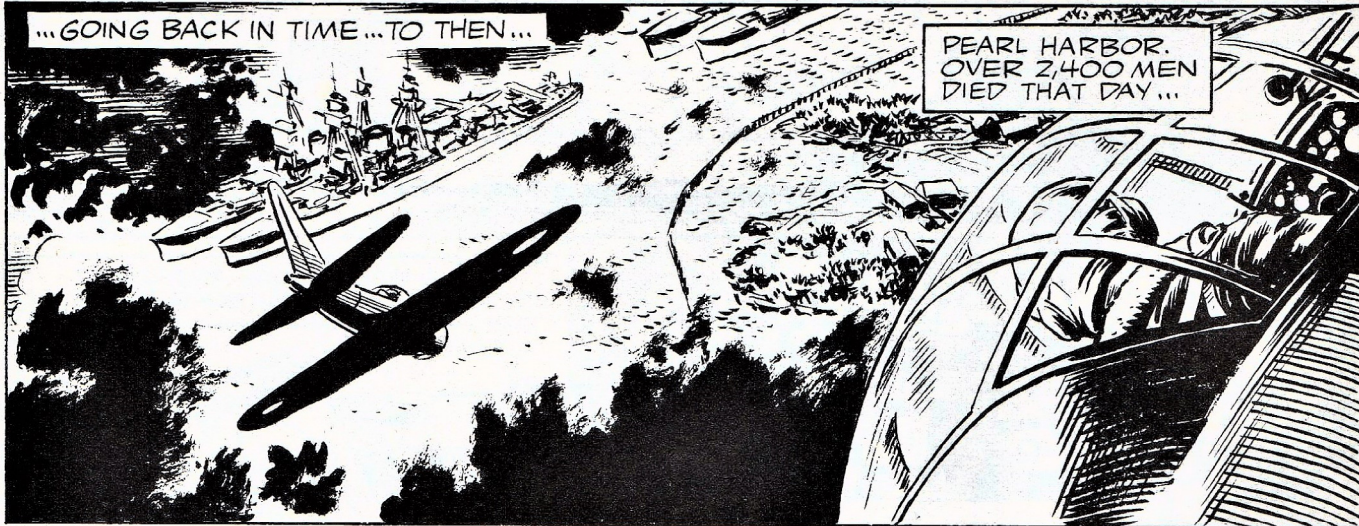


I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK OF WAR. BUT I MUST ... FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND CANNOT.

# OF WAR AND PEACE - TALES BY MAS



I'M AN OLD MAN NOW, AND THE OLDER I GET THE MORE TIME SEEMS TO MOVE IN REVERSE ... I KEEP GOING BACK ...



... GOING BACK IN TIME ... TO THEN ...

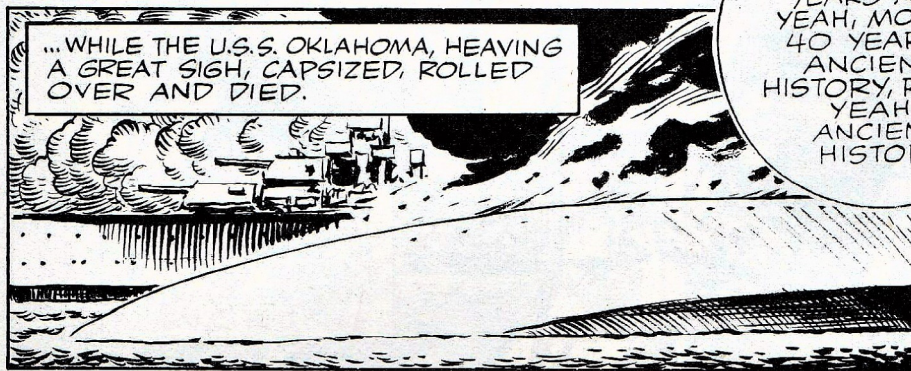
PEARL HARBOR. OVER 2,400 MEN DIED THAT DAY ...



... THE DESTROYER SHAW ERUPTED, SPEWING ITS ENTRAILS IN A BLINDING EXPLOSION ...



... THE U.S.S. TENNESSEE, WEST VIRGINIA AND THE MARYLAND BURNED FIERCELY ... SCREAMING IN AGONY ...

