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THE LIEUTENANT



**PREPARE
TO ATTACK!
LET'S GO...
MARINES!**

GARY LOCKWOOD

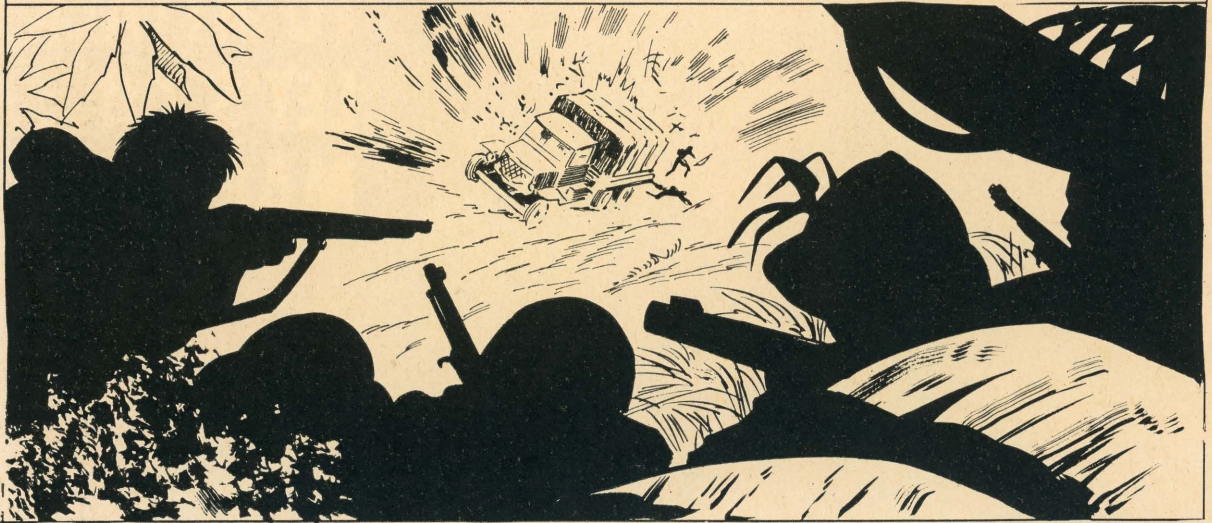
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DID YOU KNOW...

...IN THE DESPERATE CIVIL WAR THAT HAS ENGULFED VIETNAM SINCE 1954, THE VIET CONG GUERRILLAS HAVE EFFECTIVELY PARALYZED THE NATION BY ITS STOPPAGE OF ALL RIVER TRAFFIC?



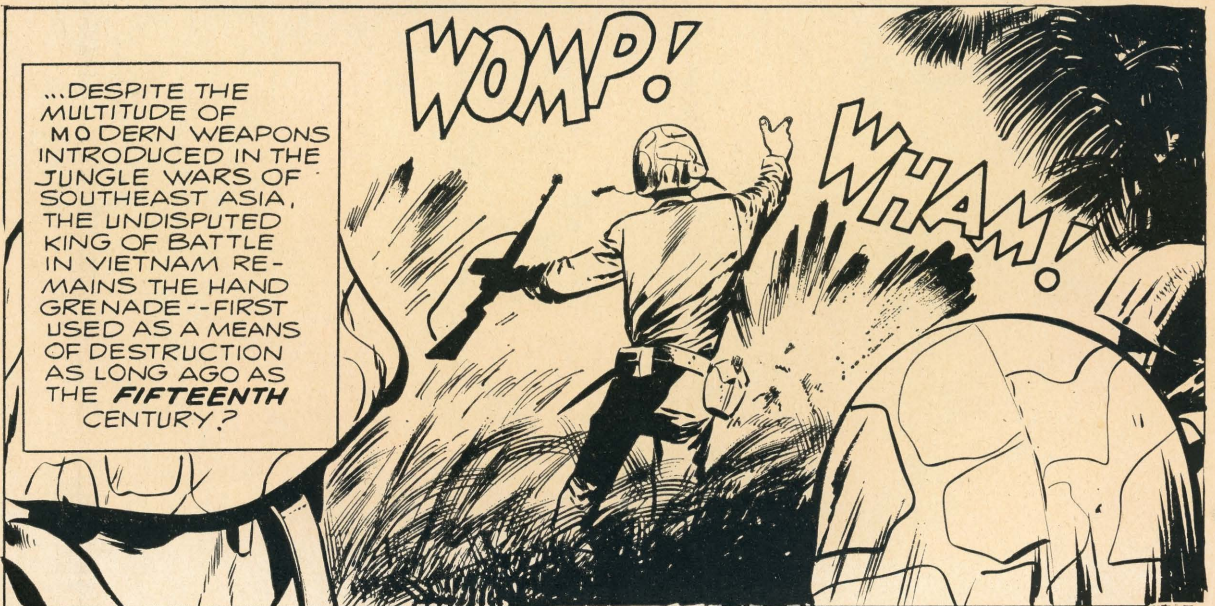
...BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF MOVEMENT THROUGH THE DENSE JUNGLES, LOYAL GOVERNMENT COLUMNS ARE FORCED TO STAY ON EXISTING ROADS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE EVER-PRESENT DANGER OF DEADLY AMBUSH BY REBEL RAIDERS WHO STRIKE WITH LIGHTNING SPEED?



...DESPITE THE MULTITUDE OF MODERN WEAPONS INTRODUCED IN THE JUNGLE WARS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE UNDISPUTED KING OF BATTLE IN VIETNAM REMAINS THE HAND GRENADE--FIRST USED AS A MEANS OF DESTRUCTION AS LONG AGO AS THE **FIFTEENTH** CENTURY?

WOMP!

WHAM!



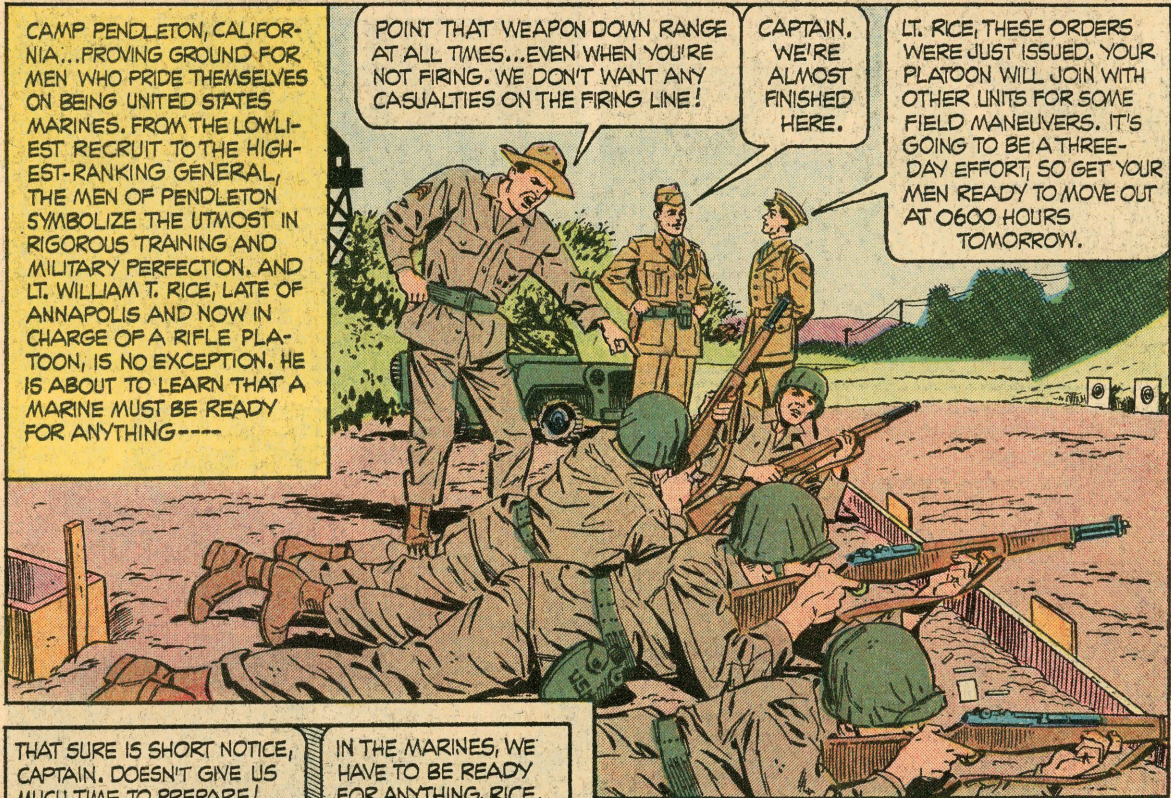
THE LIEUTENANT WAR GAMES

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA...PROVING GROUND FOR MEN WHO PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING UNITED STATES MARINES. FROM THE LOWLIEST RECRUIT TO THE HIGHEST-RANKING GENERAL, THE MEN OF PENDLETON SYMBOLIZE THE UTMOST IN RIGOROUS TRAINING AND MILITARY PERFECTION. AND LT. WILLIAM T. RICE, LATE OF ANNAPOLIS AND NOW IN CHARGE OF A RIFLE PLATOON, IS NO EXCEPTION. HE IS ABOUT TO LEARN THAT A MARINE MUST BE READY FOR ANYTHING----

POINT THAT WEAPON DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIMES...EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT FIRING. WE DON'T WANT ANY CASUALTIES ON THE FIRING LINE!

CAPTAIN, WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED HERE.

LT. RICE, THESE ORDERS WERE JUST ISSUED. YOUR PLATOON WILL JOIN WITH OTHER UNITS FOR SOME FIELD MANEUVERS. IT'S GOING TO BE A THREE-DAY EFFORT, SO GET YOUR MEN READY TO MOVE OUT AT 0600 HOURS TOMORROW.

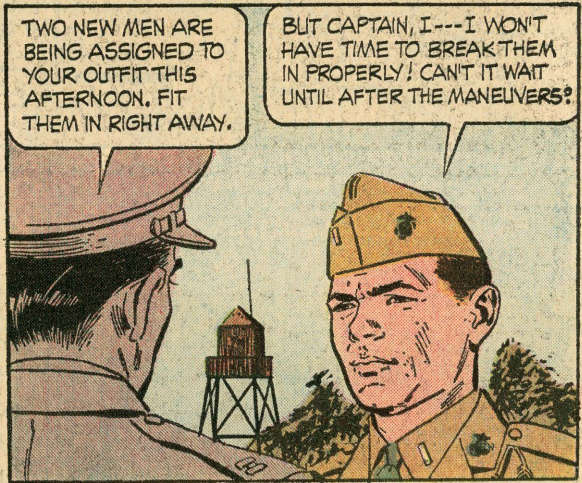


THAT SURE IS SHORT NOTICE, CAPTAIN. DOESN'T GIVE US MUCH TIME TO PREPARE!

IN THE MARINES, WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING, RICE. I HAVE A LITTLE MORE NEWS FOR YOU...

TWO NEW MEN ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO YOUR OUTFIT THIS AFTERNOON. FIT THEM IN RIGHT AWAY.

BUT CAPTAIN, I---I WON'T HAVE TIME TO BREAK THEM IN PROPERLY! CAN'T IT WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE MANEUVERS?



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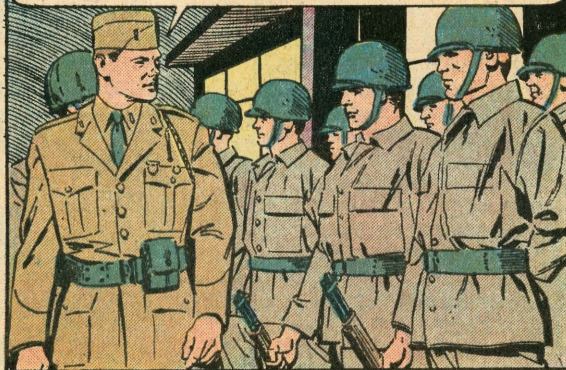
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, RICE. JUST HAVE YOUR PLATOON READY TO MOVE OUT IN THE MORNING. INCLUDING THE TWO NEW MEN.



YES, SIR.

LATER...

WE'LL BE READY TO MOVE OUT AT 0600 HOURS TOMORROW. ALL MEN WILL CARRY FULL FIELD GEAR. THERE WILL BE NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED FOR MISSING THIS EXERCISE UNLESS A MAN IS SICK. NOW, I WANT YOU MEN TO LOOK SHARP ON THESE MANEUVERS AND GIVE THE PLATOON A GOOD RECORD.



PRIVATE WATTS REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR.

PRIVATE BAKER REPORTING.



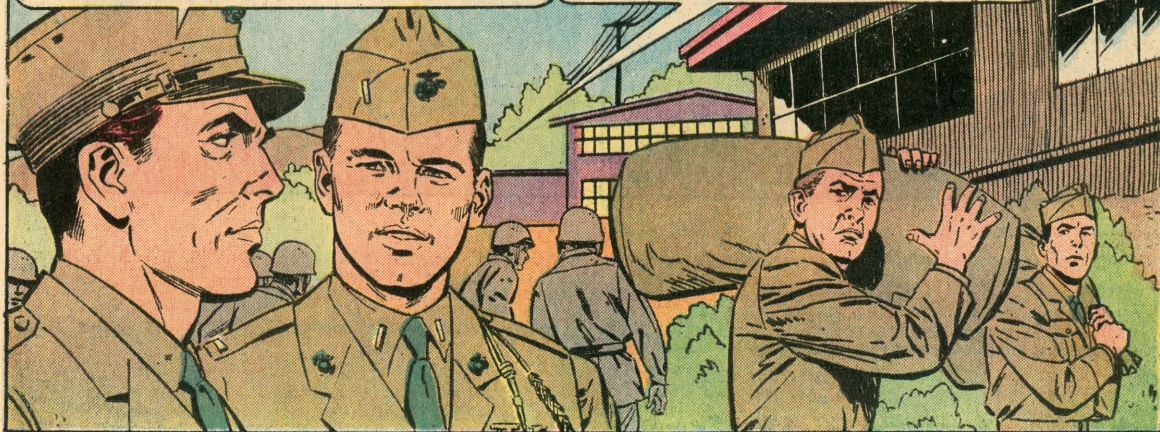
YOU ADDRESS AN OFFICER AS "SIR" BAKER. AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT. NOW, YOU MEN HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ME ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. I'LL EXPECT YOU TO GET SQUARED AWAY AND BE READY TO MOVE OUT WITH THE OTHER MEN IN THE MORNING.

THAT'LL BE ALL.



YOU HAVE YOUR WORK CUT OUT FOR YOU WITH THOSE TWO MEN, RICE. WATTS ISN'T EXACTLY TOP-NOTCH MARINE MATERIAL. SORT OF SCARED. AND BAKER IS MAD AT THE WORLD.

