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*For Greg Bunch.
Thanks for letting me read your comics.*

— AG

*To Brandon Terrell,
who always wanted his name in a Marvel Comic.*

— BS



UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES

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Name: Steven "Steve" Rogers

Current Alias: Captain America

Status: Active

Place of Birth: Brooklyn, NY **Date of Birth:** July 4,

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Male

Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 240 lbs.

Hair: Blond **Eyes:** Blue

Relatives: Joseph Rogers (father, deceased),
Sarah Rogers (mother, deceased)

Languages: English, French, Spanish,
German, some Russian and Italian

Military background: After being repeatedly rejected as unfit for service in the U.S. Army, Rogers was accepted into PROJECT REBIRTH, under the direction of Dr. Abraham Erskine. Using a combination of Vita-Rays and a Super-Soldier Serum now lost since the death of Dr. Erskine, Rogers became America's first and only Super Soldier. As a result, Rogers's physical and mental abilities have been heightened to superhuman levels. After extensive physical and tactical training by Colonel Rex Applegate and William E. Fairbairn of the British Royal Marines, Rogers was sent into Nazi occupied Europe to battle



Steve Rogers
Captain America

TOP SECRET



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Name: James Buchanan "Bucky" Barnes

Current Alias: None

Status: Active

Place of Birth: Shelbyville, Indiana **Date of Birth:** March 10

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Male

Height: 5'4" **Weight:** 125 lbs.

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Brown

Relatives: George Barnes (father, deceased),
Winnifred Barnes (mother, deceased),
Rebecca Barnes (younger sister)

Languages: English, Russian, German,
some French

Military background: Barnes's father, a career U.S. Army soldier, died in a basic-training accident at Camp Lehigh when Barnes was a young boy, leaving him an orphan. Rather than be sent away to boarding school with his sister, Barnes persuaded his father's friends to keep him on as a ward of the state at Camp Lehigh, where he became something of a camp mascot. At Camp Lehigh, Barnes trained with U.S. Army soldiers, British Commandos, and Office of Strategic Services operatives, becoming an expert in martial arts, marksmanship, and espionage at an unusually early age. Now assigned as the partner to Captain America, Barnes



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CHAPTER ONE
SURROUNDED

Transia. World War II.
The Eastern Front.





Our orders are to help this British unit hold their position, Bucky, so we hold!











K-CLANK
K-CLANK

CRUNCH
K-CRUNCH

UROOOM

American
Second Infantry,
attack! Armored
divisions, flank
them on the
west!



THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

THUMP
THUMP

THUMP THUMP
CH-CHAK
CH-CHAK
CH-CHAK



Sounds like
the cavalry
is coming!







CLANK
TROMP
CRUNCH



I don't
get it. Is
that it?



