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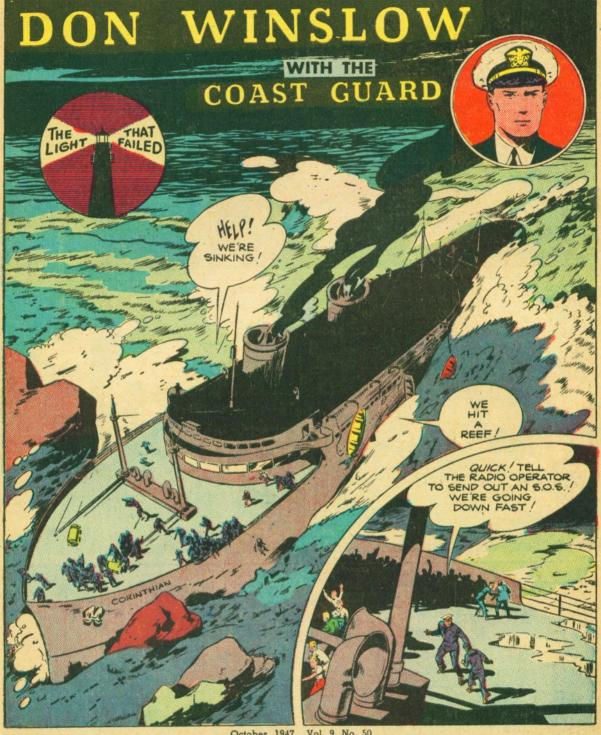




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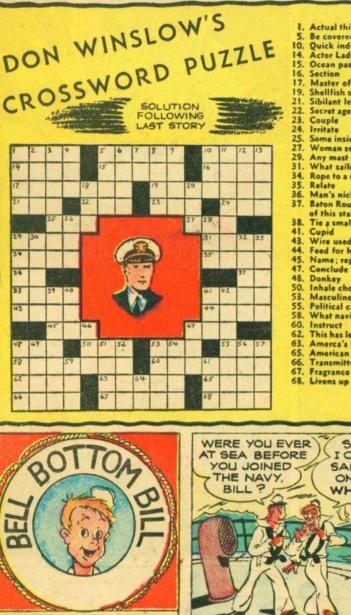
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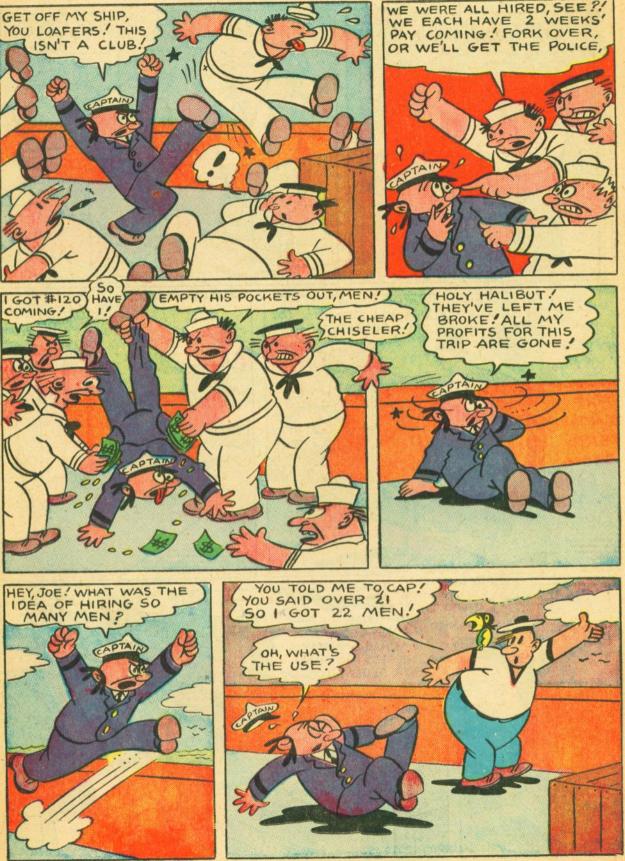
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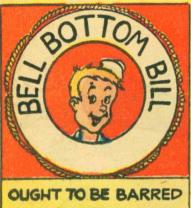
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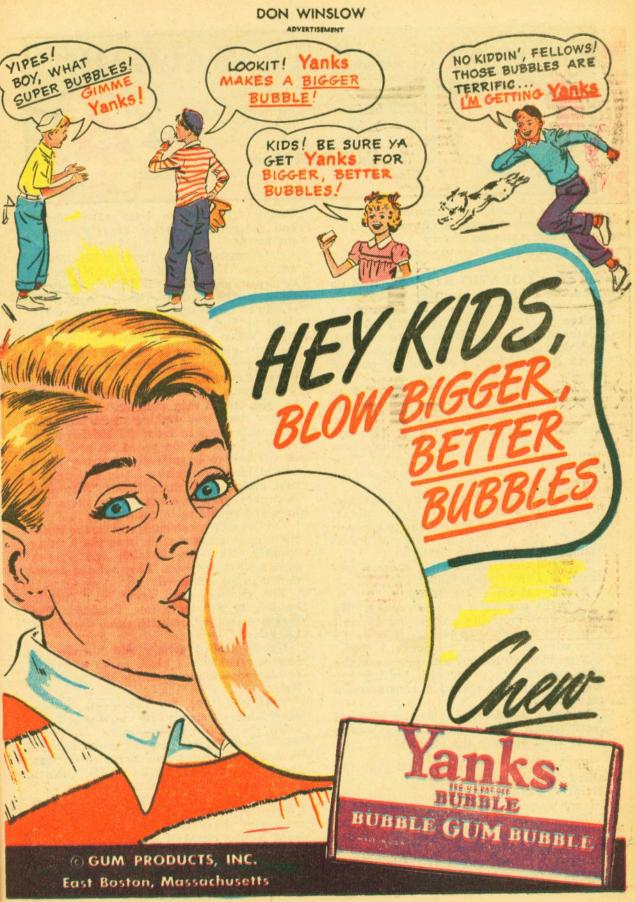