WELL, SIR, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE WATTS SOME SELF-CONFIDENCE. AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T TEACH BAKER TO SMILE A LITTLE... WITH DISCIPLINE!



THAT WON'T BE EASY, RICE. THEIR RECORDS WILL TELL YOU THAT. WATTS IS ONLY HERE BECAUSE HIS TWO BROTHERS WERE MARINE HEROES. HIS FAMILY PRACTICALLY FORCED HIM TO FOLLOW IN HIS BROTHERS' FOOTSTEPS!

AND WHAT ABOUT BAKER?



BAKER'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STORY. HE WAS RECENTLY BUSTED FROM SERGEANT. GOT TOUGH WITH AN OFFICER. HE'S A BITTER MAN. GOT A BIG CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER.

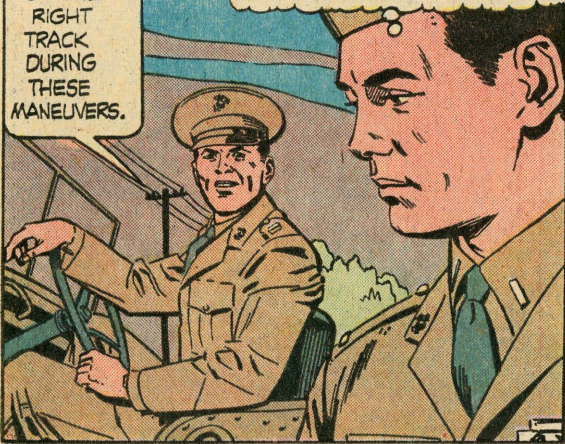
OH, JUST GREAT! I HAVE TO GET THE PROBLEM CHILDREN!



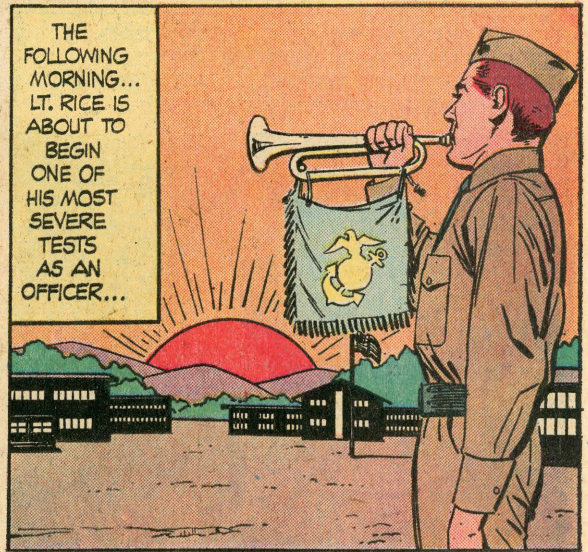
SEE IF YOU CAN GET THEM ON THE RIGHT TRACK DURING THESE MANEUVERS.

AYE, SIR.

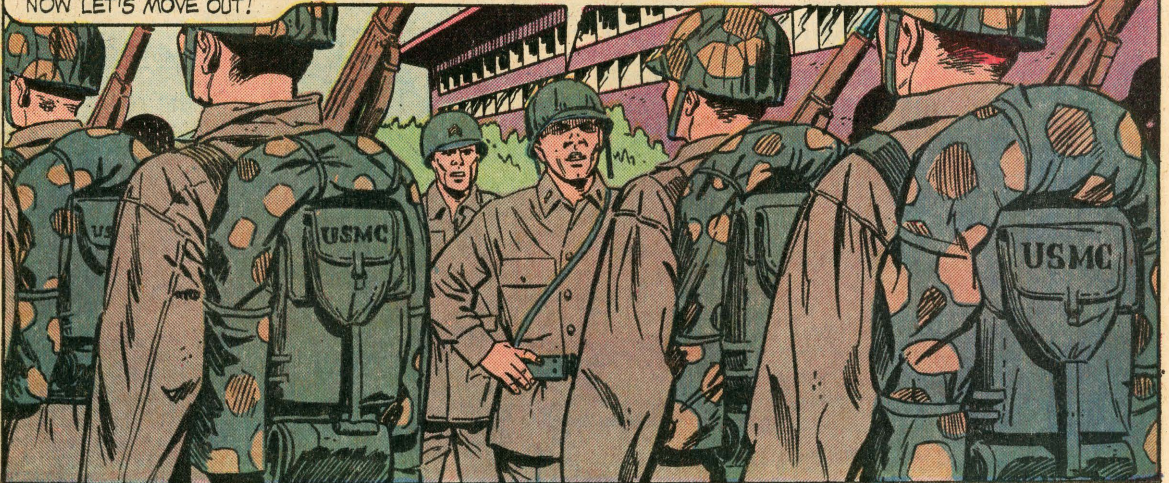
JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING THE OTHER MEN INTO LINE. NOW I HAVE TWO MORE BIG PROBLEMS.



THE FOLLOWING MORNING... LT. RICE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN ONE OF HIS MOST SEVERE TESTS AS AN OFFICER...



OKAY, MEN. THIS IS IT. WE MOVE OUT OF THE CAMP BY THE BACK ROAD. WE'LL MOVE FOUR ABREAST, STAYING TOGETHER AS SQUADS, AND REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN. BE READY FOR ANYTHING. NOW LET'S MOVE OUT!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE MAN? THE LOAD TOO MUCH FOR YOU? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE THE SCOUT-MASTER TO CARRY IT.

WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE, BAKER? I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!

ALL RIGHT, YOU MEN! KNOCK OFF THE CHATTER! NO TALKING IN RANKS! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING, SO LOOK AND ACT LIKE MARINES!



BAKER'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK. I SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T TAKE WELL TO YOUNG OFFICERS. WELL, HE DOESN'T HAVE TO LIKE ME-- BUT HE DOES HAVE TO FOLLOW ORDERS!



HOT DAY...TOUGH ONE FOR A MARCH...HMM? WHAT'S THAT NOISE?



O-O-O-O! I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING!

AIR ATTACK! TAKE COVER! HIT THOSE BUSHES!

WHA---WHAT DO WE DO NOW? I-I---I'VE NEVER GONE THROUGH THIS BEFORE!!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST SIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND CRY? MAYBE OUR BIG, STRONG LIEUTENANT WILL PROTECT YOU!

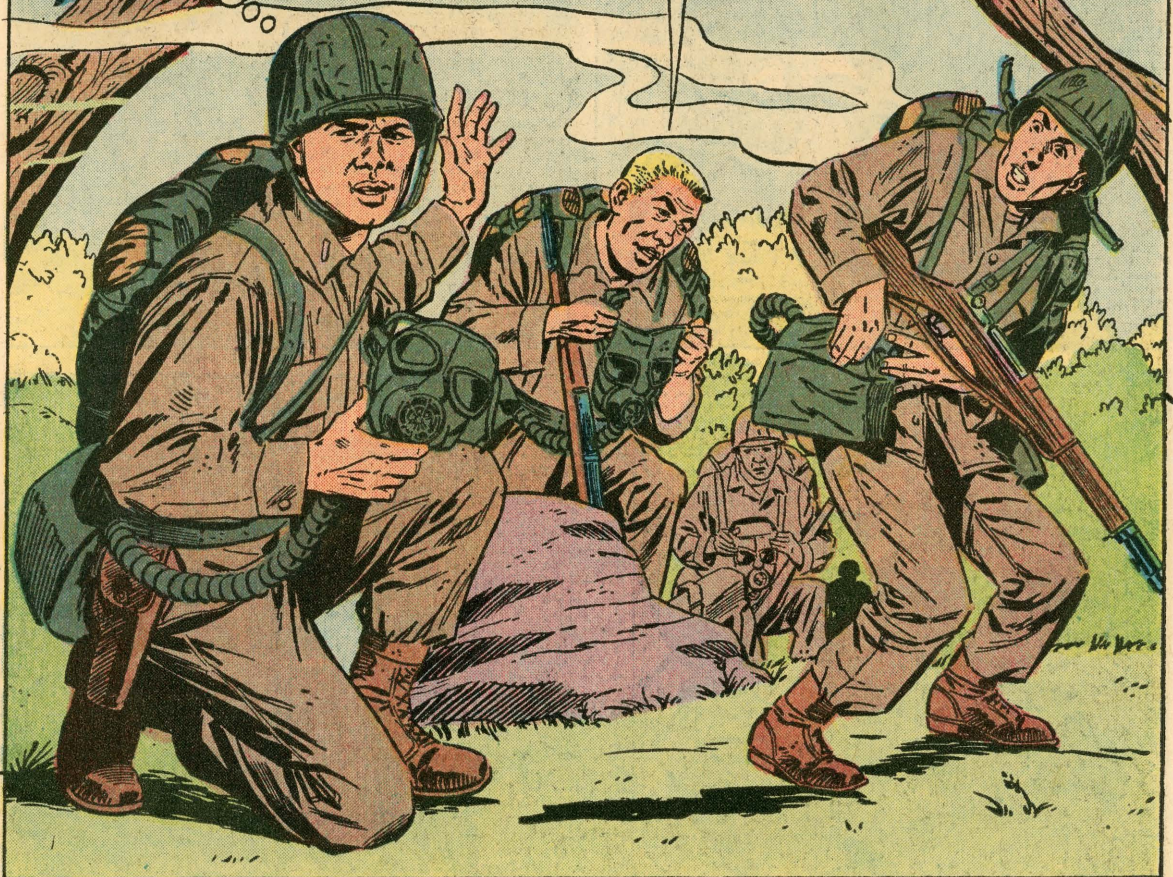


GAS! THEY'RE DROPPING GAS!! PUT ON YOUR MASKS! FAST!!

THIS IS A NEW ONE ON ME! SOME BRIGHT COLONEL MUST HAVE DREAMED IT UP!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, WATTS?
HAVING TROUBLE? WELL,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU'LL ENJOY A GOOD STRONG
WHIFF OF THAT TEAR GAS.
CLEANS OUT THE SINUSES.

I---I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF
THE BAG! IT--IT'S STUCK!
SOMEBODY HELP ME! I'LL
GET SICK!

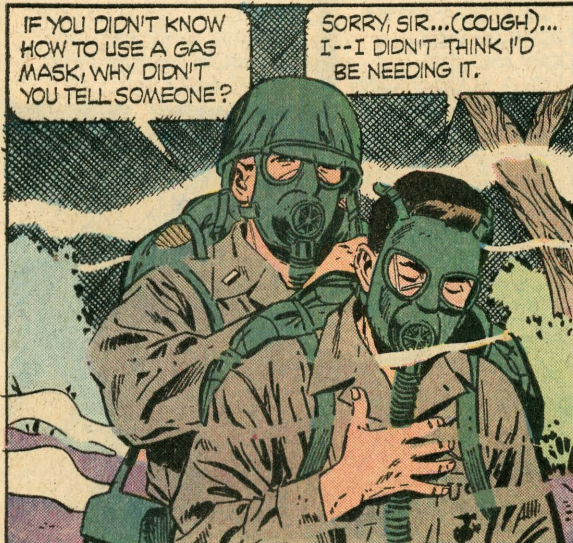


HA! WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOY SCOUT? CAN'T YOU GET YOUR MASK ON? WELL, JUST TAKE A GOOD, DEEP BREATH. YOU'LL LOVE IT. HA! HA!

UHH-- TERRIBLE
STUFF... EYES
ACHE... HELP ME,
SOMEONE!

WATTS! GET THAT MASK
ON! CLEAR IT FIRST!
HURRY UP OR YOU'LL
REALLY BE IN TROUBLE!





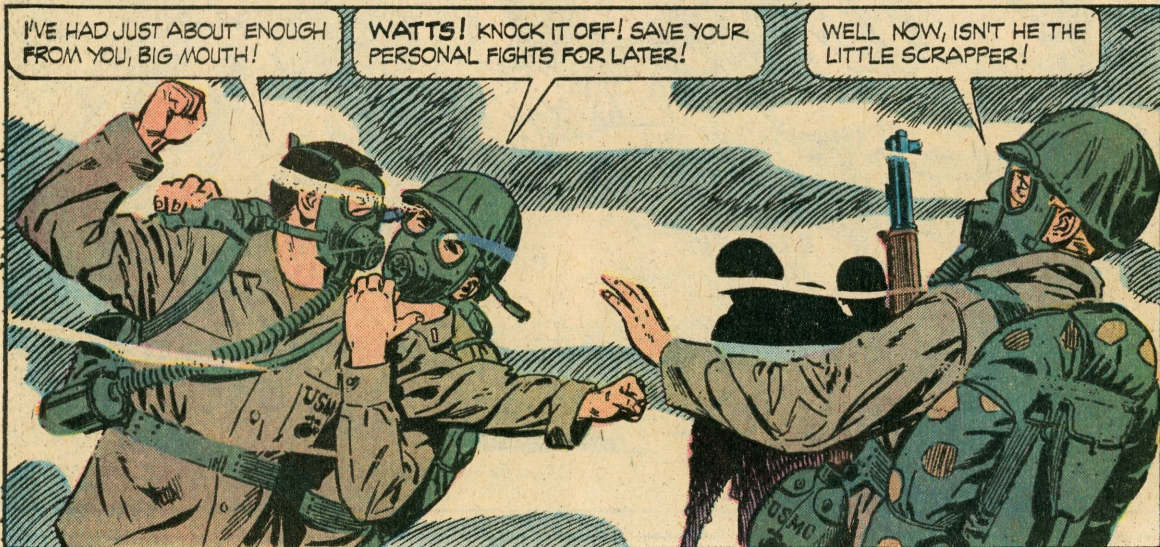
IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE A GAS MASK, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL SOMEONE?

SORRY, SIR...(COUGH)... I--I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE NEEDING IT.



WELL, FROM NOW ON, WATTS, DON'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED. THE SMALLEST ERROR COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

HE COULDN'T HELP IT, LIEUTENANT. HE JUST FORGOT TO READ HIS BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK.



I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH FROM YOU, BIG MOUTH!

WATTS! KNOCK IT OFF! SAVE YOUR PERSONAL FIGHTS FOR LATER!

WELL NOW, ISN'T HE THE LITTLE SCRAPPY!

