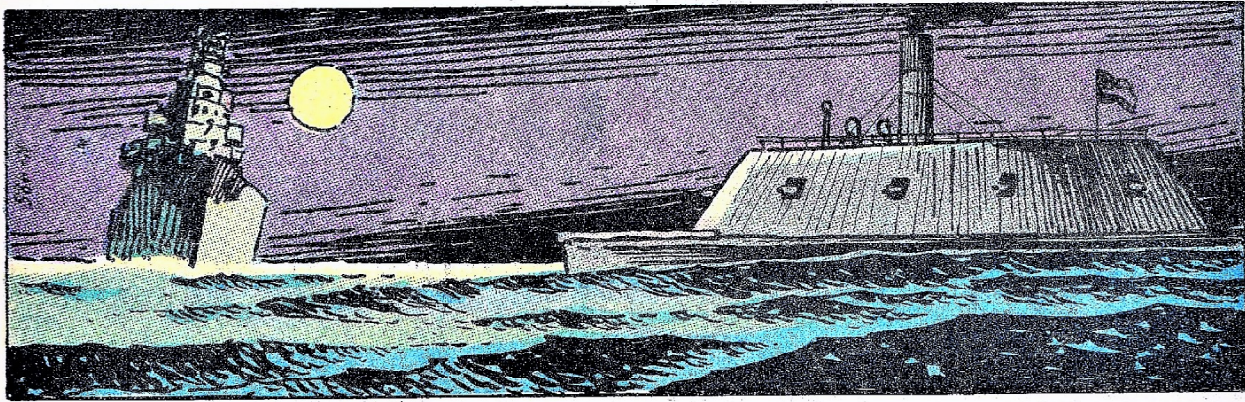
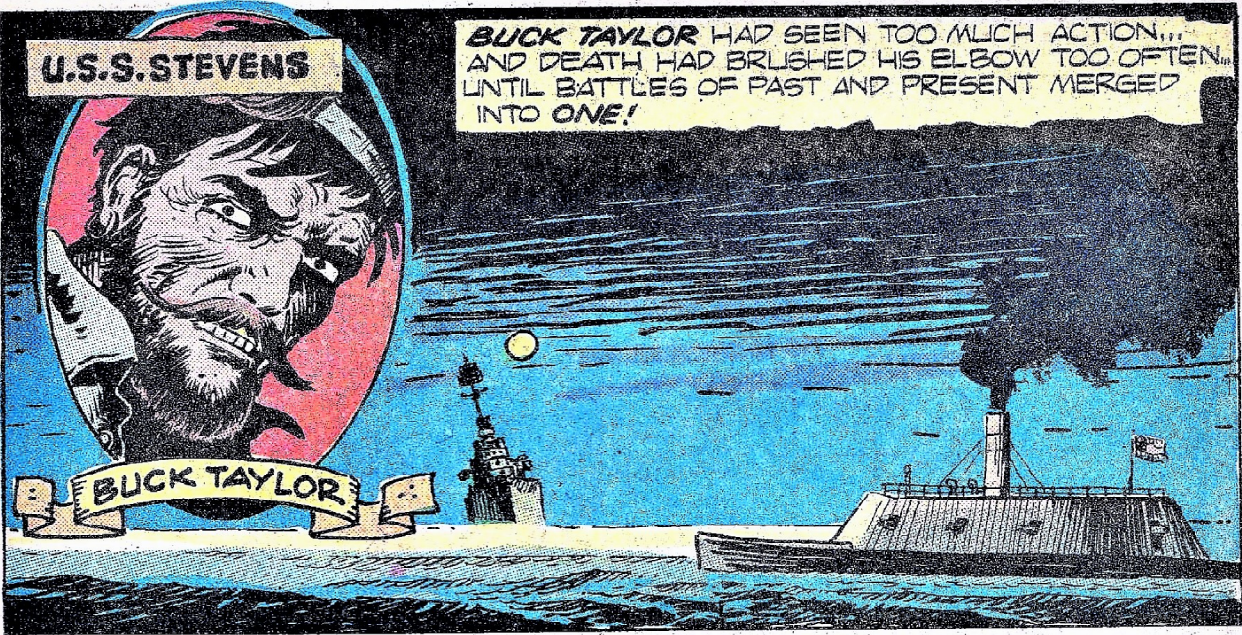


