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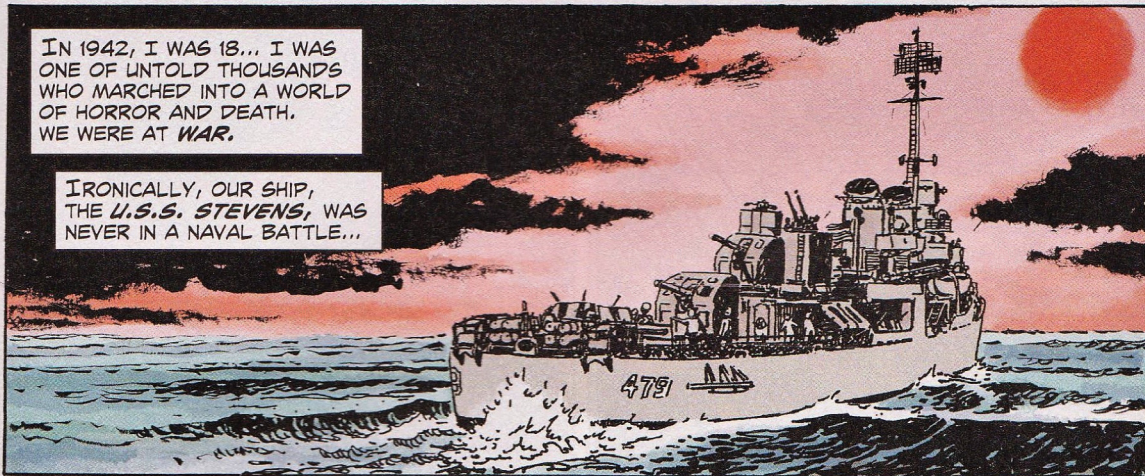
U.S.S. STEVENS

I REMEMBER

by Sam Glanzman

IN 1942, I WAS 18... I WAS ONE OF UNTOLD THOUSANDS WHO MARCHED INTO A WORLD OF HORROR AND DEATH. WE WERE AT *WAR*.

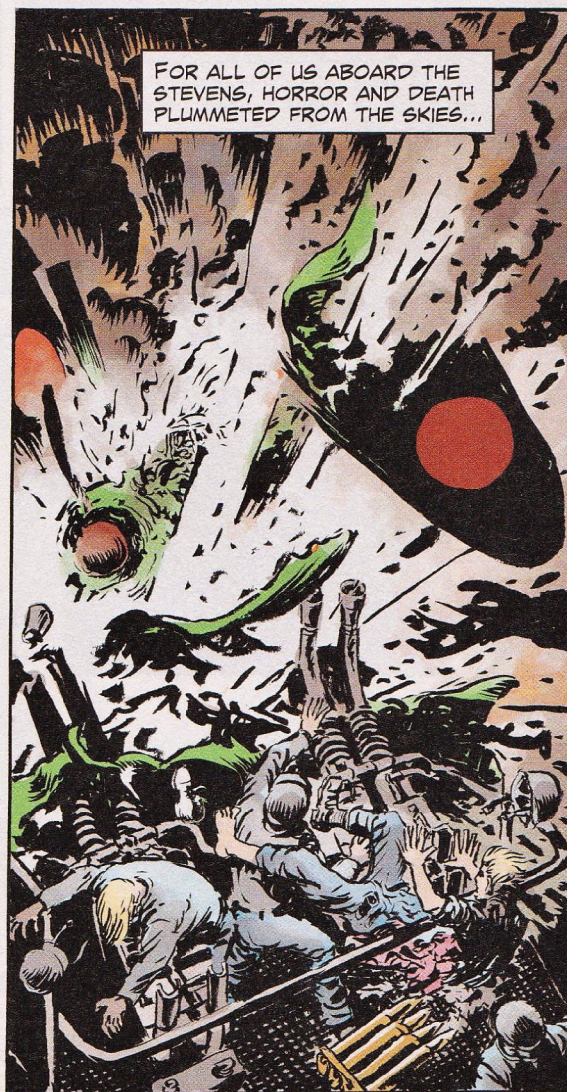
IRONICALLY, OUR SHIP, THE *U.S.S. STEVENS*, WAS NEVER IN A NAVAL BATTLE...



BUT... BOTH THE KAMIKAZE SHE FOUGHT WERE TERRIFYING, SCREAMING DEMONS OUT OF HELL!

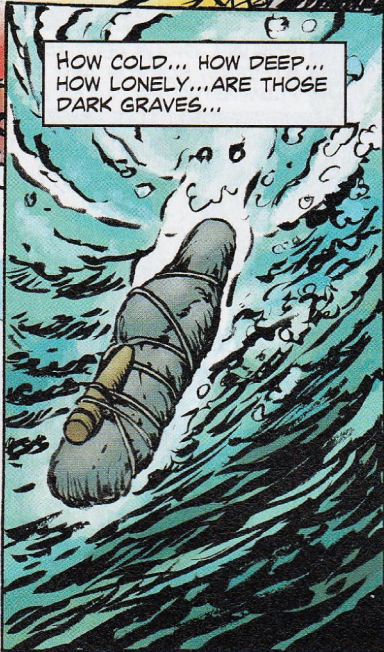


FOR ALL OF US ABOARD THE STEVENS, HORROR AND DEATH PLUMMETED FROM THE SKIES...





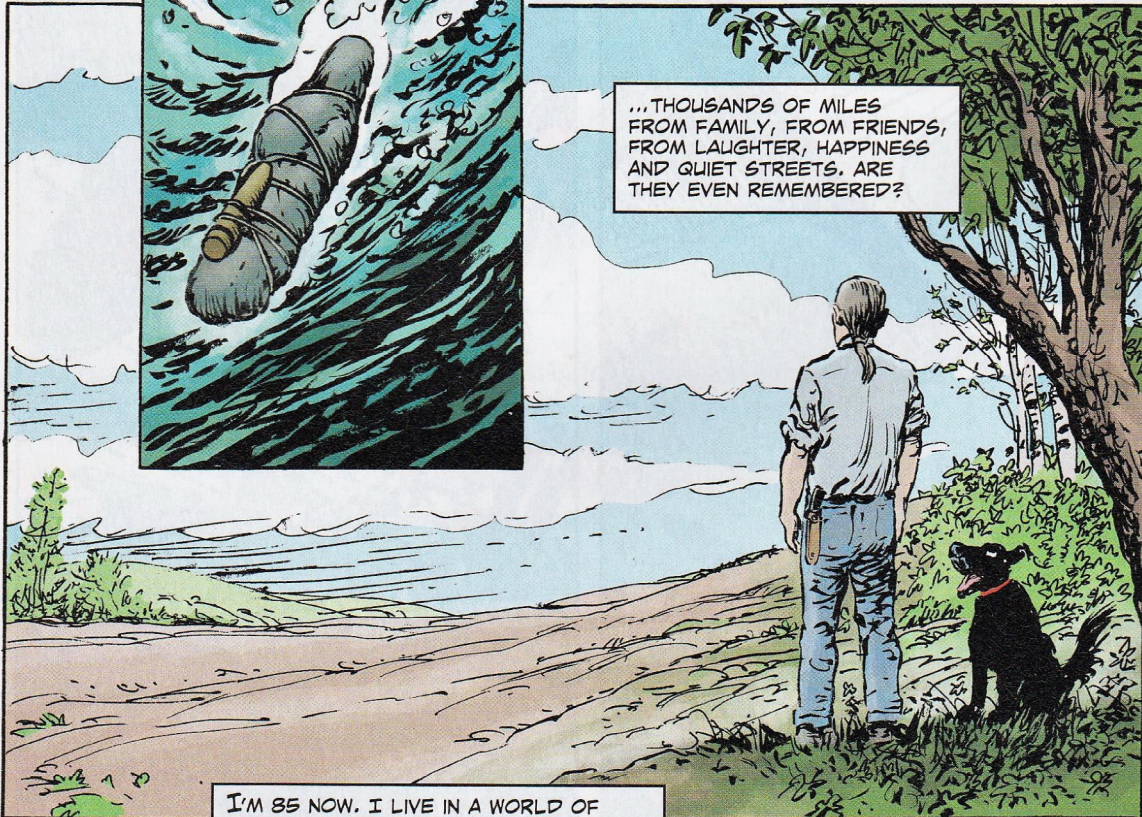
...TEARING ARMS AND LEGS TO SHREDS. DESTRUCTION WAS EVERYWHERE...



HOW COLD... HOW DEEP... HOW LONELY... ARE THOSE DARK GRAVES...