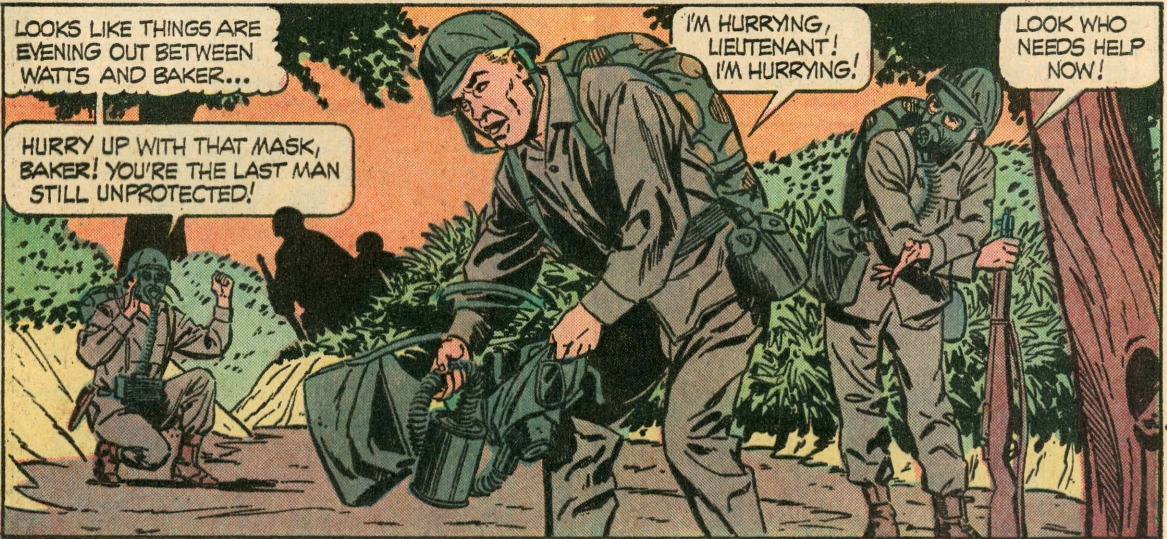


PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, WATTS! I WON'T STAND FOR ANYMORE OF THIS! AND AS FOR YOU, BAKER, PUT YOUR NEEDLE AWAY. TRY TO REMEMBER THAT YOU AND WATTS ARE IN THE SAME CORPS!



ALL CLEAR! REMOVE GAS MASKS! ALL CLEAR!

NOW, YOU MEN FALL IN WITH THE OTHERS. AND DON'T LET ME SEE ANYMORE OF THIS TROUBLE!



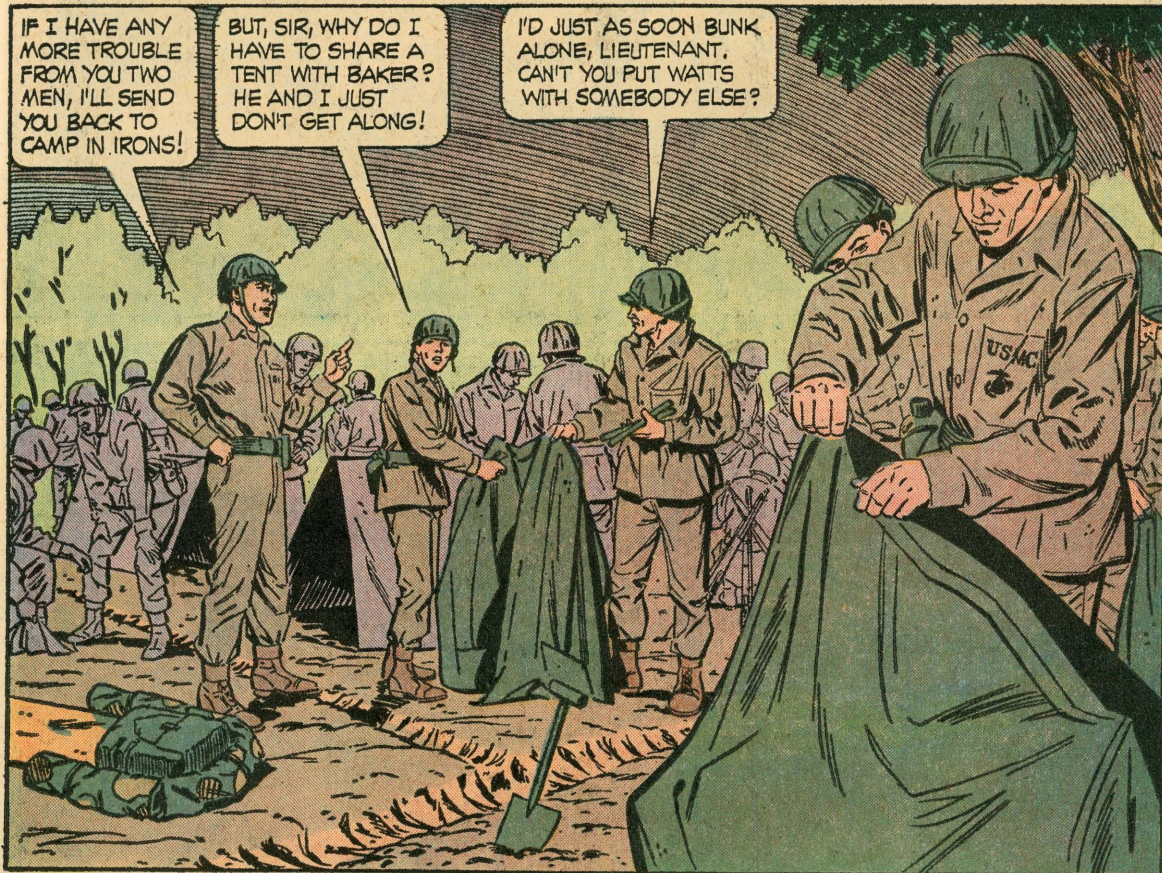
THE **LIEUTENANT** THE REAL TEST BEGINS

OUT IN THE FIELD, AWAY FROM WARMTH AND COMFORTABLE BUNKS AND ALL THE OTHER COMFORTS OF A MILITARY HOME... THIS IS THE REAL TEST OF A MARINE... TO EXPERIENCE EXTREME CONDITIONS AND EMERGE AS A FIRST-CLASS FIGHTING MAN...

IF I HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE FROM YOU TWO MEN, I'LL SEND YOU BACK TO CAMP IN IRONS!

BUT, SIR, WHY DO I HAVE TO SHARE A TENT WITH BAKER? HE AND I JUST DON'T GET ALONG!

I'D JUST AS SOON BUNK ALONE, LIEUTENANT. CAN'T YOU PUT WATTS WITH SOMEBODY ELSE?



NOW YOU MEN HEAR THIS. YOU WILL OCCUPY THE SAME TENT. YOU WILL GO ON THE SAME PATROLS. YOU WILL BE TOGETHER AT ALL TIMES. YOU WILL LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER, OR THE CORPS WILL BE MINUS TWO MEN. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

YES, SIR...

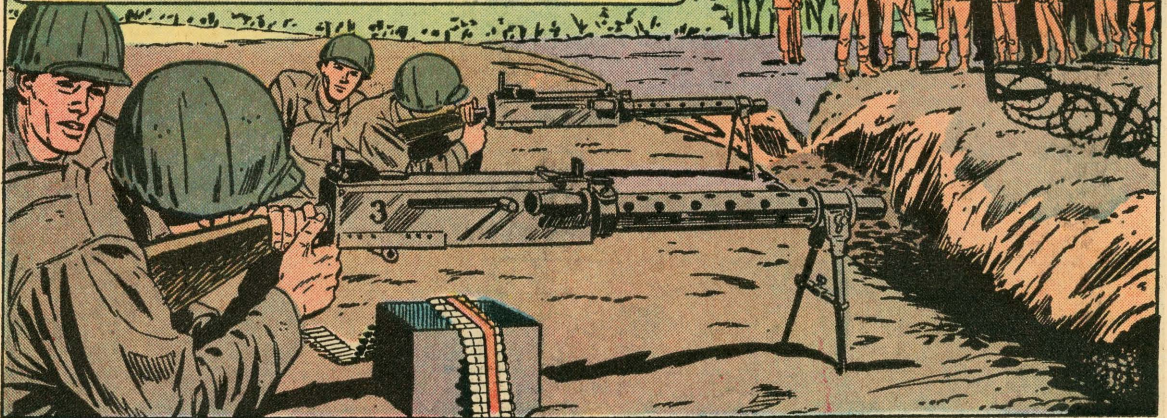


AND BAKER, ABOUT BUNKING ALONE... SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT REGRET THAT KIND OF THINKING. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A BUDDY WILL COME IN HANDY. NOW PITCH THAT TENT!

YES, SIR...



MEN, THIS IS THE INFILTRATION COURSE, YOU WILL APPROACH THE COURSE FROM THE FAR END, WORKING YOUR WAY TOWARD THE MACHINE GUNS. YOU WILL HAVE TO KEEP LOW TO THE GROUND, CRAWLING ALL THE WAY, BECAUSE THESE WEAPONS ARE LOCKED INTO A LINE OF FIRE JUST FOUR FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. YOU WILL MOVE UNDER---I REPEAT, UNDER--- THE BARBED WIRE. OTHERWISE YOU ARE SURE TO GET HIT.



RAT-TATT
TAT

I-I CAN'T DO IT. I JUST KNOW I CAN'T!

CHIN UP, WATTS. YOU'LL COME THROUGH IT JUST FINE.

SURE YOU WILL, WATTS. NOTHING TO IT!

ZING



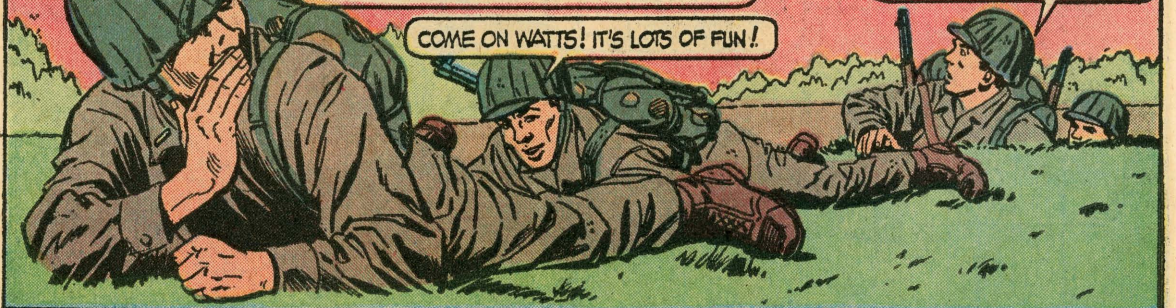
TAT-TAT
TAT

O.K! LET'S MOVE OUT! AND HUG THAT DIRT! AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT--- BECAUSE IT DOES!

COME ON WATTS! IT'S LOTS OF FUN!

ZING

THOSE BULLETS...THEY'RE SO LOW TO THE GROUND... CAN'T DO IT...



RAT TAT TAT
TA TAT TAT

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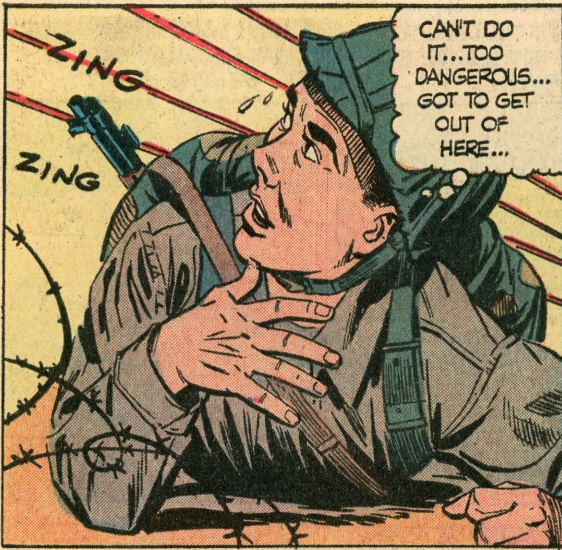
KEEP MOVING,
MEN. AND
STAY DOWN!
YOU'RE DOING
JUST FINE,
WATTS!

I--I DON'T THINK
I CAN GO ANY
FURTHER,
LIEUTENANT!

SURE YOU
CAN, WATTS.
BUT IF YOU'RE
TOO TIRED,
JUST STAND
UP AND MAKE
THOSE NASTY
MEN STOP
SHOOTING AT
YOU!

I'VE BEEN IN SHOOTING
GALLERIES BEFORE,
BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN
THE TARGET!

THIS IS ONE TIME
I WOULDN'T MIND
BEING UNDER
THE GROUND!



CAN'T DO IT... TOO DANGEROUS... GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...



TOO DANGEROUS... BARBED WIRE CUTS MY HANDS...

HELP! I'M CAUGHT ON THE WIRE!



HOLD ON, WATTS. I'LL GET YOU OUT OF IT.

DON'T CRY, WATTS. WE'LL PROTECT YOU.

WIRE'S SHARP... CUT MY HAND...

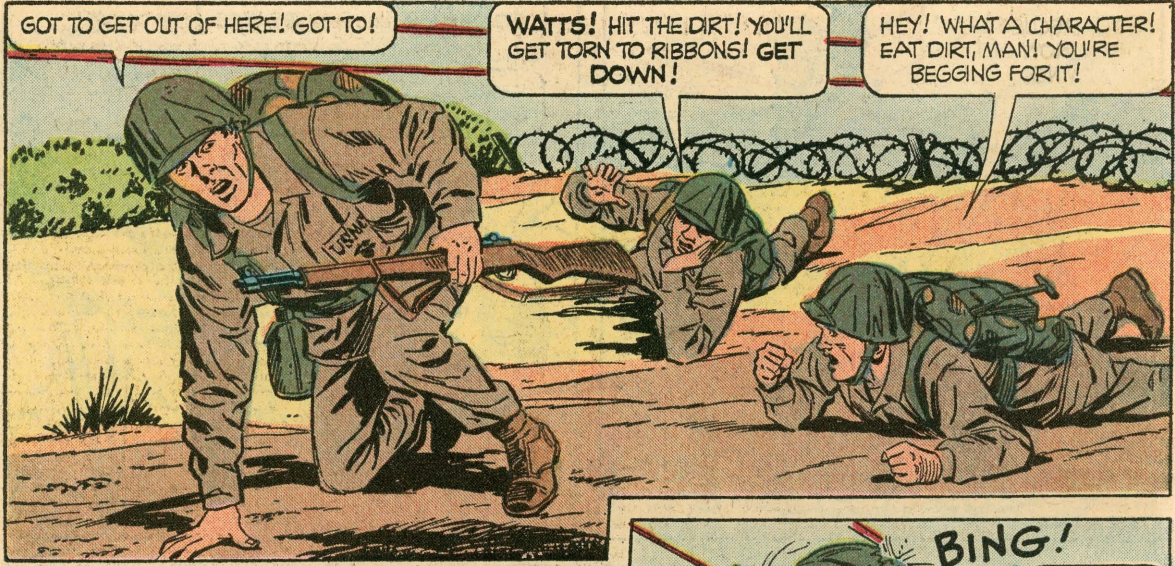


KNOCK IT OFF, BAKER. WE CAN ALL USE HELP SOMETIME.

