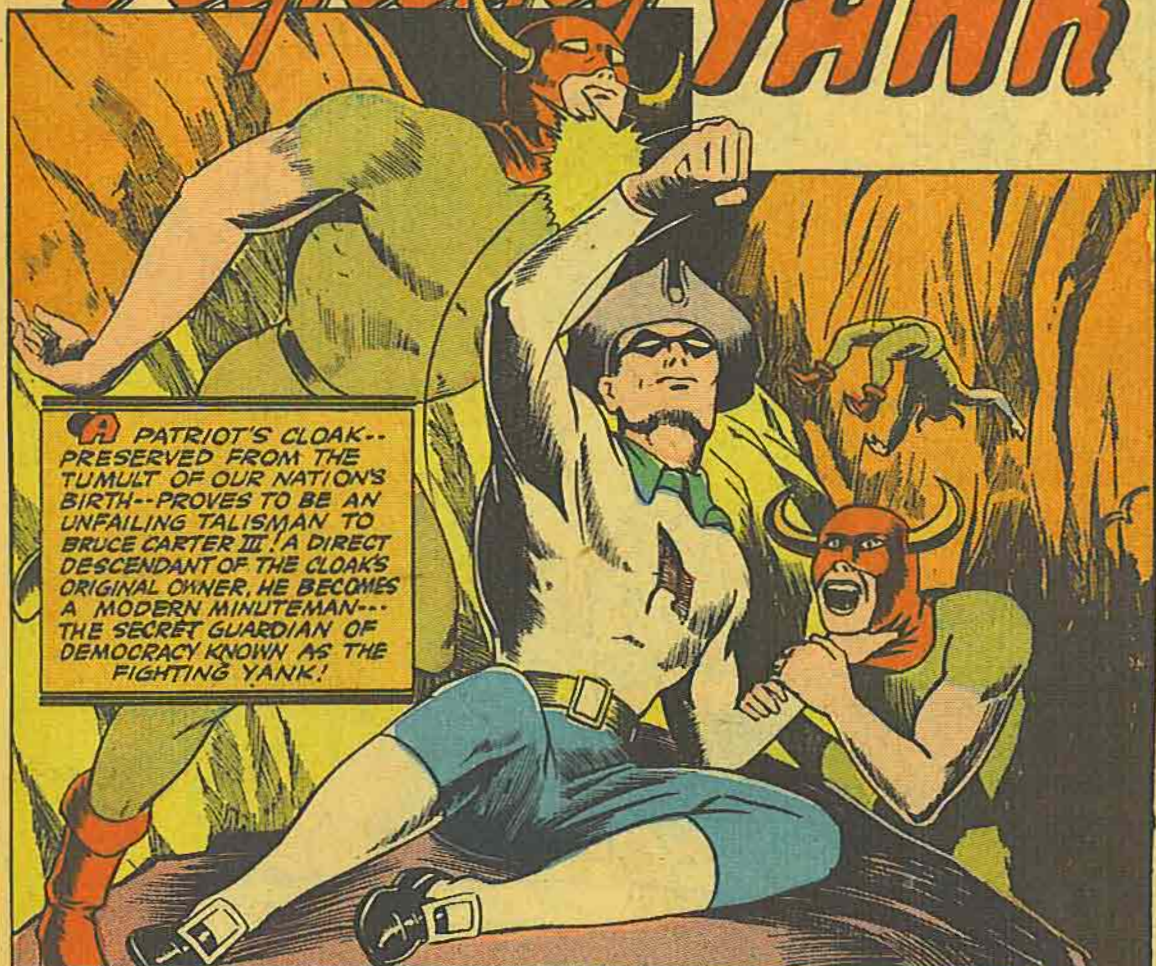


The Fighting YANK



A PATRIOT'S CLOAK-- PRESERVED FROM THE TUMULT OF OUR NATION'S BIRTH-- PROVES TO BE AN UNFAILING TALISMAN TO BRUCE CARTER III! A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE CLOAK'S ORIGINAL OWNER, HE BECOMES A MODERN MINUTEMAN... THE SECRET GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY KNOWN AS THE FIGHTING YANK!

FOUR GRIM SPECTERS HAUNT THE NAZI GENERAL STAFF!