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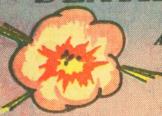






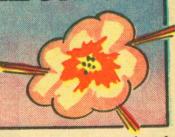


#### DEATH AT TRAFALGAR



("Warriors Of The Sea" Yarn

By Richard Kraus



\*Mid battleshot and thunder Each sailor bowed his head Tearful was the victory Lord Horatio Nelson was dead!

ord Horatio Nelson stood on the bridge of his flagship, the Victory, surveying the calm seas through a telescope. It was the eighteenth day of October, 1805, and, fifty miles to the east, the combined French and Spanish fleets, Lord Nelson knew, waited in the port of Cadiz.

For almost a month now, the British fleet had patrolled the coast off the Straits of Gibraltar, waiting for the enemy to come out of hiding. And now, with fine weather and an easterly wind, the signal had come from an inshore frigate: "The French and Spanish are coming out of

port. Be ready!"

Lord Nelson put down his telescope. Below him, on the deck, the signal officer, Lieutenant Pasco, was speaking to a young midshipman. As Nelson watched, Pasco stamped his foot with irritation.

"What's the trouble down there, Lieu-

tenant?" Lord Nelson called.
The signal officer looked up.

"It's the coxswain, sir" he replied. "He was so busy receiving and getting off mail bags that he forgot to post a letter to his own wife. It's still in his pocket."

The admiral looked astern, where the mail packet was under sail, beating her way through the seas. He considered a

moment . .

"Hoist a signal to bring her back," Lord Nelson said. "He may die tomorrow—his

letter shall go with the others!"

IT WAS A LONG CHASE that the allied French and Spanish fleets had led Horatio Nelson. He had pursued the French commander-in-chief, Vice-Admiral Villeneuve, to the West Indies and back.

But now, at last, he knew that Villeneuve, with the Spanish Vice-Admiral Gravina, was coming out of Cadiz, with a powerful fleet, numbering thirty-five ships of the line, five frigates and two brigs. Though the British were out-numbered and out-gunned, Nelson eagerly awaited the battle.

"My battle orders, Captain Blackwood, are these." Nelson said to one of his trusted subordinates. "We will form a body of eight fast ships of the line, to attack the enemy in his center. We must keep to leeward of him, and attack as soon as possible. When the formation is broken up, we must give them no time to reform!"

The gray-haired Blackwood saluted his

young superior.

"I'll issue copies of the plan of attack,"

he said, "to all ship captains."

Now there was nothing to do but wait, as reports came in from the British scout vessels. Lord Nelson paced up and down on his bridge impatiently, pausing for a few moments to write a letter to England that closed with these lines: "May God Almighty give us success over these fellows and enable us to get a peace ..."

On October nineteenth, and on the twentieth, more reports came in to the waiting Victory. Now the Spanish and French were well out of port. They seemed deter-

mined to go westward.

The excited word came in, "They're headed by the Santisima Trinidad. The biggest vessel afloat, with three decks and 130 guns!"

Nelson smiled grimly and his slender fingers touched the black patch over one of his eyes—souvenir of the Battle of the

Nile.

"We will head for the south, Blackwood," he said slowly, "to cut them off."

On the morning of October 21, there was a great swell from the west, sign of an oncoming storm. The British fleet was about ten miles northwest of the enemy, with Cape Trafalgar barely to be seen in the distance. This was the time to strike!

Swiftly, as he saw the spread-out formation of the French and Spanish ships, Lord Nelson changed his battle plans. He ordered the British ships into two columns of attack. Captain Collingwood was to command a column aimed at the southern flank of the enemy, and Nelson himself

spearheaded a thrust at a point a few ships north of center. His intention was to overpower them from this point to the rear of the fleet. With the wind lying as it did, it would be difficult for the other enemy vessels to tack about and engage

Meanwhile, as the Victory moved forward in the early morning light, its crew could see the distant French ships draw-

ing closer together.