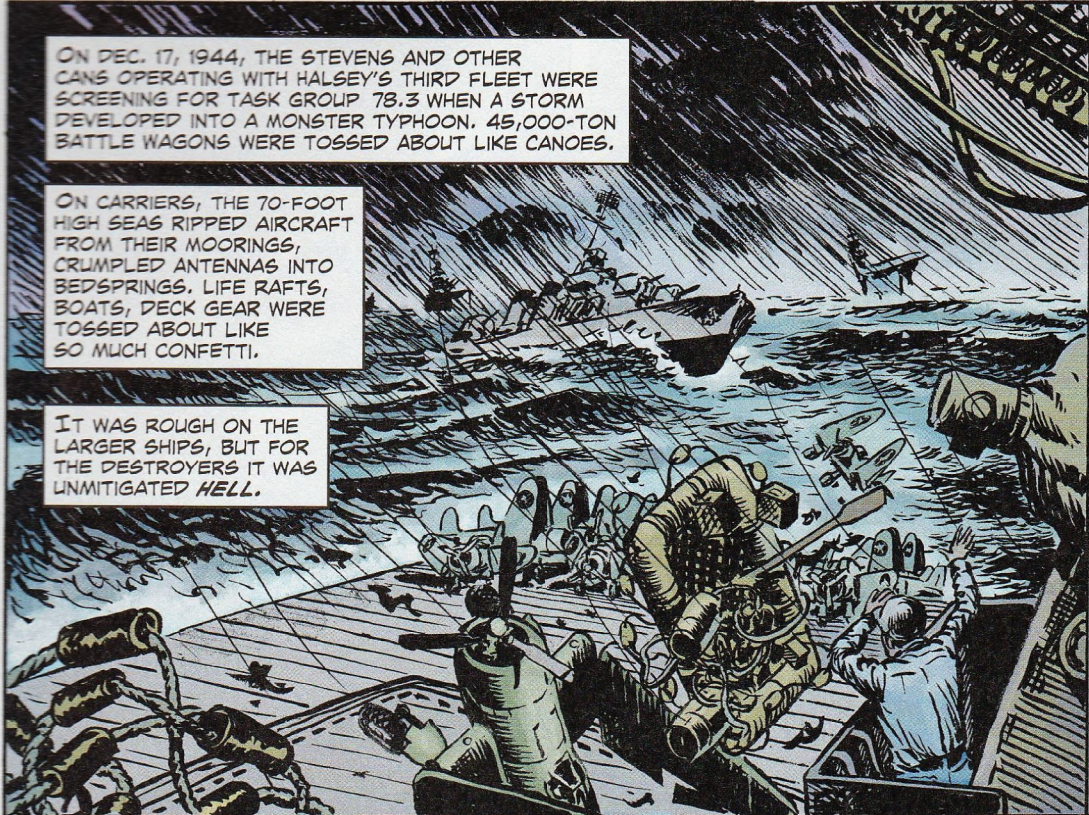


...YOUNG BOYS SCREAMING, CURSING, CRYING AND DYING IN THIS FURNACE OF DEATH.



...THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM FAMILY, FROM FRIENDS, FROM LAUGHTER, HAPPINESS AND QUIET STREETS. ARE THEY EVEN REMEMBERED?

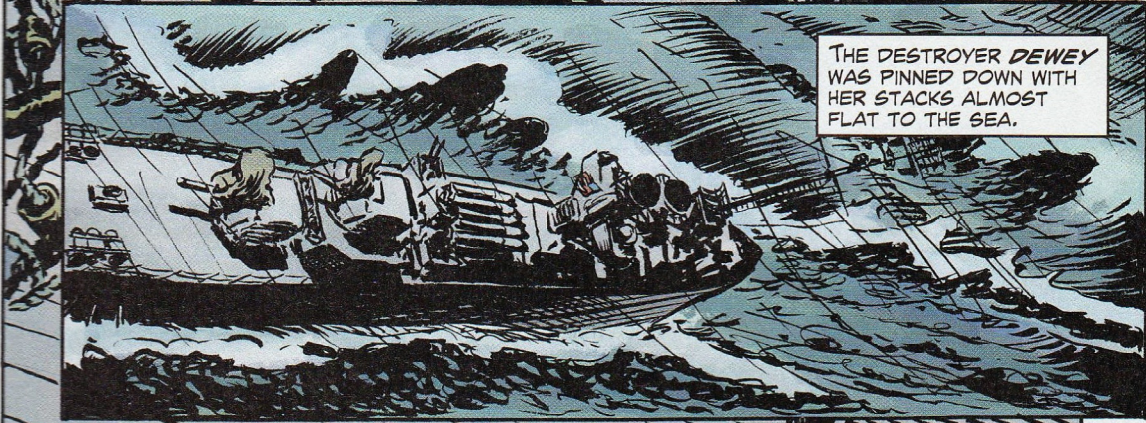
I'M 85 NOW. I LIVE IN A WORLD OF CLEAR BLUE SKIES AND FIELDS OF SOFT GREEN GRASS... BUT, I REMEMBER.



ON DEC. 17, 1944, THE STEVENS AND OTHER CANS OPERATING WITH HALSEY'S THIRD FLEET WERE SCREENING FOR TASK GROUP 78.3 WHEN A STORM DEVELOPED INTO A MONSTER TYPHOON. 45,000-TON BATTLE WAGONS WERE TOSSED ABOUT LIKE CANOES.

ON CARRIERS, THE 70-FOOT HIGH SEAS RIPPED AIRCRAFT FROM THEIR MOORINGS, CRUMPLED ANTENNAS INTO BEDSPRINGS. LIFE RAFTS, BOATS, DECK GEAR WERE TOSSED ABOUT LIKE SO MUCH CONFETTI.

IT WAS ROUGH ON THE LARGER SHIPS, BUT FOR THE DESTROYERS IT WAS UNMITIGATED HELL.



THE DESTROYER *DEWEY* WAS PINNED DOWN WITH HER STACKS ALMOST FLAT TO THE SEA.



THE *MONAGHAN* ROLLED OVER ON HER STARBOARD BEAM BEYOND THE POINT OF RETURN.

LOST - U.S.S. SPENCE D.D. 512 - 23 MEN SURVIVED.
LOST - U.S.S. HULL D.D. 350 - 62 MEN SURVIVED.
LOST - U.S.S. MONAGHAN D.D. 354 - 6 MEN SURVIVED.

THE DESTROYERS OF WWII HAD A CREW OF ABOUT 320 MEN.