OUT OF A MADMAN'S DESPERATION--

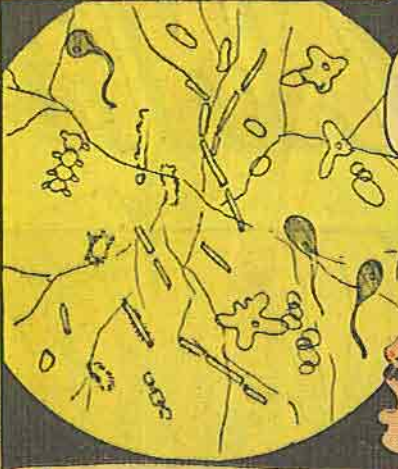
WE MUST FIND A WAY OUT!

OUR LARGEST GUNS AND OUR LARGEST TANKS HAVE FAILED! WHY NOT TRY THE OTHER EXTREME-- A WEAPON THAT IS INVISIBLE?



A soldier gives all— are you buying all the War Stamps you can?

THE AXIS TAKES A NEW PARTNER--DEATH!



GERMS! THE MOST FEARFUL ARMY THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!

OUR AGENT REPORTS THE DISCOVERY OF A STRANGE NEW VIRUS AT BITTERROOT COLLEGE! WE CAN COUNT ON GEBHARDT TO USE IT EFFICIENTLY!

SEND HIS INSTRUCTIONS!



IN DR. BENSON'S LABORATORY--

SEVERAL DAYS LATER.. IN THE IDAHO ROCKIES..

GUESS YOU'LL BE GLAD TO SEE YOUR OLD ALMA MATER AGAIN, BRUCE!

AND ESPECIALLY "DOC" BENSON! HE STAYED ON AFTER GRADUATION -- FOR BIOCHEMICAL RESEARCH!

JOAN--I WANT YOU TO MEET THE MAN WHO PUT BITTER-ROOT COLLEGE ON THE MAP!

BRUCE HAS ALWAYS WINKED ONE EYE AT MY EXPERIMENTS! MISS FARWELL!



GOODNESS! I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY GERMS BEFORE!

I'VE FOUND THAT HIGH FREQUENCY RAYS PRODUCE AN AMAZING REACTION IN CERTAIN BACTERIA!

YOU MEAN THEY BUILD UP A CHEMICAL IMMUNITY?

IT'S A SECRETION THAT MAKES THEM VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE! I CALL IT "OSTOSIS"!





HAVE ONE ON THE HOUSE BEFORE YOU GO!

HURRY, FOOLS-- BEFORE WE HAVE THE POLICE TO DEAL WITH!

SPLAT!

BANG!

A CHANCE SHOT ... AND DISASTER!

RINGED BY SEETHING FLAMES--

COVER YOUR FACE, JOAN-- AND FOLLOW ME!

GREAT SCOTT! THE ALCOHOL TANK!

BOOM!

ZING!

SAFELY OUTSIDE--

STOP THEM, BRUCE! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EFFECT OSTOSIS MAY HAVE ON HUMANS!

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'VE GOTTEN YOU TO A HOSPITAL!

LATER--

CHEER UP BRUCE! THE NURSE SAYS HE'LL RECOVER-- AND YOU DID ALL YOU COULD!

NOT QUITE! BUT IF THOSE SPIES TRY TO REACH BENSON HERE-- I'LL DO THE REST AS THE FIGHTING YANK!

MEANWHILE--

EVEN ONE TEST TUBE WILL BE ENOUGH-- IF IT'S DANGEROUS!

WHATEVER OSTOSIS IS-- IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE AFFECTED THIS RAT!

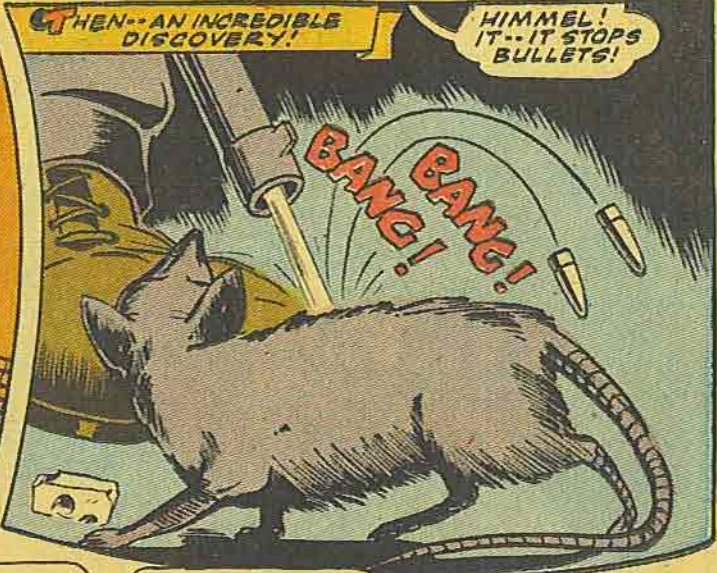


You've done your bit, now do your best—Buy more War Stamps!



OW-W!
IT BIT
ME!

I'LL GET
HIM,
GEBHARDT!



THEN-- AN INCREDIBLE
DISCOVERY!

HIMMEL!
IT-- IT STOPS
BULLETS!

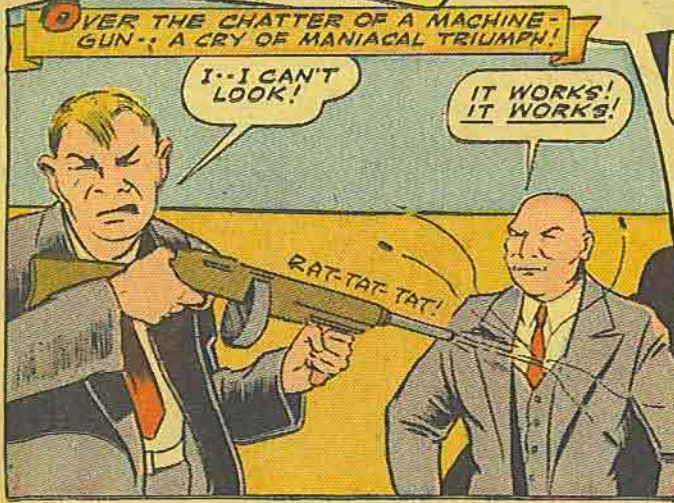
BANG!
BANG!



RIGHT THROUGH
THE DOOR. IT'S
NOT POSSIBLE!

SO THAT'S WHAT
OSTOSIS DOES!
WE'VE STUMBLED
ON THE SECRET
OF TURNING FLESH
INTO STONE!

IF IT CAN DO THE
SAME FOR HUMANS--
FOR US-- WE'LL
TEAR THE COUNTRY
APART!

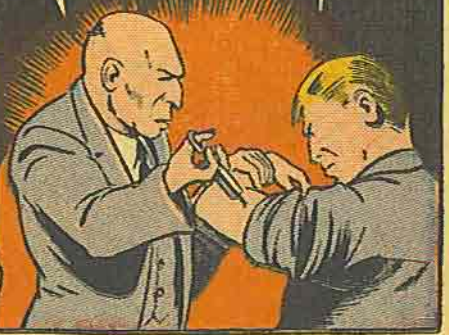


I-- I CAN'T
LOOK!

IT WORKS!
IT WORKS!

BEFORE WE PASS ON
TO THE COAST WAR
PLANTS-- WE'LL USE
THE RATON PASS
BRIDGE AS A
TEST!

BUT SUPPOSE
THE EFFECT
DOESN'T LAST.
GEBHARDT?



JUST TO BE SURE--
WE'LL TRY TO PICK
UP MORE OSTOGENIS
AT THE COUNTY
HOSPITAL!

OTTO USED TO
BE A TAILOR!
HE CAN DESIGN
SOME KIND OF
DRAMATIC
UNIFORM!

YE GODS! HE'S
LIKE A BLOCK
OF GRANITE!

TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T
FIND OUT SOONER!

EARLY NEXT
DAY...

THIS
IS IT,
GEBHARDT!

COUNTY
HOSPITAL

GEBHARDT!
THEY'RE THE
GANG WHO RAID-
ED BENSON'S
LABORATORY!

CAUGHT IN AN INHUMAN GRIP--

YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE UP
AGAINST, MEDDLER!

BAM!

AND YOU DON'T
KNOW THE FIGHT-
ING YANK!

HIT WITH TERRIFIC
FORCE--THE WALL
BUCKLES!

CRUMBS!

POW!

CRASH!

TEUFEL! THE
WHOLE TOWN
WILL BE
ROUSED!

CRACK!

BE AN AMERICAN--BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS!