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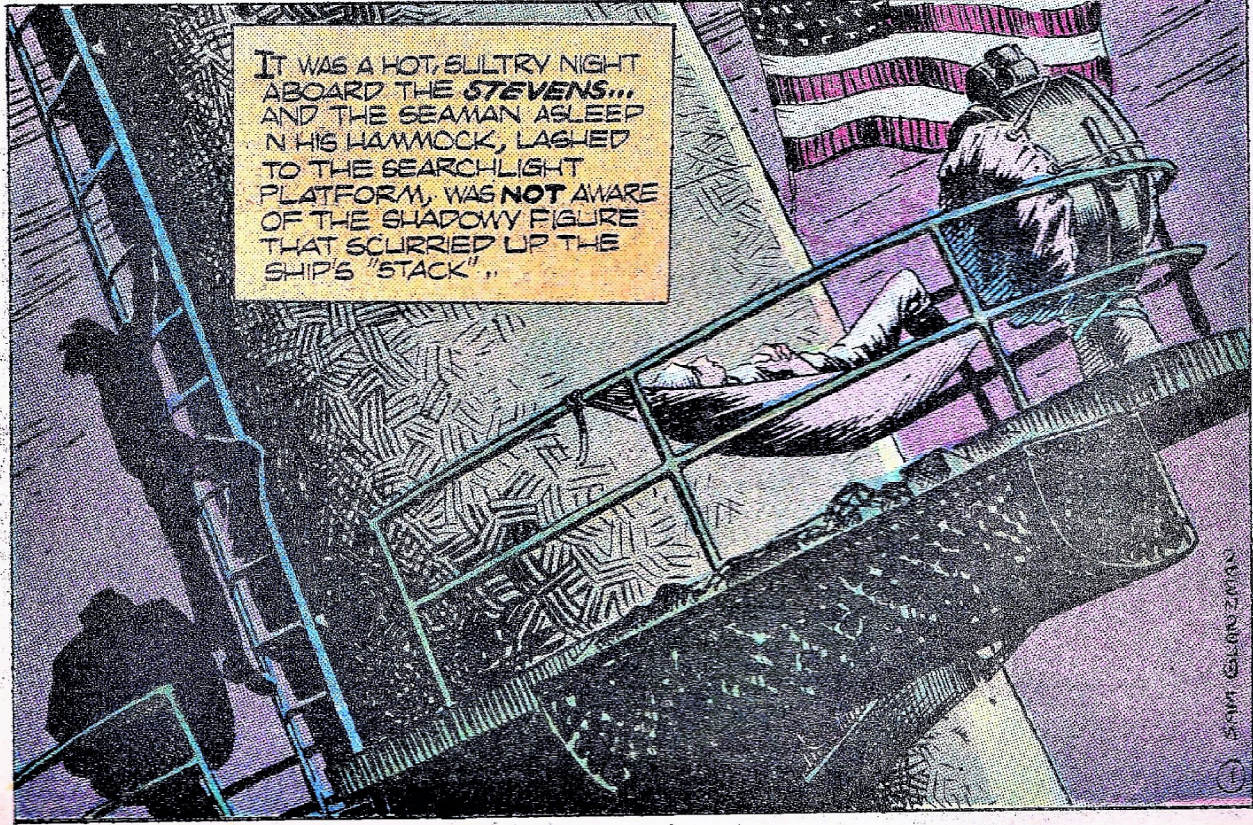
BUCK TAYLOR HAD SEEN TOO MUCH ACTION... AND DEATH HAD BRUSHED HIS ELBOW TOO OFTEN... UNTIL BATTLES OF PAST AND PRESENT MERGED INTO ONE!



