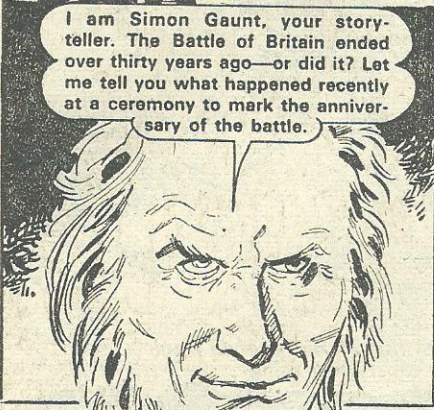


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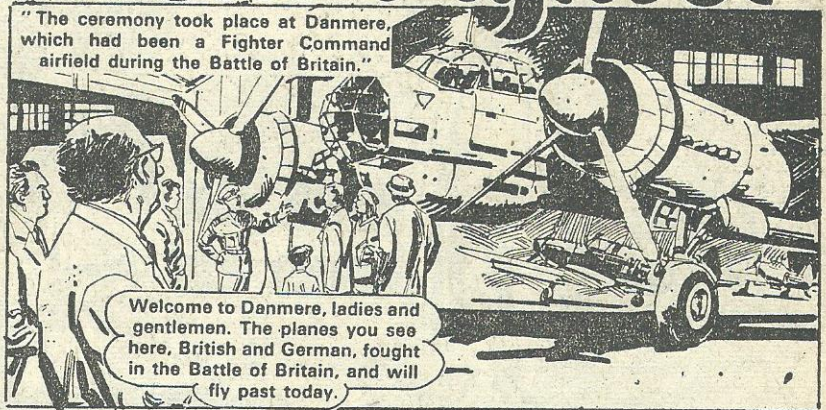
Phantom Fighter

I am Simon Gaunt, your story-teller. The Battle of Britain ended over thirty years ago—or did it? Let me tell you what happened recently at a ceremony to mark the anniversary of the battle.



"The ceremony took place at Danmere, which had been a Fighter Command airfield during the Battle of Britain."

Welcome to Danmere, ladies and gentlemen. The planes you see here, British and German, fought in the Battle of Britain, and will fly past today.

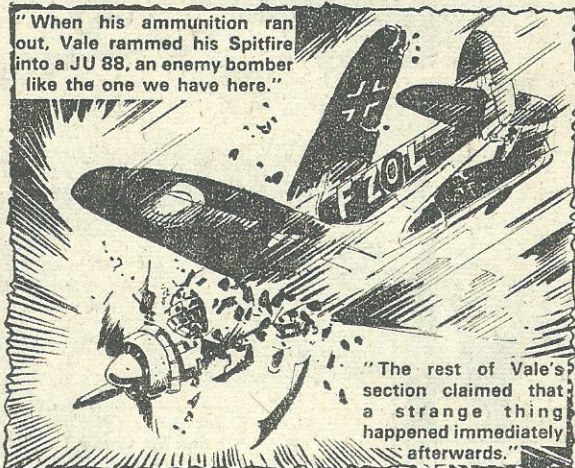


These are some of the fighter pilots of those days. Here is Squadron Leader Tony Vale, who won a posthumous Victoria Cross.



"When his ammunition ran out, Vale rammed his Spitfire into a JU 88, an enemy bomber like the one we have here."

The rest of Vale's section claimed that a strange thing happened immediately afterwards.



This is Blue Leader! I got him! So long, boys! Good hunting!

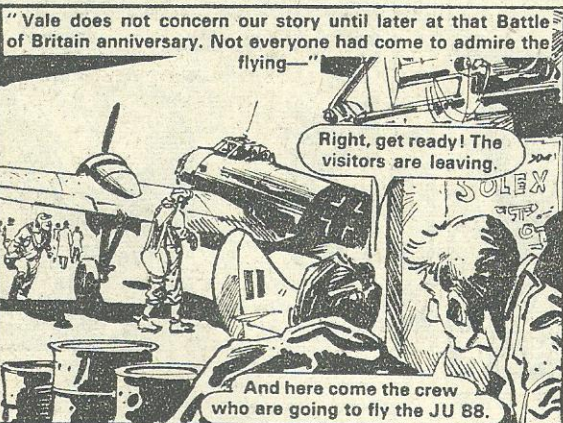
That's Tony's voice! But it can't be! He's dead! He's just killed himself!



"Vale does not concern our story until later at that Battle of Britain anniversary. Not everyone had come to admire the flying—"

Right, get ready! The visitors are leaving.

And here come the crew who are going to fly the JU 88.



Urgh!

Get them out of sight! Load the bombs!



There goes the JU 88. Once an enemy in our skies, but now taking part in the fly-past to honour those who died on both sides.



Bring her round on the bombing run. Most of Britain's top service officers are down there, and the fools suspect nothing! We shall wipe out the country's leadership at one blow!



There's a Spitfire! What's he doing airborne? The Spitfire isn't due to go over until the end of the fly-past.



Bandits at twelve o'clock! Tally-ho, boys!

That's the Battle of Britain jargon coming over our radio! But the radio isn't even switched on!

