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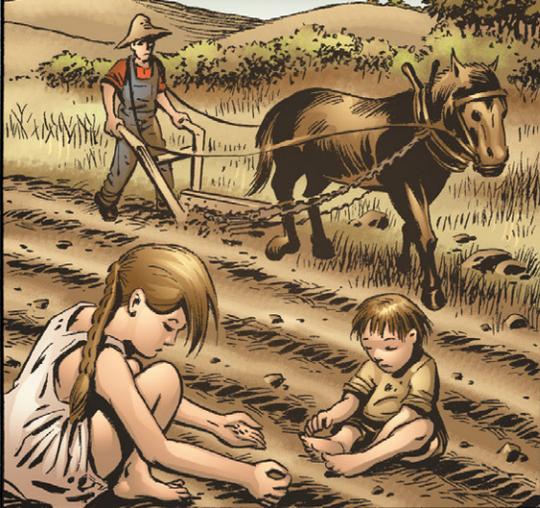
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FROM THE HUMBLEST OF BEGINNINGS, A TENNESSEE FARM BOY BECAME ONE OF THE MOST DECORATED SOLDIERS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THIS IS THE STORY OF...

ALVIN YORK



AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER, ALVIN YORK BECAME THE SOLE PROVIDER FOR HIS MOTHER AND TEN SIBLINGS.



WORKING THE FARM, HIRING OUT AS A LOGGER AND SAWYER, EVEN HIS FREE TIME WAS SPENT MAKING SURE HIS FAMILY WAS FED.



A WILD PERIOD OF HIS LIFE BEHIND HIM, YORK FORESWORE DRINKING, GAMBLING AND FIGHTING TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO THE LOCAL CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION.

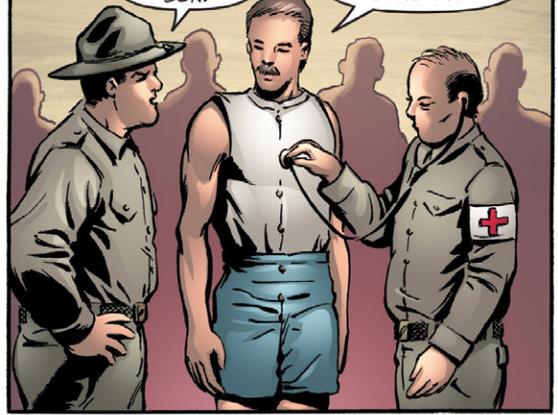
MARK THE WONDERS OF HIS HAND,
POWER, NO EMPIRE CAN WITHSTAND.



WHEN AMERICA ENTERED THE FIRST WORLD WAR, YORK WAS DRAFTED INTO THE US ARMY AS A PRIVATE IN THE 82ND DIVISION.

I HEAR YOU CAN SHOOT, SON.

I GENERALLY HIT WHAT I AIM AT, SERGEANT.

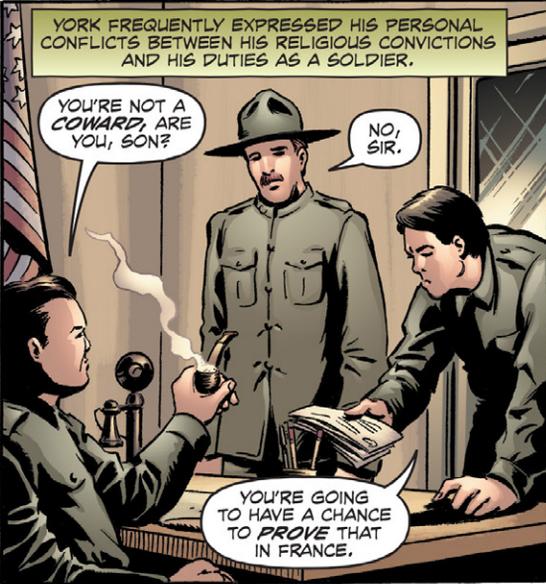


YORK FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN HIS RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS AND HIS DUTIES AS A SOLDIER.

YOU'RE NOT A COWARD, ARE YOU, SON?

