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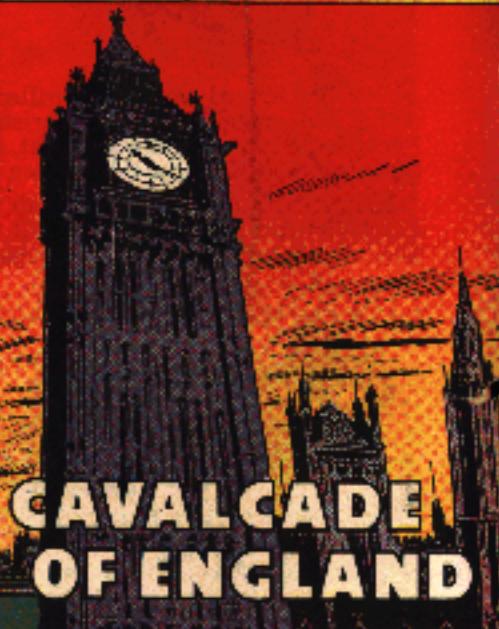
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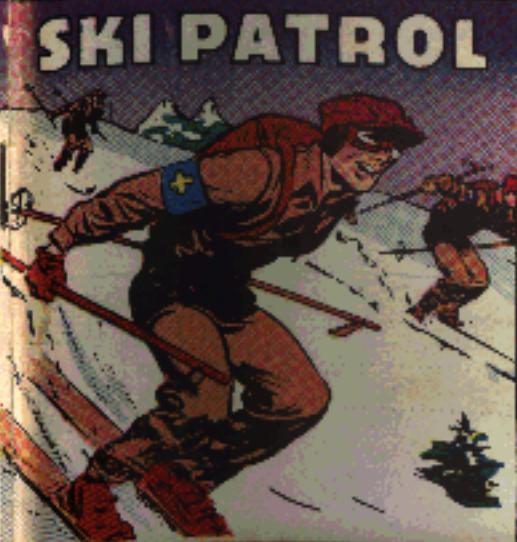
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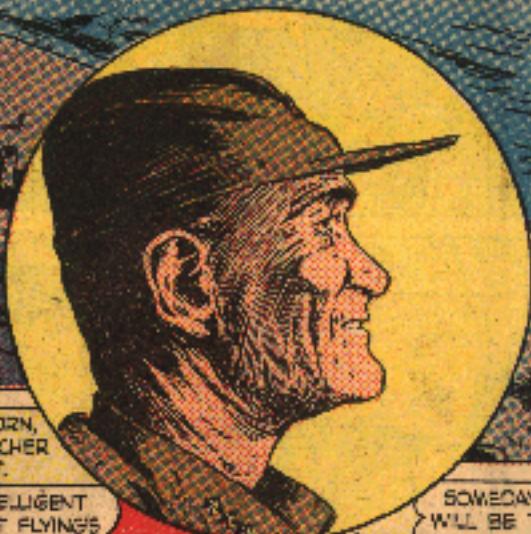
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VICE ADMIRAL MARC A. MITSCHER, SWEEPING AWAY NIPPON'S FLEET, HAS TAKEN HIS MIGHTY TASK FORCE 58 TO JAPAN'S DOORSTEP.

AT TWENTY-EIGHT, WISCONSIN-BORN, ANNAPOLIS-TRAINED MARC MITSCHER BECAME A PIONEER NAVY PILOT.

IN 1915 ... MITSCHER'S AN INTELLIGENT GUY. DOESN'T HE KNOW THAT FLYING'S JUST A DANGEROUS STUNT? MAKE MITSCHER BELIEVE THAT!



SOME DAY THOUSANDS OF PLANES WILL BE TAKING OFF FROM THE DECKS OF WARSHIPS!

IMPOSSIBLE, MITSCHER!



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IN MAY, 1919,
STARTING FROM
NEWFOUNDLAND,
MITSCHER PILOTED
THE NAVY SEA-
PLANE NC-1
IN THE FIRST
ATTEMPT TO FLY
THE ATLANTIC.
ALTHOUGH HIS
PLANE WAS
DAMAGED LAND-
ING AT THE
AZORES, A
COMPANION
PLANE, THE NC-4
COMPLETED
THE TRIP.

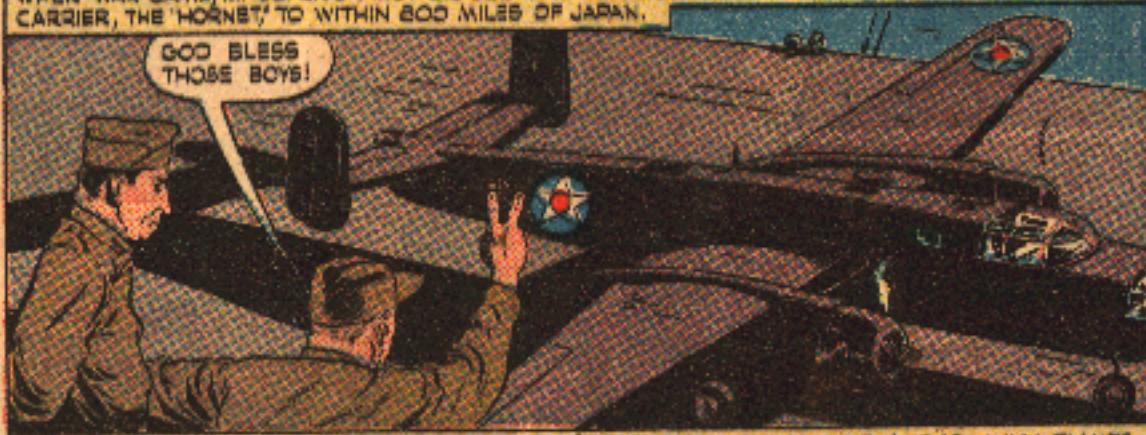


FROM 1919 TO OCTOBER, 1941, MITSCHER
WAS PROMOTED FROM ONE IMPORTANT
NAVY POST TO ANOTHER. IN COMMAND
OF THE NAVAL AIR STATION AT ANACOSTIA,
D.C., HE ENCOURAGED THE BUILDING OF
FAST FIGHTERS.

MITSCHER'S BOYS
CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN
WINNING THEIR
RACES.



WHEN WAR CAME, MITSCHER'S FIRST BIG JOB WAS TO FERRY O'CULLOTTE'S TOKIO FLYERS ABOARD HIS CARRIER, THE 'HORNET' TO WITHIN 800 MILES OF JAPAN.



MITSCHER COMMANDED THE "HORNET" IN THE DECISIVE BATTLE OF MIDWAY, JUNE 4, 1942...NAVY PLANES FROM THE "HORNET" AND OTHER FLAT TOPS SANK FOUR JAP CARRIERS, DESTROYED EIGHTEEN MORE SHIPS AND 275 PLANES, thus ending the Japanese threat to Hawaii.

LATER, PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL, MITSCHER WAS GIVEN THE JOB OF SPEEDING PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES FOR THE NAVY AIR ARM.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPERVISION, WELL GET THIS FLAT TOP OUT ON SCHEDULE.

THE BOYS SURE NEED IT!



HOWEVER...

I KNOW SOMEBODY HAS TO DO THE SHORE JOBS, ADMIRAL, BUT I WANT TO GET BACK TO THE SEA AND FIGHT!

THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO!



IN FEBRUARY, 1944, WHEN AMERICAN FORCES INVADED THE MARSHALLS, ADMIRAL MITSCHER COMMANDED THE FLAT TOPS WHOSE PLANES PREPARED THE WAY FOR TROOP LANDINGS.

IF WE LAY OUR BOMBS RIGHT, THE JAP PILLBOXES WON'T BE ABLE TO HURT OUR BOYS.

WHEN THE MARINES DID LAND, THEY TOOK THE MARSHALLS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THIS JOB WOULD BE A LOT TOUGHER IF THOSE NAVY BOMBERS HADN'T BEEN HERE FIRST.



AFTER THE MARSHALLS CAMPAIGN, MUCH OF AMERICA'S CARRIER STRENGTH WAS ASSEMBLED INTO A SPECIAL FORCE UNDER MITSCHER'S COMMAND.

BOY! THERE SHE IS—TASK FORCE 58! THE HARDEST-HITTING, FASTEST-MOVING PROPOSITION THAT EVER SAILED THE OCEAN.

GENTLEMEN, WE'VE GOT A BIG FLEET AND A BIG JOB: TASK FORCE 58 IS GOING TO ATTACK TRUK—AND SOON!

THAT'S ONE OF JAPAN'S GREATEST NAVAL BASES.



LATE IN FEBRUARY, 1944, MITSCHER'S FLAT TOPS BOLDLY SAILLED INTO THE WATERS AROUND TRUK. CARRIER PLANES AND WARSHIPS DESTROYED TWENTY-ONE JAP SHIPS AND 201 PLANES!

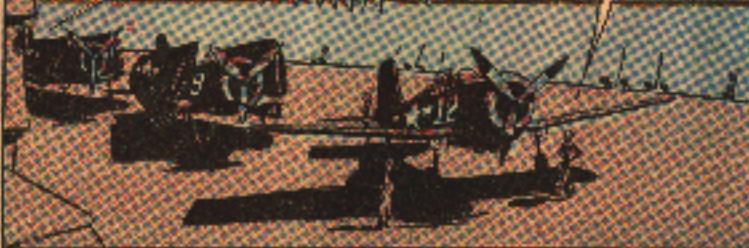
AMERICANS! HOW DID THEY GET HERE, 3,000 MILES FROM PEARL HARBOR?



TASK FORCE 58 MADE ITS NEXT BIG MOVE TOWARD TOKIO ON JUNE 10TH...

ATTENTION ALL HANDS!
WE ARE PROCEEDING AT
ONCE WITH THE ATTACK
ON SAIPAN!

WE'RE
PLAYING IN
THE BIG-
TIME!



THE JAPS DON'T KNOW IT, BUT WE'LL BE AROUND FOR A LONG WHILE! WHEN WE GET THROUGH SMASHING SAIPAN'S AIRFIELDS AND INSTALLATIONS, THE MARINES WILL LAND!

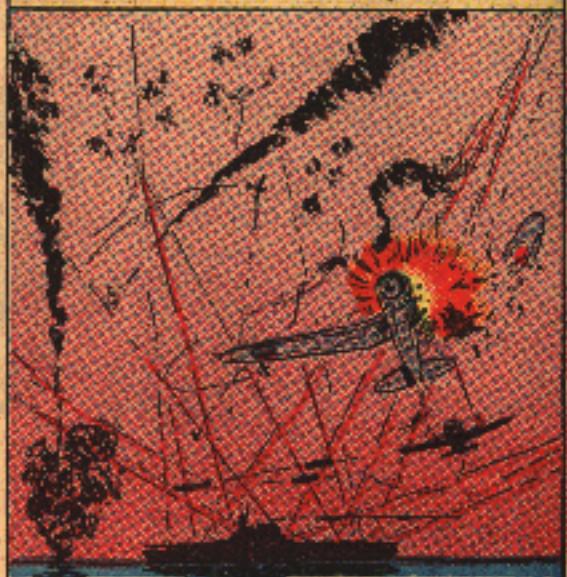


THREE DAYS LATER, TASK FORCE 58 BLASTED JAP INSTALLATIONS IN THE BONIN AND VOLCANO ISLANDS—LESS THAN 600 MILES FROM TOKIO!

THAT'S ONE LESS OF HIROHITO'S HELPERS!