BUCK TAYLOR



IT WAS A HOT, SULTRY NIGHT ABOARD THE STEVENS... AND THE SEAMAN ASLEEP IN HIS HAMMOCK, LASHED TO THE SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM, WAS NOT AWARE OF THE SHADOWY FIGURE THAT SCURRED UP THE SHIP'S "STACK"...

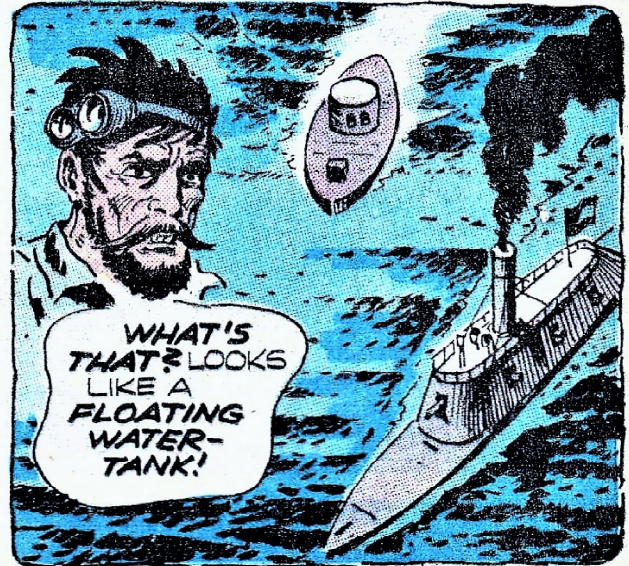
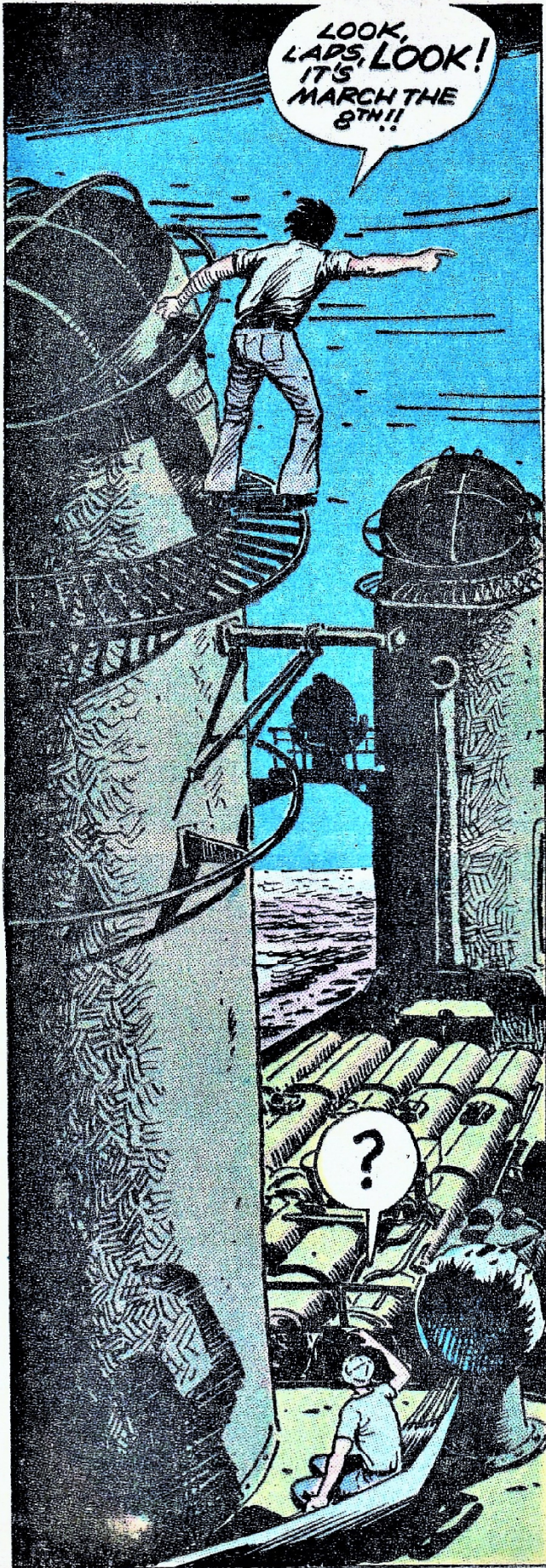