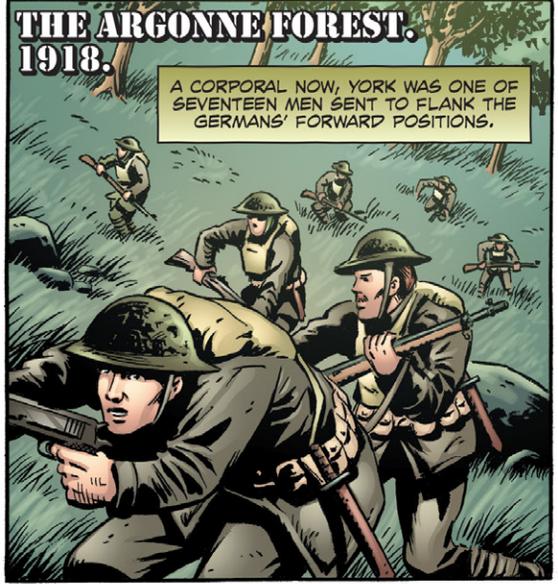
NO, SIR.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT IN FRANCE.



THE ARGONNE FOREST. 1918.

A CORPORAL NOW, YORK WAS ONE OF SEVENTEEN MEN SENT TO FLANK THE GERMANS' FORWARD POSITIONS.



THEIR FIRST SIGHTING OF GERMANS WAS A PAIR OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL FILLING CANTEENS.

HIMMEL!



YORK AND THE OTHERS GAVE CHASE.



THE MEDICS RAN BACK TO THEIR UNIT WHICH WAS POSITIONED FOR A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.



AMERIKANER SOLDATEN!

THE GERMANS WERE EXHAUSTED FROM A LONG FORCED MARCH.



NOBODY MOVE, VERSTEHEN?

HÄNDE HOCH!

SEVENTY GERMANS SURRENDERED, BELIEVING THE AMERICANS TO BE AT COMPANY STRENGTH.



YORK AND THE OTHERS HAD ARRIVED BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.



DREH DIE MAXIM! JETZT!

THE GUNS HAD TO BE TURNED TO TRAIN ON THE AMERICANS.

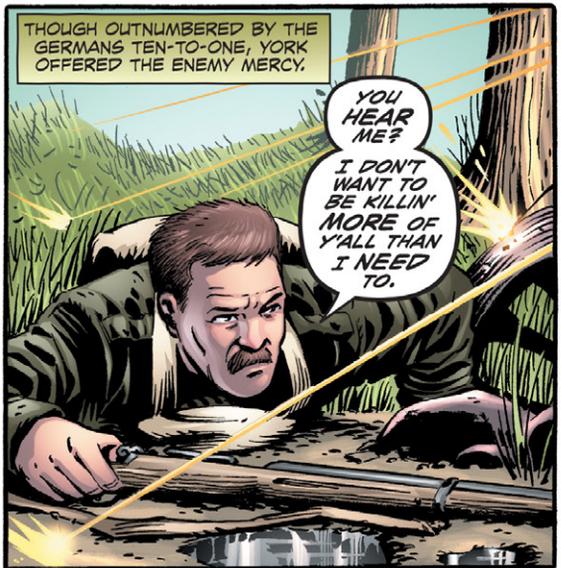
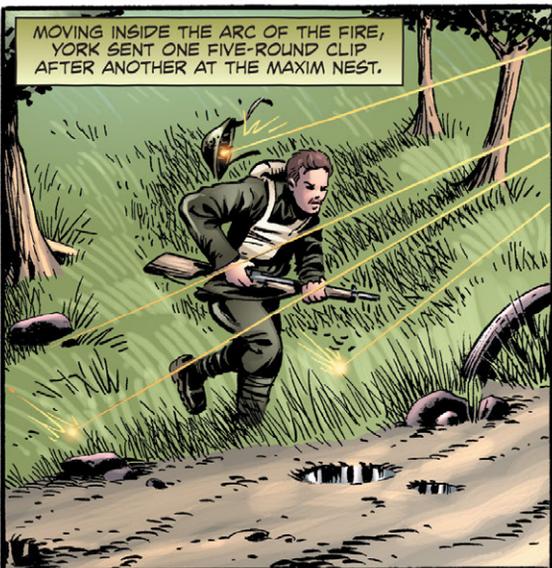
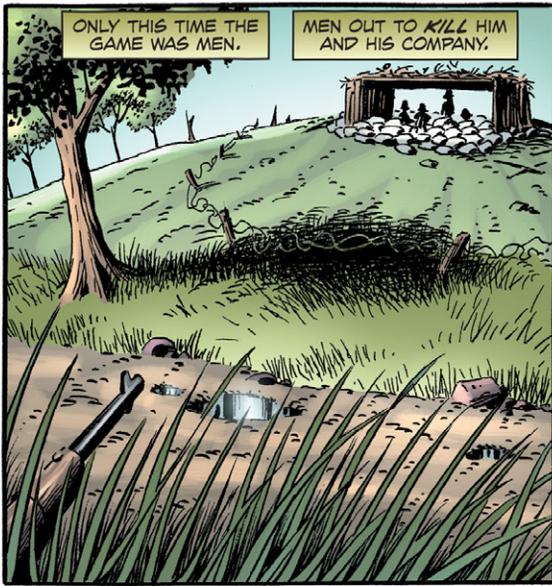
NINE AMERICANS FELL IN SECONDS.

SIX OF THEM WOULD DIE.



THOUGH THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM WOLF RIVER VALLEY, THE FOREST MEADOW FELT LIKE HOME.







SERMONS HE HEARD FROM THE PULPIT RECALLED HIS FAITH.

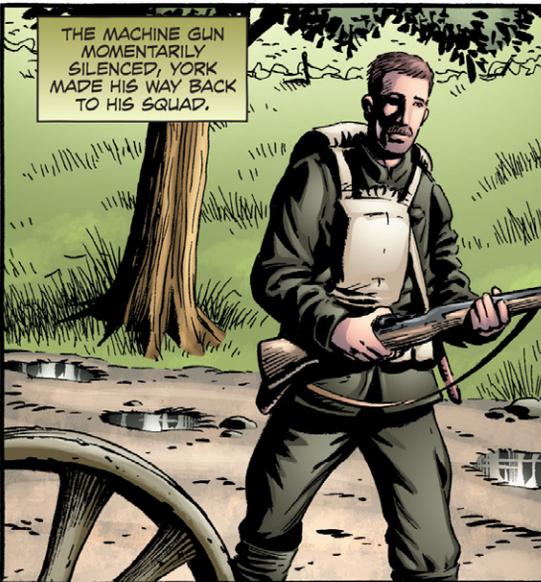
IT DON'T HAVE TO END THIS WAY!

Y'ALL GIVE UP NOW!



BUT THE DANGER TO HIS FELLOW DOUGHBOYS RECALLED HIS DUTY.

DER TEUFEL!



THE MACHINE GUN MOMENTARILY SILENCED, YORK MADE HIS WAY BACK TO HIS SQUAD.



ON HIS WAY DOWN THE HILL HE PASSED CLOSE TO A GERMAN TRENCH.

ER IST EIN MANN!
TÖTE IHN!



WITH NO TIME TO RELOAD THE RIFLE, YORK SWITCHED TO HIS PISTOL.



USING A TACTIC HE LEARNED ON TURKEY SHOTS, YORK SHOT THE MEN AT THE REAR OF THE CHARGE FIRST.







YORK LED THE SURVIVORS
BACK TO AMERICAN LINES.

ALONG THE WAY THEY
ADDED TO THEIR
PRISONER COUNT.



MOST SURPRISED OF ALL
WERE THE PRISONERS
THEMSELVES.

NUR EIN
MANN... NUR EIN
MANN...*

*ONLY ONE
MAN...



WELL,
YORK, I HEAR YOU
HAVE CAPTURED
THE WHOLE
DAMNED GERMAN
ARMY.

ONLY 132,
SIR.



HE WAS PROMOTED
TO SERGEANT FOR
HIS ACTIONS.



SOON AFTER, SERGEANT
ALVIN YORK RECEIVED HIS
NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR;
THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

WAIT TILL
MA SEES
THIS.

HE RETURNED TO
TENNESSEE
WHERE HE LIVED
UNTIL 1964.

THE END

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