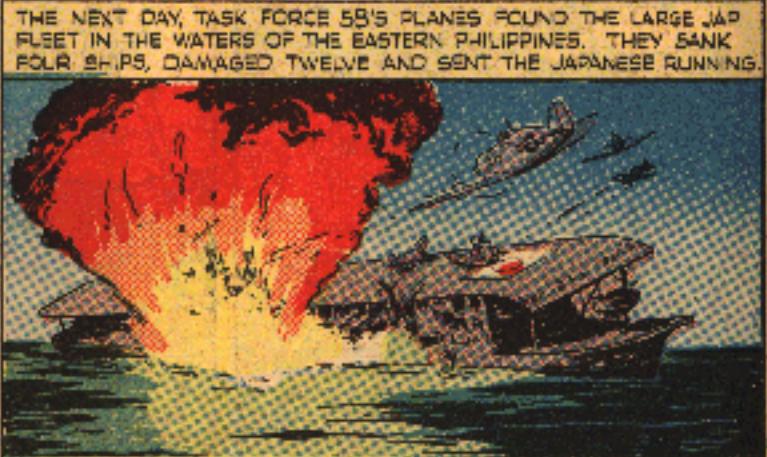
FOUR DAYS AFTER THAT, PLANES FROM THE JAP FLEET STRUCK AT TASK FORCE 58 IN WATERS WEST OF GUAM. HUNDREDS OF JAPANESE PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN—402 IN TWO DAYS!



THESE AIR ATTACKS MEAN THAT THE JAPS ARE DESPERATE. IF THEIR FLEET IS EVER GOING TO FIGHT, NOW IS THE LOGICAL TIME.



THE NEXT DAY, TASK FORCE 58'S PLANES FOUND THE LARGE JAP FLEET IN THE WATERS OF THE EASTERN PHILIPPINES. THEY SANK FIVE SHIPS, DAMAGED TWELVE AND SENT THE JAPANESE RUNNING.

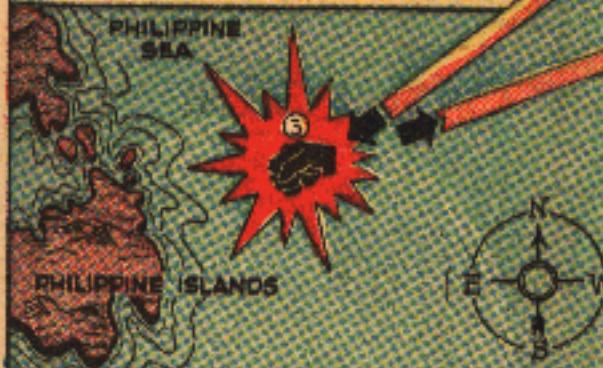
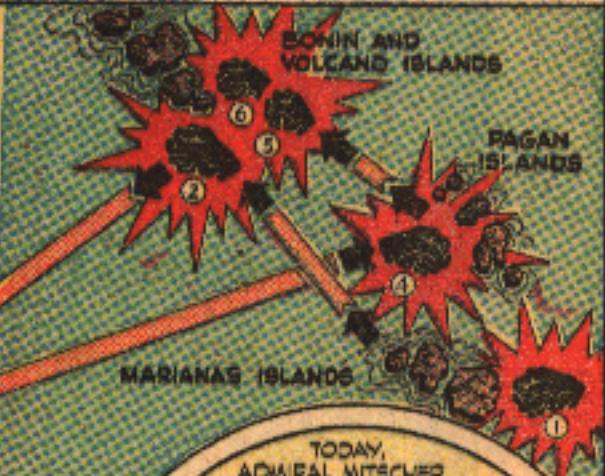


THAT NIGHT, WITH THE JAP FLEET ON THE RUN, MITSCHER LIFTED THE BLACKOUT FOR TASK FORCE 58 AND MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR MANY FLYERS TO RETURN SAFELY.

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LIT UP
LIKE BROADWAY,
AND LOOKING
TWICE AS
GOOD!

- ① JUNE 10: SAIPAN, IN THE MARIANAS, IS SOFTENED FOR INVASION.
- ② JUNE 13: BONIN AND VOLCANO ISLANDS FEEL THE WEIGHT OF MITSCHER'S GUNS.
- ③ JUNE 17-18: FOUR JAP WARSHIPS, 402 PLANES DESTROYED IN EASTERN PHILIPPINE SEA BATTLE.
- ④ JUNE 21: PAGAN ISLANDS SHELLED.
- ⑤ ⑥ BONIN AND VOLCANO ISLANDS REVISITED, TWO STRIKES IN TEN DAYS, THE LAST ON JULY 3, LEAVE DEFENDERS REELING.



SO ENDED MITSCHER'S MIGHTY MONTH, DURING WHICH TIME TASK FORCE 58 ENGAGED IN SIX MAJOR ASSAULTS, AN AMAZING RECORD! THE SCORE FOR THAT MONTH OF BATTLE: 767 JAPANESE PLANES DESTROYED, 50 JAPANESE VESSELS SUNK, AND AT LEAST 25 JAPANESE VESSELS DAMAGED. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 157 PLANES, FROM WHICH 85 PILOTS AND MANY CREWMEN WERE RESCUED, AND ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE TO SOME VESSELS.

CAVALCADE OF ENGLAND



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THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND

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LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE EARLY INHABITANTS OF ENGLAND, THE BRITONS. THEY BELONGED TO A GROUP OF CELTIC TRIBES WHICH INCLUDED THE WELSH, SCOTS AND IRISH. FRAGMENTS OF ANCIENT SONGS AND LEGENDS TELL US A FEW THINGS ABOUT THESE BRITONS. WE KNOW THAT THEY WORSHIPPED MANY OBJECTS IN NATURE, SUCH AS MISTLETOE, OAK TREES AND WHITE HORSES.

THEIR PRIESTS, CALLED DRUICS, RALLIED THE BRITONS TO RESIST THE ROMAN INVASION LED BY JULIUS CAESAR IN 55 B.C.

AFTER THE ROMANS LEFT IN 449 A.D., ANGLES, SAXONS AND JUTES FROM GERMANY INVADED BRITAIN. FROM THE NAME "ANGLES" COMES THE WORD "ENGLAND."



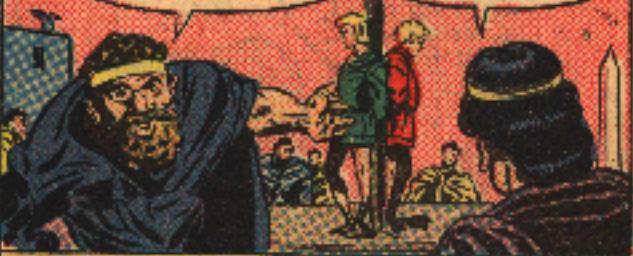
ALTHOUGH THE BRITONS FOUGHT BRAVELY IN CHARIOTS AND ON FOOT, THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR THE ROMAN LEGIONS.



FOR CENTURIES, THE ROMAN CONQUERORS RULED ENGLAND AS FAR NORTH AS TODAY'S SCOTTISH BORDER.

LONG YEARS OF FIGHTING FOLLOWED, AND SOME INVADERS WERE SOLD AS SLAVES IN EUROPE. IN ROME, YOUNG DEACON GREGORY SAW SOME OF THESE SLAVES.

THESE ARE NOT ANGLES, BUT ANGELS PLUCKED FROM GOD'S IRE.



AS POPE IN 597, GREGORY SENT ST. AUGUSTINE TO BRING CHRISTIANITY TO ENGLAND. KING ETHELBERT WELCOMED THE MISSIONARIES, AND CHRISTIANITY STEADILY GREW STRONGER.

FOR MANY YEARS, ANGLES, SAXONS, JUTES AND DANES FOUGHT AMONG THEMSELVES TO RULE THE ISLAND. FINALLY, IN 878, SAXON KING ALFRED THE GREAT BROUGHT ORDER BY SIGNING A TREATY WITH THE DANES.

ALFRED, CONTROLLING THE SOUTHERN HALF OF ENGLAND, DIVIDED HIS LAND INTO SHIRES (COUNTIES), EACH WITH A COURT OF JUSTICE, AND HE BEGAN TO CREATE ONE SYSTEM OF LAW TO GOVERN ALL ENGLAND.



WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF ONE LAW FOR WESSEX AND ANOTHER FOR KENT. TO LIVE IN PEACE, ALL ENGLAND MUST BE RULED BY THE SAME LAW.

S
ALFRED ALSO SET UP SCHOOLS.

READING! WRITING!
WILL OUR KING
NEVER CEASE TO
MAKE CHANGES?

KING ALFRED
DESires THAT
WE OURSELVES LEARN
SO THAT WE MAY
TEACH OTHERS.



TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE STILL
FURTHER, ALFRED COMMANDED
SCHOLARS TO BEGIN THE ANGLO-
SAXON CHRONICLE, FIRST POPULAR
HISTORY OF ENGLAND. THIS WAS
CONTINUED FROM 892 TO 1154.
FROM ITS PAGES, WE LEARN THAT
THE SAXON KINGS WHO FOLLOWED
ALFRED BECAME MORE POWERFUL
AND EXTENDED THEIR KINGDOM,
BUT THE SAXON RULE ENDED
OVER A DISPUTE ABOUT THE
SUCCESSOR TO KING EDWARD THE
CONFESSOR, WHO HAD NO HEIR.

THE TWO MEN WHO CLAIMED THE THRONE
WERE EARL HAROLD OF ESSEX AND DUKE
WILLIAM OF NORMANDY.

HAROLD, FORGET YOUR
CLAIM TO THE THRONE!
KING EDWARD HAS PROMISED
THAT I SHALL SUCCEED
HIM. UNLESS YOU PROMISE
TO SUPPORT MY CLAIM,
YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE
THIS NORMAN SOIL.

I AM IN YOUR
POWER, WILLIAM,
AND I
SWEAR NOT
TO OPPOSE
YOUR
CLAIM.

BUT WHEN EDWARD DIED...
HAROLD HAS BEEN
CROWNED KING!

HE HAS BROKEN HIS
OATH, AND HE SHALL
PAY FOR HIS
TREACHERY.



SO, IN 1066,
WILLIAM LED
HIS NORMANS
ACROSS THE
CHANNEL TO
ENGLAND. AT
HASTINGS,
A FURIOUS
BATTLE TOOK
PLACE, WITH
WILLIAM THE
CONQUEROR
VICTORIOUS.

HAROLD AND ALL
HIS BROTHERS ARE
DEAD, AND THE
SAXONS FLEE IN
TERROR!

I HAVE HAD MY
REVENGE, AND I
SHALL BE KING OF
ENGLAND!



WILLIAM ORGANIZED A STRONG GOVERNMENT BASED ON FEUDALISM. NOBLES RECEIVED MANORS (LARGE GRANTS OF LAND) FROM THE KING, WHO REMAINED THE GREATEST LAND-OWNER. IN RETURN, THE NOBLES OWED THE KING LOYALTY AND...



THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND GOODS WHICH EACH NOBLE OWED THE KING WAS BASED ON THE SIZE OF HIS MANOR.

THIS MANOR CONSISTS OF ONE THOUSAND ACRES AND TWO HUNDRED INHABITANTS.

IT SHALL BE SO ENTERED IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK.



A NOBLE COULD GIVE PARTS OF HIS MANOR TO LESSER VASSALS ON THE SAME TERMS AS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE KING.

REMEMBER THAT THESE FEUDAL DUES ARE ONLY PART OF WHAT YOU OWE ME, AND THAT FAILURE TO RENDER MILITARY SERVICE MAKES YOUR LAND AND LIBERTY FORFEIT TO ME.



WILLIAM'S STERN RULE BROUGHT ABOUT A LONG PERIOD OF PEACE AND ORDER, AND ENGLAND PROSPERED.

METHINKS THIS HOUSE OF STONE IS FAR BETTER THAN OUR WOODEN HUTS.

AYE! 'TIS GOOD TO BE BUILDING FINE HOUSES INSTEAD OF FIGHTING EACH OTHER!



IN 1087, WILLIAM WAS SUCCEDED BY HIS SON, WILLIAM RUFUS—A WEAKLING WITH MANY ENEMIES. ONE DAY, WHILE HUNTING...

THE KING IS MORTALLY WOUNDED; HIS TOMB WILL NEVER BE WATERED BY ANYONE'S TEARS.



