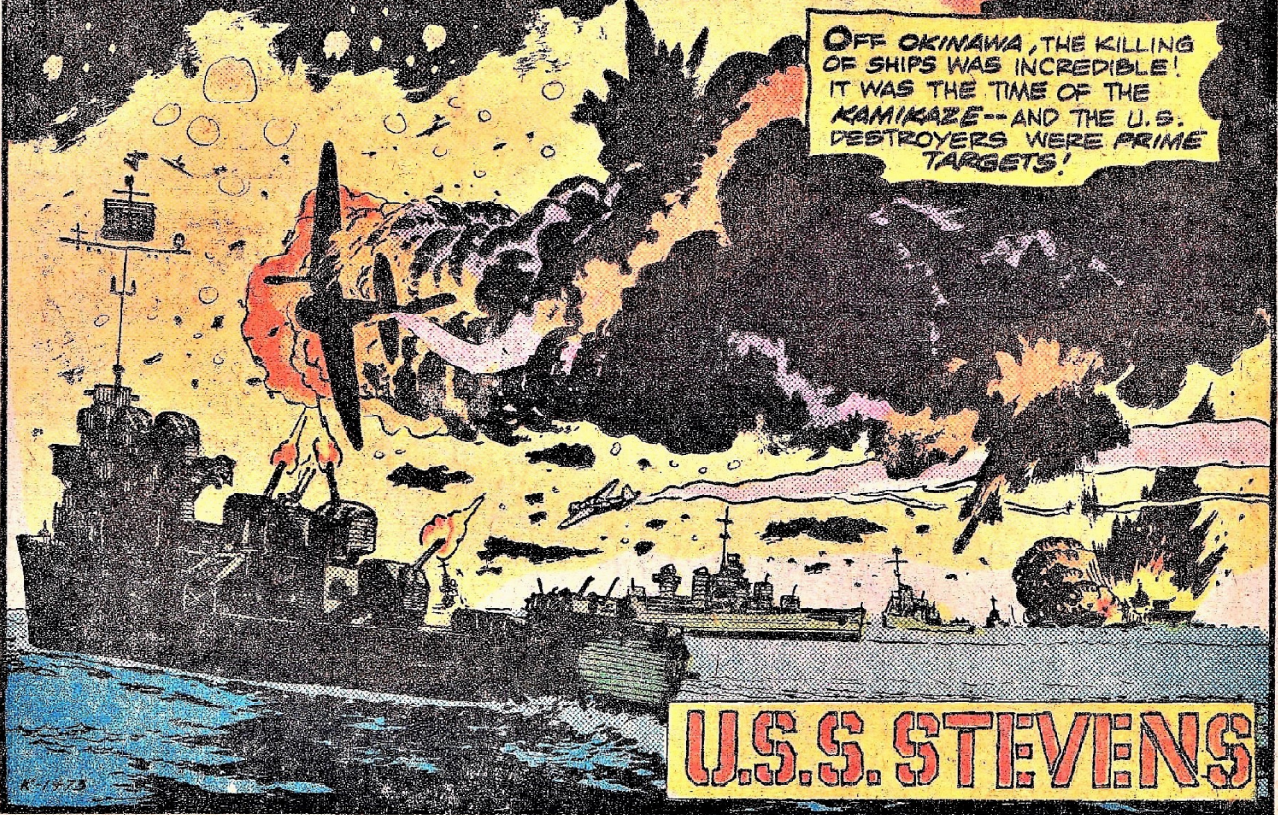


NOT GRANTED!

OFF OKINAWA, THE KILLING OF SHIPS WAS INCREDIBLE! IT WAS THE TIME OF THE KAMIKAZE-- AND THE U.S. DESTROYERS WERE PRIME TARGETS!



