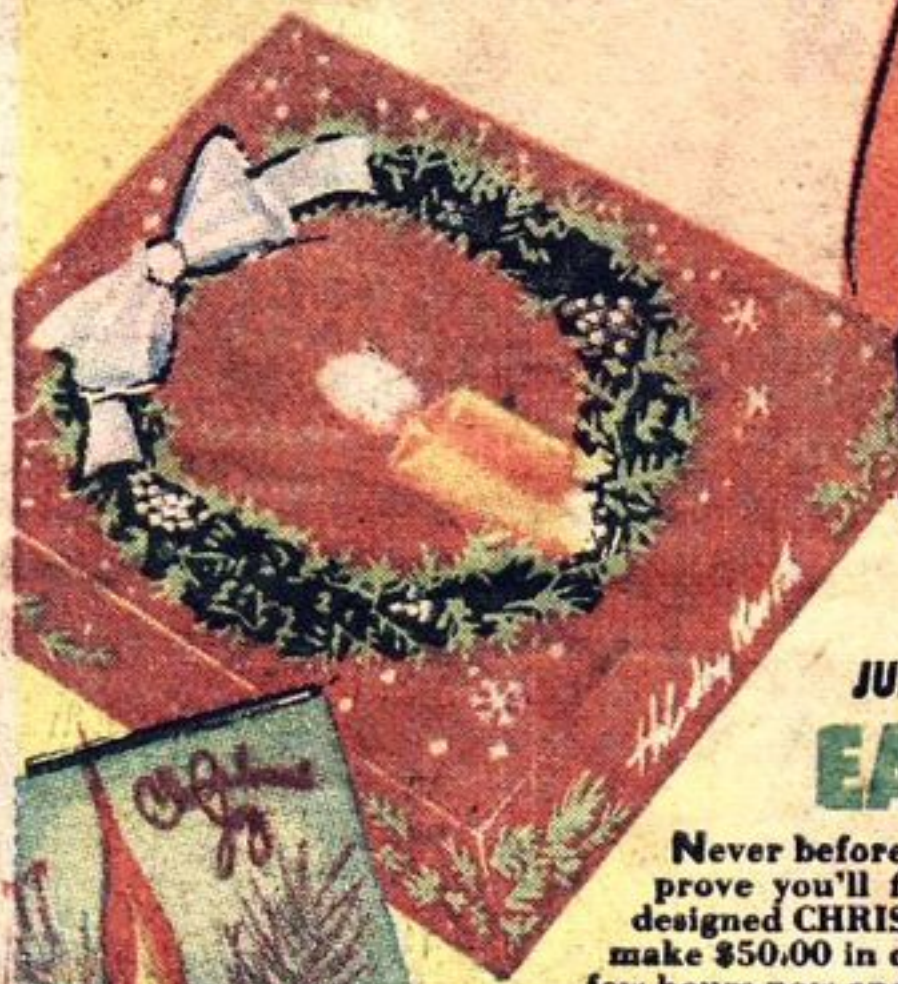
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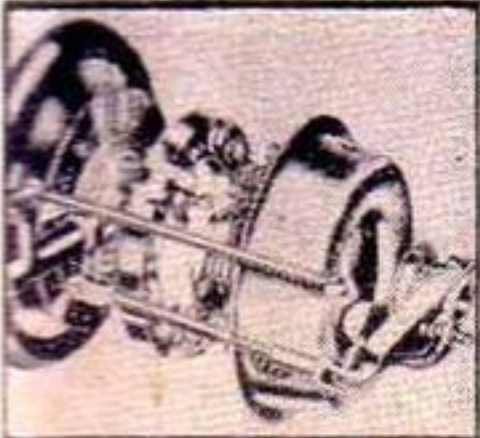
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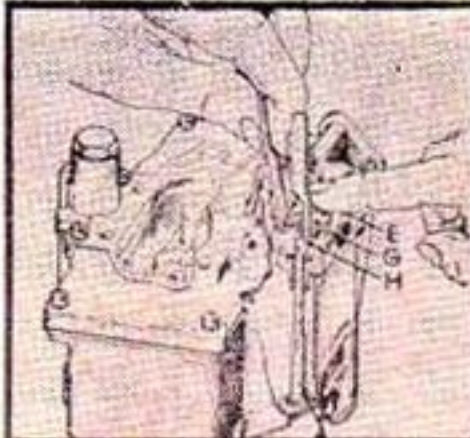