AYE, SIR. BUT WE DON'T ALL GET IT...



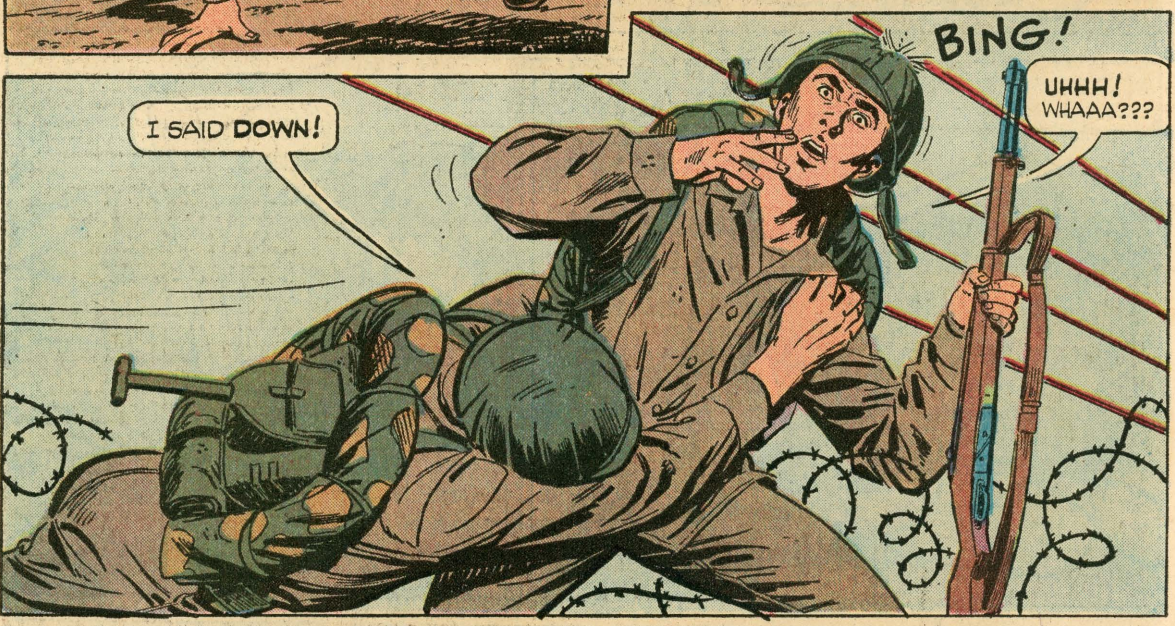
THIS---THIS IS CRAZY... WE'LL ALL BE KILLED! I CAN'T DO IT!



GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! GOT TO!

WATTS! HIT THE DIRT! YOU'LL GET TORN TO RIBBONS! GET DOWN!

HEY! WHAT A CHARACTER! EAT DIRT, MAN! YOU'RE BEGGING FOR IT!



I SAID DOWN!

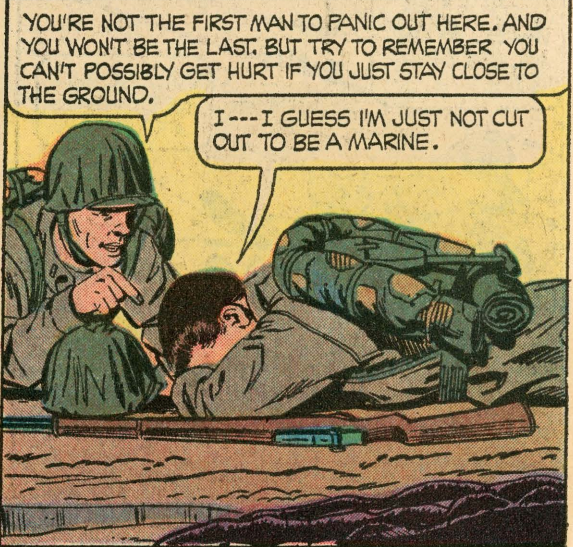
BING!

UHHH! WHAAA???



ARE YOU TRYING TO GET KILLED? WHAT ON EARTH IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?

I---I'M SORRY, SIR...I JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT...



YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST MAN TO PANIC OUT HERE, AND YOU WON'T BE THE LAST. BUT TRY TO REMEMBER YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY GET HURT IF YOU JUST STAY CLOSE TO THE GROUND.

I --- I GUESS I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT TO BE A MARINE.



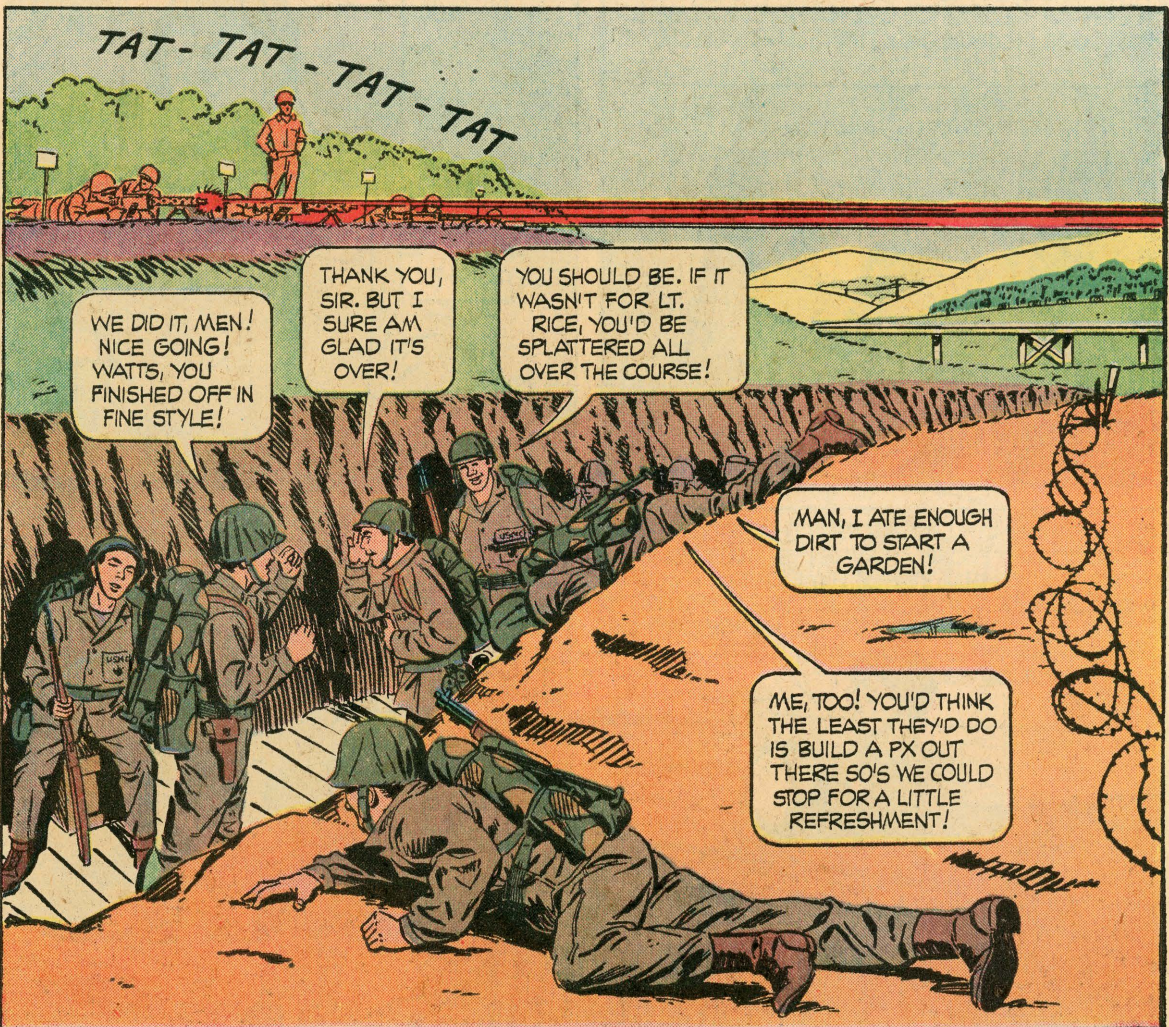
WE'LL DISCUSS THAT LATER. NOW GET MOVING.

YES, SIR.



HE SEEMS OKAY NOW. I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T DECIDE TO GO FOR ANOTHER WALK. BUT THE BEST WAY TO CURE HIS FEAR IS TO SEND HIM RIGHT BACK INTO THE TEETH OF IT...

TAT-TAT-TAT



TAT-TAT-TAT

WE DID IT, MEN! NICE GOING! WATTS, YOU FINISHED OFF IN FINE STYLE!

THANK YOU, SIR. BUT I SURE AM GLAD IT'S OVER!

YOU SHOULD BE. IF IT WASN'T FOR LT. RICE, YOU'D BE SPLATTERED ALL OVER THE COURSE!

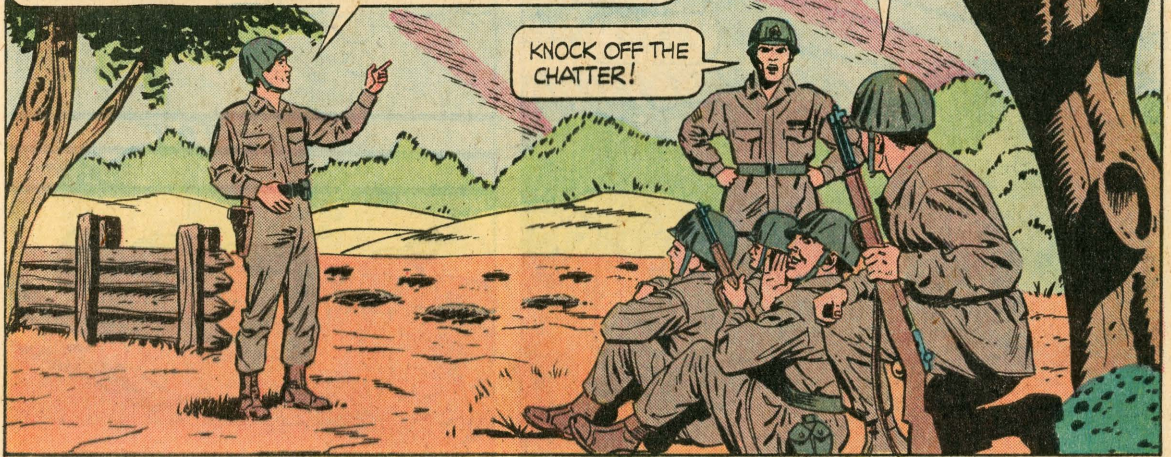
MAN, I ATE ENOUGH DIRT TO START A GARDEN!

ME, TOO! YOU'D THINK THE LEAST THEY'D DO IS BUILD A PX OUT THERE SO'S WE COULD STOP FOR A LITTLE REFRESHMENT!

THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE GOING TO TRY A DIFFERENT KIND OF TARGET RANGE. WE'RE GOING TO TEST YOUR ABILITY TO REACT TO THE SURPRISE APPEARANCE OF A TARGET. THE FIELD YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS POCK-MARKED WITH DEEP, HIDDEN HOLES.

MAYBE WE CAN CRAWL INTO THOSE HOLES AND TAKE A NAP.

KNOCK OFF THE CHATTER!



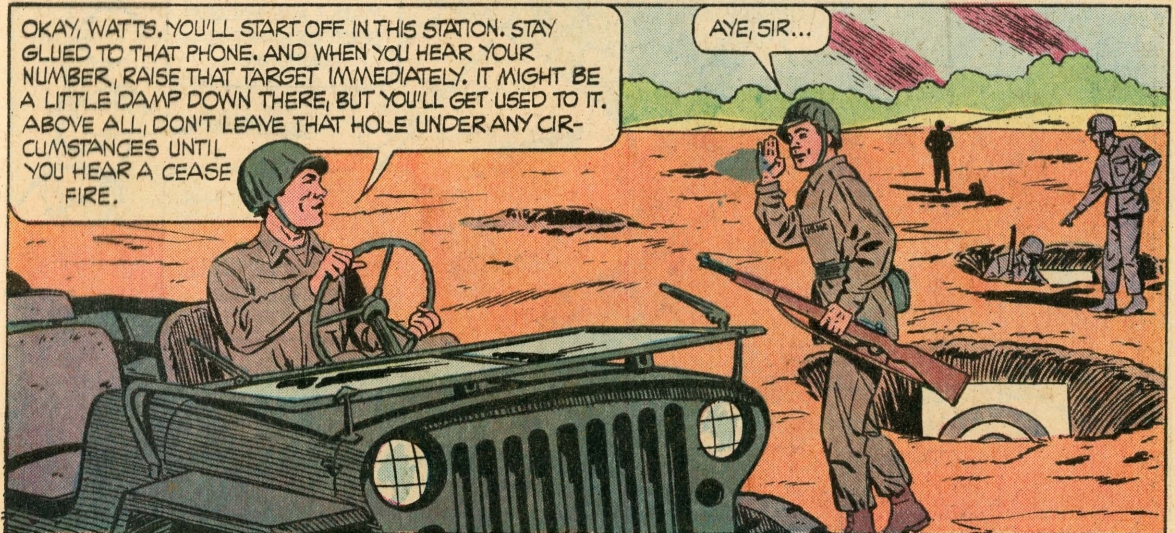
YOU MEN WILL TAKE TURNS DOWN IN THOSE HOLES, WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH TWO-WAY PHONES. ON A SIGNAL FROM ME, YOU WILL RAISE YOUR TARGETS FOR THREE SECONDS ONLY. THEN YOU WILL QUICKLY LOWER THEM.

THOSE OF YOU ON THE FIRING LINE WILL NOT KNOW WHICH TARGETS ARE GOING TO APPEAR. BUT WHEN YOU SEE ONE, YOU MUST FIRE AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN. ANY QUESTIONS?

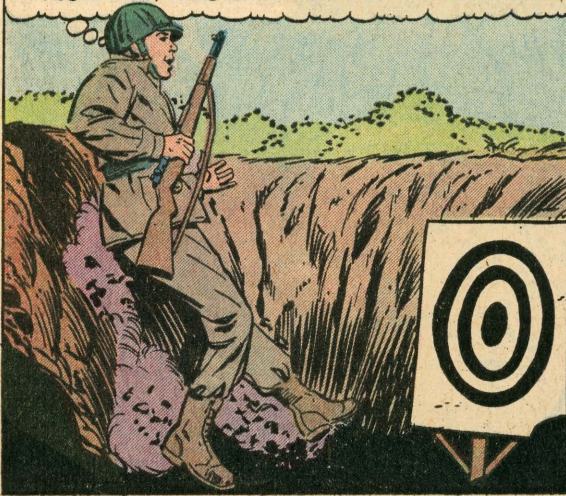


OKAY, WATTS. YOU'LL START OFF IN THIS STATION. STAY GLUED TO THAT PHONE. AND WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NUMBER, RAISE THAT TARGET IMMEDIATELY. IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE DAMP DOWN THERE, BUT YOU'LL GET USED TO IT. ABOVE ALL, DON'T LEAVE THAT HOLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL YOU HEAR A CEASE FIRE.