THE DEAD KING'S YOUNGER BROTHER, HENRY I, RULED SO WELL, MEN SPOKE OF HIM AS THE "LION OF JUSTICE." HE ESTABLISHED A KING'S COURT WHICH SERVED AS...

...THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE...

MY LORDS, I WOULD RATHER BE HEARD BY YOU THAN BY THE SHIRE COURT.

VERY WELL, WE SHALL HEAR YOUR CASE IN THE KING'S COURT.



THIS WAS THE BASIS FOR ENGLAND'S MODERN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.

...AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

MY LORDS, WHERE IS THE EASTER PAYMENT FROM SUSSEX.

VERY WELL, SHERIFF! WE TRUST THAT THE NEXT PAYMENT WILL BE AS PROMPT.



FROM THE COURT'S CHECKERED TABLE COMES THE WORD "EXCHEQUER," THE MODERN NAME FOR THE ROYAL TREASURY.

ONE GREAT SADNESS MARKED HENRY I'S LIFE, FOR HIS ONLY SON, WILLIAM, WAS DROWNED WHEN THE "WHITE SHIP" SANK IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.



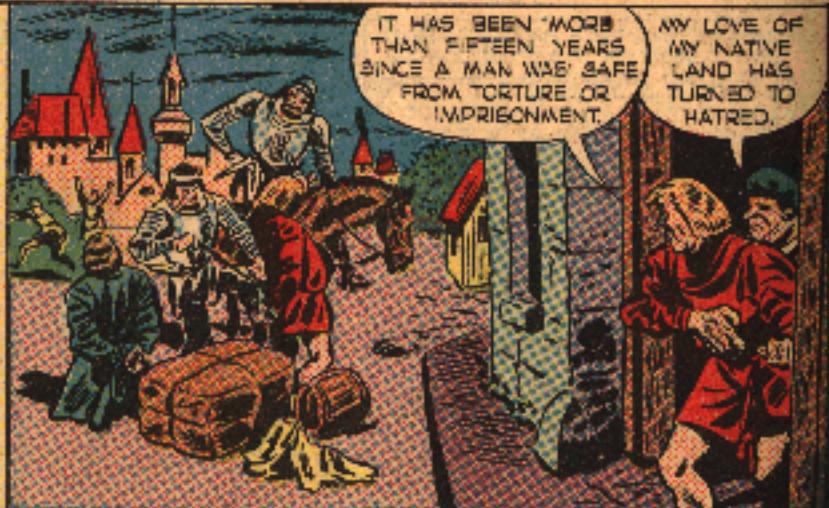
AFTER WILLIAM'S DEATH, HENRY NAMED HIS DAUGHTER, MATILDA, HIS HEIR, FORCING THE NOBLES TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO HER.

IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT A WOMAN SHOULD SIT ON ENGLAND'S THRONE!

NO GOOD WILL COME OF IT.



WHEN HENRY I DIED IN 1135, CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT AS REBELLIOUS NOBLES TRIED TO GAIN POWER. STEPHEN OF BLOIS, NEPHEW OF THE DEAD KING, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION TO SEIZE THE THRONE, BUT HIS RULE WAS SO BAD THAT NINETEEN YEARS OF STRIFE FOLLOWED.



IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE A MAN WAS SAFE FROM TORTURE OR IMPRISONMENT.

MY LOVE OF MY NATIVE LAND HAS TURNED TO HATRED.

HENRY II, SON OF MATILDA, CAME TO THE THRONE IN 1154, AND RESTORED PEACE ONCE MORE TO THE TROUBLED LAND. HE EXTENDED HIS RULE THROUHOUT ENGLAND AND ALSO INTO FRANCE.



UP TO THIS TIME, THERE HAD BEEN THREE FORMS OF COURT TRIAL:

COMPURGATION...



MORDAL...



...TRIAL BY BATTLE,

YOU HAVE WON,
SIR RICHARD, AND
THE DISPUTED
LAND IS YOURS!



HENRY II INTRODUCED FACT-KNOWING JURIES.

SHERIFF, I SAW
THE QUARREL
BETWEEN TOM
AND ALFRED.

THEN YOU KNOW THE
FACTS AND MAY RIGHTLY
SERVE ON THE
JURY.



GRADUALLY ALL THESE FORMS OF TRIAL GAVE WAY TO TODAY'S FACT-FINDING JURY SYSTEM.

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WHEN HENRY II WAS A YOUNG MAN, HIS CLOSEST FRIEND WAS THOMAS A BECKET.



LATER, WHEN THOMAS BECAME ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY...



THE KING WAS FURIOUS AT HIS OLD FRIEND. ONE DAY, WHILE IN NORMANDY, HENRY CRIED OUT, "WILL NOBODY RID ME OF THIS PRIEST?" TAKING THE KING AT HIS WORD, SEVERAL KNIGHTS HASTENED TO ENGLAND, AND...



HENRY II'S SON, RICHARD I, "THE LION HEARTED," SPENT MOST OF HIS SHORT REIGN (1190-1194) AND MUCH OF HIS SUBJECTS' MONEY ON A CRUSADE TO RECAPTURE JERUSALEM.



RICHARD'S BROTHER, JOHN I, ALSO TAXED HIS PEOPLE HEAVILY, BUT FOR HIS OWN PLEASURE! HIS SUBJECTS HATED HIM, SO WHEN THE FRENCH KING invaded JOHN'S NORMAN LANDS...



JOHN'S NOBLES REFUSED TO GO FRANCE. INSTEAD...
WE BARONS INSIST ON AN END TO THE KING'S MANY UNJUST ACTS!

WE, TOO, HATE THE KING, FOR HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO DENY THE CHURCH ITS RIGHTS!



NOBLEMEN AND CLERGYMEN JOINED FORCES AGAINST KING JOHN.

WE DEMAND FROM YOU THE RESTORATION OF OUR ANCIENT LIBERTIES!



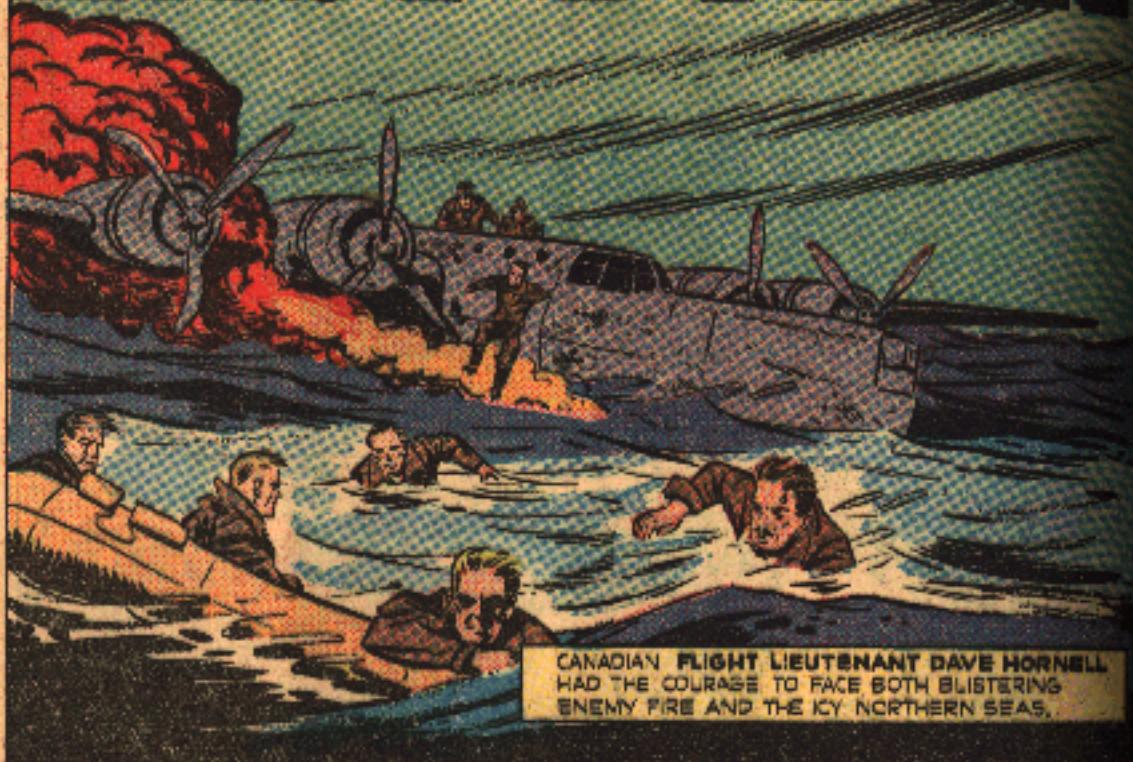
KING JOHN REALIZED THAT HE WOULD PAY WITH HIS LIFE IF HE DID NOT YIELD TO THE NOBLES AND THE CLERGY. HE FIXED HIS SEAL TO THE MAGNA CHARTA AT RUNNymeade on June 15, 1215.



ALTHOUGH THE MAGNA CHARTA WAS SIGNED AT THE INSISTENCE OF ARISTOCRATS, IT PROTECTED THE COMMON MAN'S RIGHT TO JUSTICE, TO SAFETY OF PERSON AND PROPERTY, AND TO GOOD GOVERNMENT. THE MAGNA CHARTA IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL CIVIL LIBERTIES, TO THIS DAY, ITS PRINCIPLES PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS IN ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY ENGLAND'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

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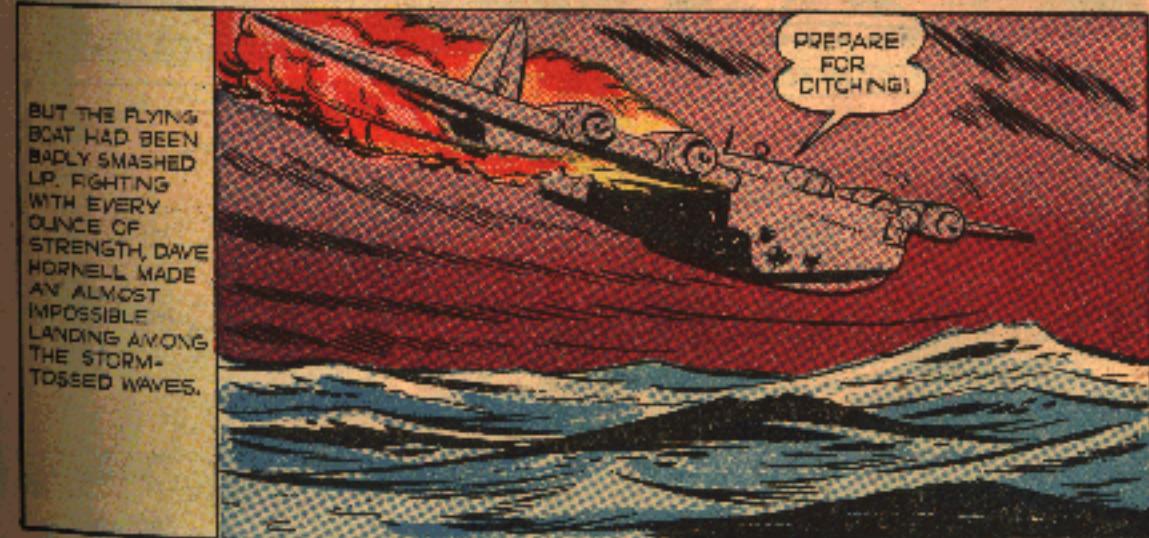


CANADIAN FLIGHT LIEUTENANT DAVE HORNELL
HAD THE COURAGE TO FACE BOTH BLISTERING
ENEMY FIRE AND THE ICY NORTHERN SEAS.

AN RCAF FLYING BOAT'S PATROL FLIGHT OVER
THE NORTH ATLANTIC, ON JUNE 24, 1944, WAS
SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED.



AND DAVE SWUNG TO ATTACK.



