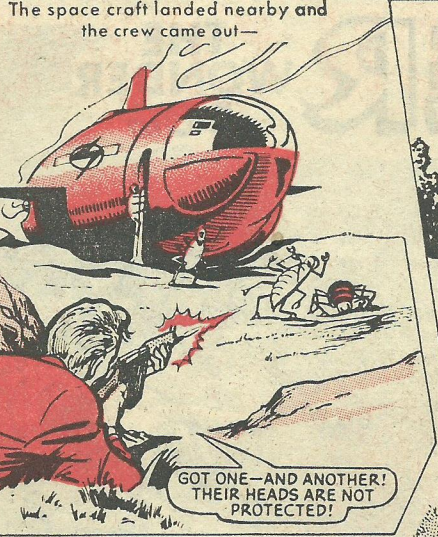




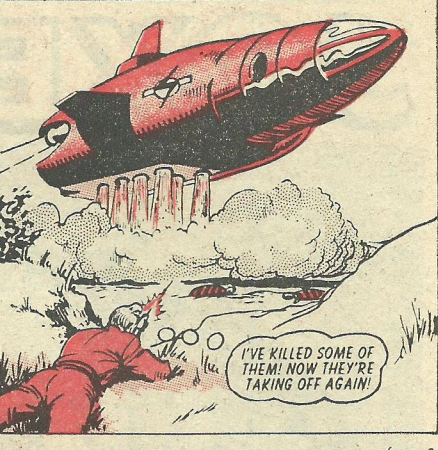
Just then, a shower of stardust drawn down by Force 21, fell, wiping out the insects.

THE INSECTS ARE DOOMED! THE SPACE-CRAFT LOOKS AS IF IT'S GOING TO LAND! I'VE GOT MY RIFLE! I'LL BE READY!



The space craft landed nearby and the crew came out—

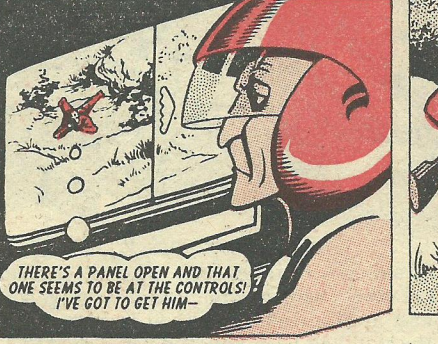
GOT ONE—AND ANOTHER! THEIR HEADS ARE NOT PROTECTED!



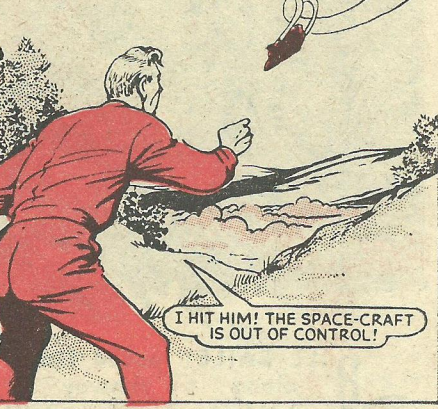
I'VE KILLED SOME OF THEM! NOW THEY'RE TAKING OFF AGAIN!



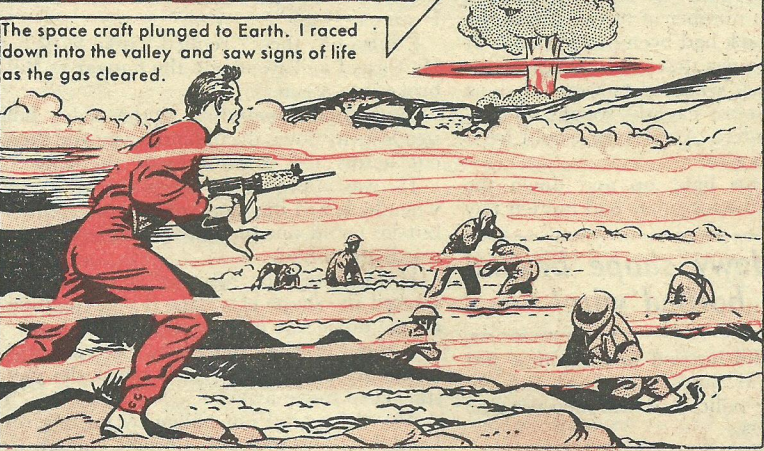
GOSH! THEY'RE USING SOME KIND OF HEAT-RAY! THERE'S NO ESCAPE. I'LL TURN AND FIGHT—



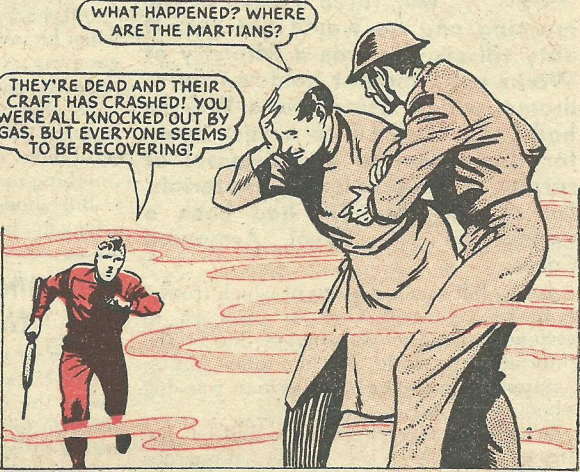
THERE'S A PANEL OPEN AND THAT ONE SEEMS TO BE AT THE CONTROLS! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM—



I HIT HIM! THE SPACE-CRAFT IS OUT OF CONTROL!



The space craft plunged to Earth. I raced down into the valley and saw signs of life as the gas cleared.



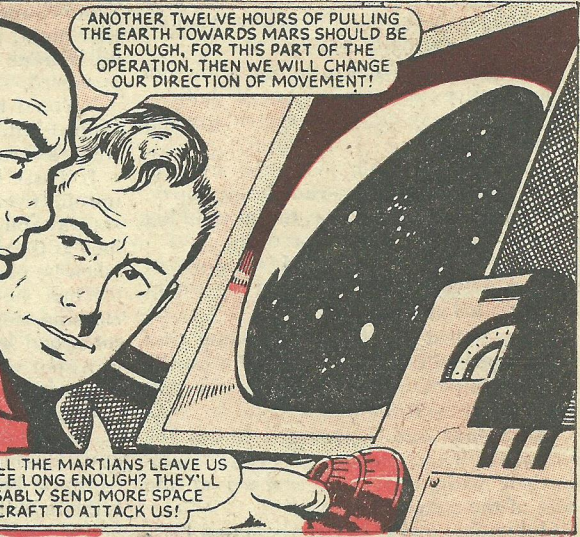
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE THE MARTIANS?

THEY'RE DEAD AND THEIR CRAFT HAS CRASHED! YOU WERE ALL KNOCKED OUT BY GAS, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE RECOVERING!



THESE MARTIANS ARE OUT OF THE WAY THANKS TO YOU, JACKSON. BUT I'M CERTAIN WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THE VISITORS FROM SPACE.

WE'D BETTER CHECK HOW OUR MOVEMENT TOWARDS MARS IS PROGRESSING!



ANOTHER TWELVE HOURS OF PULLING THE EARTH TOWARDS MARS SHOULD BE ENOUGH. FOR THIS PART OF THE OPERATION, THEN WE WILL CHANGE OUR DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT!

BUT WILL THE MARTIANS LEAVE US IN PEACE LONG ENOUGH? THEY'LL PROBABLY SEND MORE SPACE CRAFT TO ATTACK US!