

Mud, blood, And Victory

The Great Battle of Passchendaele



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A ROOKIE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, NONETHELESS FIERCE AFTER LOSING HIS ELDEST BROTHER TO CENTRAL POWERS, THOMAS MORRISON WAS SENT INTO THE MUDDY TERRAIN OF PASSCHENDAELE ALONGSIDE HIS FRIENDS AND FELLOW ALLIES ON OCTOBER 2ND, 1917.

WHILE ON THE FRONTLINE HIM AND THE ENGINEERING CREW WERE STRUGGLING TO CONSTRUCT/REPAIR A TUNNEL DUE TO THE DEEP MUD, BUT EVENTUALLY GOT THE JOB DONE.

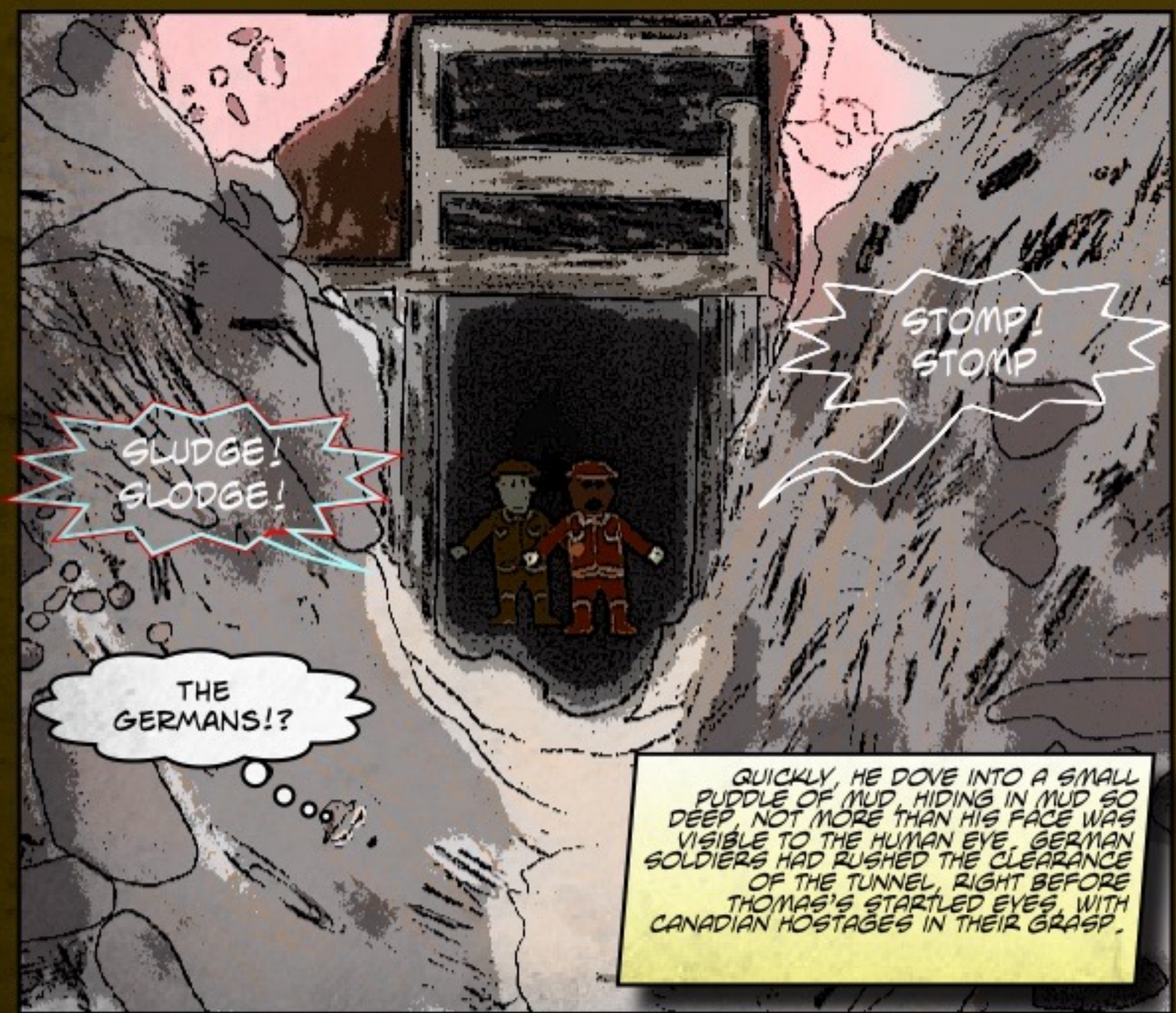


ONCE FINISHED, THOMAS WAS ASSIGNED TO INFORM THE MAIN OFFICER OF THE COMPLETION.



THOSE SCUM WILL PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID...

WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE SEEMINGLY MISSING OFFICER, HE HEARD BOOMING GUNSHOTS COMING FROM THE TUNNEL, EACH GUNSHOT SEEMINGLY GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER, THEN ALL WENT SILENT. THOMAS WAS HORRIFIED.



THE GERMANS!?

QUICKLY, HE DROVE INTO A SMALL PUDDLE OF MUD, HIDING IN MUD SO DEEP, NOT MORE THAN HIS FACE WAS VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE. GERMAN SOLDIERS HAD RUSHED THE CLEARANCE OF THE TUNNEL, RIGHT BEFORE THOMAS'S STARTLED EYES, WITH CANADIAN HOSTAGES IN THEIR GRASP.

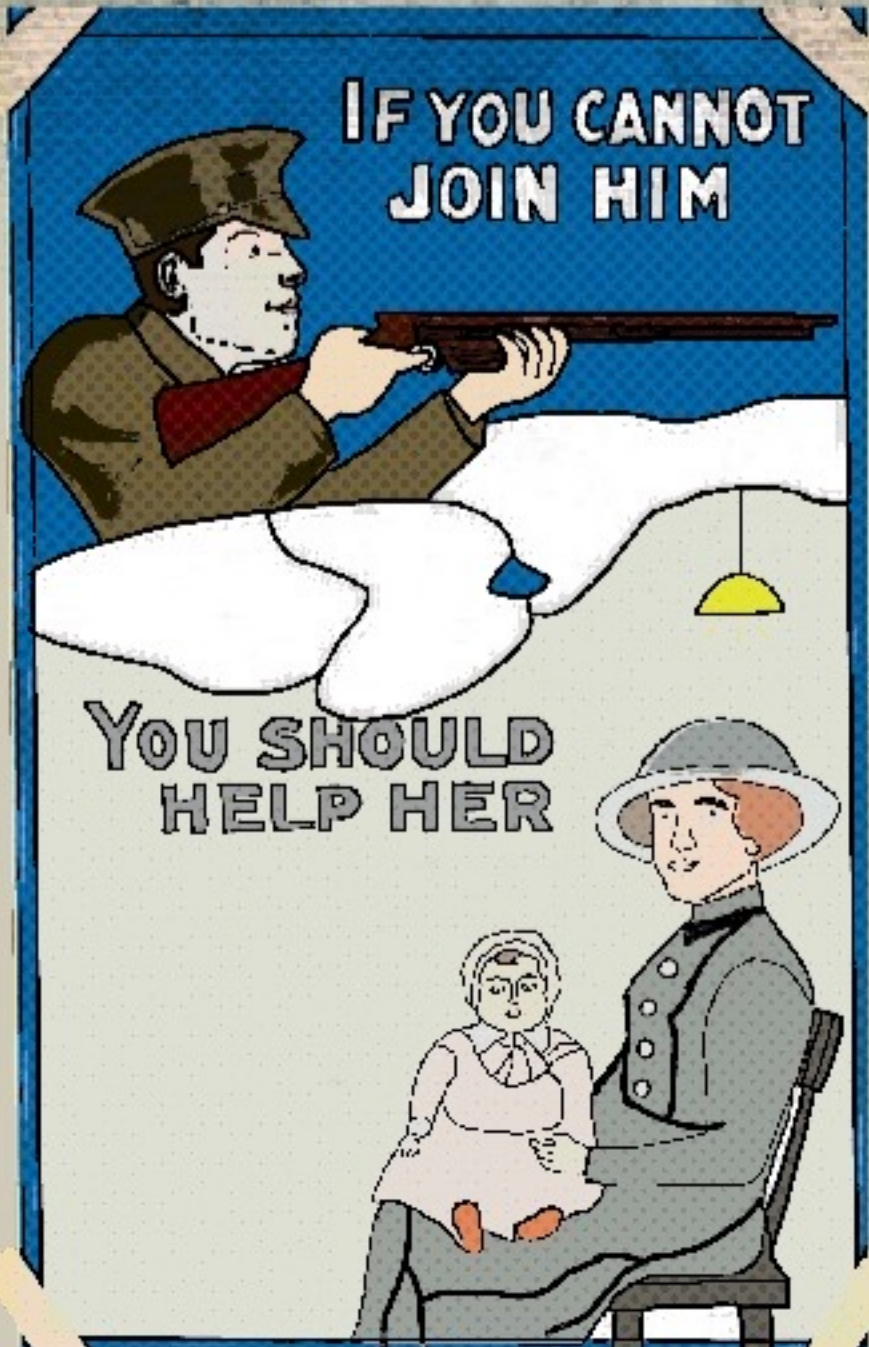
THOMAS DECIDED TO HIDE IN THE MUD FOR MINUTES, YET TIME SEEMED TO TICK BY THE HOUR, THEN HE REMEMBERED WHY HE CAME TO WAR. HIS BROTHERS DEATH. THOSE POSTERS OF FAME EVERYWHERE IN TOWN. IT WAS THOMAS, AND HIS WILL TO AVENGE HIS BROTHER.