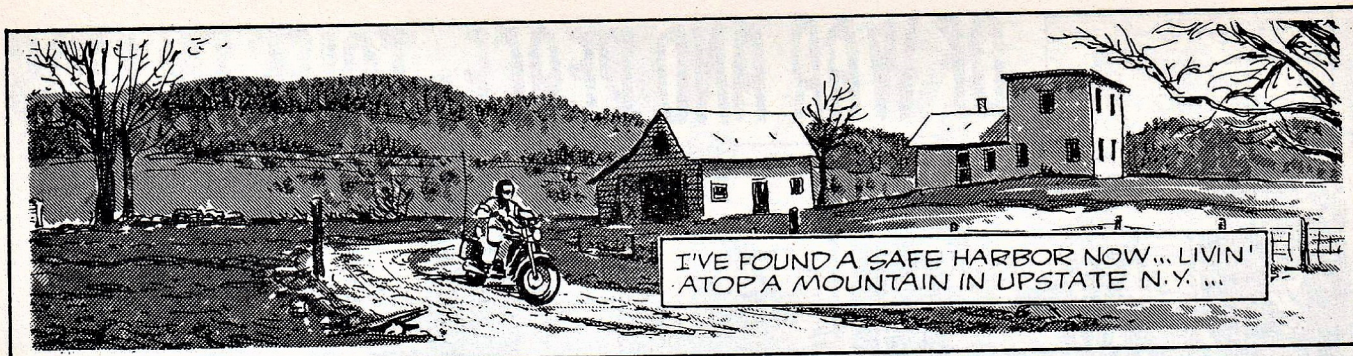


... WHILE THE U.S.S. OKLAHOMA, HEAVING A GREAT SIGH, CAPSIZED, ROLLED OVER AND DIED.

WHEN WAS THAT WAR? OVER 40 YEARS AGO? YEAH, MORE'N 40 YEARS ... ANCIENT HISTORY, RIGHT? YEAH, ANCIENT HISTORY.





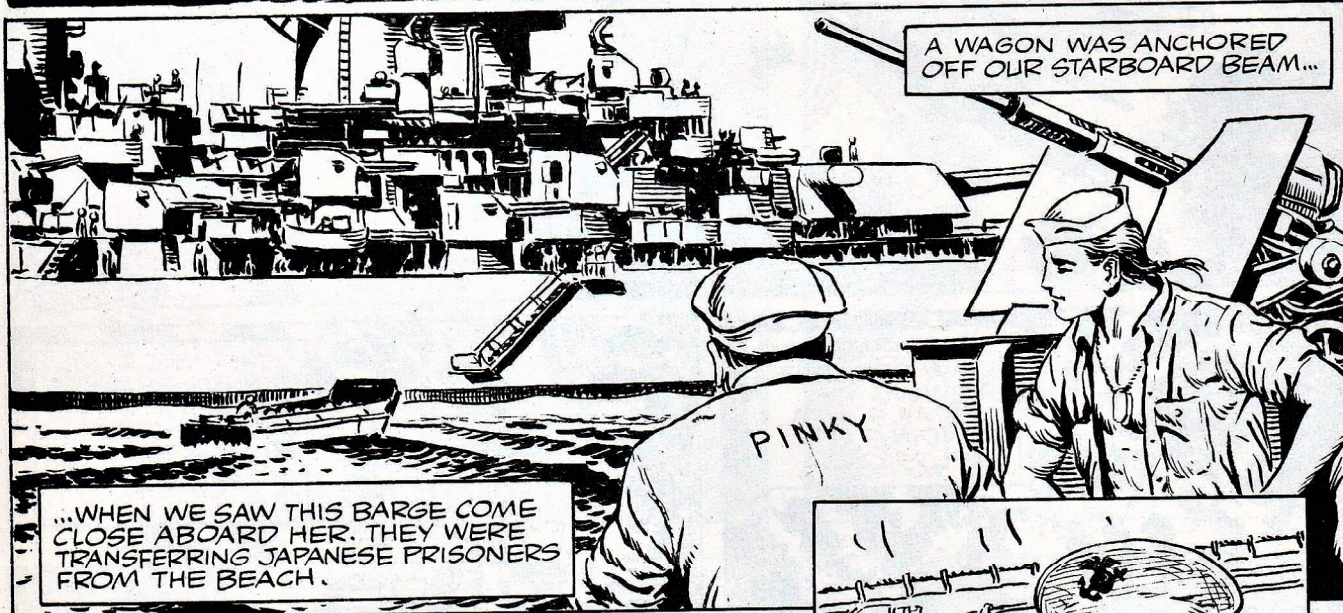


I'VE FOUND A SAFE HARBOR NOW... LIVIN' ATOP A MOUNTAIN IN UPSTATE N.Y. ...

... BUT THERE WERE TIMES.

# the trinity

WE HAD PULLED INTO MILNE BAY TO "IRON UP". THE ANCHOR WATCH WAS SET AND PINKY, MY BUDDY, AND I WERE TOPSIDE SHOOTING THE BREEZE.



A WAGON WAS ANCHORED OFF OUR STARBOARD BEAM...

...WHEN WE SAW THIS BARGE COME CLOSE ABOARD HER. THEY WERE TRANSFERRING JAPANESE PRISONERS FROM THE BEACH.



NOTHING SPECIAL... WE'D SEEN IT BEFORE... OTHER SHIPS, OTHER PLACES.

ON THE WAGON AT THE HEAD OF THE ACCOMMODATION LADDER STOOD A MARINE GUARD AND THE O.D.