AYE, SIR...



BOY, THIS PLACE IS THE END OF THE WORLD. WHAT A MESS! WELL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO WHAT I'M TOLD...



I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TAKE IT DOWN HERE... IT'S PRETTY BAD...



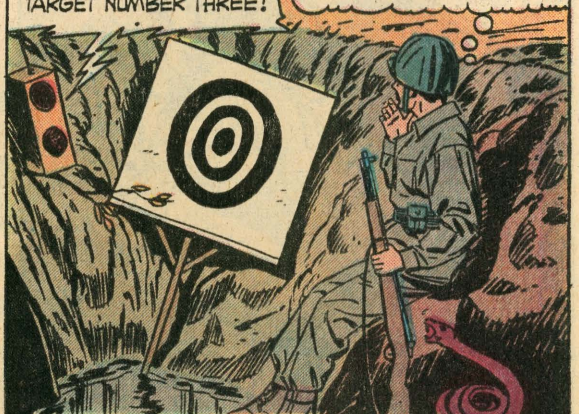
OKAY, YOU MEN IN THE TARGET HOLES. YOU ALL KNOW YOUR NUMBERS. WHEN YOU HEAR ME SHOUT THEM OUT, GET THAT TARGET UP FAST! AND STAY IN THOSE HOLES. THERE'S GOING TO BE LIVE AMMO ALL OVER THE PLACE!



BUT PRIVATE WATTS IS NOT ALONE IN HIS TARGET HOLE...

COMMENCE FIRING! TARGET NUMBER THREE!

I'M NUMBER FIVE... GOT TO REMEMBER THAT...



TARGET NUMBER FIVE! GET IT UP!

THAT'S ME! HERE WE GO!

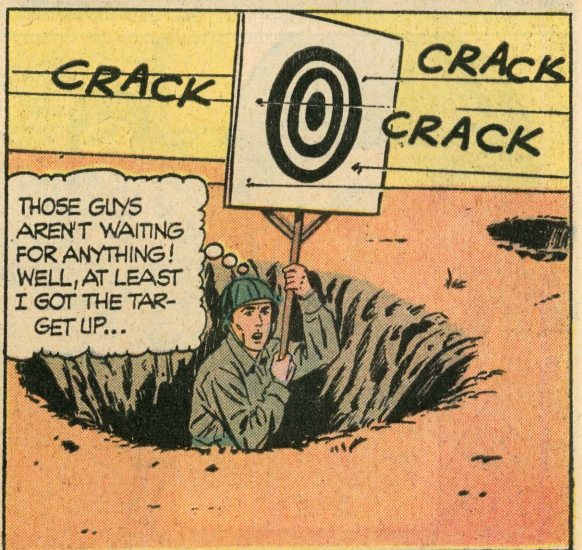


CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

THOSE GUYS AREN'T WAITING FOR ANYTHING! WELL, AT LEAST I GOT THE TARGET UP...



SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL, SIR. AND WATTS IS DOING A GOOD JOB IN NUMBER FIVE.

YES, SERGEANT, AND LET'S HOPE HE KEEPS IT UP...



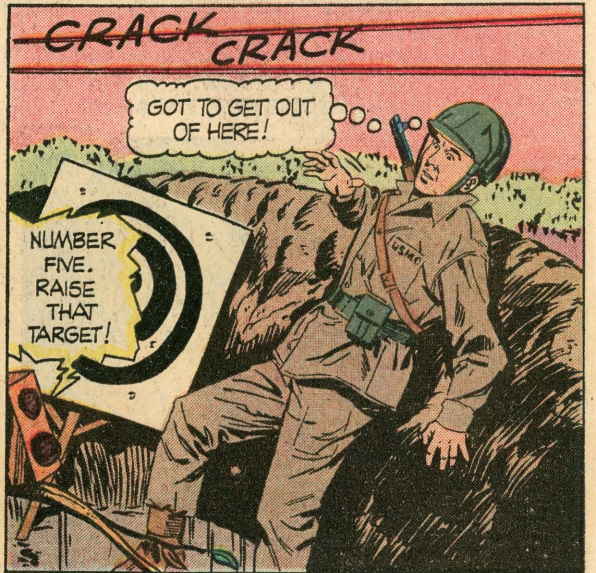
SNAKE! I HATE SNAKES!



CRACK CRACK

GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

NUMBER FIVE. RAISE THAT TARGET!



WHAT'S THAT CRAZY FOOL UP TO NOW? HE'LL SURELY GET HIMSELF KILLED!

CEASE FIRE!

WATTS! GET BACK IN THAT HOLE! ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOURSELF??





CEASE FIRE!!
WATTS,
GET BACK
IN THAT
HOLE!
DO YOU HEAR
ME ??

YES, LIEUTENANT... I HEAR YOU... BUT I CAN'T... I CAN'T!

BUT I HAVE TO!
WHAT WOULD MY
BROTHERS SAY IF
THEY KNEW? THEY'D
NEVER BE AFRAID
OF A SNAKE...



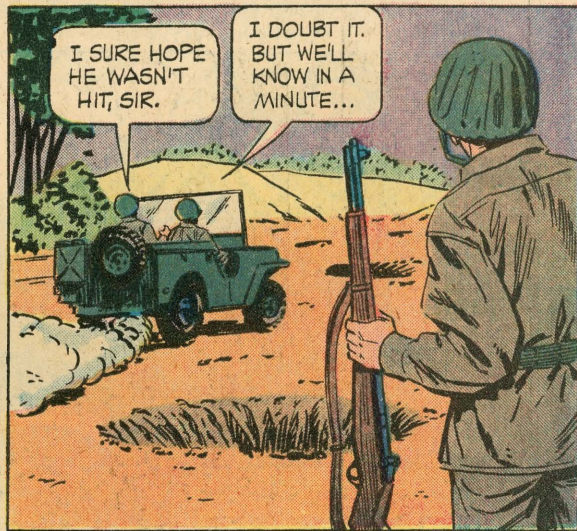
WATTS, ARE YOU
O.K.? WATTS!!

GIVE ME A SECOND,
LIEUTENANT... JUST
A SECOND...



WATTS, WE'RE
COMING OUT
THERE! YOU
JUST STAY PUT!
YOU UNDERSTAND?

I UNDERSTAND,
SIR... UNHH!



I SURE HOPE
HE WASN'T
HIT, SIR.

I DOUBT IT.
BUT WE'LL
KNOW IN A
MINUTE...



WATTS! YOU OKAY?

SHOULD WE GET A MEDIC?

I DON'T THINK SO, SARGE...



NOT UNLESS YOU THINK A MEDIC CAN HELP THIS SNAKE.

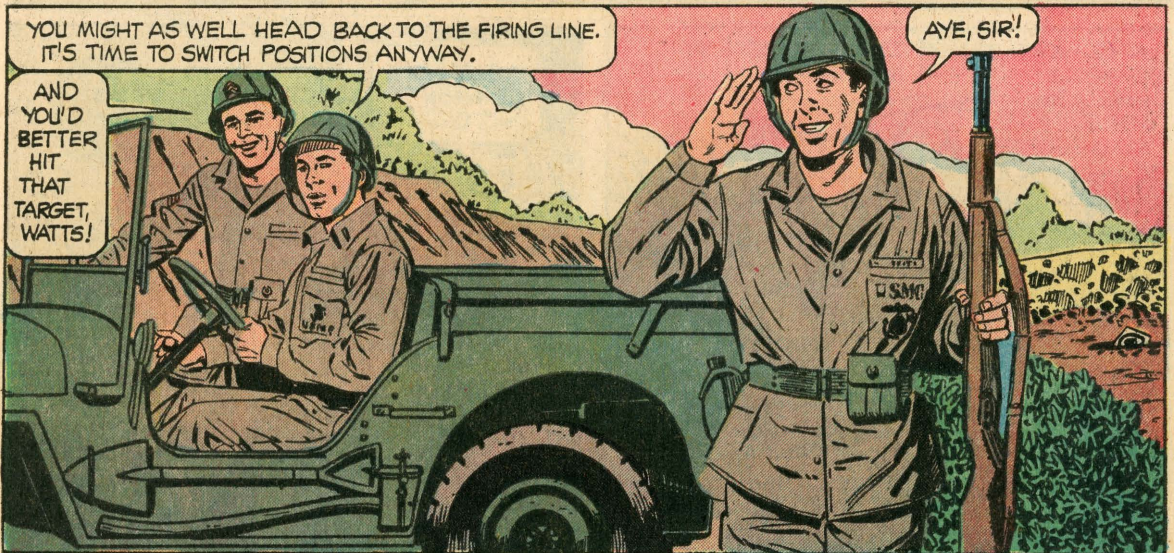
WOW! GIVES A PRETTY MEAN BITE. YOU HAD HIM DOWN IN THE PIT WITH YOU?

IS THAT WHY YOU TRIED TO CLIMB OUT, WATTS?



I'M SORRY FOR FOULING UP YOUR EXERCISES, LIEUTENANT. BUT HE HAD ME GOING FOR A MINUTE.

YOU COULD HAVE HAD YOUR HEAD BLOWN OFF!



YOU MIGHT AS WELL HEAD BACK TO THE FIRING LINE. IT'S TIME TO SWITCH POSITIONS ANYWAY.

AND YOU'D BETTER HIT THAT TARGET, WATTS!

A YE, SIR!

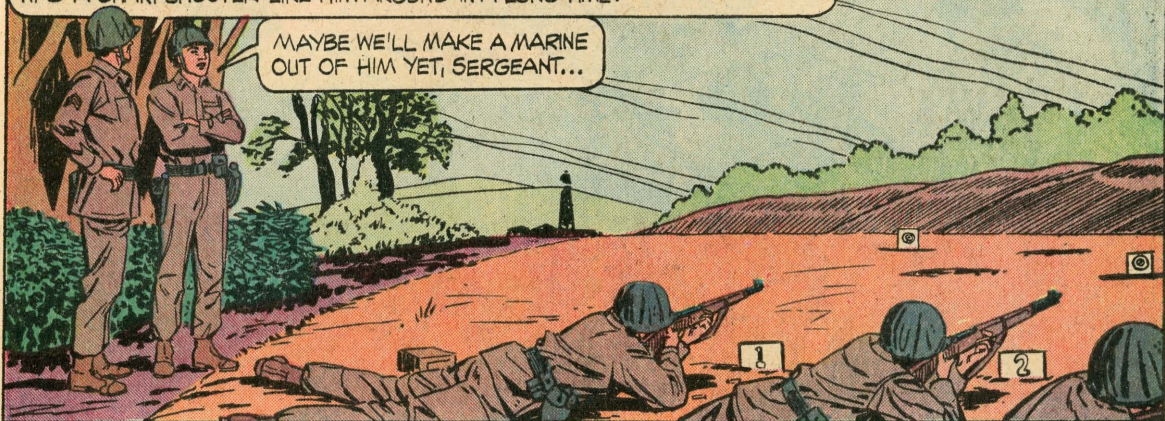
THE LIEUTENANT



"HOT SPOT"

WELL, I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR WATTS, SIR. HE SURE HAS A GREAT EYE! HAVEN'T HAD A SHARPSHOOTER LIKE HIM AROUND IN A LONG TIME!

MAYBE WE'LL MAKE A MARINE OUT OF HIM YET, SERGEANT...



SERGEANT, YOU SHOW THE MEN HOW TO USE THAT FLAME THROWER. I HAVE TO CALL THE C.O.

AYE, SIR. OKAY, YOU MEN. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS AND EFFICIENT WEAPONS THAT WE HAVE. BUT IT MUST BE USED WITH EXTREME CAUTION.

KID'S STUFF. ONCE I FLUSHED A WHOLE MESS OF CHINESE OUT OF A TREE WITH ONE OF THEM IN KOREA. THEY'RE GREAT FUN.



IF YOU'RE SUCH AN EXPERT, PRIVATE BAKER, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SHOW US HOW IT'S DONE!

SURE, SERGEANT. I'D BE HAPPY TO...

IS THAT TIGHT ENOUGH, BAKER?