U.S.S. STEVENS

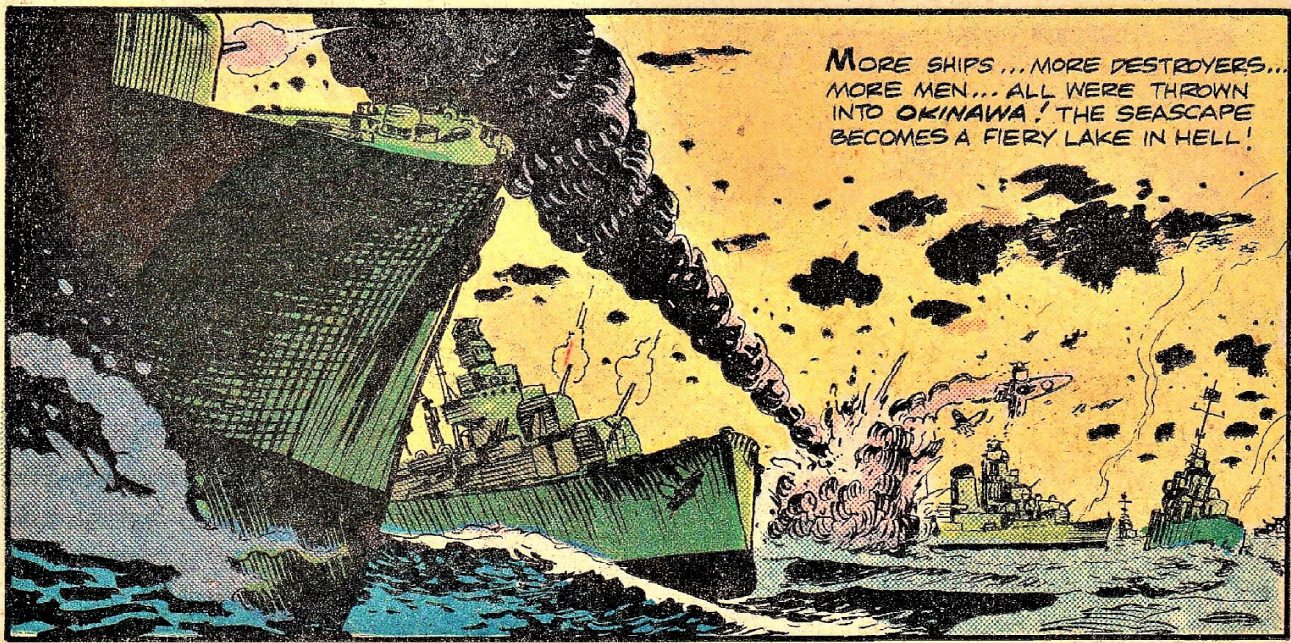
SURVIVING SHIPS -- BLACKENED FROM BATTLE, WITH IRON HULLS TORN OPEN -- STAGGERED AWAY LIKE WOUNDED BEASTS!



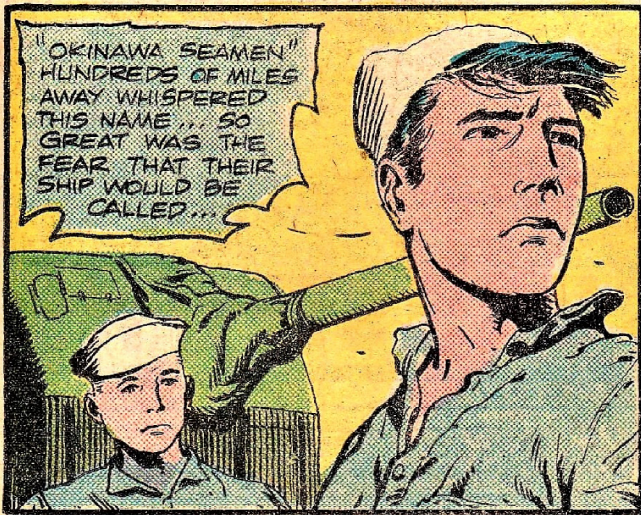
ON BOARD, THE SEAMEN YET ALIVE ARE WRAPPED IN THE SAME THOUGHT...

TOMORROW...
WHAT THEN?
WHAT WILL
TOMORROW BE
TO MEE

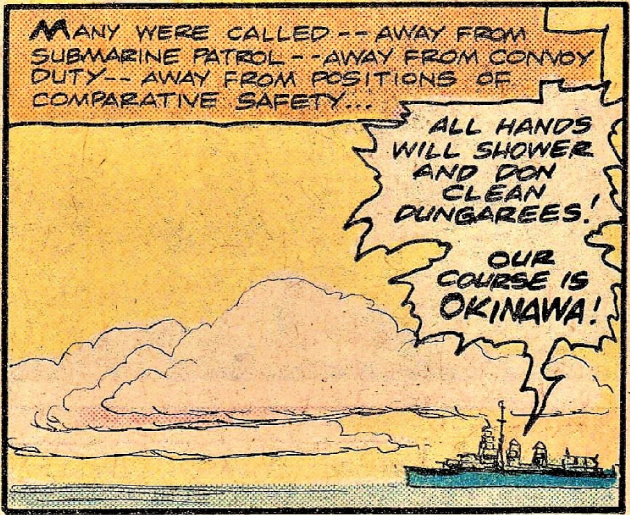




MORE SHIPS... MORE DESTROYERS...
MORE MEN... ALL WERE THROWN
INTO OKINAWA! THE SEASCAPE
BECOMES A FIERY LAKE IN HELL!



