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Americans Use Captured German Tank Destroyer



U. S. soldiers ride on a captured German tank destroyer which was taken in a battle with the enemy's 10th Panzer Division in central Tunisia. Equipped with a 75mm. gun and dual controls for operating forwards or backwards, the armored tank buster was used against the Axis after an American star had been painted on its sides.

Shipping For Wilmington Discussed With Governor

War-time and post-war shipping for North Carolina's ports was discussed at a special session of the Wilmington Port commission and the Morehead City Port commission with Governor J. M. Broughton in New Bern Wednesday night, Cyrus Hogue, chairman of the commission here, revealed Thursday.

He said that he was not at liberty to disclose details of the conference, which was called at Governor Broughton's request.

The conference apparently comes as the latest development in a long campaign staged by the port commission, the port-traffic association and allied groups to gain a share of war shipping for the port of Wilmington.

As a result of the efforts of the groups, several of the Liberty freighters constructed at the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here have been loaded at terminals here before sailing from the port.

Present at the conference in New Bern from Wilmington were Chairman Hogue, J. T. Hays, executive general agent of the commission, and Chairman Addison Hewlett of the county board of commissioners.

Also present at the conference were Stanley Woodland, George R. Wallace, H. S. Gibbs and Walter Huthan, all of Morehead City, and Leo Harvey of Kinston.

SMALL GIRL DIES IN ROAD MISHAP

Nine Year Old Killed By Army Truck On Highway At Scott's Hill

A nine-year-old girl was killed and her eight-year-old sister injured when the bicycle on which they were riding was struck by an Army truck in front of their home at Scott's Hill, 12 miles from here, Thursday afternoon.

Clara Edens, who was riding on the rear of the bicycle, died before she could be brought to James Walker Memorial hospital here from the scene of the accident. Her sister, Betty Edens, who was operating the bicycle, suffered a broken arm and other injuries and was described as in satisfactory condition by attendants at the hospital Thursday night.

The girls were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edens of Scott's Hill.

According to Cpl. Whitley of the state highway patrol at Burgaw, county seat of Pender county in which the accident occurred, the

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Warmer today.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Temperature
1:30 a. m., 48; 7:30 a. m., 44; 1:30 p. m., 62; 7:30 p. m., 58; maximum, 62; minimum, 41; mean, 49; normal, 64.

Humidity
1:30 a. m., 74; 7:30 a. m., 84; 1:30 p. m., 60; 7:30 p. m., 75.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 1.94 inches.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington	High	Low
	11:59a	7:04p
Masonboro Inlet	9:46a	3:55a
	10:29p	3:57p
Moore's Inlet	9:31a	4:00p
	10:35p	4:02p

New Topsail Inlet	High	Low
	9:56a	4:05a
Glennora's Inlet	10:30p	4:07p
Sunrise	5:31a	7:49p
Sunset	10:22p	moonset, 8:03a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Thursday, at 8 a. m., 30.39 feet.

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British Smash Into German Lines South Of Tunis As Battle Rages; Reds Destroy Hundreds Of Nazis

MANY NAZIS SLAIN

Germans Still Attacking Kuban River Valley Lines Near Novorossisk

AXIS BASES BOMBED

Russian Air Force Smashes At Enemy Ports; Shoot Down 13 Planes

LONDON, Friday, April 23. — (AP) — Soviet troops mowed down hundreds of Germans still attacking their Kuban river valley lines above the enemy bridgehead at Novorossisk in the Caucasus, and the Red air force made mass raids on Nazi military formations and other targets, Moscow announced early today.

Three hundred Germans were killed in attempting to take one hilltop and hundreds also fell in another sector, said the midnight communique recorded by the Soviet monitor.

TO BOMB IN MEMORY

U. S. General Promises To Drop Explosives For Men Who Died In Japan

(By the Associated Press) Japanese propagandists declare American fliers who bomb Japan in the future will be riding on "a one-way ticket to hell" but the man who did it once—and hopes to do it again—predicts that avenging Yankees will batter the island empire, time and time again until it "crumbles and they beg for mercy."

"We will drop each bomb in memory of our murdered comrades," grimly declared Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle when informed in North Africa yesterday (Thursday) that the Japanese have executed some of the men lost in the raid he led on Tokyo a year ago.

"Our bombs will not be missing their mark," Doolittle added. It was said that Doolittle, now in command of the Allied strategic bombing force in North Africa, and all the men who accompanied him on the daring raid, are far from being intimidated by the Japanese atrocity. They all want to be in on the next Tokyo attack.

Said Capt. Howard A. Sessler of Arlington, Mass., a member of Doolittle's force: "The day will come when these atrocities will be avenged. I hope I am among the avengers."

His reaction was typical. Obviously an attempt to intimidate the United States Air Force, the Japanese reference to a "one-way ticket to hell" implied a threat to execute every American captured.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, followed a Doolittle news agency broadcast beamed at the United States two days ago announcing the execution of some of Doolittle's companions and saying "this same policy will continue to be enforced in the future."