THE CREW MANAGED TO GET THE TWO EMERGENCY DINGHIES OVERBOARD BEFORE THE FLAMING PLANE SANK.



ST. LAURENT CAN'T PULL HIMSELF INTO THE BOAT. WE'D BETTER GET OVER THERE FAST!



HORNELL AND TWO OTHERS FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THE STRUGGLING MAN. NO SOONER WERE THEY ALL IN THE DINGHY WHEN THE IMPROPERLY INFLATED BOAT EXPLODED.



THAT LEAVES ONE FOUR-MAN DINGHY FOR EIGHT OF US. UNTIL HELP COMES, WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE TURNS SITTING IN IT.



WHEN DAVE'S TURN CAME TO GET OUT OF THE ICY WATER AND ABOARD THE BOAT...

PUT YOUR FLYING PANTS BACK ON, DAVE! IT'S FREEZING COLD.

WE NEED A BAILING BUCKET MORE THAN I NEED THESE PANTS.



HOURS PASSED, AND THE STORM INCREASED IN FURY. TWO OF THE MEN DIED FROM EXPOSURE AND WERE BURIED AT SEA TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE FAST-WEAKENING SURVIVORS.

MEN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO LAST FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN A LIFE-BOAT IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC.

WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE ABOUT TWENTY. HELP IS SURE TO COME.



AN HOUR LATER, A PATROL PLANE SPOTTED THE TOSSED DINGHY.

THEY'RE DROPPING US ANOTHER LIFEBOAT.

BUT THE WIND IS SWEEPING IT OUT OF REACH.



SOON, THE PLANE WAS FOLLOWED BY A RESCUE SHIP.

LOOK! A SHIP!

IT'S COME NONE TOO SOON! DAVE JUST COLLAPSED.



GIVE US A HAND WITH THIS MAN. HE'S UNCONSCIOUS.



ON BOARD THE RESCUE SHIP, THE SAILORS WORKED OVER DAVE FOR FIVE HOURS, BUT IN VAIN.

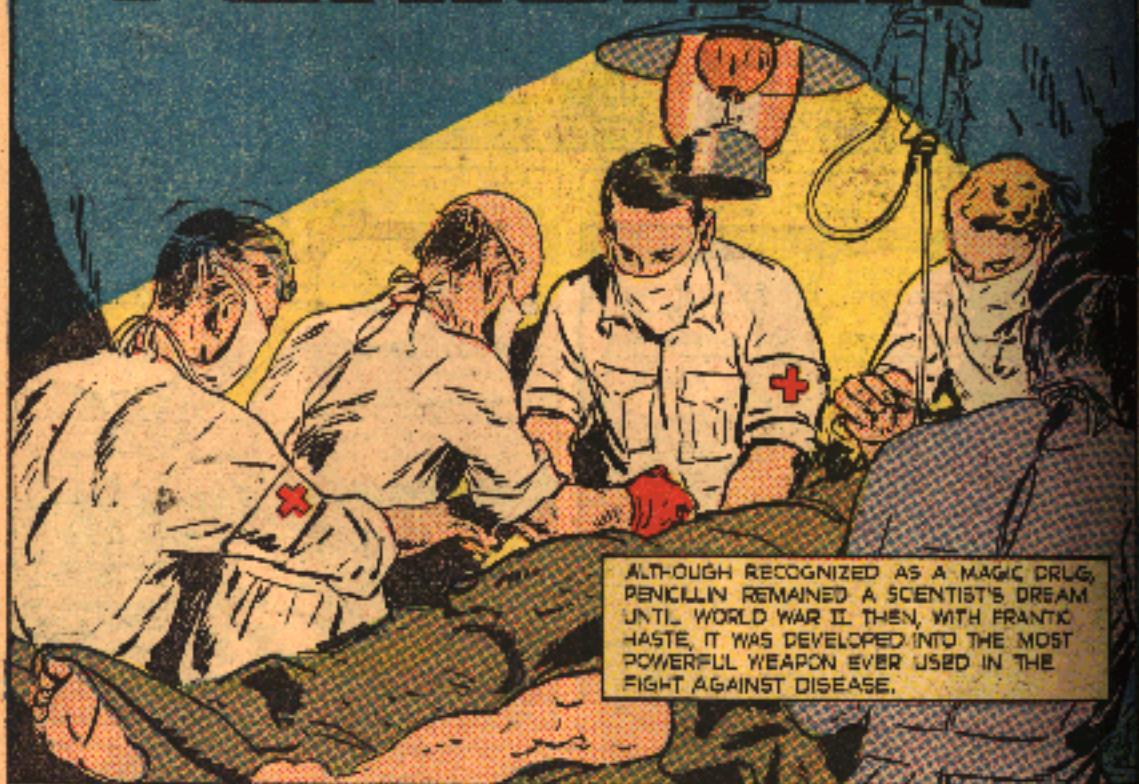
WE OWE A LOT TO DAVE! THAT GREAT JOB OF DITCHING SAVED OUR LIVES.

AND ALL THROUGH THOSE BAD HOURS HE KEPT UP OUR SPIRITS.

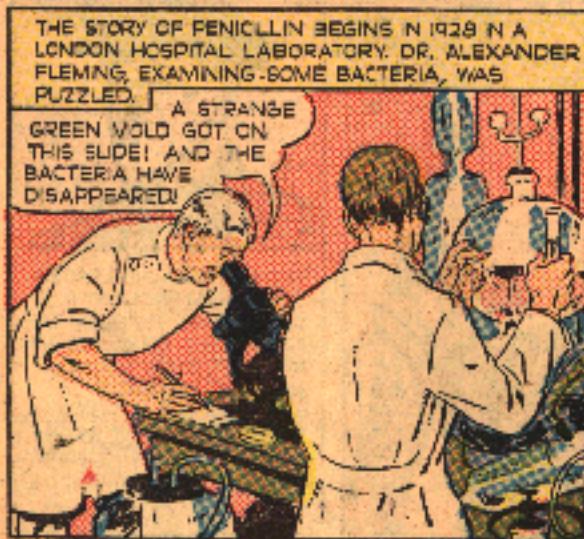


FOR HIS INSPIRING LEADERSHIP WHICH BROUGHT FIVE OF HIS CREW THROUGH THE GRIM ORDEAL OF BATTLE AND EXPOSURE, DAVE HORNELL WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS - THE FIRST RCAF MAN OF THIS WAR TO WIN GREAT BRITAIN'S HIGHEST MILITARY HONOR.

PENICILLIN



ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZED AS A MAGIC DRUG, PENICILLIN REMAINED A SCIENTIST'S DREAM UNTIL WORLD WAR II THEN, WITH FRANTIC HASTE, IT WAS DEVELOPED INTO THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON EVER USED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE.



FOR TEN YEARS, DR. FLEMING EXPERIMENTED WITH THE SUBSTANCE WHICH HE CALLED PENICILLIN. IT WAS SLOW WORK EXTRACTING THE DRUG FROM THE ORIGINAL BIT OF MOLD. BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO FIND A QUICKER WAY, AND OTHER SCIENTISTS WERE TOO BUSY STUDYING THE NEW SULFA DRUGS TO HELP HIM. THEN, IN 1938, DR. HOWARD FLOREY OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY, JOINED THE SEARCH. TWO YEARS LATER, WHEN...



...THE BLITZ STRUCK ENGLAND...



IN HOSPITALS CROWDED WITH BOMBED CIVILIANS AND WOUNDED SERVICEMEN, DEATHS FROM INFECTION MOUNTED.



WE KNOW PENICILLIN FIGHTS BACTERIA, BUT WE CAN'T GROW ENOUGH MOLD EVEN TO EXPERIMENT ON MICE!



ONLY ONE GRAM OF POWDER FROM A HUNDRED QUARTS OF MOLD-LIQUID!



AT LAST, SUFFICIENT PENICILLIN WAS OBTAINED TO USE SUCCESSFULLY ON MICE—AND MONTHS LATER, FOR A DYING MAN, BUT...

THERE...
WASN'T
ENOUGH!
HE DIED!



DAY AND NIGHT,
RESEARCHERS
MADE THE
MOLD-LIQUID
AND EXTRACTED
THE PRECIOUS
POWDER UNTIL
FINALLY THERE
WAS ENOUGH
PENICILLIN FOR
THE CRUCIAL
TEST.



THE PATIENTS LIVED, PROVING PENICILLIN'S POWER, BUT WARTIME ENGLAND COULD NOT MAKE IT IN QUANTITY. SO THE ENGLISH APPEALED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

WE URGE YOU TO
EXPERIMENT WITH
MASS-PRODUCTION
METHODS.



THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE,
CHEMISTS, DRUG
COMPANIES AND
HOSPITALS
WORKED ON
THE PROBLEM
AND INCREASED
PRODUCTION.
BUT...



AS THE SEARCH CONTINUED, ALL AVAILABLE SUPPLIES WERE USED FOR THE ARMED FORCES.

I SURE WAS A
HOPELESS CASE
WHEN I CAME HERE
TO THE HOSPITAL.
I GOT BANGED
UP WHEN...



...TAKING OFF ON ICE IN ALASKA, MY PLANE SMACKED INTO A SNOWBANK.

MEDICS PICKED PIECES OF PROPELLER AND FUSELAGE OUT OF ME, FIXED MY BONES IN PLACE WITH SCREWS, AND...





"AFTER FIFTEEN MONTHS AND FOUR OPERATIONS, I WAS FLOWN HERE TO THE HOSPITAL. THERE WASN'T MUCH HOPE FOR ME, BUT THANKS TO PENICILLIN..."



"I'LL BE OUT SOON, WON'T I, DOC?"
"YES... IF ONLY WE HAD PENICILLIN TO TREAT ALL WOUNDED SERVICEMEN - AND CIVILIANS, TOO!"

BUT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TO GO AROUND. FRANTIC PLEAS FROM CIVILIANS HAD TO BE TURNED DOWN. ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS COULD BE DOLED OUT TO SPECIAL EXPERIMENTAL CENTERS. ONE OF THESE WAS IN BOSTON, MASS., WHERE, ON NOVEMBER 28, 1942...

"FIRE BROKE OUT IN A CROWDED BOSTON NIGHT CLUB. FLAMES SEARED HUNDREDS OF PANIC-STRIKED GUESTS."



"AT THE HOSPITAL..."



"WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING ON THESE SERIOUS CASES, BUT NOTHING HELPS. THERE'S ONE LAST HOPE - PENICILLIN."

"FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PENICILLIN WAS DISPATCHED TO THE HARD-PRESSED DOCTORS IN BOSTON."



"FROM WHAT THE DOCTOR SAYS, WE WERE HUMAN 'GUINEA PIGS' FOR PENICILLIN. I'M SURE GLAD IT WORKS SO WELL."

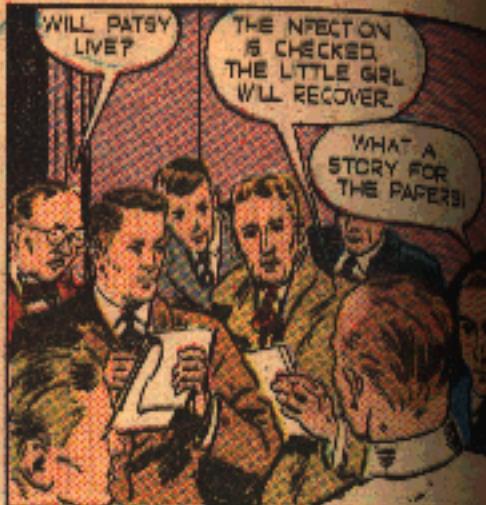
MANY VICTIMS DIED, BUT MOST OF THOSE TREATED WITH THE NEW DRUG RECOVERED.

"THE DRAMATIC SUCCESS IN BOSTON SPURRED THE MANUFACTURE OF PENICILLIN. IT WAS STILL SCARCE, BUT WHEN LITTLE PATSY MALONE WAS DYING OF A BLOOD INFECTION, AND HER FATHER APPEALED TO A NEW YORK NEWSPAPER..."