"OKINAWA SEAMEN"
HUNDREDS OF MILES
AWAY WHISPERED
THIS NAME... SO
GREAT WAS THE
FEAR THAT THEIR
SHIP WOULD BE
CALLED...



MANY WERE CALLED -- AWAY FROM
SUBMARINE PATROL -- AWAY FROM CONVOY
DUTY -- AWAY FROM POSITIONS OF
COMPARATIVE SAFETY...

ALL HANDS
WILL SHOWER
AND DON
CLEAN
DUNGAREES!

OUR
COURSE IS
OKINAWA!

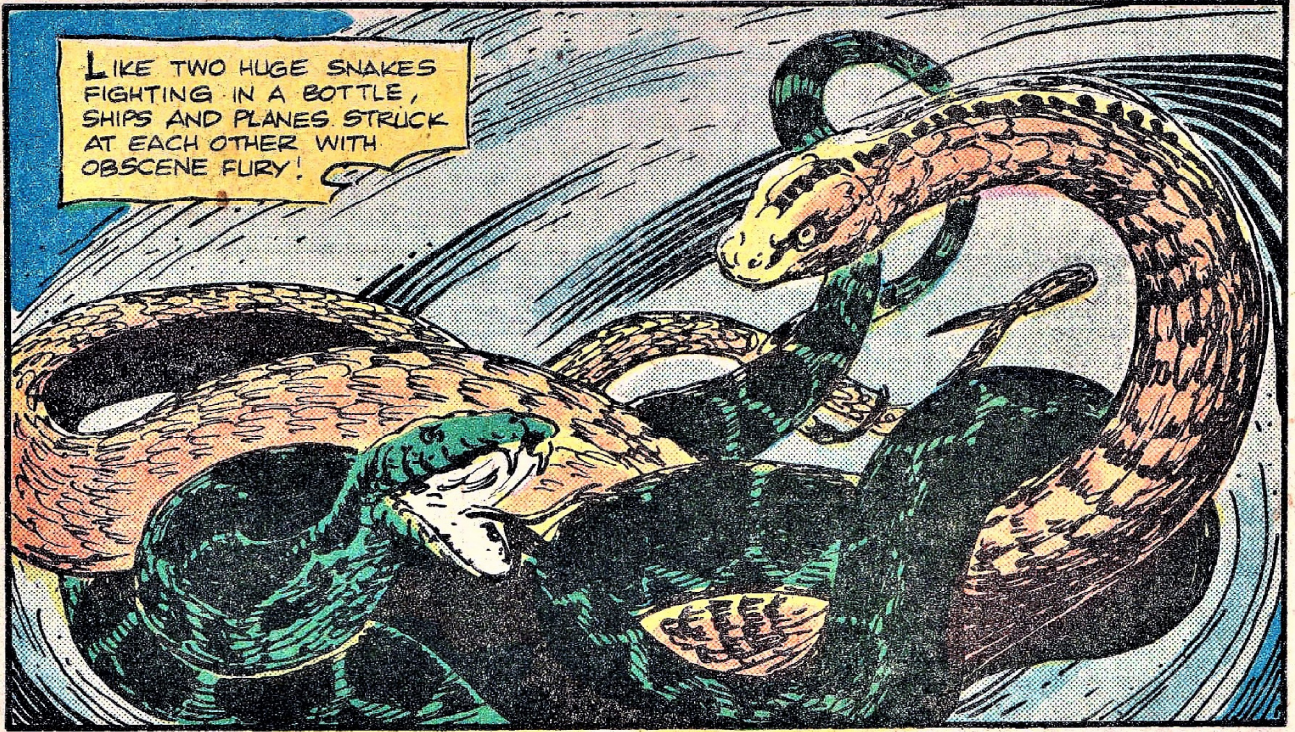


AND THE MEN AND
THEIR SHIP WERE
SWEEPED INTO THE
HOLOCAUST!



OKINAWA -- WHERE THE "IDIOT" RAN
RAMPANT! THE "IDIOT": CONCEIVED
BY LUNATICS, PILOTED BY MISGUIDED
PATRIOTS, DECEIVED BY FANATICS!

LIKE TWO HUGE SNAKES
FIGHTING IN A BOTTLE,
SHIPS AND PLANES STRUCK
AT EACH OTHER WITH
OBSCENE FURY!