A statement from the War Department in Washington said that a further raid on Tokyo was a "decided possibility."

Stressing ominously that Japan would "leave nothing undone" to prevent future aerial attacks, the latest English-language warning from Tokyo said: "And by the way, don't forget, America—make sure that every flier that comes here has a special pass to Hell and rest assured it's strictly a one-way ticket."

President Roosevelt's protest against the execution of some of Doolittle's men was countered by Doolittle with the assertion that "the

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Japs Threaten American Airmen; Doolittle Forecasts More Raids

RAF Attacks Carrier

Systems In Occupied Countries Of Europe

LONDON, April 22. — (AP) — Ending a 12-hour lull in the Allied aerial pounding of the continent, the RAF attacked railwayways, shipping and other military targets today in a series of extended raids over France, Belgium and Holland.

At least one locomotive was destroyed and three others were damaged near Ghent in Belgium, the Air Ministry reported. Another train attacked at the Citadelle, just east of Lille, France apparently was carrying troops, as the pilot reported seeing men in uniform scrambling to safety.

Fighting planes diving on a flotilla of four ships off the east coast of Holland severely damaged an E-boat and an armed trawler. Trains also were bombed and machinegunned in the St. Genois area and barges on the Lys canal were hit.

The heavy daylight raids resumed a "round-the-clock offensive against the Nazis which up to Wednesday night had been sustained for nine days and nights, during which a weight of bombs unprecedented in aerial warfare were hurled on Hitler's military installations.

"The Japanese forces continue to increase," he said, adding a "hope" that forces available to meet the rising threat would increase "to match" those of the

Underscretary of War Patterson, at a press conference today, did not go beyond Stimson's previous assurances that MacArthur's air power would be supplemented. He did point out, however, that in both the South and Southwest Pacific, in the Aleutian theater off Alaska and in Europe American airmen are carrying the war to the enemy and dealing heavy blows at his planes, shipping and industrial installations.

Disclosure of the new Japanese atrocity came at a time when pressure for aggressive action against Japan both in the Australian zone and in the Aleutians was rising. First reactions in Congress to the executions, officially castigated as "murder in cold blood" by official American communication, went further than expressions of horror. They called for prompt retaliation, which under this government's policy would be possible at present only in the form of offensive military action.

(Underscretary of War Patterson made plain today that there would be no retaliation against Japanese prisoners; that punishment would be reserved for the

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UNHALTED MARCH

Allies Continue Driving Against Axis Positions In Tunisian War

MANY TANKS RUINED

Germans Throw Number Of First Line Units Into Fray With Losses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA

April 22. — (AP) — British Eighth Army infantry, using bayonets and grenades, smashed into Axis mountain nests south of Tunis today in an unhalted advance after the First Army crushed a diversionary blow west of the capital by destroying 27 tanks and capturing 500 elite German troops.

The Eighth Army was reported to have gained three miles north and west of Enfidaville since the offensive began in that sector Monday night, and a spokesman said violent fighting, much of it hand-to-hand, raged all day.

Anderson Holds Attack In the north Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's first army, including parachute troops, withstood a powerful German counterattack aimed at easing the pressure on Marshal Rommel's southern forces, and inflicted "considerable casualties" on the enemy southeast of Medjez-el-Bab.

Five battalions of crack German troops, including three from the Hermann Goering Jaeger regiment and one from the Goering Grenadiers were thrown against the First Army lines Tuesday night on an eight-mile front between Medjez-el-Bab and Goubellat.

At least 70 German tanks also were put into the struggle later, but the British destroyed a third of them, including two 60-ton Mark VI Tigers.

The Germans attacked by moonlight, apparently trying to capture the hills in a "V" formed by the roads leading from Medjez-el-Bab to Goubellat and Aroussa.

But they met such strong opposition and suffered such heavy losses that there was only minor infiltration of the British lines. By Dawn the Axis decided to give up

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NAURU SMASHED BY U. S. FLIERS

Japan's Base In Gilbert Island Heavily Damaged By American Bombs

WASHINGTON, April 22. — Japan's Nauru base in the Gilbert islands, a strategic outpost guarding the southern approaches to the great Truk bastion in the South Pacific, was heavily damaged Wednesday by Army bombers in a long-range daylight attack.

The Navy announced the action today in a communique which described the raiding force as large and reported that despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and resistance from fighter planes "much damage was done to Japanese installations."

"U. S. pilots shot down five and possibly seven zero fighters," the communique said. "All U. S. planes returned."

Thousands of miles away, in the North Pacific, another Army air force under Naval command continued its remorseless pounding of the Japanese base on Kiska island. The enemy camp and airfields in the-making were bombed and strafed Thursday in the 113th raid on the island this month.

The attack on Nauru stirred speculation that it might indicate coming events of importance in the South Pacific war zone.

The little island, a volcanic-coral outjutting, stands on the northeastern flank of a corridor of relatively open sea from American bases in the vicinity of the New Hebrides to the Caroline islands in the north. The great Japanese naval base of Truk stands at the northwestern end of this corridor.

On a strictly geographical basis, the corridor furnishes one of the avenues of approach for a sea-

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LOWER 13 KILLER IS FOUND GUILTY

Negro Dining Car Cook Convicted Of Murdering Navy Bride

ALBANY Ore., April 22. — (AP) — Robert E. Lee Folkes, Negro dining car cook, today was convicted of murder in the sleeping car slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James. The jury made no clemency recommendation, making the death penalty mandatory.

The 20-year-old Negro thus became subject to death in the gas chamber at the Oregon state penitentiary.

The jury deliberated 17 hours, 23 minutes.

Folkes was convicted of sneaking into the lower 13 berth of Mrs. James, bride of a naval officer, and slaying her throat when she resisted him as the train thundered through the snow-muffled Oregon countryside last January 23.

The Negro, without emotion during the trial, sat motionless and seemingly uninterested as a bailiff read the lines which meant he might lose his life.

Ensign Richard F. James, husband of the 21-year-old Norfolk, Va., victim, drew two deep breaths as the verdict was read, but otherwise seemed unaffected.

The most affected person in the courtroom seemingly was LeRoy Lomax, Folkes' attorney, who made an impassioned, sometimes tearful statement to the court after asking for a poll of the jury.

Lomax waved time for passing sentence. Judge L. G. Lewelling asked if Tuesday, April 27 would be satisfactory, and when Lomax agreed, the judge called him to chambers for a conference.

As Folkes was brought into the courtroom to hear the jury's decision, a Negro friend, William Polard, tried to shake his hand. A state policeman leaped between them. There was no disturbance.

As Folkes was being led from the courtroom after the verdict, state policeman Curtis Chambers took Folkes by the arm. The Negro, with a show of anger, shook him loose. Chambers leaped upon him, and another policeman grabbed the prisoner's arm.

As he rose from his chair for the march back to his cell, Folkes had yawned.

Judge Lewelling, after conferring with Lomax, set the date for sentencing Monday, April 26 at 1:30 P. M.

Lomax said he would move at that time for an arrest of judgment. If that is denied, he said, he would seek a new trial before Judge Lewelling. Failing in that, he said he would file notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

The murder dates back to the early morning of January 23 when

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Walter Lippmann Says: Many Factors Involved In Disarming Germany

By WALTER LIPPMANN It is clear that when we shall have disarmed the German forces now in being, we shall have disarmed Germany. We shall merely have the power to take measures which deal with the German war potential from which came the Kaiser's army and then Hitler's army, from which could come again another conquering army.

For after the unconditional surrender there will remain the trained formations, the corps of officers, the staff organization, the whole administrative machinery of total mobilization. There will remain, though it be driven underground, the Nazi party machine and the secret police. There will remain also the German war industry with its tools, its know-how, its laboratories, its technicians and its management.

Merely to deprive Germany of her existing stocks of weapons would, therefore, be only a temporary disarmament. Moreover, if this is all we did, it would be in the interest of German militarism to have us do it. For it would provide what the Germans like to call a creative pause. The victorious Allies would find themselves encumbered with immense stocks of obsolescent weapons and of victorious commanders. The disarmed Germans would have a fresh start to concentrate on the weapons and the tactics of the next war. This is what happened between 1918 and 1939 when the French army prepared for the last war while the disarmed Germans, as well as the

disarmed Russians, prepared for this war.

If the war potential is intact, a new armed force can be trained and equipped in a period of from three to five years. The war potential is, therefore, our all important concern. It consists of the general staff, the corps of officers, the bureaucracy and organized industry. Of these elements the most difficult to deal with, because they are the most elusive, are the general staff and the corps of officers, as they did in 1918, and there they will make their plans for the revival of their power. The Allies have no way of watching them and of dealing with them directly and conclusively. Only an overwhelming German desire to liquidate this military cast can really liquidate it.

The genuine desire will not exist, though, as we shall see, measures can and should be taken to induce and promote it.

The question then is to know what to take hold of in Germany, and the answer must be, as the Netherlands ambassador, Dr. Loudon, pointed out recently in some brief but penetrating remarks, that the heart of the problem is Germany's industry." Steel mills, power houses, railroads and fabricating plants with machine tools cannot go underground. With them another army can be equipped. Without them another army cannot be equipped — no matter what military schemes army officers hatch in secret conspiracy.

Dr. Loudon proposes that the

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Jap Executions Of U.S. Airmen Spur Bond Sale

WASHINGTON, April 22. — (AP) — Stirred by the Japanese executions of captured American airmen, many cities and states today overshot their quotas in the \$13,000,000 Second War Loan campaign or upped their goals.

New York announced that the Second Federal Reserve district had oversubscribed by \$475,000,000 its \$3,000,000,000 quota for non-banking buyers, and had declared a new quota for four billion dollars.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York City, speaking at a bond rally, denounced the Japanese executions and called upon people to express their indignation with additional bond purchases.

Chicago reported that bond sales in Lake and Cook counties leaped

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