"WELL TRY TO GET THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD TO RELEASE SOME PENICILLIN."



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THE PRECIOUS CRUZ WAS RELEASED AND RUSHED TO THE DYING CHILD.



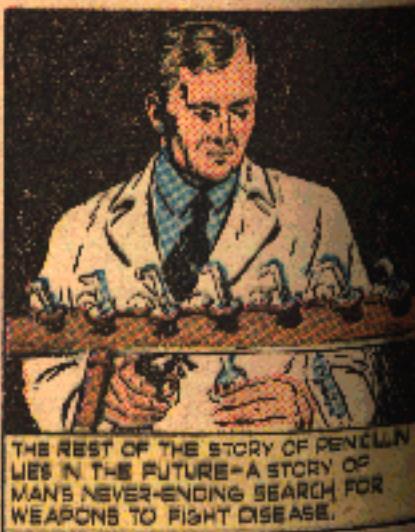
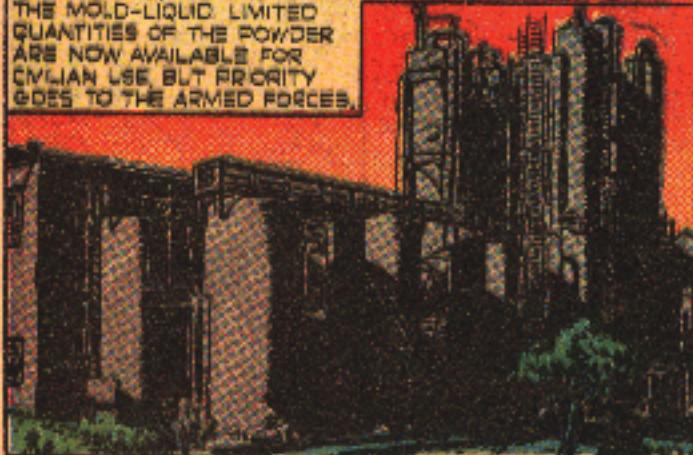
GOODBY, GENTLEMEN! BE SURE TO EXPLAIN THAT PENICILLIN DOESN'T KILL GERMS. IT CHECKS THEIR GROWTH AND ALLOWS WHITE CORPUSCLES TO FIGHT INFECTIONS. BUT IT IS NOT A CURE-ALL!



ALTHOUGH MANUFACTURE OF THE DRUG INCREASED RAPIDLY...



CHEMISTS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO PRODUCE PENICILLIN SYNTHETICALLY. MEANWHILE, FROM HUGE VATS IN FACTORIES, THERE IS AN EVER-INCREASING FLOW OF THE MOLD-LIQUID. LIMITED QUANTITIES OF THE POWDER ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN USE, BUT PRIORITY GOES TO THE ARMED FORCES.





WE DON'T ALL HAVE A GENUINE POINTER LIKE BOSCO, SO IT'S A SMART IDEA TO KNOW RIGHT WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE WHEATIES AT YOUR HOUSE. YOU WANT PLENTY OF THOSE BIG, CRISP-TOASTED FLAKES WHEN YOUR APPETITE GETS ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR HEFTY WHOLE GRAIN NOURISHMENT AND SWELL NUT-SWEET FLAVOR. YOU WANT 'EM OFTEN, TOO. A BIG BOWL FULL OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS," GOES A LONG WAY TO MAKE YOUR IMPORTANT MORNING MEAL A SURE WINNER. THAT SAME SWELL DISH IS JUST RIGHT FOR LUNCH OR SUPPER, TOO. AND IT'S JUST ABOUT PERFECT FOR SNAPPY AFTER-SCHOOL SNACKS.

HELP YOURSELF TO GOOD NOURISHMENT AND GRAND FLAVOR AND KEEN FUN. GET LOTS OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS." IT'S MIGHTY GOOD EATING...MORNING, NOON, OR NIGHT.

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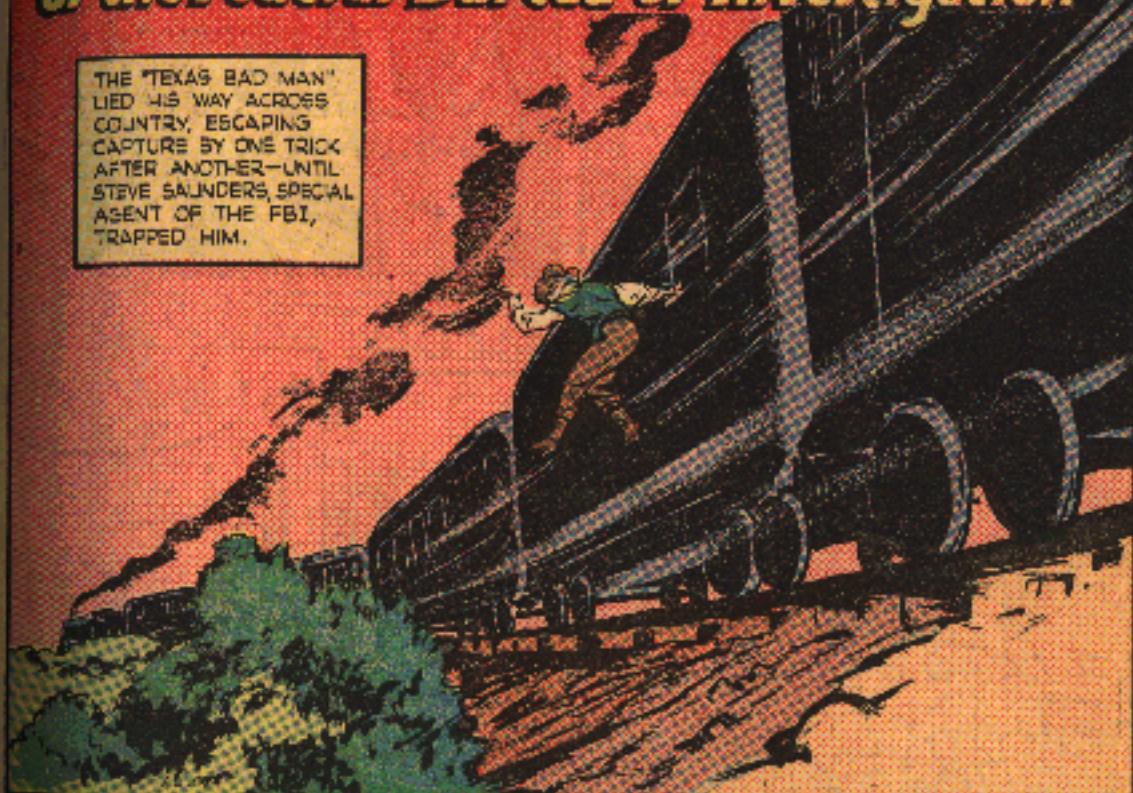
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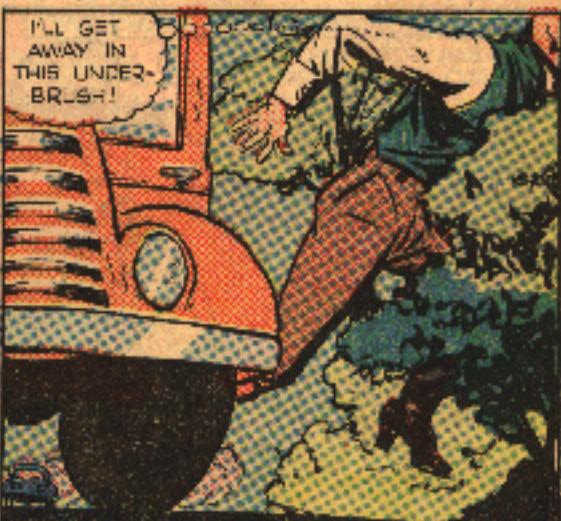
THE "TEXAS BAD MAN"
LIED HIS WAY ACROSS
COUNTRY, ESCAPING
CAPTURE BY ONE TRICK
AFTER ANOTHER—UNTIL
STEVE SAUNDERS, SPECIAL
AGENT OF THE FBI,
TRAPPED HIM.



ON AUGUST 20, 1941, TEXAS POLICEMEN WERE IN PURSUIT OF A NOTORIOUS CAR THIEF, NEWTON BAIRD,



I'LL GET AWAY IN THIS UNDER-BRUSH!



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BAIRD'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WERE REPORTED TO THE FBI.

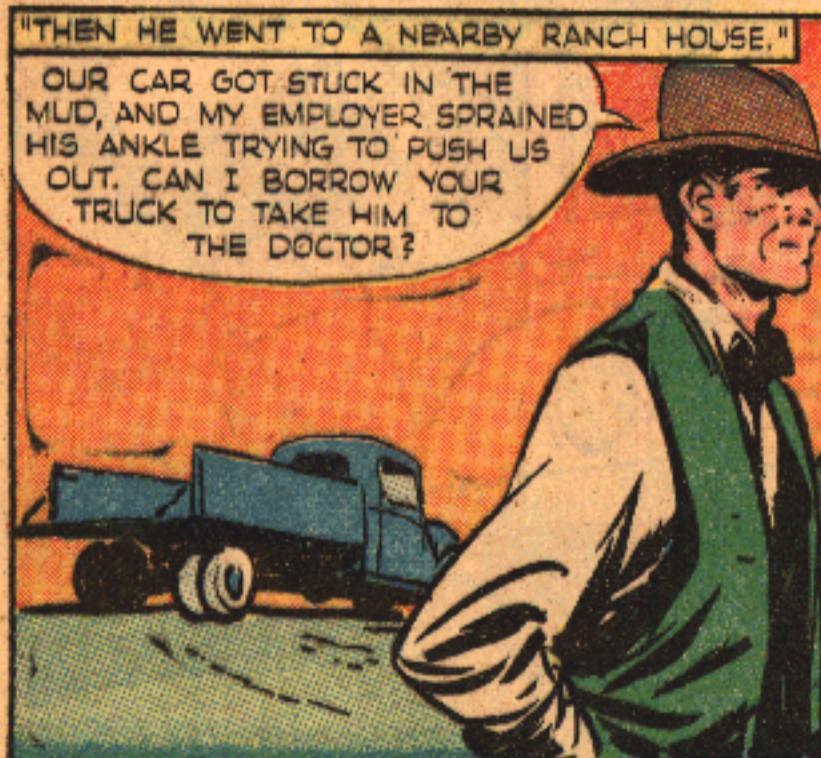
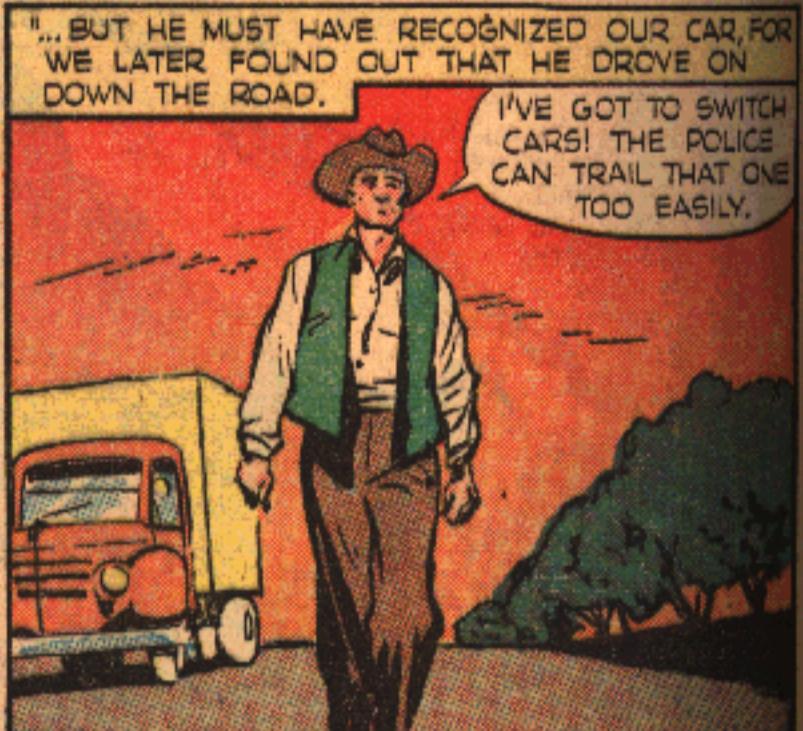
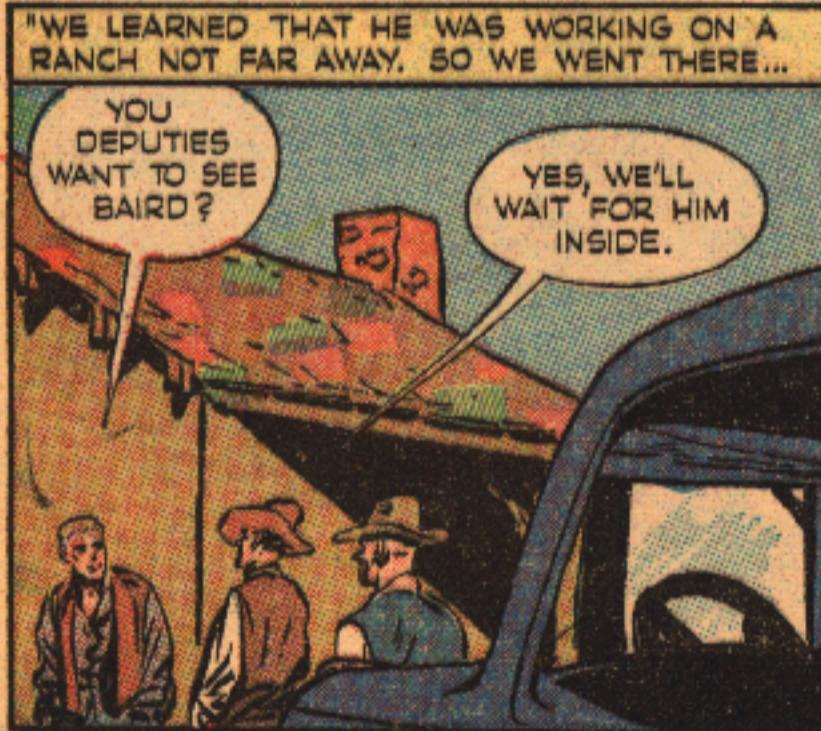
BY TAKING STOLEN CARS ACROSS STATE LINES, HE HAS VIOLATED THE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. GET ON HIS TRAIL, STEVE!