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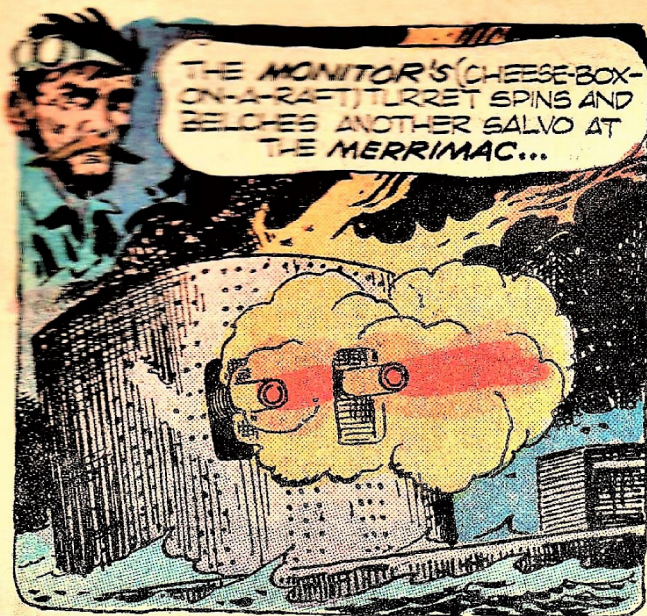
THE SEAMAN AWOKE WITH A START... TO FIND **BUCK TAYLOR** RANTING AT THE BLACKNESS...

**MARCH 8TH! AND IT'S OUT THERE! LOOK!**



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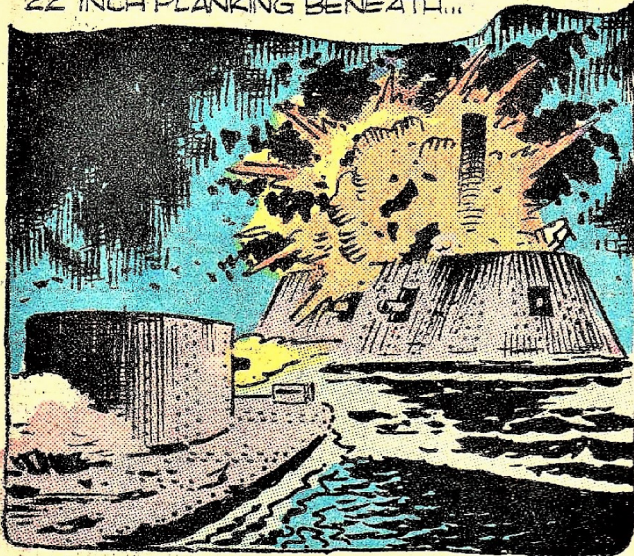


THE MONITOR'S (CHEESE-BOX-ON-A-RAFT) TURRET SPINS AND BELCHES ANOTHER SALVO AT THE MERRIMAC...

