

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE



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## BLONDIE

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FINISHING THE FINAL GAME WITH ONLY FOUR PLAYERS IS TOO MUCH OF A HANDICAP EVEN FOR AN INSPIRED STUMPHILL TEAM... IN THE LAST SECONDS OF PLAY, THEY LOSE -- BY ONE POINT....



THE FOUR STUMPHILL BOYS ARE SURROUNDED, BUT IGNORED, BY THE TRIUMPHANT VALLEY ACADEMY CROWD



THE PLAYER WHO WENT OUT ON FOULS SITS SOBBING ON THE BENCH -- POTEET CANYON TRIES TO COMFORT HIM ...



D-DON'T CRY, H-HERSCHEL... WE PLAYED GOOD -- REAL GOOD!

BUT--IF--I'DA STAYED--IN--WE--COULDA MADE IT...

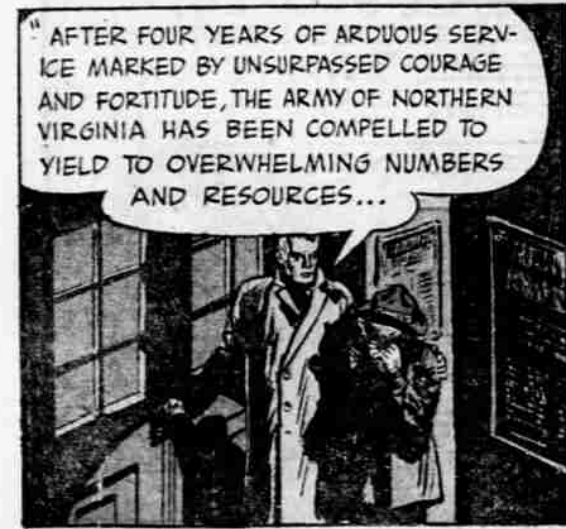


WE'LL DO IT NEXT TIME!

M-MISS POTEET, THERE WILL NEVER B-BE A SECOND CHANCE F-FOR US KIDS FROM STUMPHILL!



POTEET, YOU CAN'T GO TO THE LOCKER ROOM WITH YOUR TEAM, SO LET'S WALK OUTSIDE WHILE THE BOYS DRESS



"AFTER FOUR YEARS OF ARDUOUS SERVICE MARKED BY UNSURPASSED COURAGE AND FORTITUDE, THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO YIELD TO OVERWHELMING NUMBERS AND RESOURCES..."

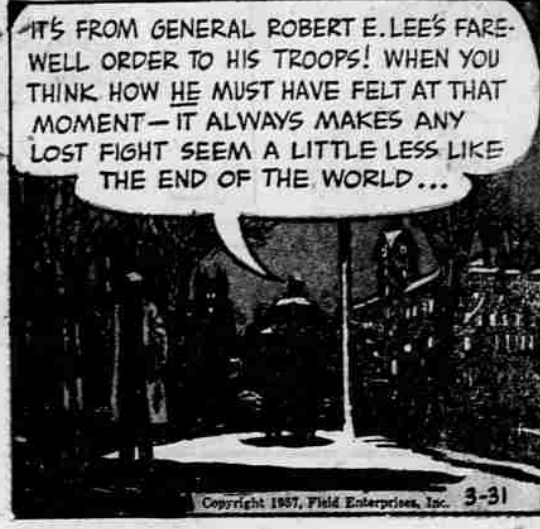


"...I NEED NOT TELL THE BRAVE SURVIVORS OF SO MANY HARD-FOUGHT BATTLES WHO HAVE REMAINED STEADFAST TO THE LAST, THAT I HAVE CONSENTED TO THIS RESULT FROM NO DISTRUST OF THEM..."



"...WITH AN UNCEASING ADMIRATION OF YOUR CONSTANCY AND DEVOTION... AND A GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS CONSIDERATION FOR MYSELF, I BID YOU ALL AN AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL..."

WH-WHAT IS THAT, COUSIN STEVIE?



"IT'S FROM GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE'S FAREWELL ORDER TO HIS TROOPS! WHEN YOU THINK HOW HE MUST HAVE FELT AT THAT MOMENT--IT ALWAYS MAKES ANY LOST FIGHT SEEM A LITTLE LESS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD..."