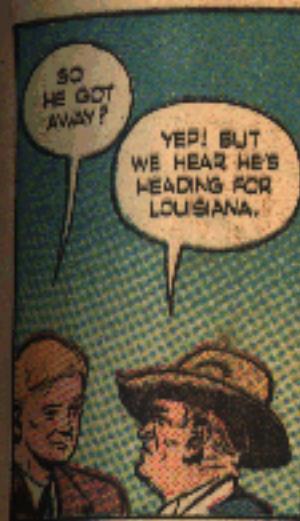
OKAY, MR. HOOVER.

IN TEXAS, STEVE QUESTIONED LOCAL OFFICERS.

PLEASE TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT BAIRD.

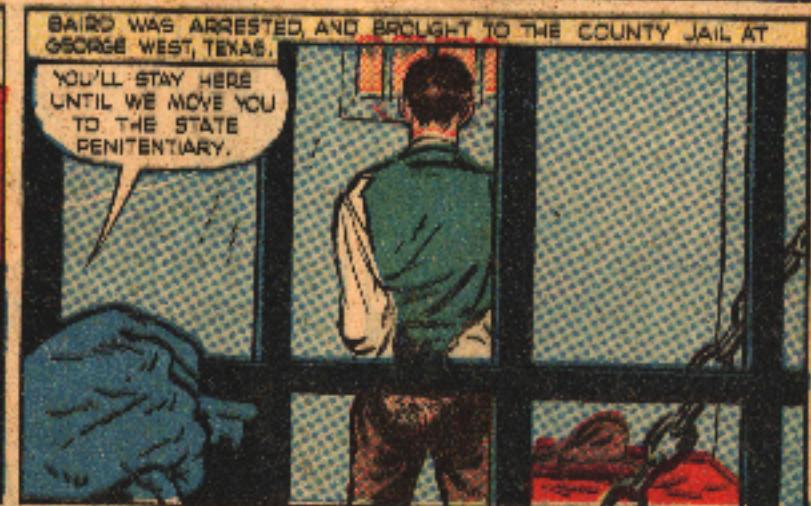
HE'S A REGULAR "TEXAS BAD MAN." WE ALMOST GOT HIM ON THE LAST JOB HE PULLED.





BAIRD ELIJUDED CAPTURE BY A SERIES OF TRICKS. BUT, ONE DAY...

A MAN BROUGHT ME A CAR TO REPAINT. I JUST FOUND SEVERAL SETS OF LICENSE PLATES IN IT. LOOKS FUNNY TO ME. YOU BETTER COME DOWN, SHERIFF.



IN THE NEXT CELL WERE TWO MEXICAN BOYS.



THE ESCAPE WAS CARRIED OUT.
AFTER WE GOT OUT OF OUR CELL,
WE FOUND THE KEY TO YOUR
CELL IN THE JANITOR'S
CLOSET.

GOODBYE,
BOYS, AND
THANKS!



BAIRD'S LOOSE
AGAIN! HE'S
ALREADY STOLEN
ANOTHER
TRUCK!



STEVE KNEW THAT BAIRD HAD FRIENDS
IN ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA. SO...

ROCHESTER POLICE? I BELIEVE
THAT BAIRD IS HEADING FOR
YOUR TOWN. BE ON
THE LOOKOUT!



ACTING
ON STEVE'S
INFORMATION,
ROCHESTER
POLICE
FOUND AND
ARRESTED
BAIRD. BUT
ONCE AGAIN
THE THIEF
ESCAPED,
THIS TIME
BY LEAPING
OUT OF THE
TRAIN THAT
WAS TAKING
HIM BACK
TO TEXAS.

AGAIN ON THE TRAIL, SPECIAL AGENTS
PLANNED THEIR NEXT MOVE.

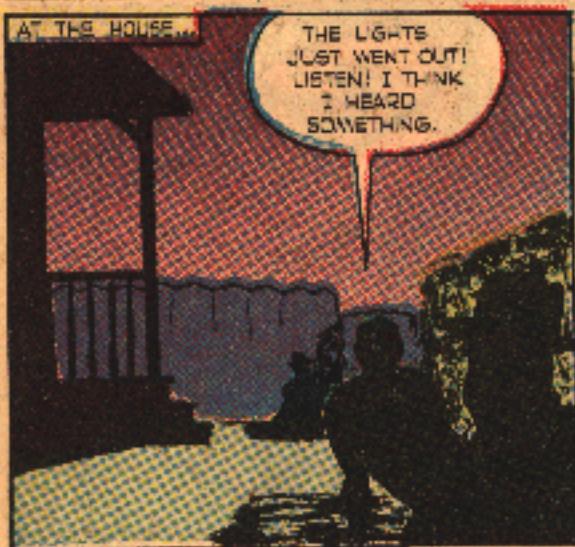
BAIRD'S WIFE IS LIVING NEAR
UVALDE, TEXAS. WE MUST
KEEP CONSTANT WATCH
ON THE HOUSE.

OKAY,
STEVE.



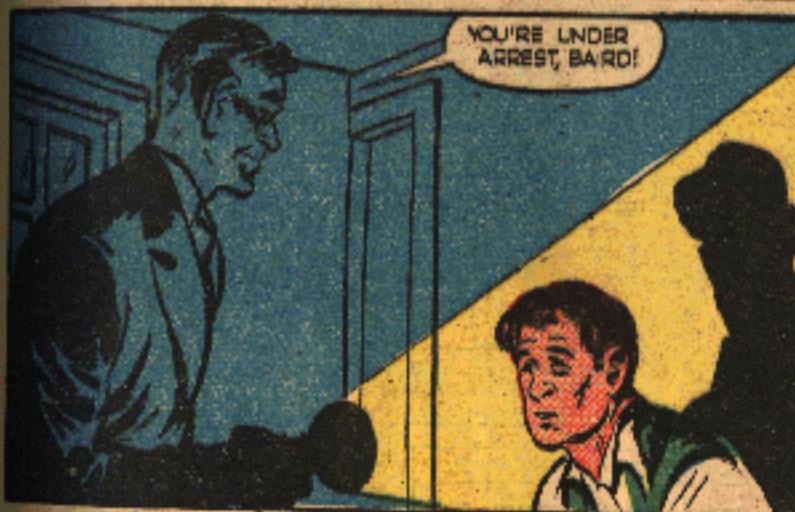
AT THE HOUSE...

THE LIGHTS
JUST WENT OUT!
LISTEN! I THINK
I HEARD
SOMETHING.



THERE HE IS!
PASS THE WORD
ALONG TO
CLOSE IN.





BAIRD, TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE, MADE NO RESISTANCE. BROUGHT TO TRIAL, HE PLEADED GUILTY TO VIOLATING THE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT AND THE FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT, AND WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE TEN YEARS IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY.



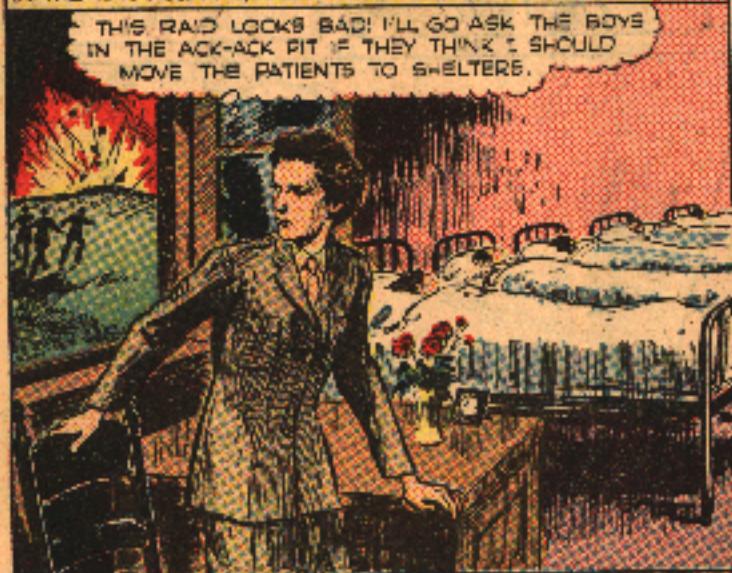
WAC / UNDER FIRE!



TENSELY, WAC SERGEANT JEAN YOUNG WATCHED AS THE QUIET OF THE ENGLISH NIGHT WAS SHATTERED BY THE DRONE OF GERMAN PLANES, THE CRASH OF FALLING BOMBS, AND THE CHATTER OF ANT-AIRCRAFT FIRE.

IN THE WAC HOSPITAL, JEAN WAS THE ONLY STAFF MEMBER ON DUTY.

THIS RAID LOOKS BAD! I'LL GO ASK THE BOYS IN THE ACK-ACK PIT IF THEY THINK I SHOULD MOVE THE PATIENTS TO SHELTERS.



THE JERRIES ARE REALLY PUTTING ON A SHOW TONIGHT!