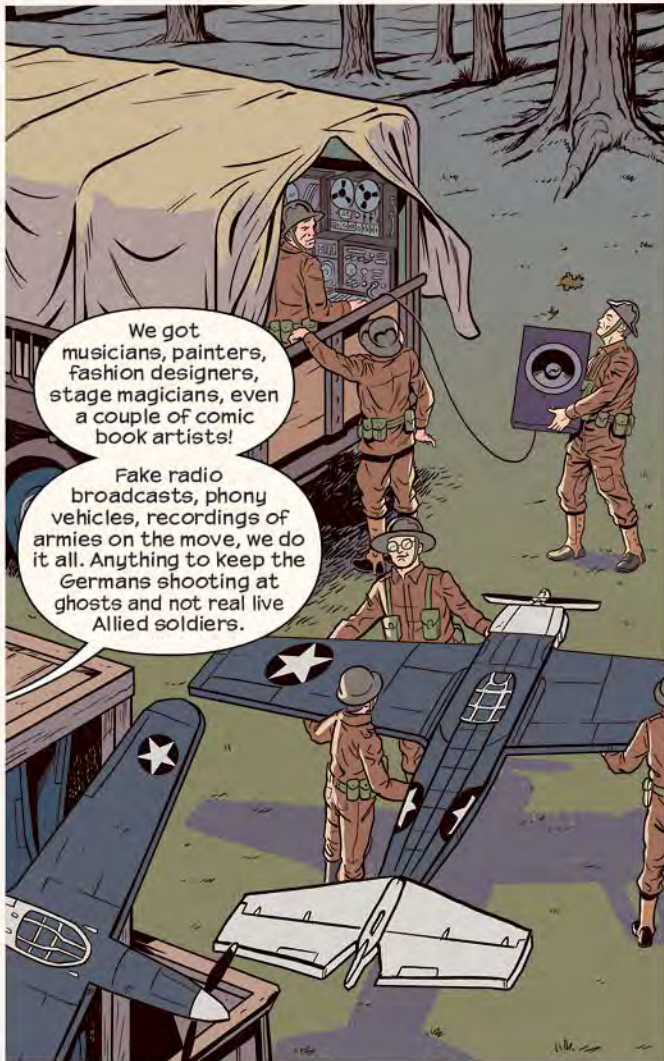


We're a small tactical deception unit put together by the army to fool the Germans. It's our job to put on a show, and make the enemy think we have more troops in places we don't.



We got musicians, painters, fashion designers, stage magicians, even a couple of comic book artists!

Fake radio broadcasts, phony vehicles, recordings of armies on the move, we do it all. Anything to keep the Germans shooting at ghosts and not real live Allied soldiers.



Well, you sure saved our bacon!

You don't have any *real* bacon, do you?

No. Just K rations. But we're happy to share whatever we've got while we make camp together tonight.





You sound like you're from Boston, Dugan. How'd a yank like you end up in the British Army?

Boston born and raised. I was a circus strongman before the war. That's where I got the nickname—"Dum Dum," for the dumbbells I carried around.

Crossed the pond to join the British Army when the war started in '39. Didn't want to wait around until the U.S. got its act together.



What's the boy's story? We sending junior high kids to war now?



I'm fifteen!
Most of the guys
here are only three
or four years older
than me!



Bucky's not
like other young men
his age. He grew up on an
army base, learning how to
fight from Green Berets and
training in covert ops
with the SAS.

Bucky
knows more
about stealth and
recon than any
man here, I
guarantee it.



And besides, I'm only a
couple years younger
than Cap. It's just that
Cap got that Super-
Soldier Serum,
so now—

Um, what
about you,
Morita?



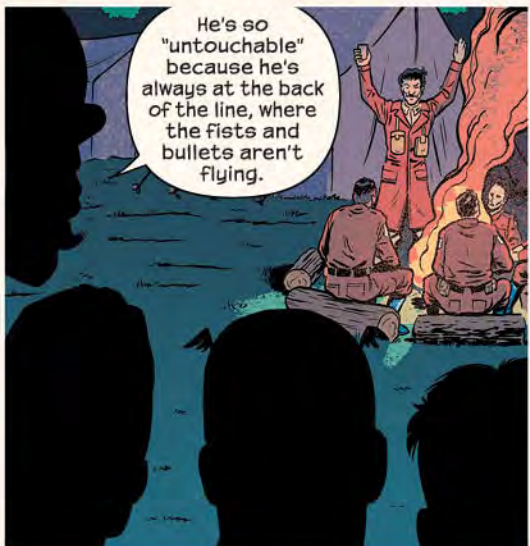
Me? I'm from California.
I volunteered because I wanted
to serve my country—and get out
of the internment camp the United
States sent me and my family
to after Japan attacked
Pearl Harbor.





In three years of fighting, the Nazis have yet to even *once* lay a finger on me!

Hunh. Sir Anthony Baskerville may not have been touched by a Nazi in three years, but I'll lay odds he hasn't touched a German soldier in all that time, either.



He's so "untouchable" because he's always at the back of the line, where the fists and bullets aren't flying.





Jeepers
creepers.



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