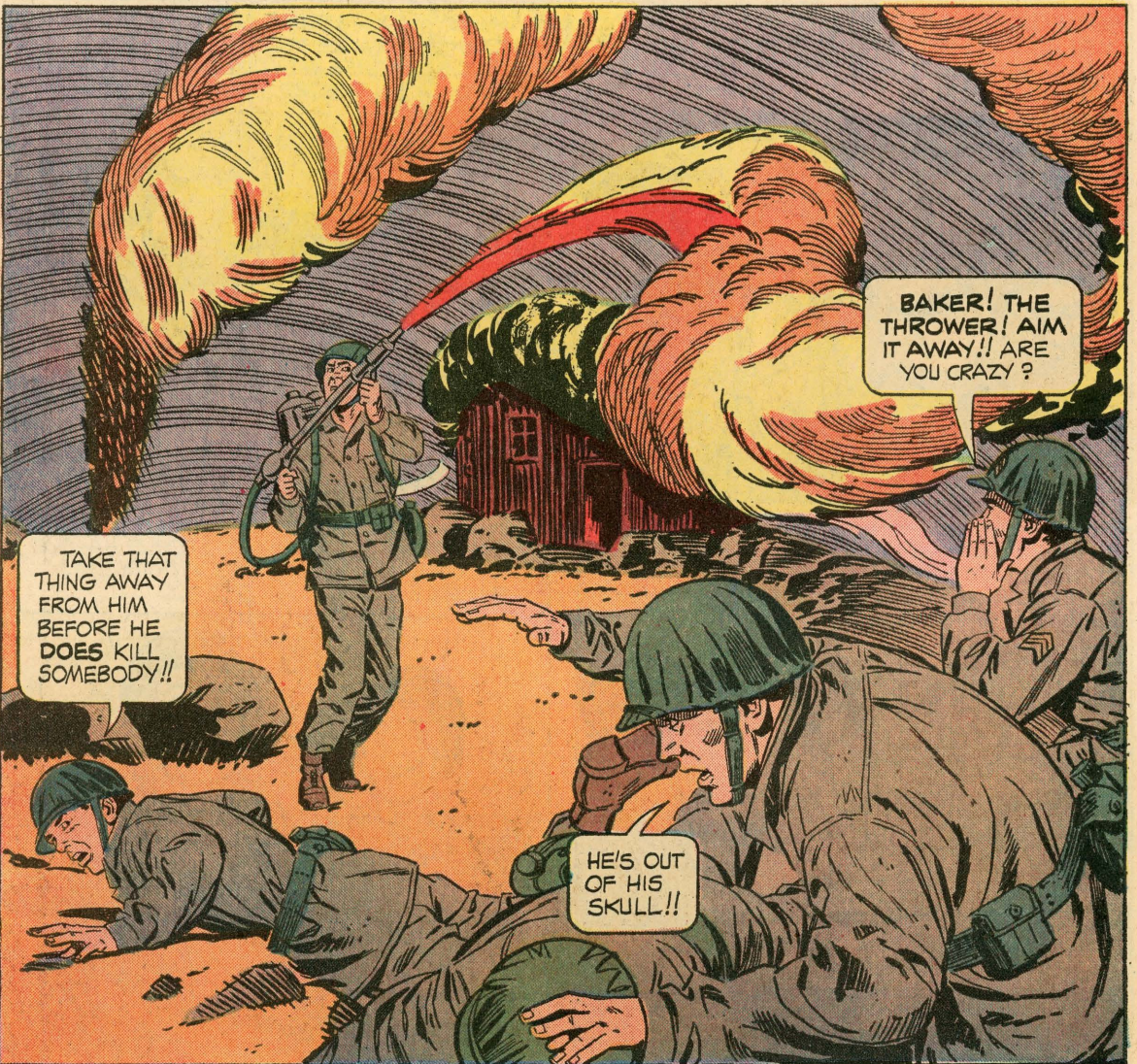
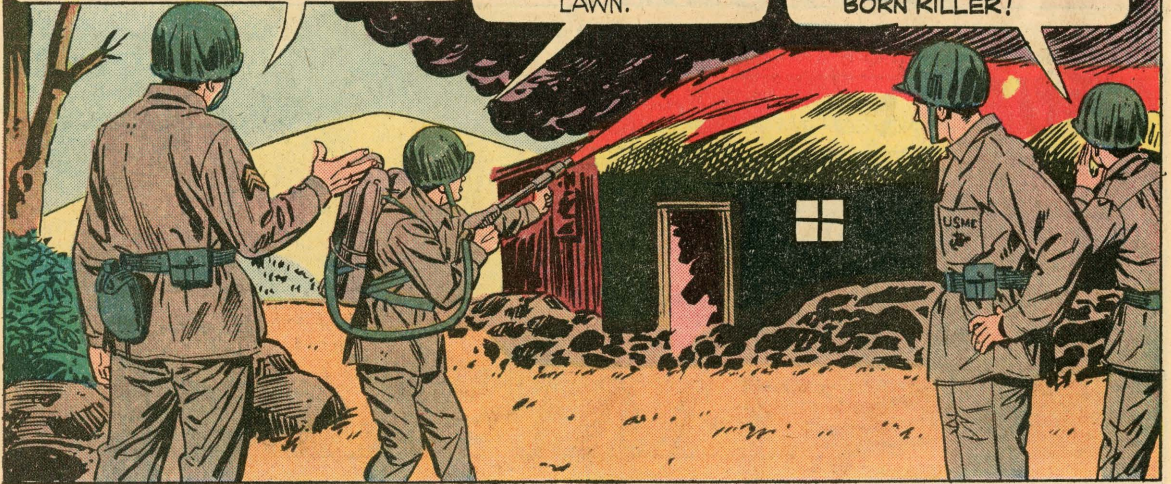
NO SWEAT. I COULD HANDLE THIS THING WITH MY EYES CLOSED.



YOU'LL NOTICE HOW BAKER IS HOLDING THE FLAME THROWER. IN THAT POSITION, HE HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OF IT.

EASY AS PIE. I TOLD YOU GUYS THAT, DIDN'T I? JUST LIKE WATERING THE LAWN.

YOU REALLY ENJOY THAT LITTLE TOY, DON'T YOU, BAKER? I'LL BET YOU'RE A BORN KILLER!



BAKER! THE THROWER! AIM IT AWAY!! ARE YOU CRAZY?

TAKE THAT THING AWAY FROM HIM BEFORE HE DOES KILL SOMEBODY!!

HE'S OUT OF HIS SKULL!!

WHAT THE--- ???
GOT TO TURN THIS
OFF!!

BAKER! I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU KNEW HOW TO
HANDLE THAT THING! YOU'RE NOT IN KOREA NOW!
THESE MEN ARE ON OUR SIDE!

PHEW! THAT'S
WHAT I CALL
BEING PUT ON THE
HOT SPOT!!



I--I'M SORRY,
LIEUTENANT.
ONE OF THE
MEN MADE A
WISE CRACK,
AND I--I
WELL, I JUST
LOST MY
HEAD!

AND I ALMOST LOST SOME OF
MY PLATOON! YOU'VE MADE
YOUR SHARE OF DIGS AT SOME
OF THE MEN, BUT YOU DON'T
SEE THEM POINTING THEIR
WEAPONS AT YOU!!



HANDLING A DANGEROUS WEAPON ISN'T JUST A
PHYSICAL THING, BAKER. YOU HAVE TO **USE YOUR
HEAD, TOO!** NOW FALL IN WITH THE OTHER MEN!

AYE, SIR...



THAT SURE WAS A CLOSE CALL,
LIEUTENANT. HE JUST LOST
CONTROL. I FIGURED AN EX-
SERGEANT LIKE HIM WOULD
KNOW HOW TO USE THE WEAPON!

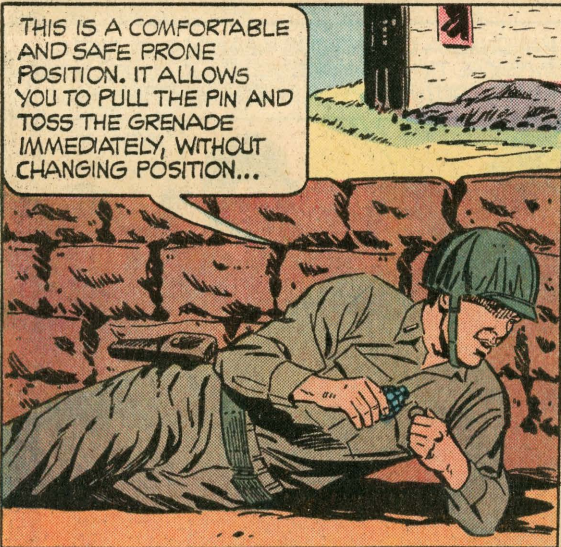
BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU DIDN'T FIGURE; THERE MUST BE A
REASON WHY HE IS AN EX-SERGEANT---AND YOU JUST SAW THAT
REASON--- **THE MOST VIOLENT TEMPER IN THE MARINE CORPS!**



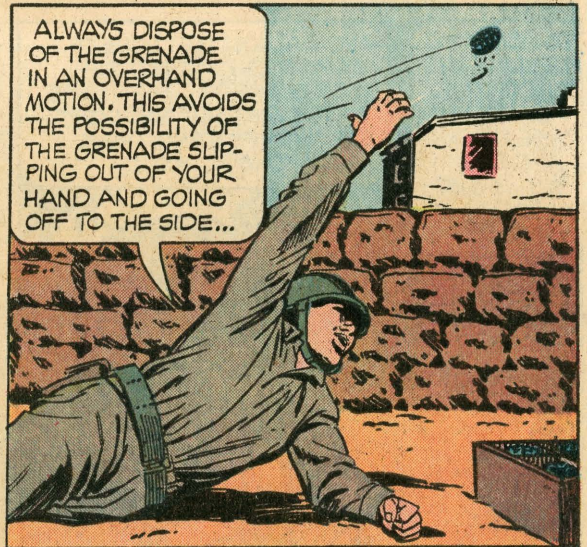
THE LIEUTENANT DANGEROUS GAMES



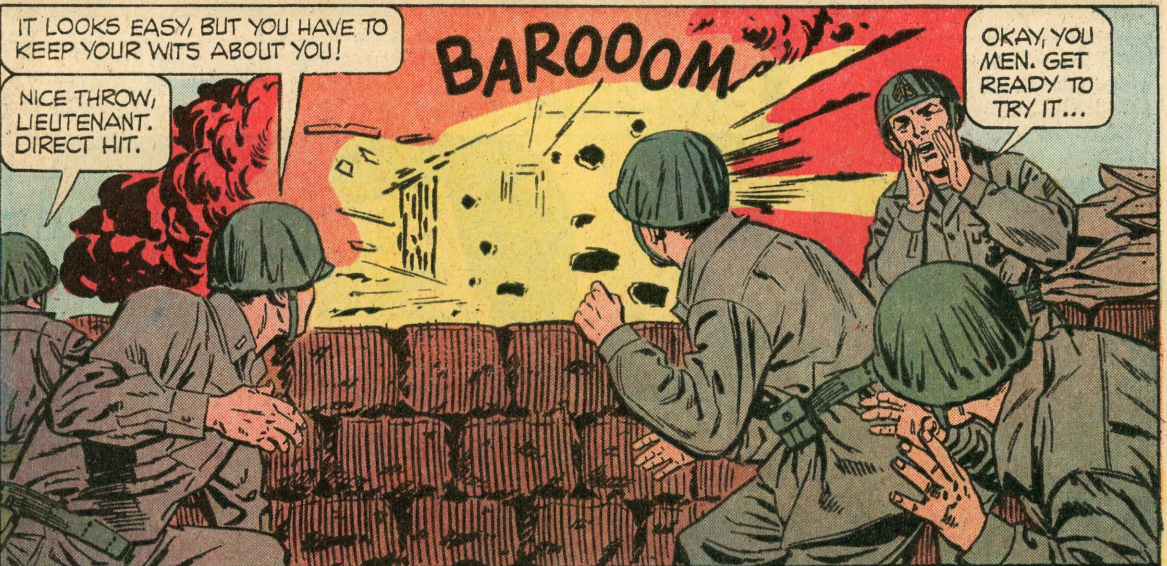
HERE AT THE GRENADE RANGE, WE'RE GOING TO LEARN THE PROPER WAY TO IGNITE A GRENADE AND HOW TO THROW IT ACCURATELY. THIS LITTLE HANDFUL OF DYNAMITE CAN SERVE A GREAT PURPOSE WHEN USED CORRECTLY.



THIS IS A COMFORTABLE AND SAFE PRONE POSITION. IT ALLOWS YOU TO PULL THE PIN AND TOSS THE GRENADE IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT CHANGING POSITION...



ALWAYS DISPOSE OF THE GRENADE IN AN OVERHAND MOTION. THIS AVOIDS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GRENADE SLIPPING OUT OF YOUR HAND AND GOING OFF TO THE SIDE...



IT LOOKS EASY, BUT YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU!

NICE THROW, LIEUTENANT. DIRECT HIT.

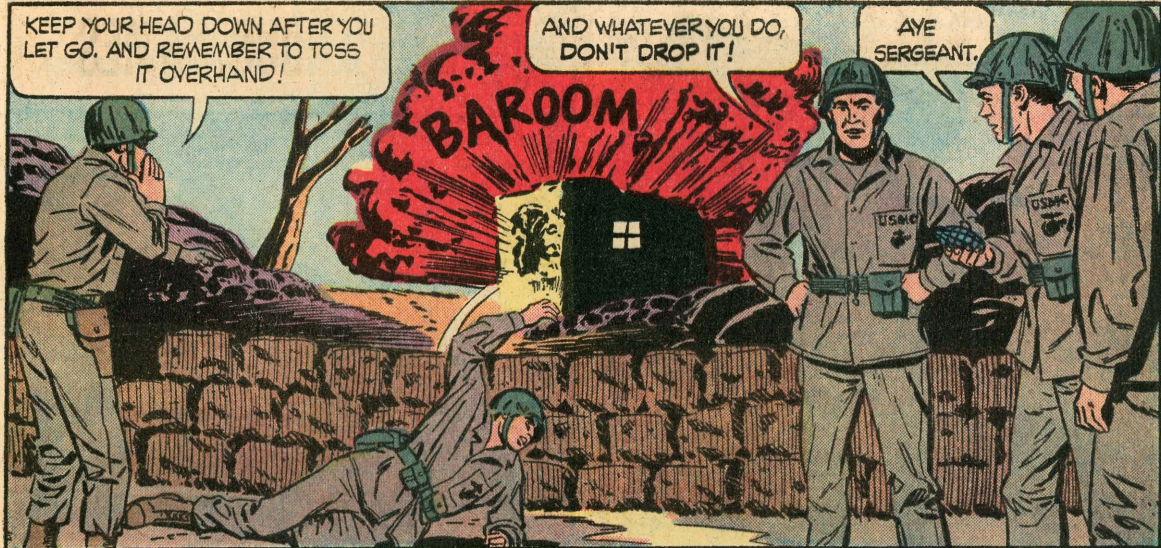
OKAY, YOU MEN. GET READY TO TRY IT...

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN AFTER YOU LET GO. AND REMEMBER TO TOSS IT OVERHAND!

AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T DROP IT!

AYE SERGEANT.

BAROOM



HANDLE WITH CARE, WATTS. AND GET RID OF IT FAST!

DON'T WORRY, SARGE. I DON'T PLAN TO TAKE IT HOME...



JUST PULL THAT PIN AND LET IT GO...



UHH!! IT SLIPPED! LOOK OUT!!

GET IT, WATTS! GET RID OF IT!

HE DROPPED IT!



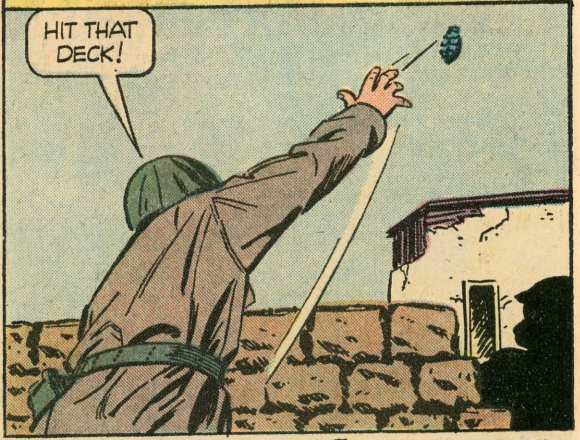
STAY OUT OF MY WAY,
SONNY BOY!!

BAKER!



IN ONE SWEEPING GESTURE, BAKER MOVES WITH THE SURE INSTINCT OF A TRAINED, HARDENED COMBAT VETERAN. WITHOUT HIS TEMPER, HE IS THE ESSENCE OF BATTLEFIELD BRILLIANCE--

HIT THAT
DECK!



WOW!
THAT WAS
A CLOSE
ONE! THANKS,
BAKER!