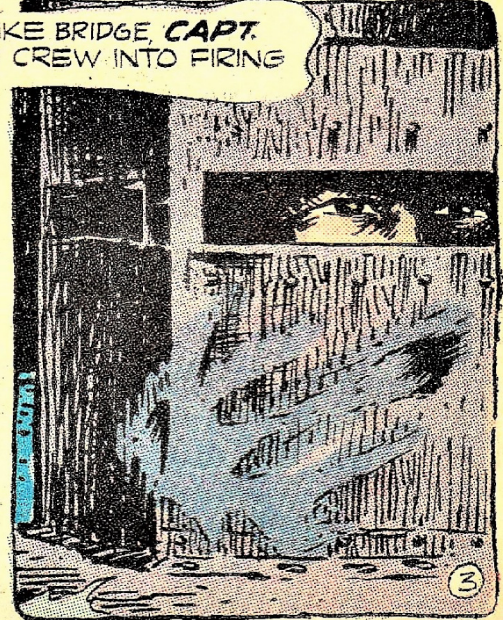
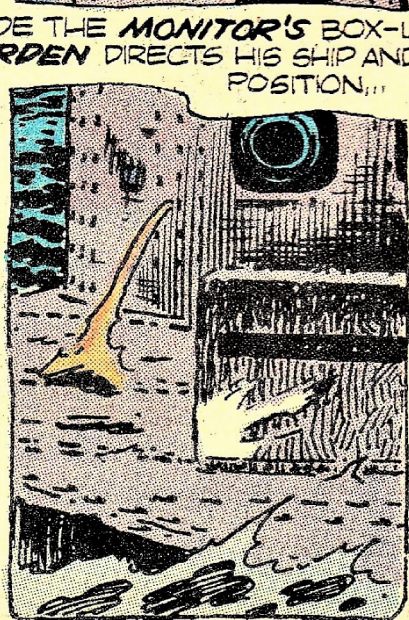
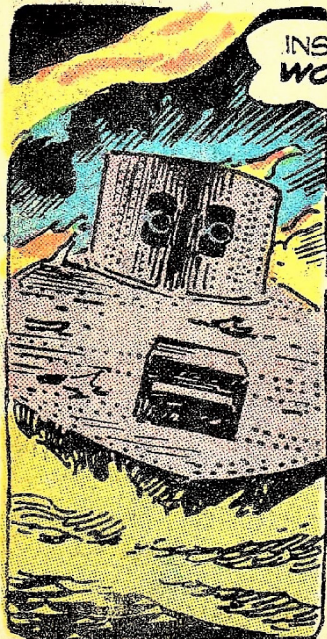
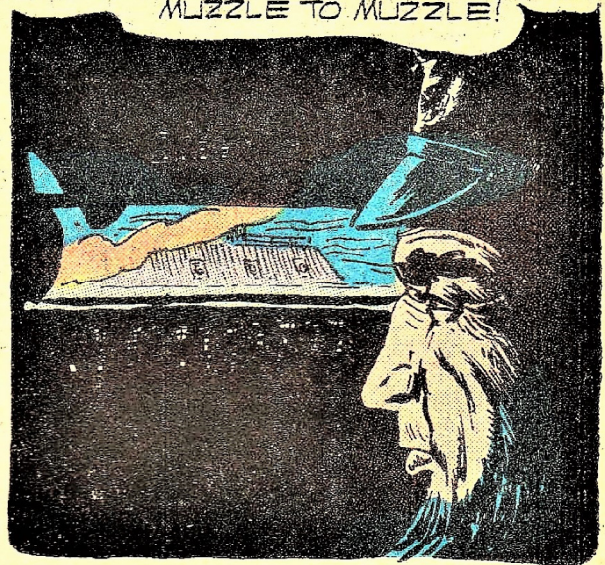


BIG BROOKE RIFLES FIRE SHELLS FROM THE MERRIMAC, WHILE SOLID SHOT ERUPTS FROM THE MONITOR... NEITHER SHIP DOING HARM TO THE OTHER!

ONE SOLID SHOT CRACKS THE MERRIMAC'S SKIN... ONLY SPLINTERING HER 22 INCH PLANKING BENEATH...



FOR TWO HOURS, THE MIGHTY IRON-CLADS CLASH... BOW TO BOW... MUZZLE TO MUZZLE!



INSIDE THE MONITOR'S BOX-LIKE BRIDGE, CAPT. WORDEN DIRECTS HIS SHIP AND CREW INTO FIRING POSITION...