BUT FROM THE MASSIVE DEBRIS--

GOOD THING MOST OF THE WEIGHT LANDED ON MY CLOAK!

LOOK! WON'T ANYTHING STOP HIM?



BUT IF IT'S THE SAME GANG-- WHERE DID THEY GET THAT TERRIBLE STRENGTH?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT, JOAN!



MINUTES LATER--

FOLLOWING US, EH? THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED!



A CRAFTY STRATAGEM!

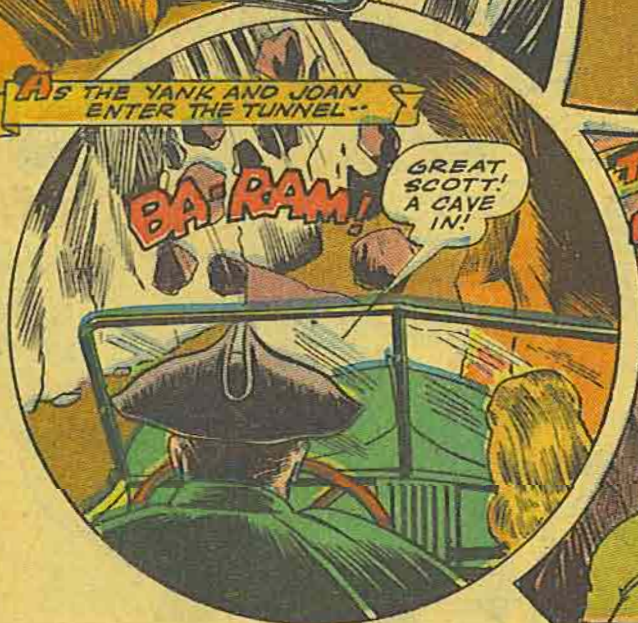
AFTER HE DRIVES IN-- WAIT UNTIL WE'VE BLOCKED THE EXIT! THEN TAKE CARE OF THIS END!



AS THE YANK AND JOAN ENTER THE TUNNEL--

BA-RAM!

GREAT SCOTT! A CAVE IN!



THEN--

CR-RUNCH!

SO THAT'S IT, EH? SAVE YOUR STRENGTH, RAT!



JUST AS THE TUNNEL MOUTH CAPSIZES--



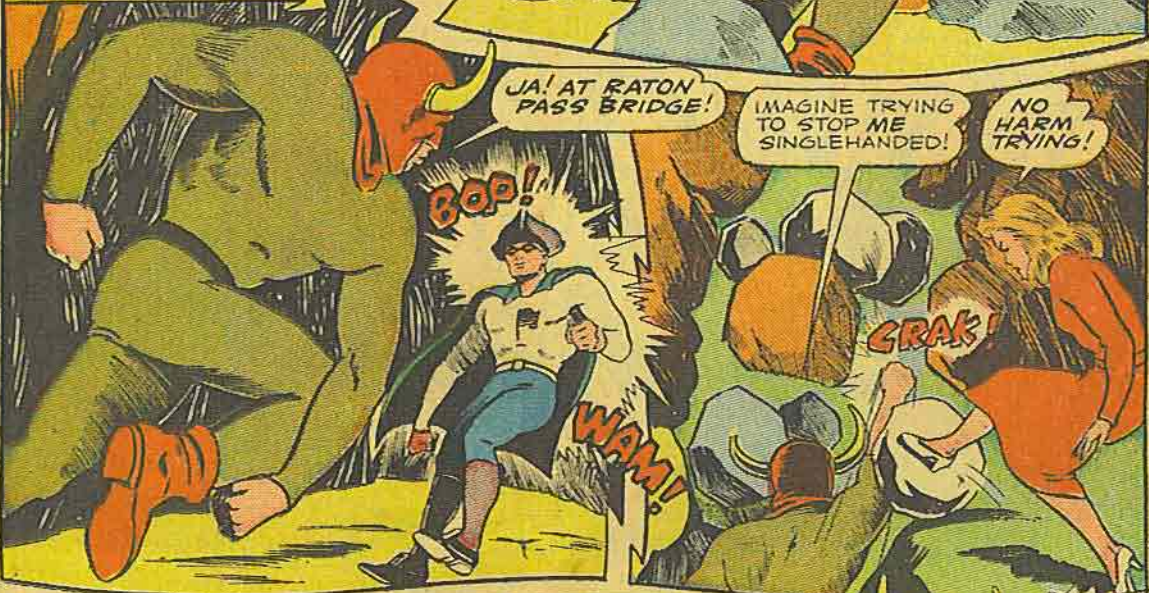
GIVE ME PLENTY OF ROOM, JOAN!