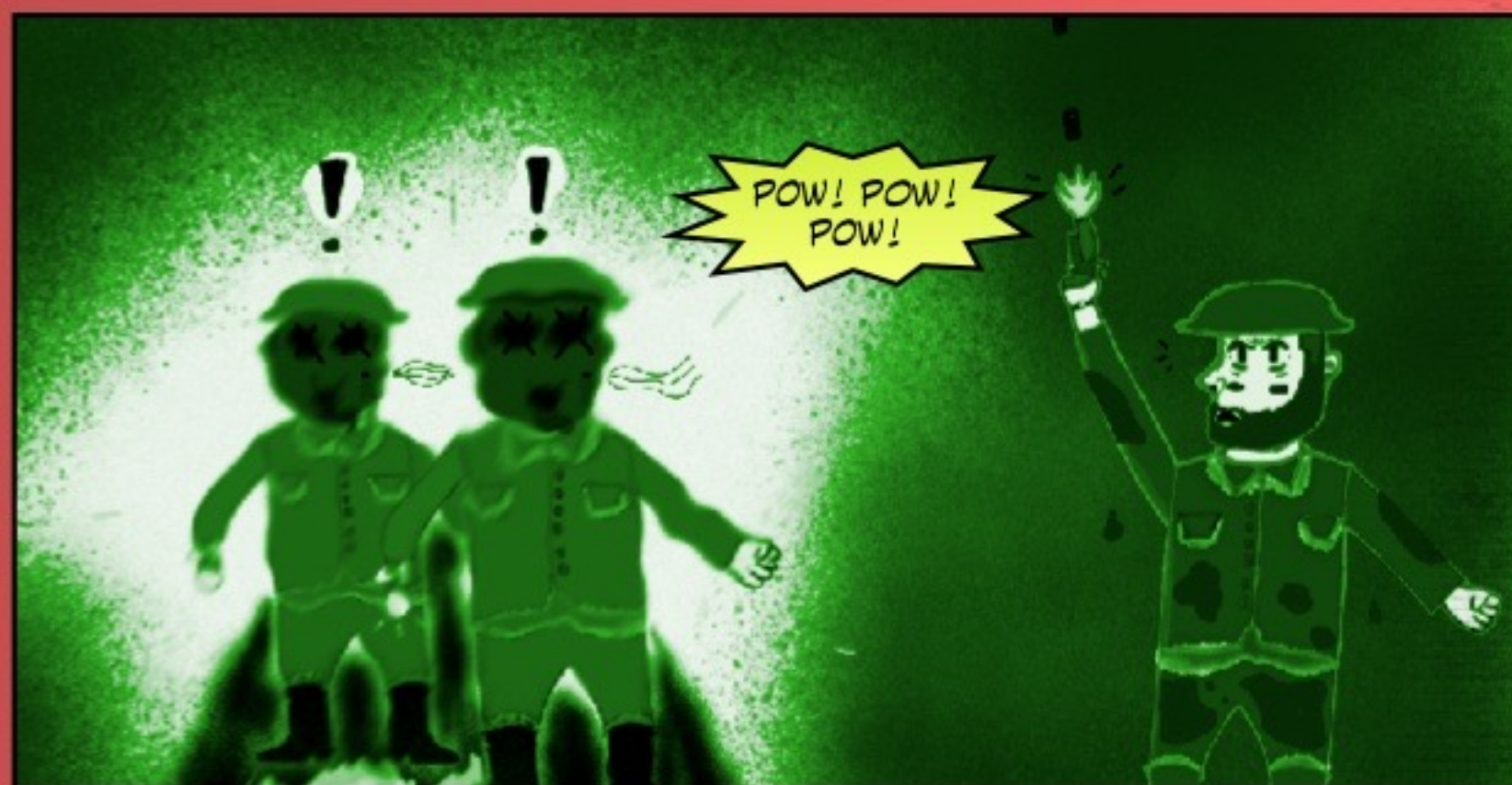
IN THE TIME OF WW1, PROPAGANDA WAS PROVEN INFINITELY CRUCIAL. FROM POSTERS SET UP AROUND TOWN ON BILLBOARDS TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER, PROPAGANDA ALWAYS FOUND IT'S WAY TO CAPTURE THE ATTENTION OF YOUNG MEN.