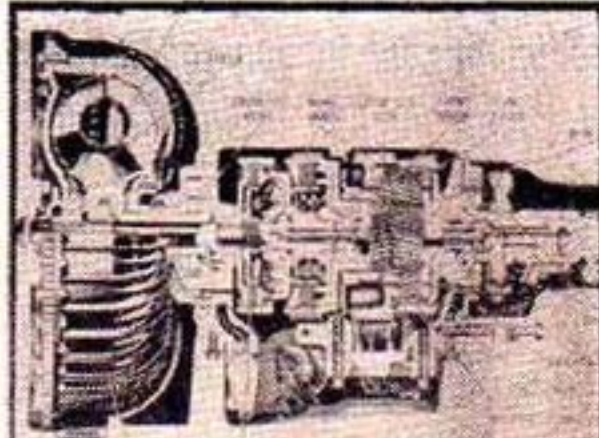
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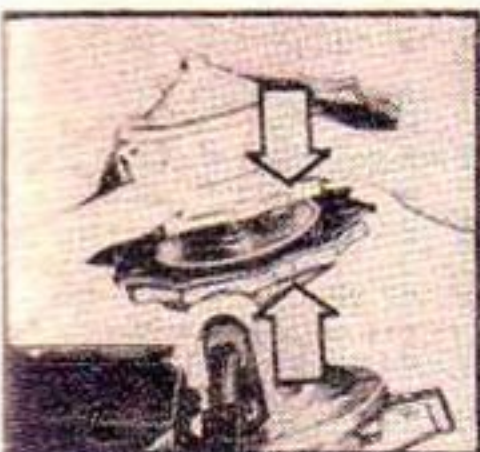


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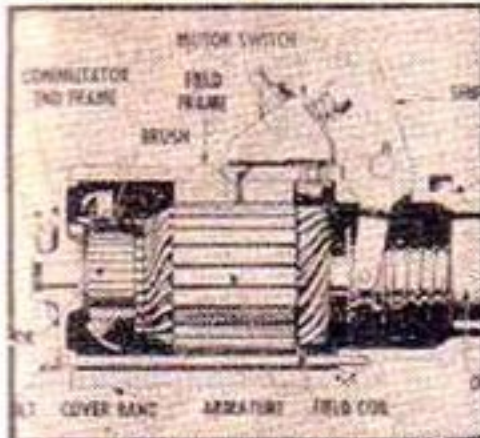


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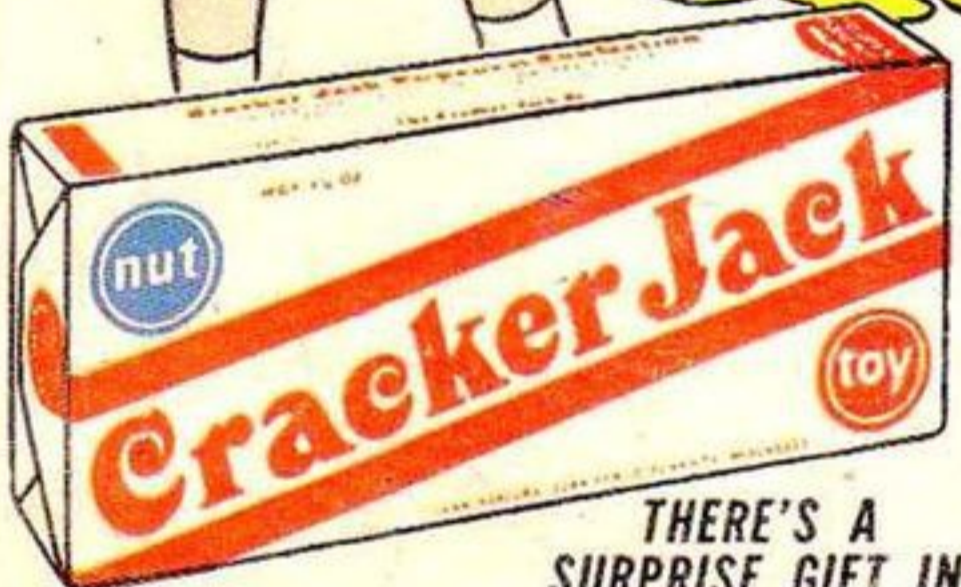
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