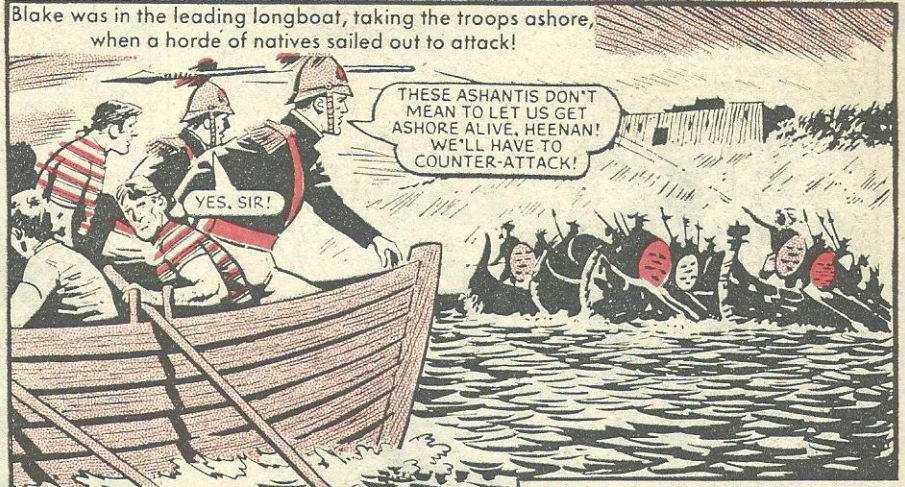


Blake gets his first taste of action—between his ship and the shore.

BLAKE OF THE BLUES

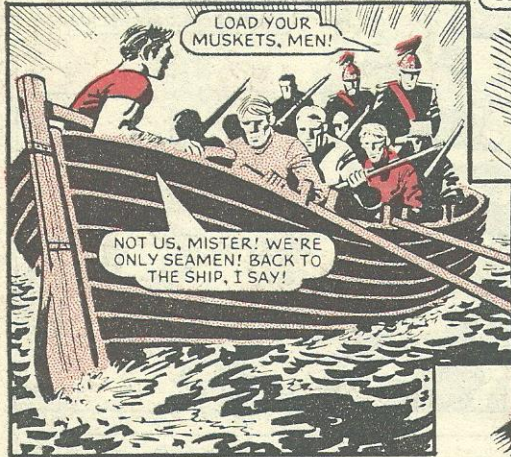
LEUTENANT JOHN BLAKE, of the Blues, was on his way to serve with the Royal African Corps at Takoradi, on the west coast of Africa. Also in the draft was Private Heenan, who had served under Blake at home.

Blake was in the leading longboat, taking the troops ashore, when a horde of natives sailed out to attack!



THESE ASHANTIS DON'T MEAN TO LET US GET ASHORE ALIVE, HEENAN! WE'LL HAVE TO COUNTER-ATTACK!

YES, SIR!



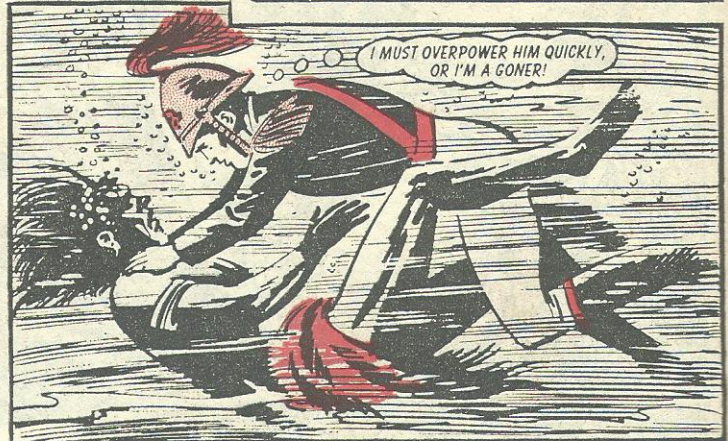
LOAD YOUR MUSKETS, MEN!

NOT US, MISTER! WE'RE ONLY SEAMEN! BACK TO THE SHIP, I SAY!



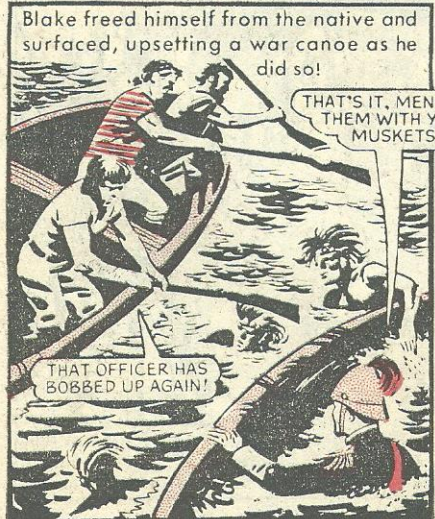
The natives closed in on the longboat!

MR. BLAKE'S BEING HAULED OVERBOARD!



Blake still continued to fight.

I MUST OVERPOWER HIM QUICKLY, OR I'M A GONER!



Blake freed himself from the native and surfaced, upsetting a war canoe as he did so!

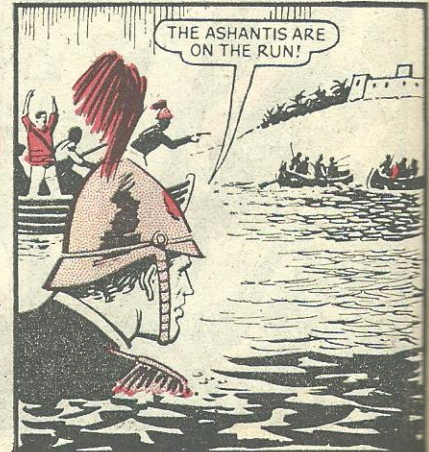
THAT'S IT, MEN! CLUB THEM WITH YOUR MUSKETS!

THAT OFFICER HAS BOBBED UP AGAIN!



THEY'VE WAKENED UP AT THE FORT! THAT'S CANNON-FIRE!

I HAVEN'T ENJOYED MYSELF SO MUCH IN A LONG TIME! I'M GETTING THE ACTION I WANTED SO BADLY!



THE ASHANTIS ARE ON THE RUN!