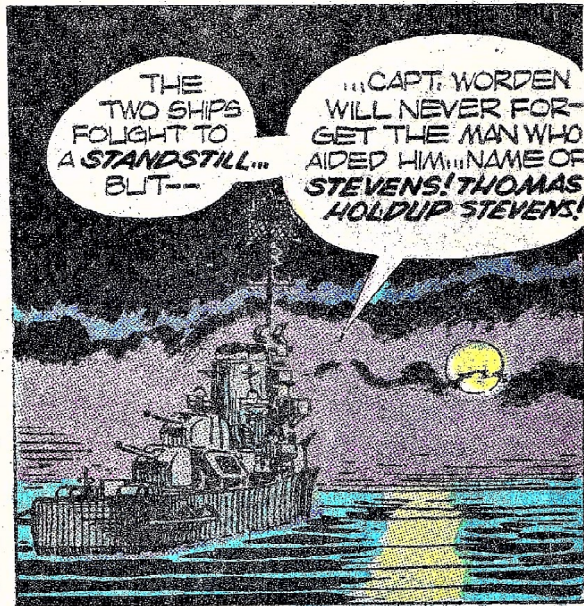


LOOK OUT!

TOO LATE... A SPLINTERING SHELL HAS STRUCK CAPT. WORDEN THROUGH THE STEEL HELMS SLIT!



BLINDED... HE SHOUTS... "HAVE WE SAVED THE MINNESOTA? IF SO, I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!"



THE TWO SHIPS FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL... BUT--

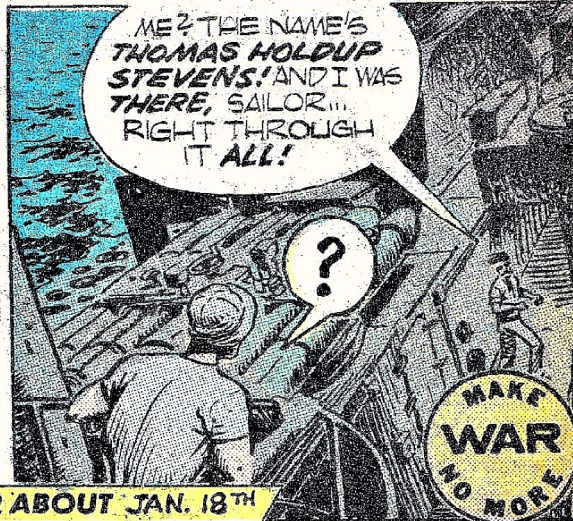
...CAPT. WORDEN WILL NEVER FORGET THE MAN WHO AIDED HIM... NAME OF STEVENS! THOMAS HOLDUP STEVENS!



DID YOU SEE THE FIRING...? DID YOU HEAR THE THUNDER...? WHAT A BATTLE!

HIH? OH YEAH... SURE! HA, HA...

WHERE WERE YOU, BUCK TAYLOR, WHEN ALL THE FIGHTIN' WAS GOIN' ON?



ME? THE NAME'S THOMAS HOLDUP STEVENS! AND I WAS THERE, SAILOR... RIGHT THROUGH IT ALL!

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MAKE WAR NO MORE

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NEXT ISSUE ON SALE ON OR ABOUT JAN. 18<sup>TH</sup>

IN RESEARCHING HISTORICAL NAVAL ENCOUNTERS, SAM GLANZMAN GAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION OF NAVAL HISTORY-- SHIPS' HISTORIES SECTION--NAVY DEPT., WASHINGTON, D.C.:

"USS STEVENS, NAMED IN HONOR OF THOMAS HOLDUP STEVENS, WHO IN THE PERIOD OF THE CIVIL WAR SERVED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION, HAVING COMMANDED SIX DIFFERENT VESSELS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE NOW FAMOUS MONITOR!"

To Doug Rose Sam Glanzman