BUT NOT JUST THE MEN, THE WOMEN, AND THE YOUTH BACK AT HOME.

ESSENTIALLY, IT WAS MEANT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO "INSPIRE, INFORM, AND PERSUADE THE PUBLIC", NO MATTER HOW FABRICATED AND MISLEADING IT MAY BE.



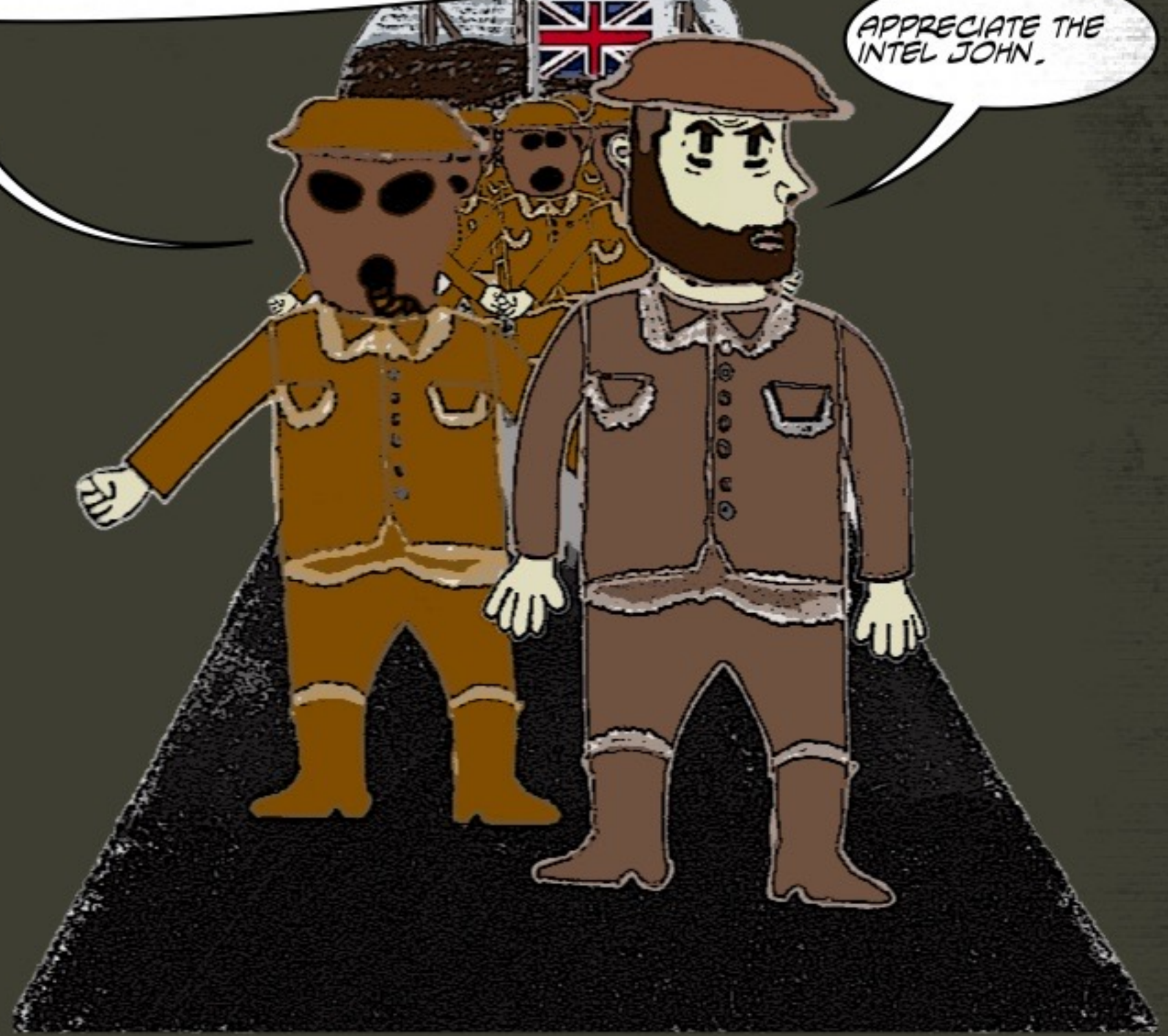
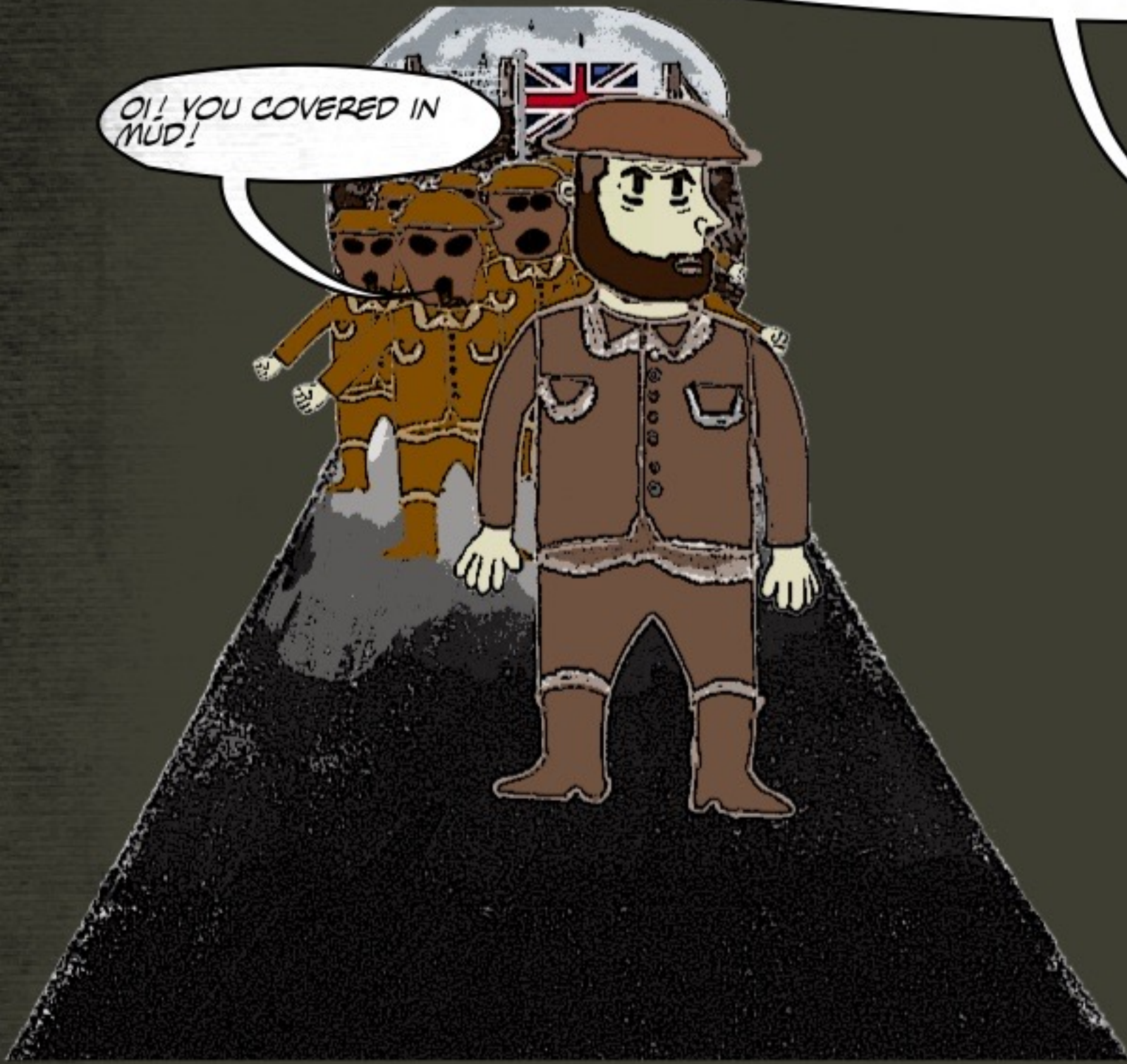
LIGHTS IN THE DISTANCE. A DUO OF GERMAN SOLDIERS. THOMAS DOVE ONTO THE GROUND COVERED IN MUD ONCE AGAIN.