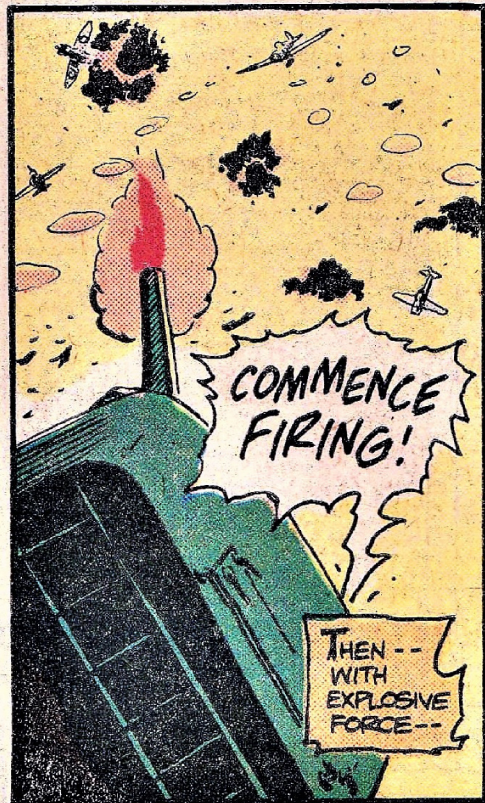
CEASE FIRE!
CEASE FIRE!

AND THEN-- SEEMINGLY SPENT--
ALL BECAME QUIET...AS IF
THE OPPOSING FORCES RESTED
TO GATHER WANING STRENGTH!



COMMENCE
FIRING!

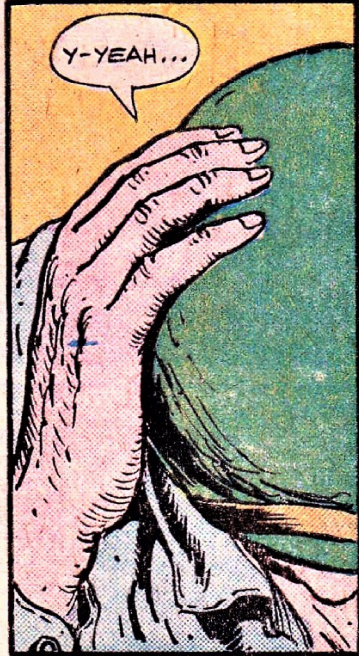
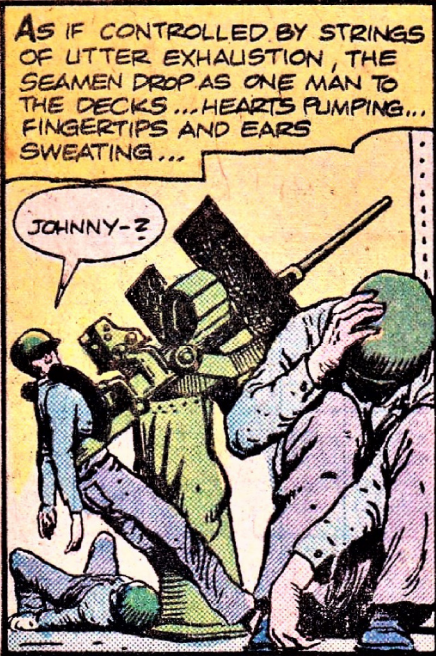
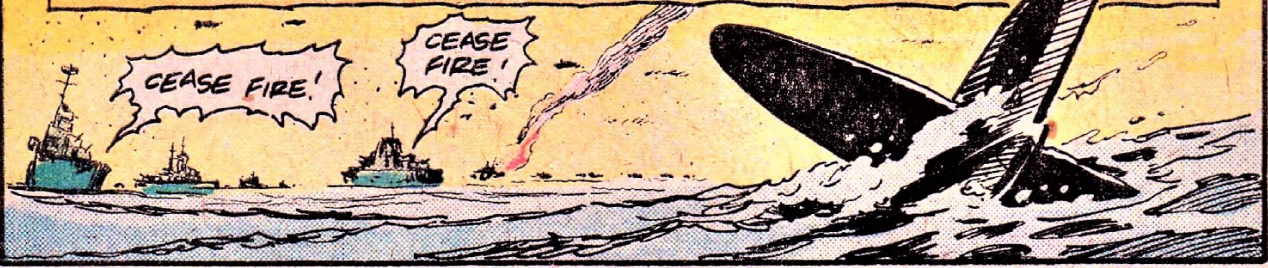
THEN --
WITH
EXPLOSIVE
FORCE--



-- COUPLED
WITH THE SPEED
OF RAZOR-
SHARP SABERS
DRAWN FROM
THEIR SHEATHS
-- THE CRUEL
FURY
CONTINUED!



JUST BEFORE THE HUMAN MIND GOES BERSERK-- IT GROWS QUIET ONCE AGAIN!



SAM GLADMAN

BUT, AT OKINAWA, A SEAMAN FOUGHT AND PRAYED -- IN THAT ORDER! BECAUSE VERY FEW WISHES WERE GRANTED... AT OKINAWA!

END