YOU'RE DUE FOR A REAL WORKOUT!

CR-RASH!

POW!

WITH THE IMPACT OF A LANDSLIDE--



JA! AT RATON PASS BRIDGE!

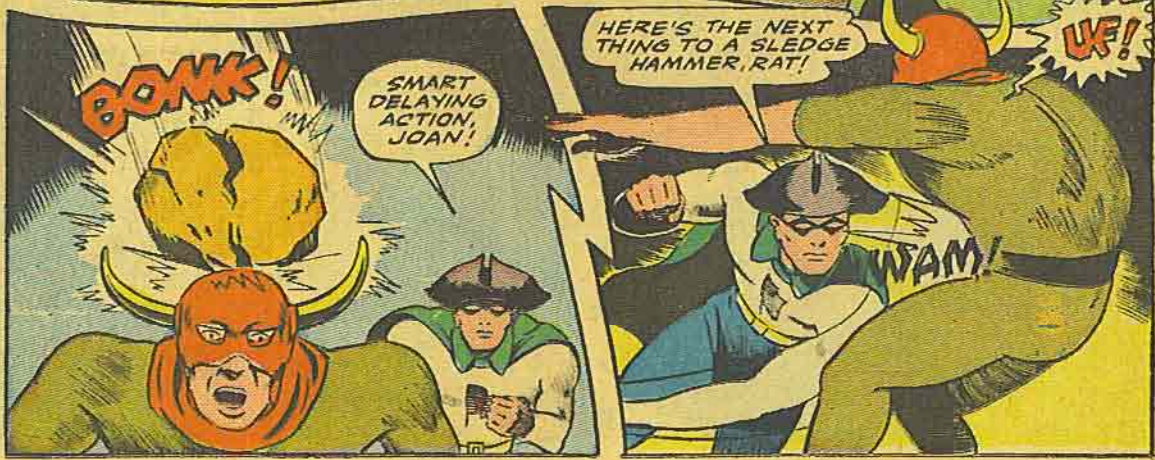
IMAGINE TRYING TO STOP ME SINGLEHANDED!

NO HARM TRYING!

BOB!

WAM!

CRACK!



BONK!

SMART DELAYING ACTION, JOAN!

HERE'S THE NEXT THING TO A SLEDGE HAMMER, RAT!

WEE!

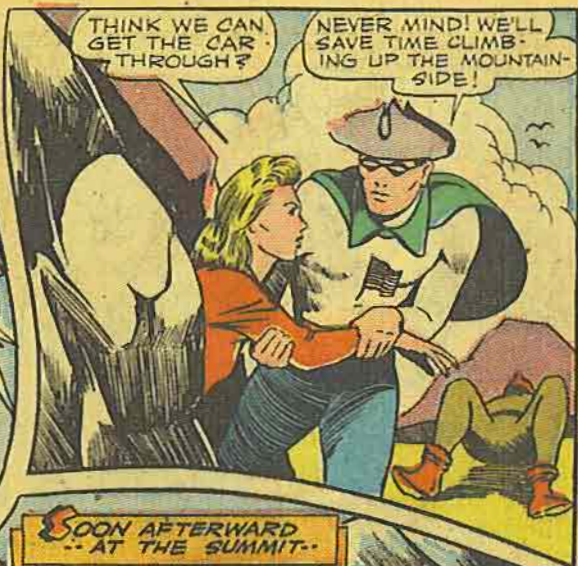
WAM!



WHEN--A BATTERING THRUST!

LEAD THE WAY, STOOGE!

CRUMPH!



THINK WE CAN GET THE CAR THROUGH?

NEVER MIND! WE'LL SAVE TIME CLIMBING UP THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE!



WITH SPACE REELING FIVE THOUSAND FEET BENEATH--

WE'RE NEARLY THERE! HANG TIGHT, JOAN!



SOON AFTERWARD-- AT THE SUMMIT--

WE COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED IT BETTER! HERE COMES A TRAIN!

AND LOOK WHAT ELSE!



LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN DODGE, IDIOT!

