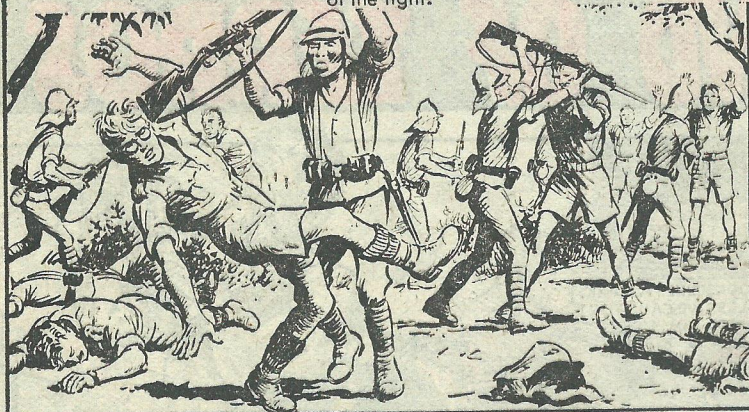
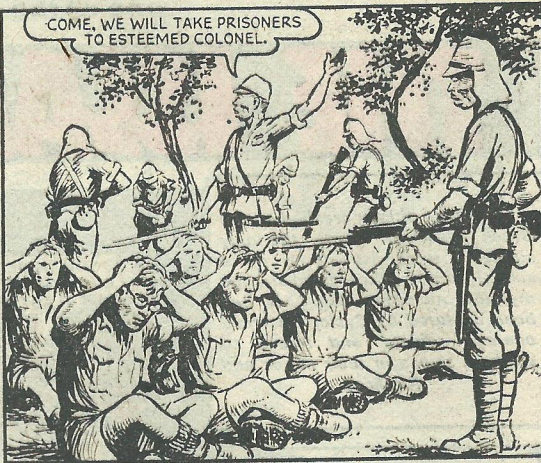


Taken by surprise, the British troops had no chance. A rifle butt put Bill Hicks out of the fight.



COME, WE WILL TAKE PRISONERS TO ESTEEMED COLONEL.



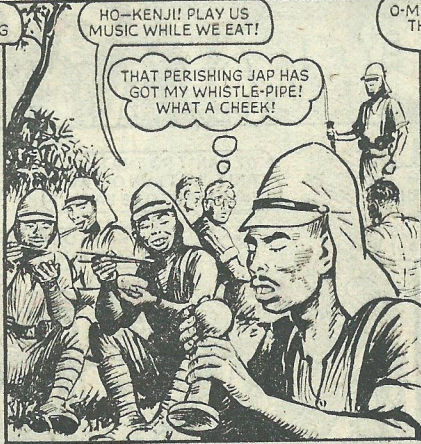
THAT BLOKE HAS GOT HICKS'S WHISTLE-PIPE. I'LL BET THAT'S HOW THEY GOT ON TO US!

HUH! SOME BLOOMING PROTECTION THAT THING GAVE US!



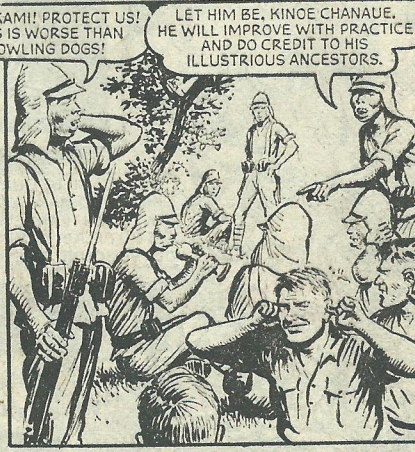
HO-KENJI! PLAY US MUSIC WHILE WE EAT!

THAT PERISHING JAP HAS GOT MY WHISTLE-PIPE! WHAT A CHEEK!



O-MI-KAMI! PROTECT US! THIS IS WORSE THAN HOWLING DOGS!

LET HIM BE. KINOE CHANAUE, HE WILL IMPROVE WITH PRACTICE AND DO CREDIT TO HIS ILLUSTRIOUS ANCESTORS.



The Jap officer fell backwards in surprise when a hooded cobra suddenly came straight at him out of the jungle!

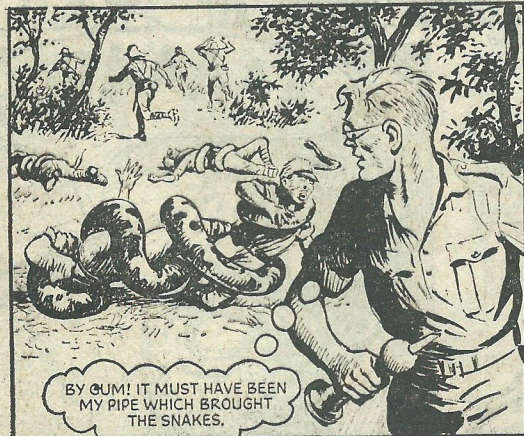
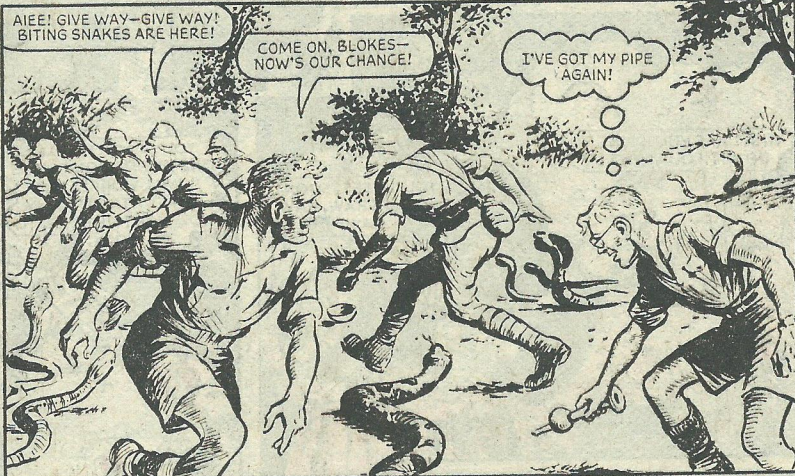


A SERPENT! A MOST DEADLY SERPENT! I AM DEAD!

AIEE! GIVE WAY—GIVE WAY! BITING SNAKES ARE HERE!

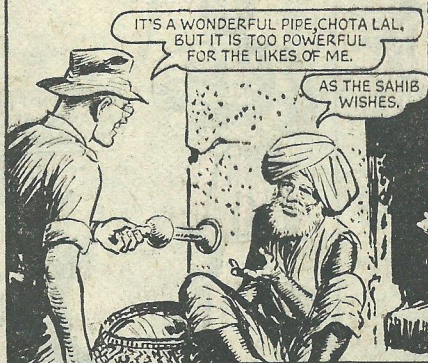
COME ON, BLOKES—NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

I'VE GOT MY PIPE AGAIN!



BY GUM! IT MUST HAVE BEEN MY PIPE WHICH BROUGHT THE SNAKES.

After that narrow escape and many months of bitter fighting, Bill Hicks found himself on leave back in India.



IT'S A WONDERFUL PIPE, CHOTA LAL, BUT IT IS TOO POWERFUL FOR THE LIKES OF ME.

AS THE SAHIB WISHES.

I'LL STICK TO A MOUTH-ORGAN IN FUTURE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE YOU ARE WITH THESE ORIENTAL GADGETS!



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