SAVE YOUR
GRATITUDE. YOU
THINK I WANTED TO
GET BLOWN UP
BECAUSE YOU'RE
SO CLUMSY?

BOY, THAT
GUY'S GOT
NERVE LIKE
COLD STEEL!

BAROOM

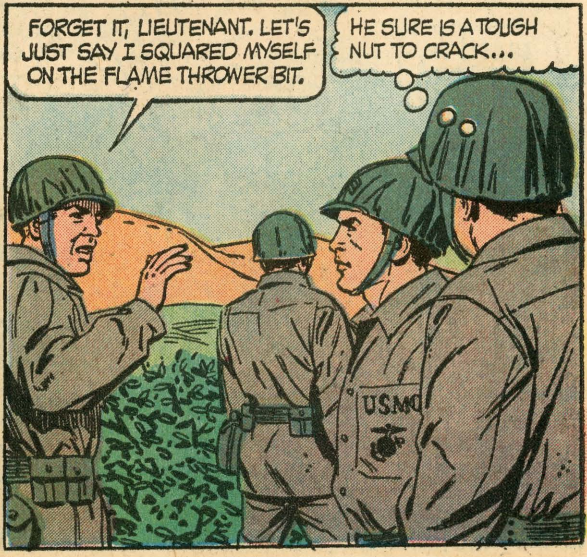


THAT WAS A DUMB MISTAKE,
WATTS. I HOPE YOU LEARNED
YOUR LESSON. AND BAKER,
YOU HANDLED IT BEAUTIFULLY.
AS YOUR C.O., I THANK YOU.

I SURE AM SORRY,
LIEUTENANT. I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED...

FORGET IT, LIEUTENANT. LET'S
JUST SAY I SQUARED MYSELF
ON THE FLAME THROWER BIT.

HE SURE IS A TOUGH
NUT TO CRACK...

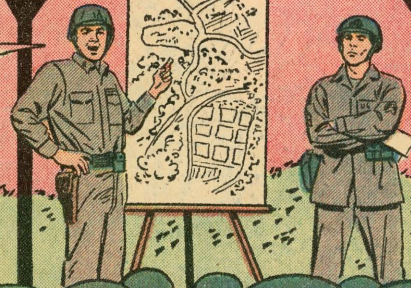


THE LIEUTENANT



FINAL PHASE-ASSAULT

MEN, WE'RE GOING INTO THE FINAL PHASE OF OUR EXERCISE. THIS IS IT. THE ASSAULT ON AN OBJECTIVE. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO BREAK UP INTO SMALL PATROLS. EACH PATROL WILL HAVE ITS INSTRUCTIONS. WE'LL ALL FOLLOW DIFFERENT ROUTES TO THE OBJECTIVE, COMING AT IT FROM EVERY POSSIBLE DIRECTION. THEN, ON THE APPOINTED SIGNAL, WE ATTACK AND TAKE IT. THE SERGEANT WILL READ OFF THE LIST OF PATROLS: SOME PATROLS WILL HAVE THREE MEN, SOME FOUR AND FIVE. NOW I WANT YOU TO STUDY THIS MAP THOROUGHLY. WE MOVE OUT IN ONE HOUR.



PATROL NUMBER TEN WILL HAVE JONES, CARTER AND GRADY. THAT'S IT.

HEY, SARGE, YOU DIDN'T READ MY NAME.

AND WHAT ABOUT ME?



THAT'S BECAUSE YOU BOYS ARE THE LUCKY ONES. YOU'LL BE ON PATROL WITH LIEUTENANT RICE.

I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH WATTS!

AND I DON'T WANT TO BE IN BAKER'S PATROL!



IS THAT SO? WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON I WANT YOU MEN ON THE SAME PATROL. BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH GOING TO LEARN TO FORGET YOUR PETTY ARGUMENTS WHEN A REAL ENEMY IS FACING YOU. NOW, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE ABOUT IT. REPORT TO MY TENT IN HALF AN HOUR.

AYE, SIR.

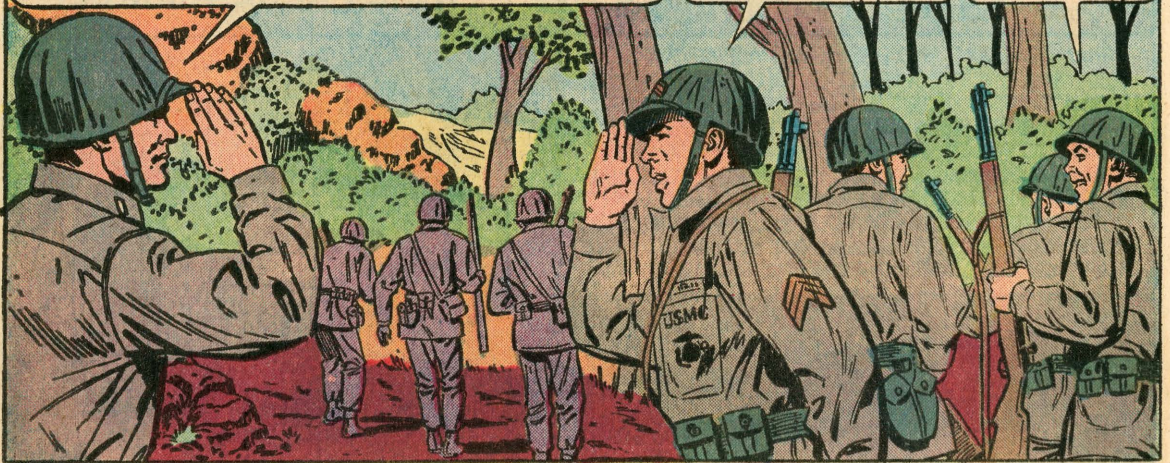
AYE, LEUTENANT...



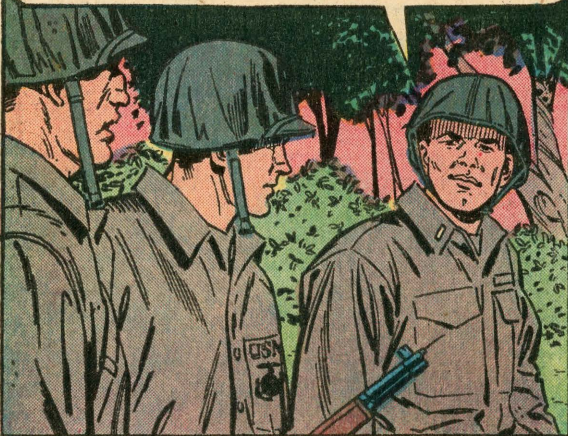
NOW REMEMBER. AT EXACTLY 1700 HOURS EVERYONE MUST BE IN POSITION FOR ATTACK. IF ANY ELEMENT OF OUR GROUP FAILS, WE ALL FAIL. MOVE OUT AND GOOD LUCK.

AYE, SIR...LET'S GO, MEN. WE'VE GOT A LONG HARD WALK AHEAD OF US.

BOY, THIS IS JUST LIKE GOING INTO A REAL BATTLE!



NOW IT'S OUR TURN, MEN. I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP ME COORDINATE THE OTHER PLATOONS. LET'S MOVE OUT.



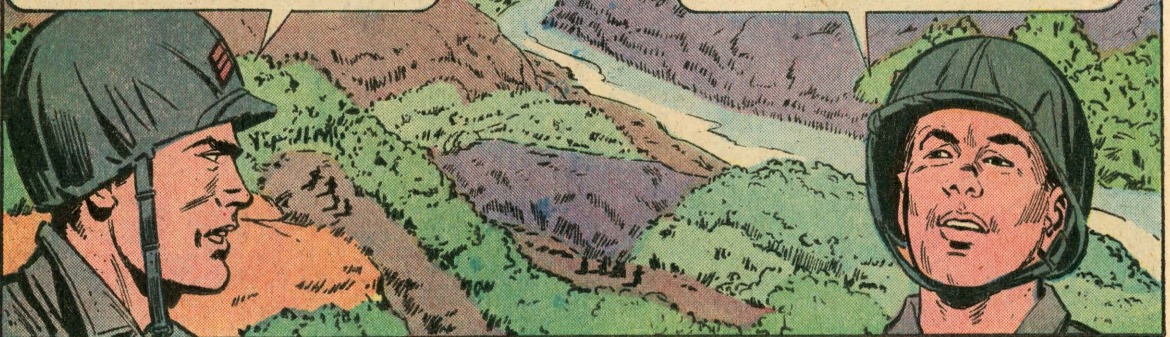
IF WATTS AND BAKER START ANY TROUBLE BETWEEN THEMSELVES OUT HERE, IT'S LIABLE TO FOUL UP EVERYTHING. THEN THE CAPTAIN WILL HAVE ME ON THE CARPET...WELL, HERE'S HOPING...



THE MANEUVERS NOW GET DOWN TO THE GRIM BUSINESS OF CONQUEST. THE MEN HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS WHICH MAKE UP THE CONDITIONS OF BATTLE. NOW THEY ARE ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS LIKE WHEN ALL THOSE ELEMENTS COME TOGETHER IN THE SAME ATTACK!

YOU MEN KEEP MOVING TO THE RIGHT. HASTINGS, RUN AHEAD AND SCOUT THE TERRAIN. DROP YOUR MARKERS AS YOU MOVE, SO WE CAN FOLLOW. AND BE SHARP THE ENEMY IS ALL AROUND!

WHEN WE'RE WITHIN FIFTY YARDS OF OUR OBJECTIVE I'LL GIVE EVERYONE THE SIGNAL TO ATTACK. BUT IF FOR ANY REASON WE SHOULD GET SEPARATED, KEEP HEADING FORWARD---AND STAY ALERT!





BAKER, GET THE SERGEANT ON THE PHONE. FIND OUT HOW HE'S DOING.

AYE, SIR...



I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALIZE IT, WATTS, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THE C.O. IN AN OPERATION LIKE THIS.

I CAN SEE THAT, SIR. BUT I'M SURE THE MEN WILL DO THEIR BEST FOR YOU.



THAT'S WHY I MUST BE ABLE TO DEPEND ON YOU AND BAKER TO THE UTMOST.

LIEUTENANT! TROUBLE! I JUST TALKED TO THE SERGEANT!



HE SAYS THAT A COUPLE OF THE PATROLS GOT CONFUSED AND MOVED OFF IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. IF HE GOES AFTER THEM, HE'S LIABLE TO ENDANGER THE SUCCESS OF THE REST OF THE PATROLS!

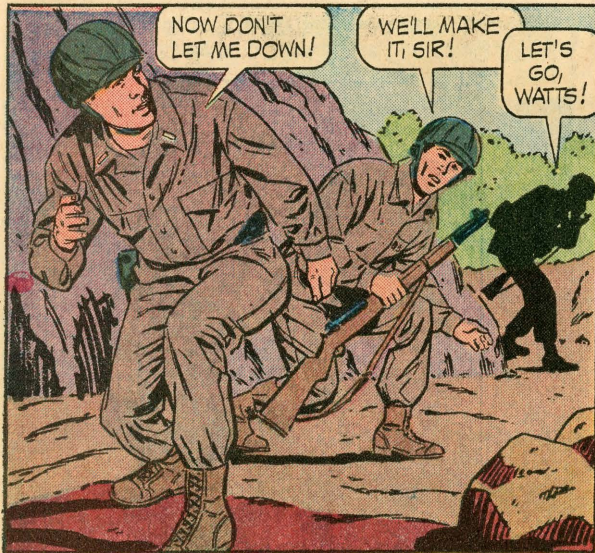
OH, BROTHER! THAT'S ALL WE NEED!



YOU MEN KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET THOSE LOST PATROLS BACK ON THE TRACK. SO WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOME FAST SHUFFLING. I'M GOING AFTER THE EAST PATROL TO SEE IF I CAN LOCATE THEM. I WANT YOU TWO MEN TO MOVE OUT AFTER THE WEST BUNCH. BAKER, I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE, BECAUSE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE. BUT I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE BETWEEN YOU AND WATTS. THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

AYE, SIR. WATTS AND I WILL FIND THEM!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US, SIR...



NOW DON'T LET ME DOWN!

WE'LL MAKE IT, SIR!

LET'S GO, WATTS!



COME ON, WATTS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR SLOW WALKS IN THE WOODS.

I'M MOVING AS FAST AS I CAN. DON'T LET YOUR AUTHORITY GO TO YOUR HEAD!

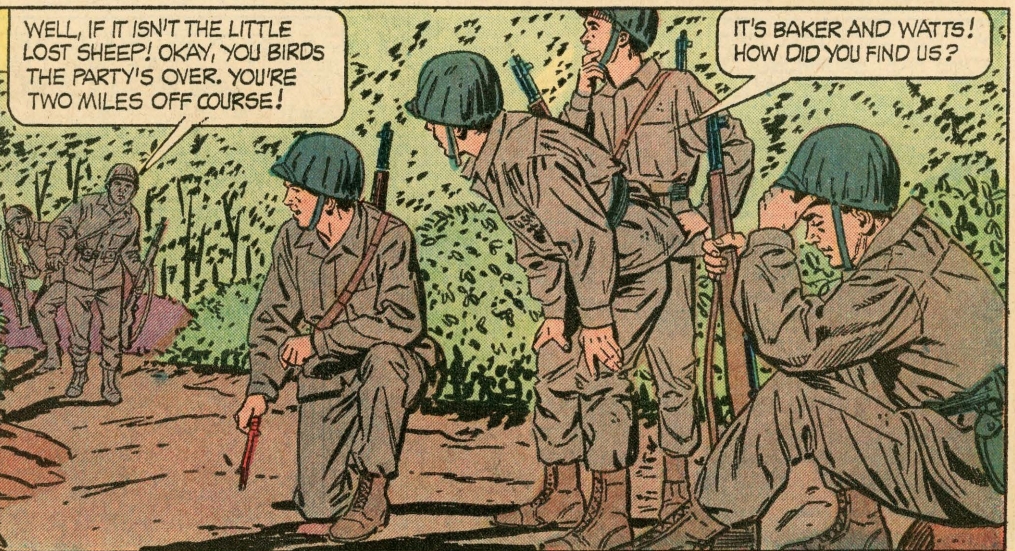
THE TWO-MAN PATROL PUSHES ALONG THROUGH RUGGED TERRAIN. BAKER IS EVERY INCH THE HARD-DRIVING NON-COM, DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT HIS C.O.'S INSTRUCTIONS...



HOW CAN YOU BE SURE IT WON'T GET ANY DEEPER?

JUST KEEP MOVING AND SHUT UP!

SOMETIME LATER...



WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE LITTLE LOST SHEEP! OKAY, YOU BIRDS THE PARTY'S OVER. YOU'RE TWO MILES OFF COURSE!