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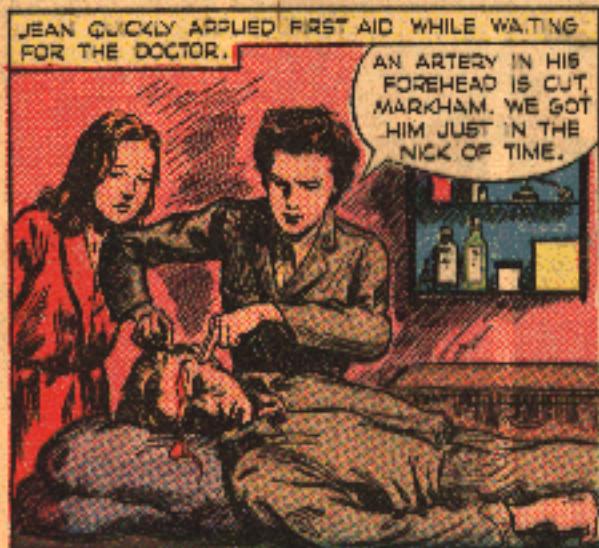
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TRUE'S MOVIE GUIDE

Brief Reviews of Films You Will Want To See

BABES ON SWING STREET—

In order to earn money to pay for their tuition at a school for actors, a group of talented young people decide to open a night club for teenagers. Ann Blyth's uncle (Leon Errol) is sympathetic and offers them the use of an empty hall. But Errol's grumpy sister, who owns half of it, chases them away. Eventually Ann, Peggy Ryan and all the rest go back and make the club a huge success. (Univ.)

THE BIG NOISE—Imagine calling up a detective agency and asking them to send you two of their best men, and then getting Laurel and Hardy! The inventor of a new explosive, who had to go to Washington to have it patented, entrusted the job to his not-very-bright friends. Their adventures are hilariously funny. (20th C-Fox)

HEAVENLY DAYS—The Fibber McGee and Molly radio program is one of the funniest on the air so you can expect to laugh long and loud when you see their latest movie. It is like seeing one of their radio shows—only better. Fibber, as an "average American," goes to Washington to help with post-war plans. He and Molly take in a houseful of refugee children, among other hectic responsibilities, before they go home to Wistful Vista. (RKO)

KISMET—This is a fairy tale in Technicolor, which is the way we want all our fairy tales to be. Ronald Colman, King of the beggars, wants to make his lovely daughter (Joy Ann Page) Queen of Bagdad. What he doesn't know is that the gardener's son (James Craig), who loves Joy Ann, is really the Caliph. So you can see how



King of the Cowboys Roy Rogers is on his best in "San Fernando Valley." (Rep.)

much better Kismet (meaning fate) arranges these things than over-anxious fathers! (MGM)

PRACTICALLY YOURS—Just before he is about to dive-bomb a Jap carrier, Fred MacMurray sends a message to his dog "Peggy." Claudette Colbert, who worked in the same office as Fred did before he became a hero, is named "Peggy." Naturally, everyone believes Fred meant "Peggy," and so a nice little romance is whipped up by the boss of the company, and their co-workers. This is a very jolly comedy. (Para.)

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY—Roy Rogers shows how versatile he is in this smart comedy by catching a pretty girl (Dale Evans) and also some horse thieves! In between times he dodges Dale's kid sister (Jean Porter) who thinks Roy is oh, so romantic! Trigger just snickers because he knows the King of the Cowboys will swing into rip-roaring action before the picture is finished. (Rep.)

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ON THE OTHER
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SLOPE.



HIS LEG IS BROKEN.
WE'LL MAKE A SPLINT
FROM SKI POLES,
AND A TOBOGGAN
FROM SKIS.



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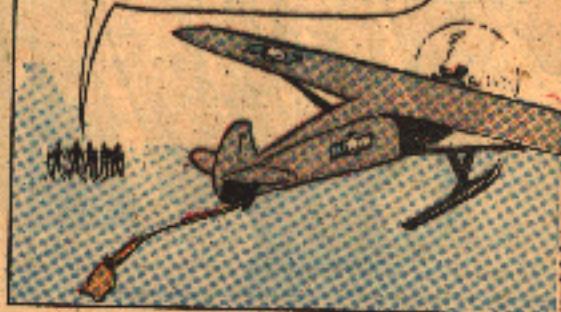


... HOW TO RESCUE Fliers FROM CRUSHED PLANES...



... AND HOW TO LOCATE THE POSITION OF A CRASH.

THAT PLANE IS GOING TO FLY OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND DROP THE WEIGHTED STREAMER. THE PILOT WILL REPORT ITS APPROXIMATE POSITION. OUR JOB IS TO FIND IT.

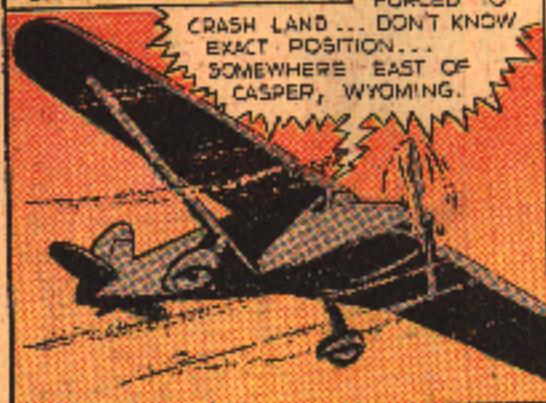


AFTER SEVERAL HOURS...

THAT WAS AN EFFICIENT JOB! YOU FOUND THE "CRASH" AND SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES YOURSELVES.



TODAY, THE TRAINED MEN OF THE SKI PATROL ARE CONSTANTLY ALERT TO ANSWER CALLS FOR HELP. ONE STORMY WINTER DAY A PILOT RADIOED...



FORCED TO
CRASH LAND... DON'T KNOW
EXACT POSITION...
SOMEWHERE EAST OF
CASPER, WYOMING.

THE MESSAGE, PICKED UP AT AN ARMY FIELD,
WAS RELAYED TO A NEAR-BY SKI PATROL
STATION.

A PATROL
WILL START OUT IN
SEARCH OF THE CREW
IMMEDIATELY, SIR.



LATER ...

WE'VE
SCOURED THESE
MOUNTAINS FOR
HOURS. IT'S HARD
TO SEE ANYTHING
IN A STORM LIKE
THIS.



AFTER A DOGGED SEARCH ...

HEY, HERE THEY
ARE - IN THIS
CAVE!



THANKS,
FELLOWS. WE
WERE GETTING
PRETTY WORRIED
OUT HERE.

WE'LL HAVE YOU
BACK AT THE FIELD
IN NO TIME.



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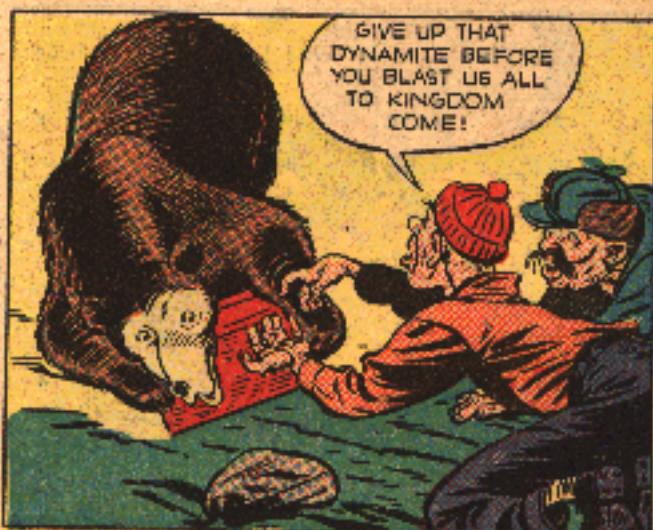
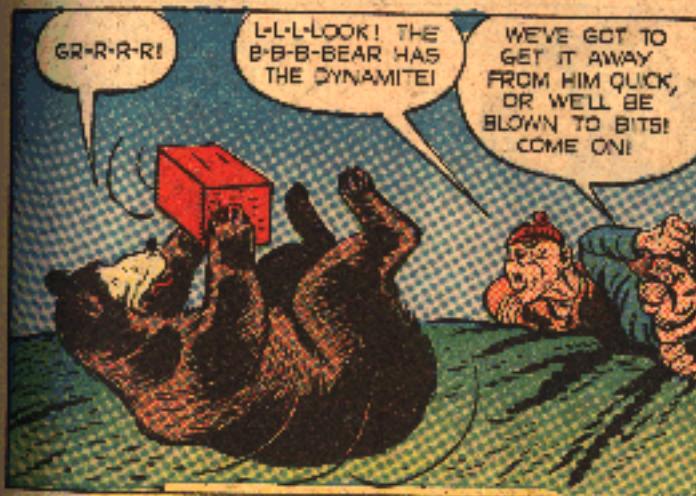
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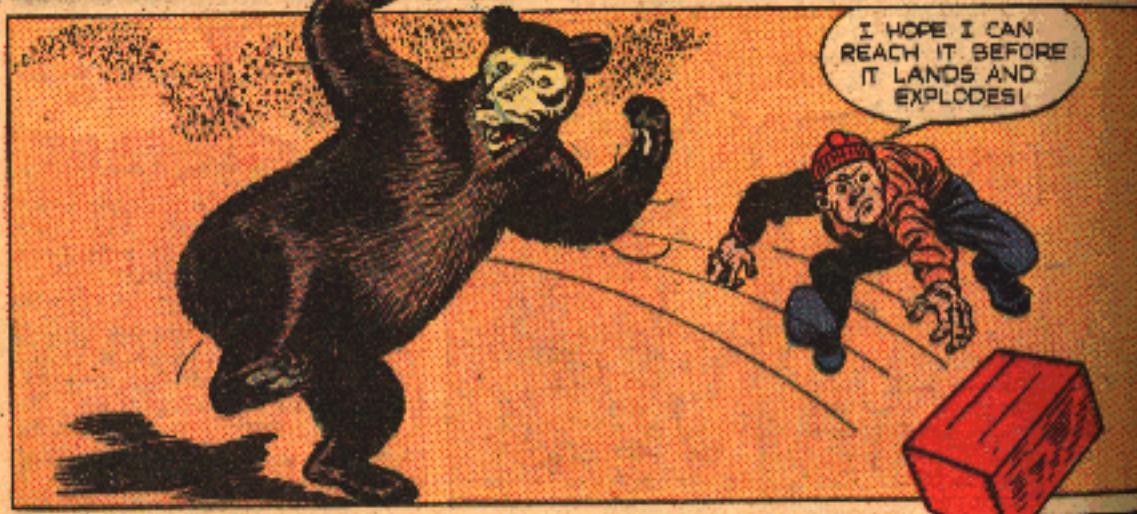
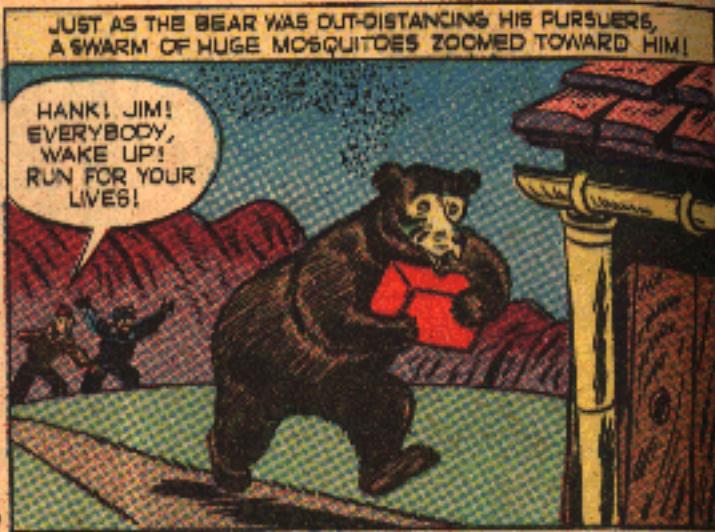
BEAR FACTS



DEEP IN THE WILDS OF ALASKA, A CONSTRUCTION GANG WAS BUILDING A MILITARY HIGHWAY THROUGH COUNTRY NEVER BEFORE PENETRATED BY HUMAN BEINGS. THE ANIMALS, SEEING MEN FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAD NOT YET LEARNED TO FEAR THE NEW COMERS. INSTEAD...







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TRULY COMIC!