QUICK--GET UNDER!

ER-RAK!



SUDDENLY--THE ENTIRE BRINK GIVES WAY!

HELP!

BR-R-ROON!

DON'T SPEND FOOLISHLY--SAVE YOUR MONEY FOR VICTORY!



AS THE DOOMED AIDE PLUMMETS PAST---

GREAT GUNS!
MY CLOAK!

R-RIP!

A-A-AGH!



A MILE BELOW--



HEEDLESS OF THE ODDS--

I'VE STILL GOT A PAIR OF FISTS!

YOU-- AGAIN?



DON'T WORRY--
YOU WON'T BE BORED!

POW!

NEVER MIND HIM!
HERE COMES THE TRAIN!

BUT OUT OF AMERICA'S PAST -- RISES THE TIME-LESS SPIRIT OF BRUCE CARTER I!

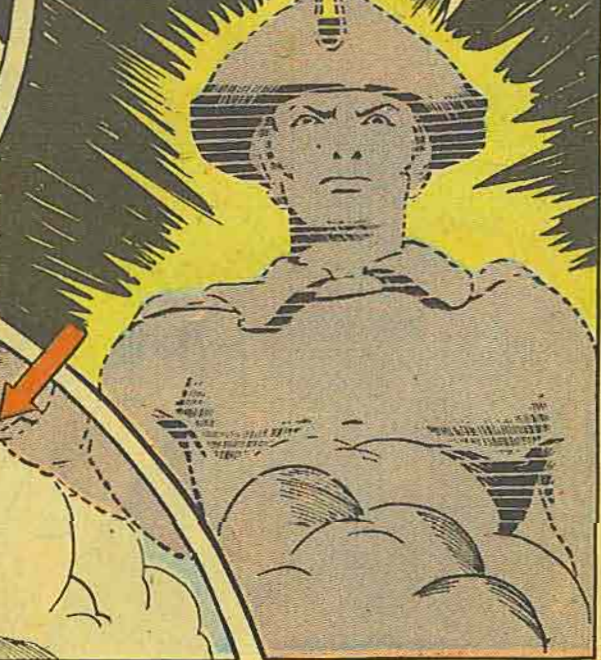
BATTLING FOR OUR NATION-- HE SHALL NOT BE ALONE!



THERE'S SOME THING ABOVE--
LIKE A TERRIBLE GALE!

NOW, RATS--
YOU'LL COPE WITH A CAPE!

POW!



You've done your bit, now do your best—Buy more War Stamps!

SPANNING THE GULF OF TIME IN A NEW CRISIS-- TWO GREAT PATRIOTS JOIN FORCES!



DON'T FINISH 'EM OFF TOO SOON, B.C.!

WH--- WHAT'S HOLDING ME?



HERE'S WHERE YOU GET OFF, CHUMP!

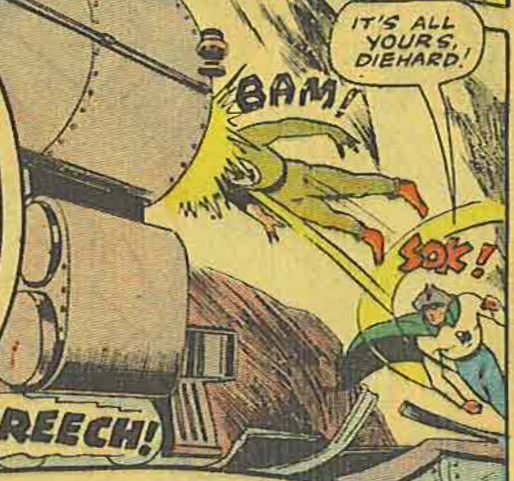
GEBHARDT BREAKS AWAY!



IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO-- I'LL GET THAT TRAIN!

THE YANK SCORES!

IT'S ALL YOURS, DIEHARD!



AS NIGHT SETTLES OVER THE CRAGS--

WISH WE COULD TAKE THINGS EASY IN THESE BEAUTIFUL FREE SPACES, YANK!

NOT UNTIL I'VE DEALT MY LAST BLOW-- TO KEEP THEM FREE!

THE FIGHTING YANK RETURNS NEXT ISSUE! MEANWHILE-- KEEP BUYING THOSE WAR BONDS!

Smash Hitler and Hirohito—Buy all the War Stamps you can!