

When all the soldiers were ashore, Blake formed them up and marched to the barracks.

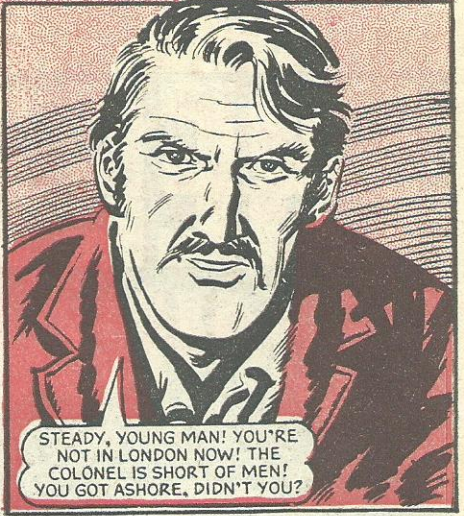
RIGHT, MEN! PULL YOUR SHOULDERS BACK, MARCH AT ATTENTION! LET THEM SEE THAT YOU'RE REAL SOLDIERS!



Blake reported to the commander of Fort Takoradi.

MY NAME IS COLONEL WALLACE, THIS IS MR. FLOYD OF THE GUINEA TRADING COMPANY! SORRY YOU HAD TROUBLE LANDING—

WHY WEREN'T THE GUNS FIRED EARLIER? ARE YOU SENDING ANYONE AFTER OUR ATTACKERS?



STEADY, YOUNG MAN! YOU'RE NOT IN LONDON NOW! THE COLONEL IS SHORT OF MEN! YOU GOT ASHORE, DIDN'T YOU?



IN THAT CASE, SIR, I REQUEST PERMISSION TO TAKE MY DRAFT AFTER THE NATIVES! WE LOST SOME GOOD MEN!

DO AS YOU WILL, BUT YOU'LL FIND THAT THIS CLIMATE WILL QUENCH YOUR SPIRIT BEFORE LONG!

WELL SAID, COLONEL!



Guided by a friendly native soldier from the fort, Blake led his men into the bush. His purposeful manner had won him the respect of the troops who had arrived with him.

LOOK! SLAVES? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, AHMED?



IT IS ABDUL BEN ALI, THE TRADER IN SLAVES, SUH! HE IS EXPECTED AT THE FORT!

AT A MILITARY FORT? THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! LOOK HOW THESE POOR WRETCHES ARE BEING ILL-TREATED!



AH, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SENT AS AN ESCORT! FLOYD MUST BE WORRIED FOR OUR SAFETY. MOVE, YOU SCUM!

ENOUGH OF THAT!



ESCORT MY FOOT! GIVE ME THAT WHIP! SEE HOW YOU LIKE A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE!

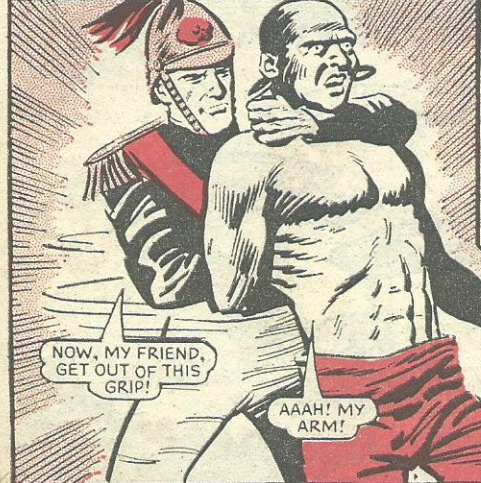
HELP! HELP! HAUL HIM OFF, BOLLO!



BREAK HIS NECK, BOLLO!

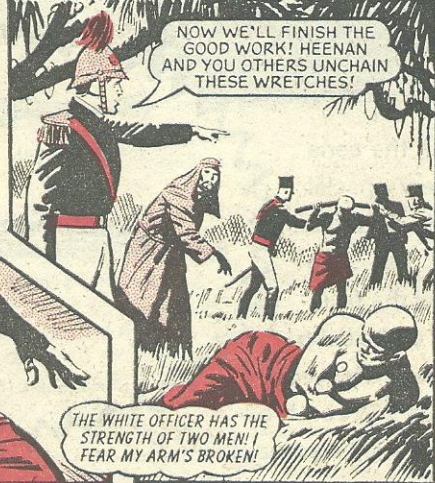
AT YOUR ORDER, ABDUL BEN ALI!

PUT YOUR RIFLE DOWN, HEENAN! I'LL DEAL WITH HIM!



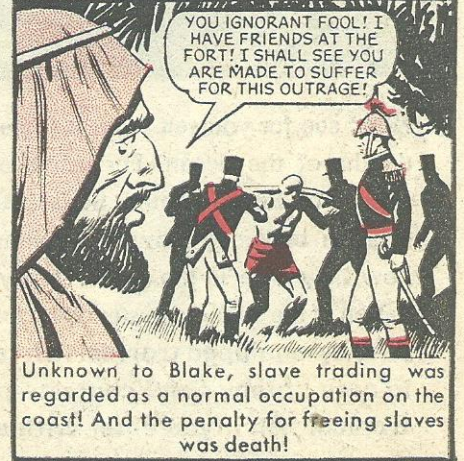
NOW, MY FRIEND, GET OUT OF THIS GRIP!

AAAAH! MY ARM!



NOW WE'LL FINISH THE GOOD WORK! HEENAN AND YOU OTHERS UNCHAIN THESE WRETCHES!

THE WHITE OFFICER HAS THE STRENGTH OF TWO MEN! I FEAR MY ARM'S BROKEN!



YOU IGNORANT FOOL! I HAVE FRIENDS AT THE FORT! I SHALL SEE YOU ARE MADE TO SUFFER FOR THIS OUTRAGE!

Unknown to Blake, slave trading was regarded as a normal occupation on the coast! And the penalty for freeing slaves was death!

Blake is thrown in prison by his Colonel in NEXT WEEK'S thrilling story.