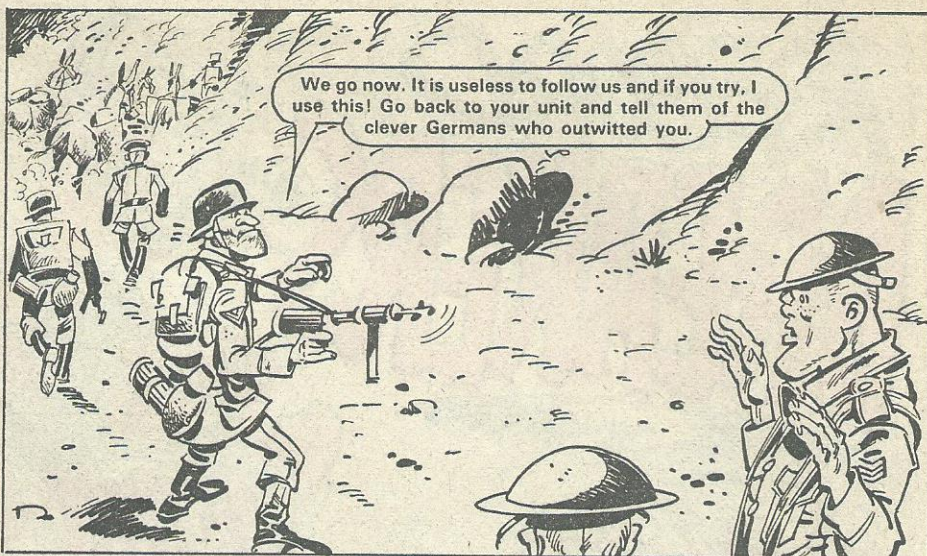


The fight seemed to go out of Mulligan quickly.



Sure, sure. You'll find both in the pannier on that mule.



We go now. It is useless to follow us and if you try, I use this! Go back to your unit and tell them of the clever Germans who outwitted you.

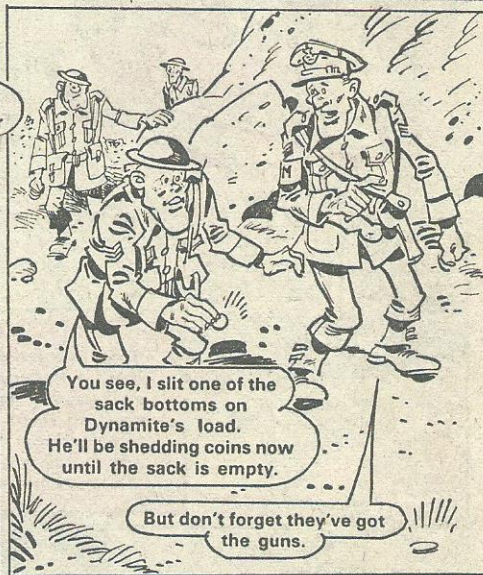


They're well away now, let's follow their tracks . . .

But their secret trail will be well hidden.

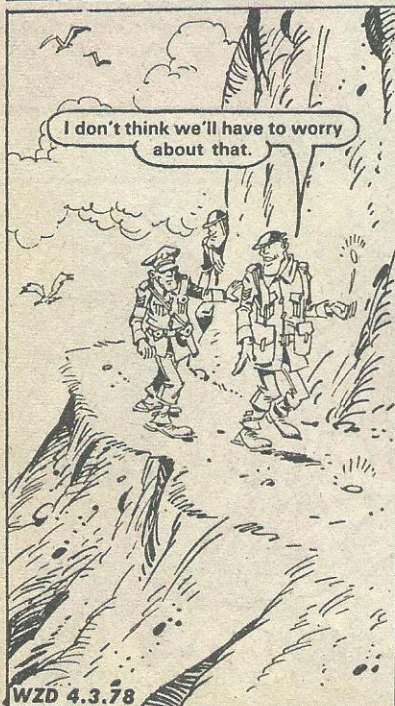


Well, as a matter of fact, it might just be possible to follow a marked trail. Marked in gold. Here's the first clue . . . and I see another ahead.

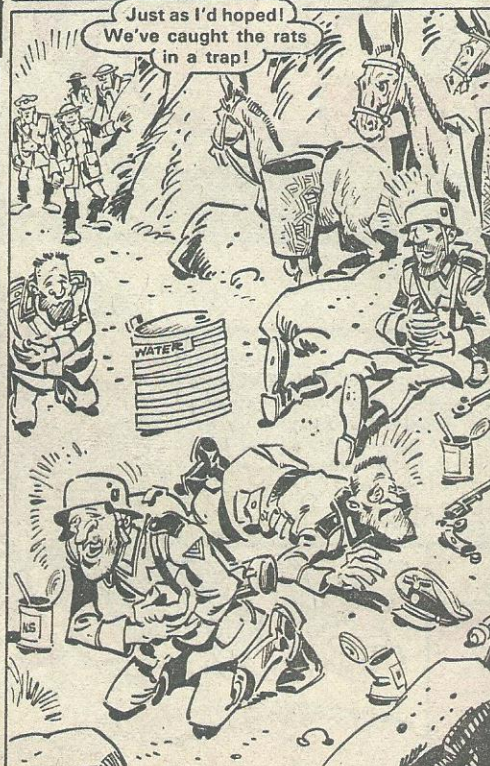


You see, I slit one of the sack bottoms on Dynamite's load. He'll be shedding coins now until the sack is empty.

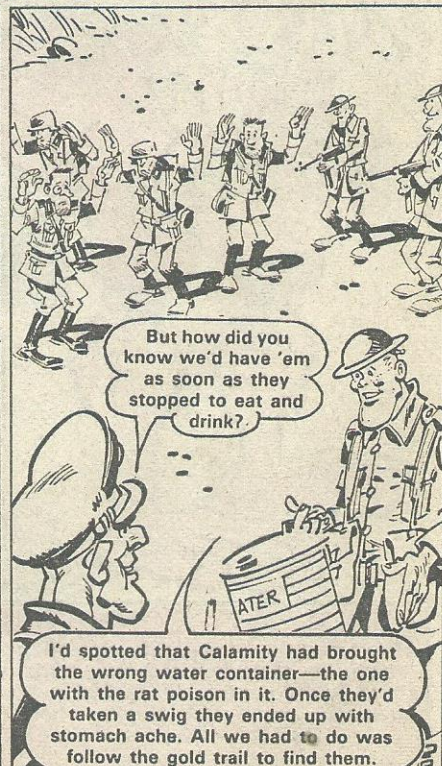
But don't forget they've got the guns.



I don't think we'll have to worry about that.



Just as I'd hoped! We've caught the rats in a trap!



But how did you know we'd have 'em as soon as they stopped to eat and drink?

I'd spotted that Calamity had brought the wrong water container—the one with the rat poison in it. Once they'd taken a swig they ended up with stomach ache. All we had to do was follow the gold trail to find them.

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NEXT WEEK—Sniper trouble for Mulligan.