Mother: Willie, it is time you were up. The birds were awake a long time ago.

Willie (drowsily): If I had to sleep in a nest of sticks and straw, I'd get up early, too!

Majorie Peck, Palm Beach, Fla.

Jonathan, on his first voyage, was feeling pangs of seasickness.

"Ho ho," taunted his companion, "you certainly are a land lover."

"You are right," said Jonathan weakly. "And I am just finding out how much I really love it!"

Thomas Lunck, Arlington, Va.

A very thin man met a very stout man in the hotel lobby. "From the looks of you," said the stout man, "there might have been a famine."

"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it!"

Betty Jones, Allentown, Pa.

Why are the skies clearer over New York than over London?

Ans: Because New York has sky scrapers.

Anne Tesser, Queens Village, N. Y.

Dad: I think the army is tops. Mom: Are you working for a commission?

Dad: No. I'm just working on straight salary!

Andrew Schinane, Arlington, Mass.

Mrs. Brown: Thomas, wake up! I can hear a mouse squeaking.

Mr. Brown (drowsily): All right, dear. I'll oil it first thing in the morning.

Eduard Burier, Albuquerque, N. M.

Customer: I would like a book, please.

Bookseller: Something light?

Customer: It really doesn't matter. My arms are strong enough to carry a heavy one.

Minnie White, Portchester, N. Y.

Inquirer (at Philadelphia Station): Where does this train go?

Brakeman: This train goes to New York in ten minutes.

Inquirer: Gosh! That is going some, isn't it?

Helen Mercury, San Diego, Calif.

Sergeant (during mess): Any complaints?

Timid doughboy: If you please, sir, the meat's terribly funny.

Sergeant: Well, then, laugh!

Bonnie Morris, Tampa, Fla.



Phyllis: That looks like a smart dog you have there.

Bob: I should say so! All I have to say is, "Are you coming or aren't you?" and he either comes, or he doesn't!

Merle Beaver, Boston, Mass.

It's not a tune of any type, Yet it's blown upon a pipe. What is it?

Ans: A bubble.

Gordon Meredith Clark, New York, N. Y.

Lady: What are you running for, Sonny?

Child: I'm trying to keep two boys from having a big fight.

Lady: Who are the boys?

Child: Harry Jones and I.

Arthur F. Wilt, Indianapolis, Ind.



Army doctor: Son, you've got acute appendicitis.

Soldier: Please, doc, stop your kidding. I came here to be examined, not admired!

Richard Newcomer, Buffalo, N. Y.

A visiting cousin asked his six-year-old nephew what he did for a living.

The child answered, "I eat!"

Jean Anderson, Stamford, S. D.

Why is a boy doing an arithmetic example like a lame dog?

Ans: Because he puts three down and carries one!

John Kister, Sunny Run, Pa.

Why did the moron take a glass of milk to the show?

Ans: He heard there was going to be a new serial.

Jerry McCune, Pittsburgh, Pa.

How about taking my sister to the dance?

What's she like? I'll pay your expenses.

Sorry, I've got a date!

Mary Ann Delando, Lyons, Kas.

Pupil: Professor, do you think I will ever be able to do anything with my voice?

Exasperated teacher: Well, it might come in very handy in case of fire or shipwreck.

Martin Godfrey, Massapequa, N. Y.

Son: Dad, what is a rare volume?

Father: It's a book that is returned after you have loaned it to your old acquaintance!

Eduard Burier, Columbus, O.

"How did that play turn out that they put on in the jail?"

"Marvelous! It was a cell out!"

Gloria Fitzgerald, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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TRULY COMIC!

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A little boy walked up to a man passing by and asked, "Sir, have you got any Indian head pennies?"

The man reached in his pocket and sifted his change. He finally brought forth seven Indian heads and gave them to the little boy.

"Are you collecting coins for the Coin Collection the town is having in five days?" asked the man.

"No," answered the little boy rushing off, "I'm collecting for the movies in five minutes!"

Jackie Wade, Ramsey, N. J.

Three young boys were talking. The first said, "Two-in-One is shoe polish."

The second boy said, "Three-in-One is oil."

The third chimed in with, "Four 'n one is live!"

David Martin, Woodstock, Conn.

Waiting for the play to begin in the theater, Timmy looked down at his watch. The gentleman sitting next to him asked, "Does it tell the time?"

"No," answered the little boy, "you have to look at it!"

Reenie & Murray Patterson, Ontario, Can.

Bill: Say, Joe! This typewriter is out of order.

Joe: What's wrong with it?

Bill: I want to spell the word good, but there's only one letter "o."

Robert Needham, South Royalton, Vt.

Teacher: What is the difference between capital and labor?

Pupil: The money that I loan to Ed represents capital. Trying to get it back represents labor!

Charles Pitman, Sunderland, Mass.

Teacher: Billy, can't you speak any louder? Be more enthusiastic; open your mouth wide—throw yourself into it!

June A. Johnson, Great Bend, Kan.

Nurse: I'm to be your new nurse.

Patient: Are you a trained nurse?

Nurse: Yes.

Patient: Fine. I'd very much like to see some of your tricks!

Dale Esten, Jessie, West.



What's worse than raining cats and dogs?

Ans: Hailing a cab!

Mona Peters, Melville, Mass.

"Let me off at the next stop, conductor. I seem to have made a mistake—I was looking for a lunch wagon!"

Estate Ferrer, Trenton, N. J.

Eyes it has yet cannot see,
Tongue, but cannot speak to me.
And although it's well behaved,
Has a sole that can't be soled.
What is it?

Ans: A shoe.

Johnny Spera, Jr., Thorp, Wis.

Why did the moron put cork in one ear?

Ans: So that what the teacher told him wouldn't go in one ear and out the other.

Dale Smeier, Deer Park, Wash.

DESPERATE MESSAGE



WITH THE LIVES OF ALL THE MEN IN HIS PLATOON AT STAKE, MARINE CORPORAL WALTER BOOT GAMBLED WITH DEATH ON A BULLET-RIDDEN HILLTOP.

OCTOBER 8, 1942, GUADALCANAL...

HOW COME
WE'RE LEAVING
THE REST OF
THE COMPANY
BEHIND?

THE LIEUTENANT SAYS
WE'RE GOING TO THE TOP
OF THIS HILL TO SEE IF
WE CAN SPOT THE MAIN
JAP POSITIONS

AS THEY NEARED THE TOP...

LIEUTENANT,
LOOK! JAPS...
HUNDREDS
OF 'EM!



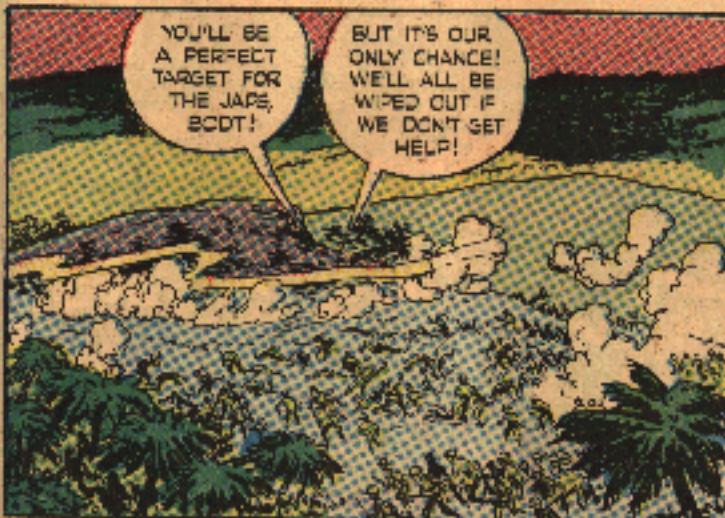
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PLenty of them, all right!
THEY'RE IN THE VALLEY BETWEEN
THIS HILL AND COMPANY HEAD-
QUARTERS ON THE HILL OVER
THERE! WE'RE CUT OFF!

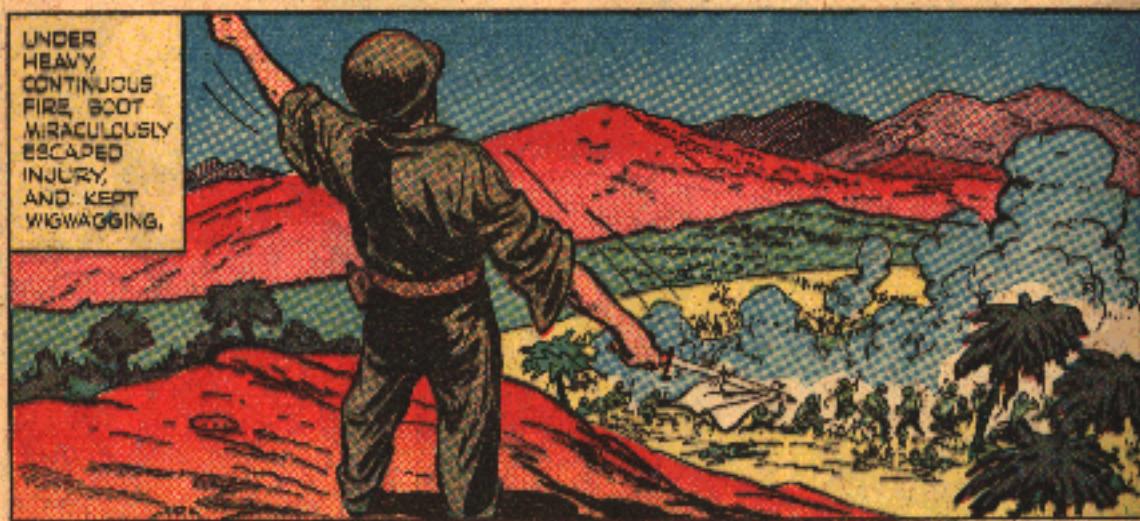
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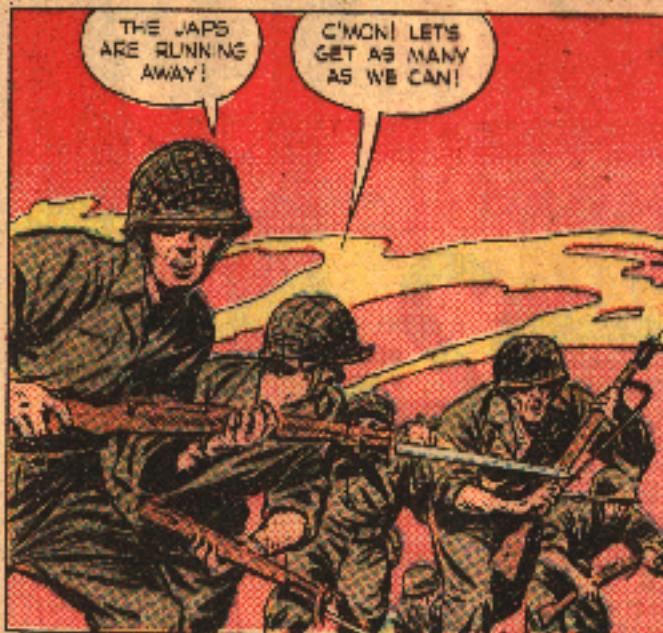
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO
HOLD OUT VERY LONG
AGAINST THESE ODDS, AND
I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN
GET WORD BACK TO
OUR COMPANY.

NO ONE COULD
GET THROUGH THAT
BUNCH OF JAPS.

THERE'S ONE WAY!
FIRST, I'LL NEED TWO
HANDKERCHIEFS.







THE NEXT MORNING, A HOSPITAL PLANE, WITH BODT ABOARD, STARTED ITS SWIFT FLIGHT TO NEW ZEALAND.



IN THE HOSPITAL, THE DOCTORS HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR HIS RECOVERY. DURING ONE OPERATION, HIS HEART STOPPED BEATING, BUT HE CAME BACK TO LIFE. TODAY, UNABLE TO FIGHT IN THE FIELD, WALTER BODT IS A WAR WORKER ON THE HOME FRONT.

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