'That's Villeneuve for you, son," a grizzled gunner's mate said to a young

cabin boy.

"We fought him in the Mediterranean and he got away from us there. But he'll

not escape this time."

At 9:30, the first enemy shot whined over the Victory. They were six miles away. Now the moments dragged by as the gap narrowed and the waves grew more turbulent. It was 11 o'clock, and Nelson clenched his fist.

"Lieutenant Pasco," he told his signal officer, "Send this signal to every ship in the fleet as we go into battle. Tell them-England expects . . . that every man . . . will do his duty."

Now the enemy sails loomed up big and white to the oncoming British. Advancing under a faint breeze, the Victory took a hail of shot through her main-top gallant sail, and a storm of round shot that swept the decks.

"Sir!" A breathless midshipman saluted Nelson. "Your secretary - Mr. Scott - he

was killed by that last volley!"

Lord Nelson's lips tightened. The Victory forged slowly ahead. The mizzen topmast was shot away and eight marines killed by a single shell. Still the Victory kept forward, Captain Hardy at the helm. Her target was Villeneuve's flagship, the giant Bucentaure.

At one o'clock Hardy put the British flagship past the Bucentaure's. Thirty feet

away, Nelson shouted:

"Now! Give them double shots, men!"

His command touched off a tremendous volley of double loaded guns. Smoke covered both ships, and the shattered Bucentaure reeled away, having lost twenty guns and almost four hundred men in the single discharge!

Having pierced the French line, Nelson had the Victory put her helm up, turning to the right, to attack the Redoubtable. As the guns of both ships cannonaded in an ear-shattering exchange, Admiral Nelson and Captain Hardy walked back and forth

on the quarter deck.

High in the rigging of the French vessel, keen marksmen climbed, with primed muskets. One of them poised precariously next to the mainsail, waiting for a shot, waiting . . . waiting . . .

Suddenly the thin crack of the sniper's

rifle sounded!

Horatio Nelson whirled about and collapsed to the deck. Captain Hardy knelt. to catch the choking words, "My backbone . . . it's shot through."

Grimy-faced tars carefully carried their fallen commander below, making a bed for him in the cockpit. Surgeon Beatty hurried to him there. A hasty diagnosis showed that the musketball had passed through his shoulder, pierced the lung and spine.

Nelson lay there in mortal pain, as the others brought him cooling drinks and prayed for him. It was all, the doctor said,

that they could do.

The young Admiral's face twitched, as he listened to the waning and growing sounds of battle overhead. An hour after he was hit. Nelson heard a great shout go up overhead, and he motioned painfully to his signal lieutenant.

"Pasco," he whispered, "what was that?" "Another French ship has struck her

colors, sir!"

"Good, good." Nelson smiled faintly.

"Bring Hardy to me!"

At five after two, Villeneuve surrendered the Bucentaure, and, one by one, the French and Spanish ships surrendered to the relentless British attack.

Soon after, Captain Hardy strode, breathless, into the cockpit. He knelt before his chief, and read the question in his

"A few have escaped to sea or port, Lord Nelson, but we've captured eighteen of

them!"

"That is well . . ." Nelson said, every word a stab of pain. "I had bargained for twenty . . . "

He looked up at Hardy.

"I wish I had not . . . left the deck-for I shall soon be gone . . .

THE GREAT VICTORY at Trafalger meant the defeat of the forces of France that, under Napoleon, had threatened to dominate all the civilized world. It was a triumph notable in the pages of history, but it cost the life of the man who had planned and won it.

At half past four, three hours after being wounded, Horatio, Lord Nelson, passed away. His last words were faint, but a few men there in the cockpit heard them.

"... for ... God . . . and . . . my country . . . "



















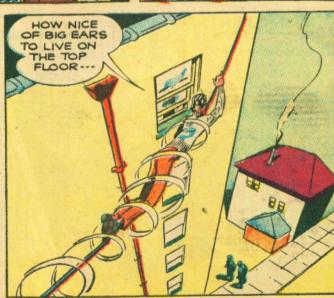




































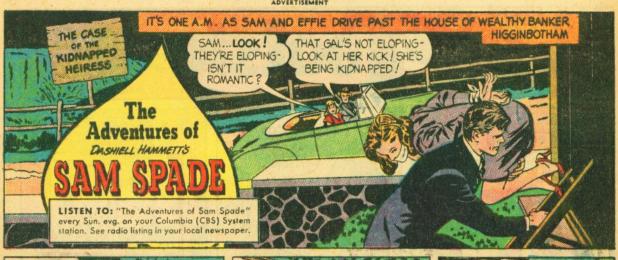




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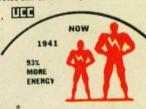
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