IT'S BAKER AND WATTS! HOW DID YOU FIND US?



HERE'S THE POOP. RIGHT NOW WE'RE OVER HERE. THE OBJECTIVE IS THERE. THE BEST THING FOR YOU TO DO IS HEAD IN THAT DIRECTION. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THERE ARE SOME HILLS AROUND THERE. IT'LL BE FASTER TO CUT THROUGH THEM RATHER THAN AROUND. IF YOU HUSTLE, YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE ATTACK!

THANKS A LOT, BAKER. BUT AREN'T YOU COMING WITH US?



NO, WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO REJOIN THE LIEUTENANT. HE MIGHT STILL BE TRYING TO FIND THAT OTHER LOST PATROL.

BUT, BAKER, WE'LL NEVER FIND LT. RICE NOW!



LOOK, PUNK. THE LIEUTENANT SENT US ON A MISSION. WE ACCOMPLISHED IT. SO, NOW WE CAN REJOIN HIM. THEN ALL PATROLS WILL BE BACK AT FULL STRENGTH. IS THAT SO HARD FOR YOUR PEA-BRAIN TO UNDERSTAND?

OKAY, OKAY...



I DON'T KNOW WHY WE COULDN'T HAVE RETURNED THE WAY WE CAME. THIS RIDGE IS TOO DANGEROUS.

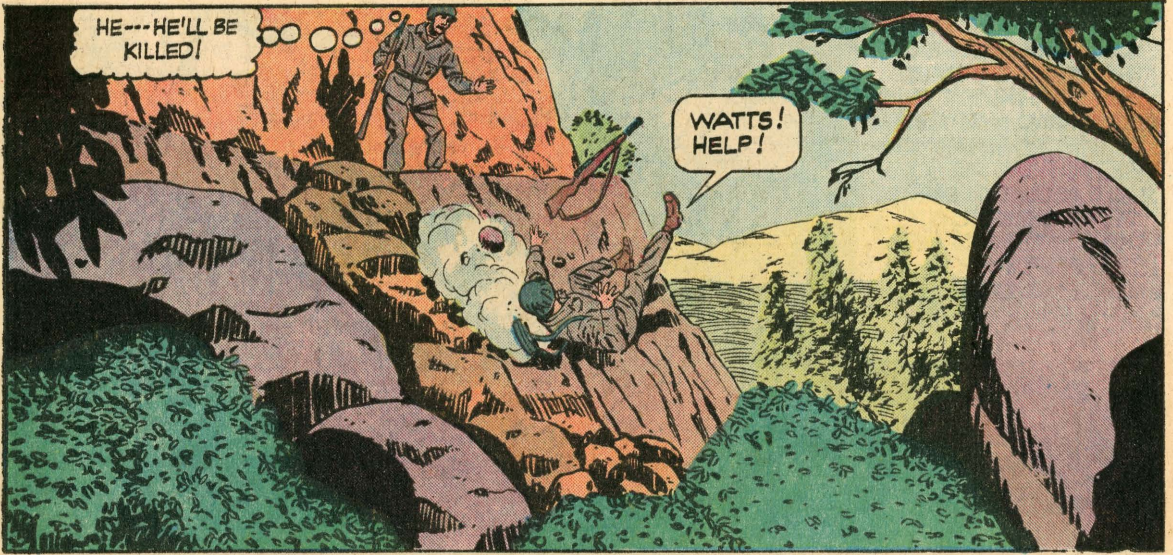
WE NEED THIS SHORT CUT IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME. NOW KEEP MOVING!



AS SOON AS WE---- UHHH?

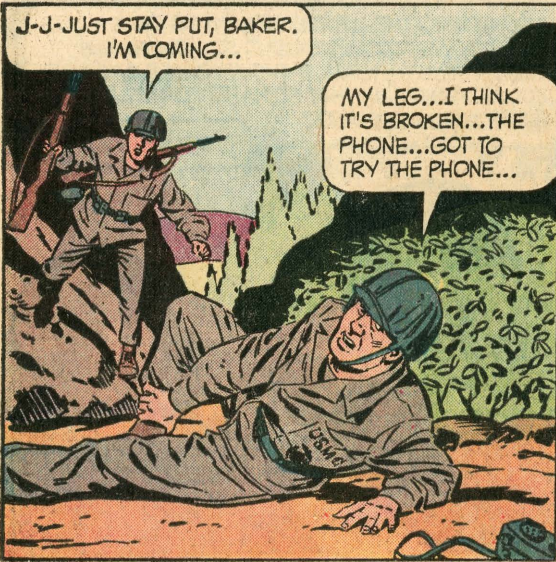
BAKER! WATCH OUT!

CRUNCH!



HE---HE'LL BE KILLED!

WATTS!
HELP!



J-J-JUST STAY PUT, BAKER.
I'M COMING...

MY LEG...I THINK
IT'S BROKEN...THE
PHONE...GOT TO
TRY THE PHONE...



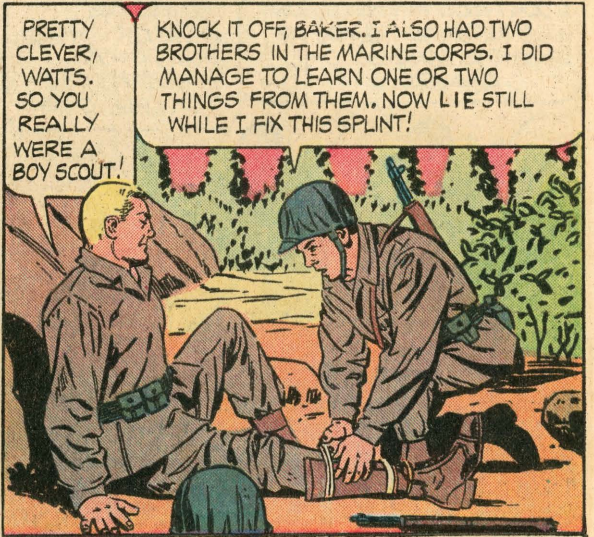
THIS IS FOX PATROL!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?..
THE PHONE'S DEAD!

JUST GREAT! HERE I AM
WITH A BUSTED LEG, A
DEAD PHONE, AND THE
WORST MARINE IN THE
WORLD!



NOW JUST HOLD ON THERE, BAKER. I MAY NOT BE
SUCH A GREAT MILITARY MAN, BUT I'M A HUMAN
BEING. AND I KNOW HOW TO HELP ANOTHER HUMAN
BEING WHEN HE'S HURT!

OKAY, BOY SCOUT...
IT'S YOUR SHOW
NOW, SO WHAT'S
NEXT?



PRETTY
CLEVER,
WATTS.
SO YOU
REALLY
WERE A
BOY SCOUT!

KNOCK IT OFF, BAKER. I ALSO HAD TWO
BROTHERS IN THE MARINE CORPS. I DID
MANAGE TO LEARN ONE OR TWO
THINGS FROM THEM. NOW LIE STILL
WHILE I FIX THIS SPLINT!



WHO ARE YOU KIDDING, WATTS?
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT LIKE
THIS! WHY DON'T YOU JUST
MOVE OUT AND TRY TO FIND
SOME HELP?

NOTHING DOING!
YOU'RE MY
RESPONSIBILITY NOW,
SO SHUT UP AND DO
AS YOU'RE TOLD! IF
I LEFT YOU ALONE,
I MIGHT FORGET
HOW TO GET BACK
HERE!



MEANWHILE...

IT'S ALMOST ZERO HOUR,
SIR. GOOD THING YOU FOUND
ONE OF THOSE LOST PATROLS.
WE'LL NEED THEM.

I JUST WONDER IF
BAKER AND WATTS
FOUND THE OTHER
PATROL. THEY SHOULD
BE BACK BY NOW...



HERE WE ARE, SIR.
BAKER PUT US ON
THE RIGHT TRACK! I
HOPE WE'RE NOT
TOO LATE.

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME. BUT
WHERE ARE WATTS AND
BAKER?



I DON'T KNOW, SIR. THEY
SAID THEY WERE GOING TO
TRY TO REJOIN YOU. THEY
FIGURED YOU'D STILL BE
LOOKING FOR THE OTHER
LOST PATROL.

I SURE HOPE THERE
HASN'T BEEN ANY
TROUBLE BETWEEN
THEM...



OKAY, MEN! LET'S TAKE
THAT OBJECTIVE! WATCH
YOUR STEP AND KEEP
MOVING!

LET'S GO, MARINES!

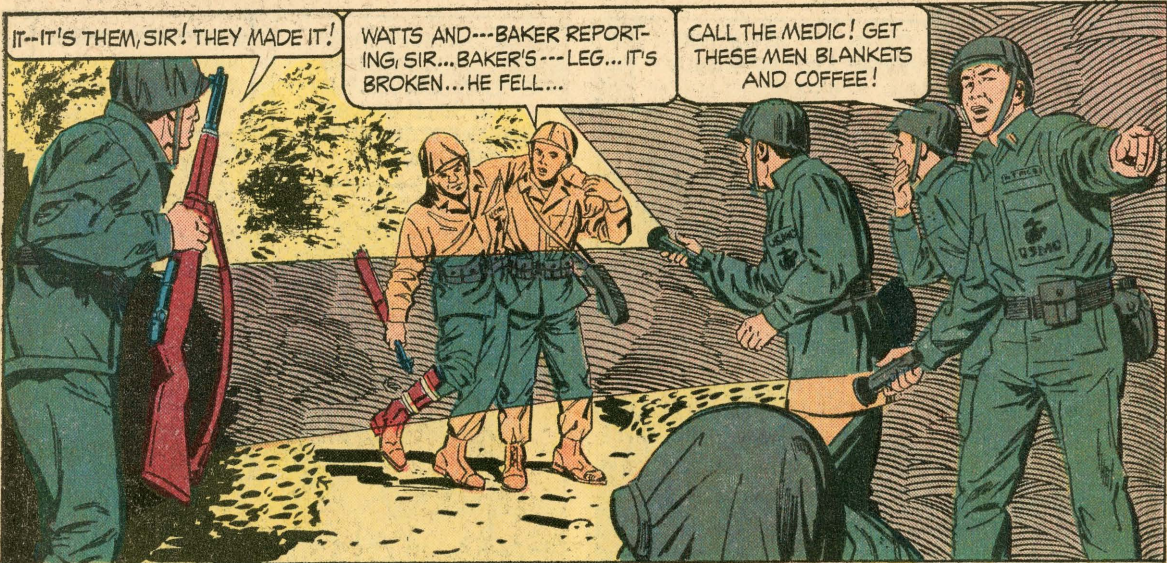


LOOKS LIKE WE DID IT, SIR. THE OBJECTIVE IS OURS!

THAT'S GREAT, SERGEANT! YOU DID A SWELL JOB. BUT TWO OF MY MEN ARE MISSING. WATTS AND BAKER NEVER SHOWED UP...



LATER... WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH. WATTS AND BAKER HAVEN'T SHOWN UP YET. THEY MAY BE HURT OR LOST OR BOTH. I DON'T LIKE TO SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY AT NIGHT, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE. I'LL LEAD THE WAY, AND---



IT--IT'S THEM, SIR! THEY MADE IT!

WATTS AND---BAKER REPORTING, SIR...BAKER'S---LEG... IT'S BROKEN... HE FELL...

CALL THE MEDIC! GET THESE MEN BLANKETS AND COFFEE!



LIEUTENANT, WATTS MUST HAVE BEEN THE BEST BOY SCOUT EVER. THIS NUT'S BEEN CARRYING ME AROUND SINCE FOUR O'CLOCK!

THERE WAS NOTHING TO IT. AFTER ALL, HOW HEAVY IS A WINDBAG?



WELL, SIR, IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWO MEN HAVE STRAIGHTENED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES...

SERGEANT, I THINK WE CAN SAFELY SAY THAT THIS LITTLE EXPERIENCE HAS DONE SOMETHING ELSE. WE NOW HAVE TWO MORE GOOD, TOUGH MARINES...

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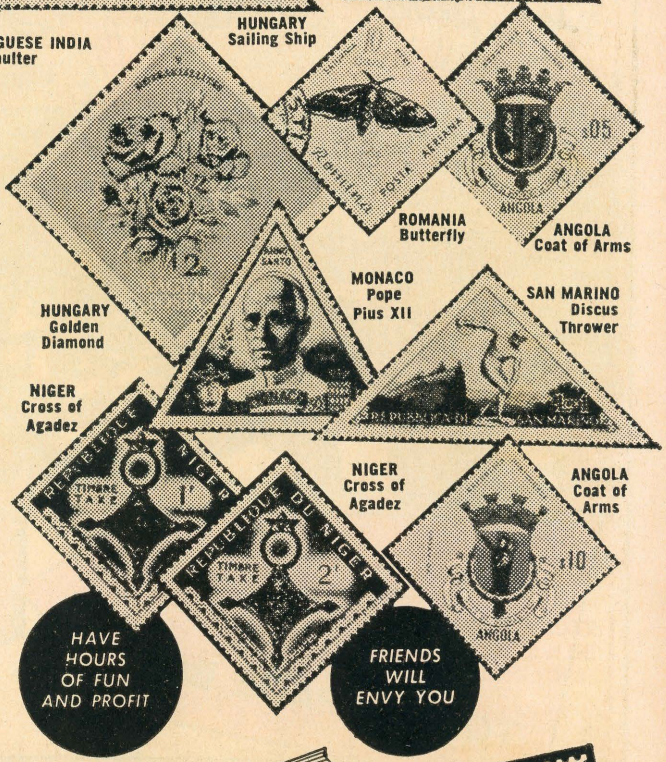
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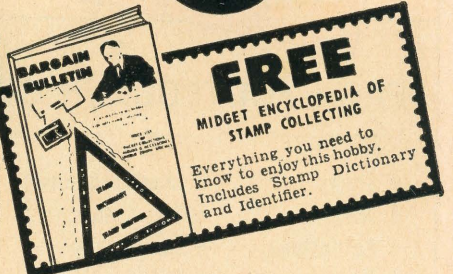
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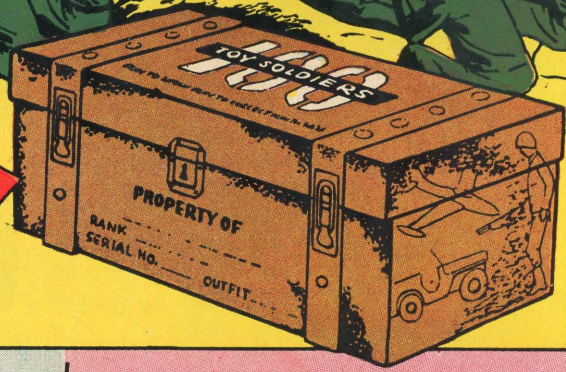
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