"THE NAME'S JOHN. JOHN MCCRAE. I COULDN'T GO WITHOUT SAYING YOUR BRAVERY WAS TO SAY THE LEAST HEROIC." "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" THOMAS REPLIES. "I MUST ALSO INFORM YOU, THAT THE NEW TANKS ARE PUSHING THE ENEMY LINES UP ABOVE PENETRATING BARBED WIRE WHILE THE ARTILLERY ARE SENDING IN THE BOMBARDEMENTS ON THE ENEMY BASE. AND THEN THERE'S US. ONE OF THE MANY INFANTRY FORCES PRESSURING THE GERMAN TERRITORY. CURRIE ORDERS US TO ATTACK IN MULTIPLE SMALL TROOPS AS WELL AS TO "BITE AND HOLD" THE ENEMY POSITIONS".

OI! YOU COVERED IN MUD!

APPRECIATE THE INTEL JOHN.



ARTHUR CURRIE WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE CANADIAN CORPS DURING THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE, AND HIS CAREFUL PLANNING AND TACTICAL SKILLS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THE CANADIAN FORCES.

EVENTUALLY, THE ALLIES BEGAN TO SEE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. OUT OF NOWHERE, A GAS BOMB WAS PROJECTED AT US, YET THE GERMANS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WE WERE MORE THAN PREPARED.



AS WE WALKED THROUGH THE CHLORINE GAS, THE LOOK ON THE GERMANS STARTLED FACES WASN'T



THE REMAINING GERMANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED.