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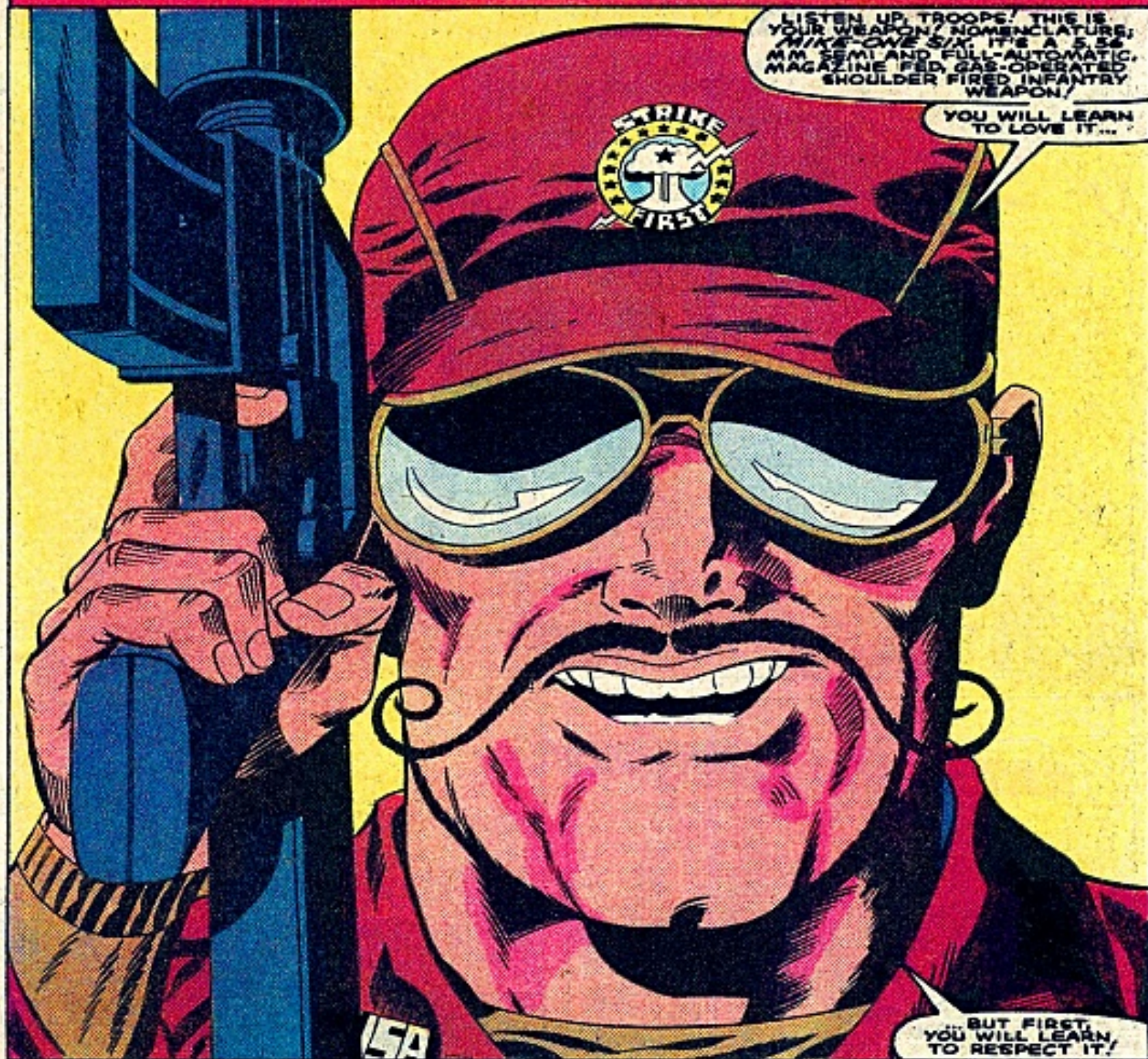
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LISTEN UP, TROOPS! THIS IS YOUR WEAPON! NOMENCLATURE: NIKE-ONE SIX. IT'S A 5.56 MM SEMI AND FULL-AUTOMATIC, MAGAZINE FED, GAS-OPERATED, SHOULDER FIRED INFANTRY WEAPON!

YOU WILL LEARN TO LOVE IT...

BUT FIRST, YOU WILL LEARN TO RESPECT IT!

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FIRST FILE, BY THE NUMBERS! PROCEED DOWNRANGE, TAKING EVASIVE ACTION, ON THE DOUBLE! MOVE IT OUT!

ONE!



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, VANCE! THESE RECRUITS ARE TOO GREEN, THEY'VE ONLY BEEN IN TRAINING HERE FOR A WEEK...

YOUR WIFE'S RIGHT, COMMANDER WINGFIELD! USING LIVE AMMO AT THIS STAGE IS TOO DANGEROUS!



YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, CARRUTHERS! AND SHARY, WHEN I WANT YOUR OPINION, I'LL ASK FOR IT! I'M NOT HERE TO WET-NURSE A GAGGLE OF PANTYWAISTS!

TWO!

TATATATATATAT!



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THREE! MOVE IT OUT! MOVE IT--

RATATATATATAT!!

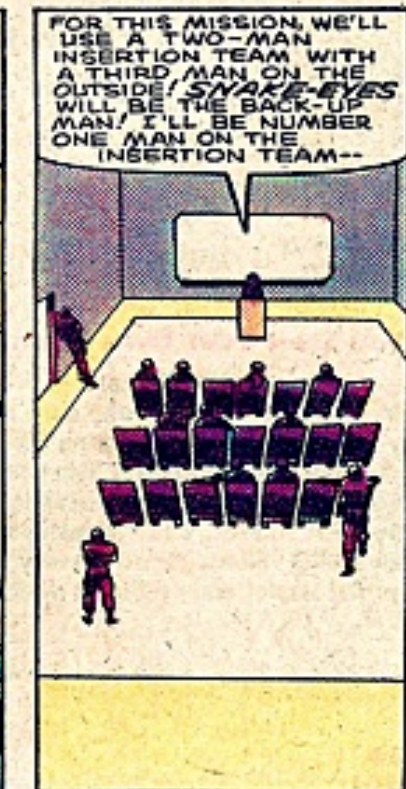
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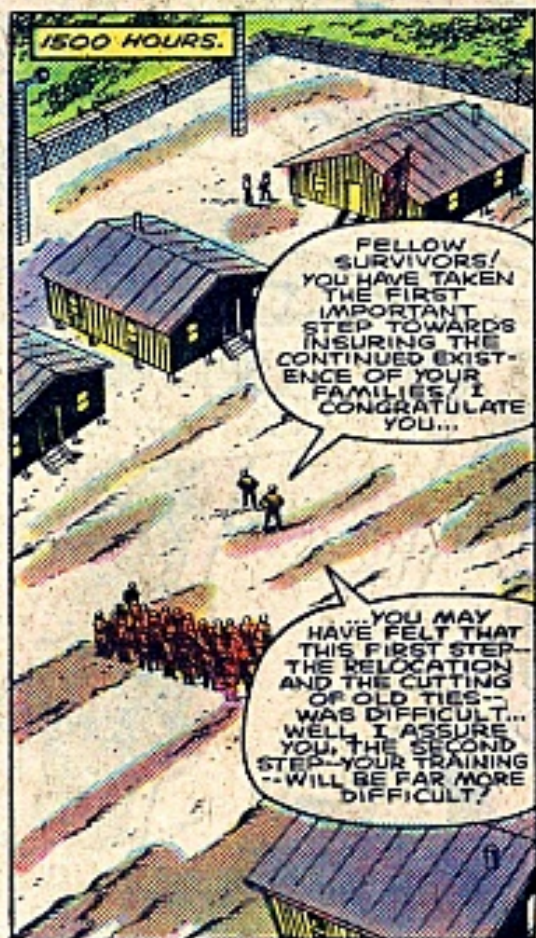
TZING! TZING! TZING!



I THINK THE BONE IS SHATTERED! HE NEEDS HOSPITAL TREATMENT!

NO! HE KNEW THE RISKS WHEN HE JOINED US. HE'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH A FIELD DRESSING AND SOME ASPIRIN...









KEEP UP THE PACE! FIVE MORE LAPS AROUND THE PERIMETER WIRE BEFORE BREAKFAST!!

WE'LL CHECK OUT THE ARMORY AT 2300 HOURS TONIGHT. SAY WE THESE OTHER GUYS ARE REALLY OUT OF SHAPE?

YEAH! WE'RE HOLDING BACK AS MUCH AS WE CAN WITHOUT BEING OBVIOUS-- AND WE'RE STILL LEADING THE PACK!



Snake-Eyes-Recon Report--
0645 hours--
Observed Hawk and Grunt pretending to be clumsy and slow in a most unconvincing manner...



in a most unconvincing manner... perimeter too well guarded for daylight penetration. Weakest link in defense is portion of fence directly below flood-lamp masts...



...four aircraft on landing strip. Three F-86 Sabre jet fighters and one fighter apparently undergoing radio repairs...



...One B-29 Super-For-
tress Heavy Bomber.
Primitive, but is well
within nuclear deli-
very capacity! Must
infiltrate and confirm
nuclear capability.
Will penetrate
tonight at --

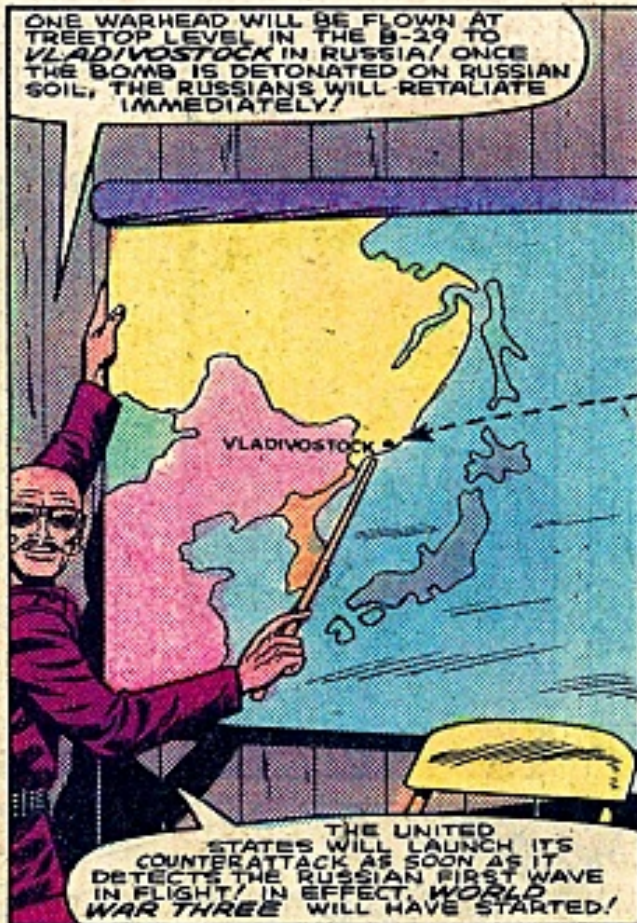






NOT IMPOSSIBLE, GENTLEMEN, THE TECHNICIANS FROM COBRA WHO INSTALLED THE SILENT ALARM SYSTEM THAT GUARDS OUR ARMORY--

--HAVE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH TWO NUCLEAR WARHEADS!



ONE WARHEAD WILL BE FLOWN AT TREETOP LEVEL IN THE B-29 TO VLADIVOSTOCK IN RUSSIA! ONCE THE BOMB IS DETONATED ON RUSSIAN SOIL, THE RUSSIANS WILL RETALIATE IMMEDIATELY!

THE UNITED STATES WILL LAUNCH ITS COUNTERATTACK AS SOON AS IT DETECTS THE RUSSIAN FIRST WAVE IN FLIGHT! IN EFFECT, **WORLD WAR THREE** WILL HAVE STARTED!



AFTER THE SWINE HAVE WIPED EACH OTHER OUT, WE SHALL EMERGE FROM OUR WELL-STOCKED FORTIFIED SHELTERS BENEATH THIS COMPOUND -- TO REBUILD A NEW WORLD IN OUR IMAGE!



THE SECOND WARHEAD IS BURIED UNDER OUR CAMP--IN A LOCATION KNOWN ONLY TO CAROLINE, MY WIFE AND ME! I CAN ARM AND SET THE DETONATOR TIMER BY REMOTE CONTROL!

IF OUR BOMBING ATTEMPT ON VLADIVOSTOCK FAILS--WE ARE UTTERLY DOOMED--BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL TRACK US TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...



ONCE SET, ONLY I CAN DISARM IT!



HOWEVER, IF WE DETONATE THE BOMB HERE IN MONTANA, THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE OPTED FOR A RETALIATORY STRIKE...



AND, ALTHOUGH WE WILL PERISH IN THE FIRST BLAST, THE SCUM THAT PERSECUTE US SHALL JOIN US IN THE BLASTS THAT FOLLOW!











I'M GOING TO THE AIRFIELD TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT CHASING DOWN THAT BOMBER!

YOU AND SNAKE-EYES GET BACK TO THE ARMORY AND KEEP AN EYE ON WINGFIELD!

GOOD HUNTING, HAWK!



LOOKS PRETTY QUIET-- ALWAYS A BAD SIGN! I'LL GO OUT AND DRAW THEIR FIRE! YOU CIRCLE 'ROUND, BACK AND TAKE A QUICK LOOK-SEE!



GIVE ME TWO QUICK SIGNAL SHOTS AND I'LL LAY DOWN COVER FIRE FOR YOUR WITHDRAWAL! THREE SHOTS WILL BE THE SIGNAL "HOLD FIRE"...



RATATATATAT!!!

THAT WAS CLOSE! THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR TALKIN' WHILE SNEAKIN'!



HE'S BEHIND THAT ROCK! MACHINE GUNNERS, LAY DOWN A FIRE OF FIRE!!

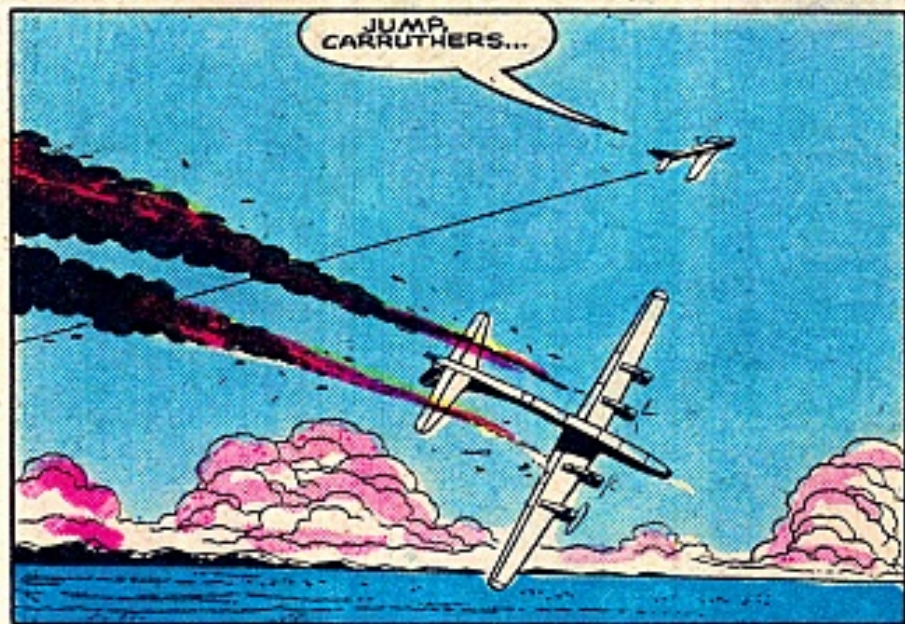


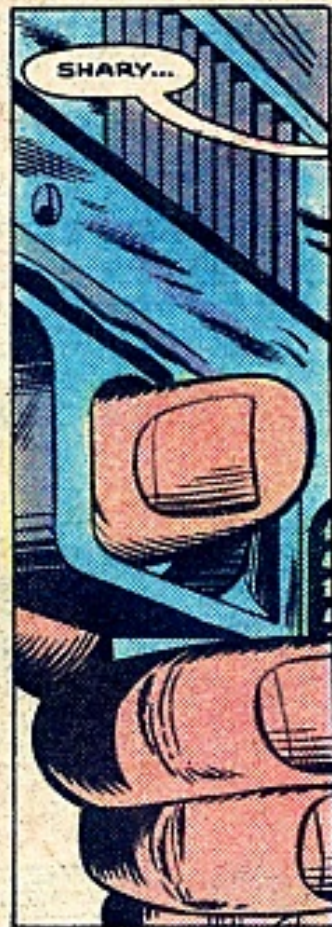
RATATATATATATATATATATATATAT!!!

HURRY UP SNAKE-EYES! THIS ROCK'S NOT GONNA LAST MUCH LONGER-- NOT WITH THIS POUNDING!



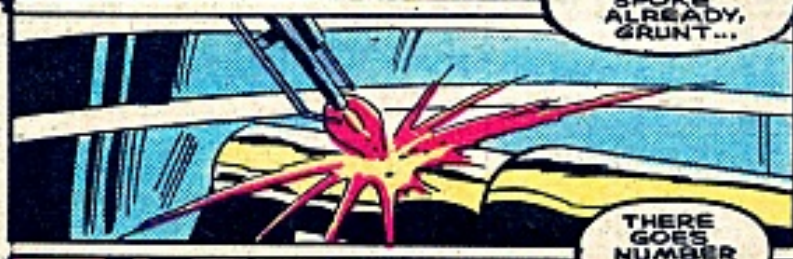


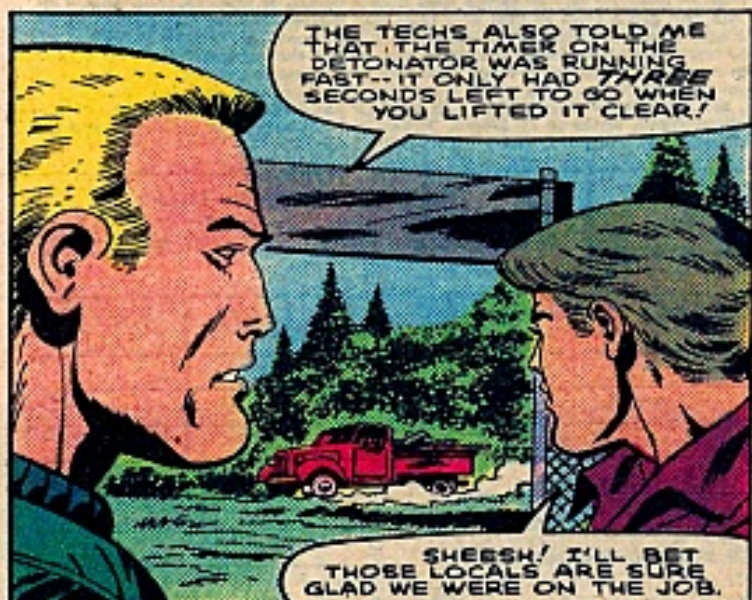












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POSTBOX: THE P.I.T.V.

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TOM DeFALCO
EDITOR
LINDA GRANT
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Dear Mr. DeFalco,

I picked up your first issue of G.I. JOE at the base exchange the other day and when I got back to the dormitory and started reading it, I was completely engrossed in the two stories. They were very well-written. As for the artwork and coloring — they were spectacular.

As a member of the armed services, I was quite pleased to see a sensible and believable comic magazine released about the military. The characters you have created are realistic, and the situations they were thrust into are possible in today's world.

I have some suggestions you may want to take into account for future issues:

1) I hope that the COBRA Command will not be the all-powerful enemy for every issue of the magazine. There are other jobs that this force would be able to do, such as humanitarian missions.

2) Because the Special Counter-terrorist Group Delta is such an elite force, it would be illogical for it to belong just to the Army. Perhaps the group could be modified into an agency of the Department of Defense for use by all branches of the armed services. Reason? It would seem a waste of the taxpayer's monies if each branch were to have such a group. Also, it would open up many more story ideas, such as possible competitions to determine which service is better. (Remember the Army-Navy games?)

3) Have missions or assignments for each member to fulfill individually. This would develop each character more.

4) Research the military aspects of each story. I have seen many a story that has mistaken military terminology.

Marvel has an excellent storyline in G.I. Joe, and if you work each issue as well as you did the first, you will have a very successful magazine on your hands.

Daniel L. McClintock
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Thanks for the kind words and suggestions, Daniel. With the aid of our in-house military expert, Larry Hama, we'll do our very best to maintain the military accuracy of each and every issue of G.I. Joe!

Dear Editor,

Thanks for G.I. JOE #1! The Hasbro toy was a big part of my childhood during the 60's, and I've been saddened by all the flack patriotism and pride in our nation's armed forces have taken since then. I'm not a member of our armed forces, but I think everyone should have a great amount of respect for those who wear our country's uniform.

Your series has the potential to bring back some pride in ourselves and our strength as a nation. I commend you for this worthy project and the excellent ideas behind it.

W. Gregg Stamey, Jr.
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Dear Tom,

G.I. JOE #1 was good on all counts, much better than I expected and well worth the \$1.50.

We've seen many different incarnations

of the G.I. Joe character, and I expected this to be like all the others. Was I wrong! The best move you made was not having any one character named "G.I. Joe," but leaving that as the team's name.

Some people will undoubtedly criticize you and say that this mag is just S.H.I.E.L.D. with a new name fighting a new version of Hydra. Your hardest task will be proving them wrong.

Suggestion: Delve deeper into the backgrounds of each member. There is much that needs to be revealed (like for instance, why Snake-Eyes doesn't talk!).

Artwise, I loved the issue. I haven't been one of Herb Trimpe's greatest fans, but his pencils in this issue, and Don Perlin's on the "Hot Potato" story, were great.

I wish you continued success with this new title.

Anthony R. Cardno
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Dear Marvel,

G.I. JOE is one of the best new comics Marvel has released, right up there with MARVEL FANFARE and TEAM AMERICA. Herb Trimpe and Bob McLeod make a great team. I also like the new, exciting weaponry and that new enemy — COBRA! Wow, what a comic!

Edward Fields
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Dear Tom,

G.I. JOE #1 was great! I thought the artwork was super, but the stories were my favorite part (even though I prefer just one story in a book, not two).

I also liked the *G.I. Joe Classified File* and the *Weapons Profile*. I just wish you hadn't covered up the specifications for HAL.

Put it all together and you've got yourself a masterpiece that I'm not planning to miss a single issue of.

Bert Sharp
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Make sure you don't, Bert! By the way, we had to cover up the specifications on HAL — that is top secret information. You wouldn't want to jeopardize the G.I. Joe operations and security, would you? We didn't think so.

Dear Tom,

G.I. JOE #1 had it all — two good scripts, really nice art by both Herb Trimpe and Don Perlin, and some extra attractions:

1) All those "classified" files. But there's so many things to profile!

2) The Baxter paper the book was printed on. Everybody I know who bought it was really impressed with it.

You have a lot of possibilities with this new title. I hope you won't make COBRA an always-present enemy, like Hydra was in NICK FURY. Also, I really like Snake-Eyes and I'd like to see at least a profile on him.

Harlan York
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One is already in the works. Harlan.

Dear Editor:

Re: G.I. JOE #1.

Great! I can't wait till #2!!

Matt Manarino
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Dear Mr. DeFalco,

Congratulations! You finally carried out my greatest wish. All my life I wanted a comic book with fighting, mysteries and no true super powers. But it required super weapons to make it really good. And now, thanks to Marvel, that book exists — G.I. JOE. Some comics don't show what the hero is like in real life, but in issue #1 of this new title, Larry Hama wrote a script that described the characters' real feelings.

I hope that in upcoming issues you will include more information about special equipment and files on the other G.I. Joe team members.

Jeremy Burton
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New York, NY 10025

We will, Jeremy.

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