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American Destroyer Sunk By Torpedo In North Atlantic
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In the absence of any word as to possible losses of life, the Navy Department said the Reuben James carried life-saving equipment sufficient to meet the needs of many more officers and men than comprised her complement.

She was equipped with two 25-foot motor whale boats, each having a normal capacity of 24 persons and capable of carrying more in an emergency. She also carried at least sky bals wood life rafts, each designed for 25 people, and in addition, the Navy said, there were "life preservers of a quantity sufficient to care for 15 per cent more than 13 and an addition, the Navy said, there were "life preservers of a quantity sufficient to care for 15 per cent more than 15 and an addition, the Navy said, there were "life preservers of the line at Annapolis." The Revent James was described at the Navy as an assumed command of the Reuben James April 6, 1940.

Atlantic, west of Iceland.
"The community officer is Lleutenant Commander H. L. Edwards, U. S. Navy.
"No further details are available at this time but will be released when regeived."

The Navy described this vessel as 314 feet long with beam of 30 feet. Her displacement was 1,190 tons.

Commissioned Sept. 24, 1920, the vessel was built by the York: Shipbuilding Company and carried four four-naval rifles and a battery of anti-aircraft guns.

First American near a pattery of anti-aircraft guns.

First American near target of a torpedo in the North
Atlantic was the destroyer Greer, one of the old type ships,
0 of which were traded to Britain a year ago.

Two torpedoea were fired at the Greer on Sept. 4 by
German submarine. Both went wild.

Two weeks ago today the destroyer Kearny engaged n a night battle against a Cerman submarine Wolfpack which had attacked a convoy southwest of Iceland and was hit amidship by a torpedo.

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The Kearny, a much larger vessel than the Reuben James, had a displacemble of 1,030 tons and carried a crew of about 190 officers and men.

She was of much sturder construction than the Reiben James, having been completed and put into service only last year.

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as James, naving been completed and put into service y last year.

Unlike older types the Kearny had a hull protected by latest armor and divided into watertight compartments, was this sort of construction, the Navy Department said by two days ago, which enabled the Kearny to remain out after suffering an explosion sufficient to have wreck-any destroyer previously so bodly damaged.

The Reuben James, commander, Lieut-Com. Edwards, a described by the Navy Department as a native of San ba. Tex. He was 35 years old and the Navy said his manner thome was listed as San Saba.

Appointed to the Naval Academy from Texas in 1922, wards was graduated in 1925 and later joined the U. S. Plorida, a battleship.

He served abourd that vessel until February, 1928.

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convey which the Reuben James was exerting was attilled. Lee had served on the Academy's wrestling, boxing att. Nea west of Ireland and with radios allenced in order to avoid giving away ships' positions to sen raiders.

The Navy said it would not release a list of officers and men on the destroyer until information regarding their fate had been obtained, saying this might take two or three days or longer.

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## the entire complement of the ship." The Reuben James was described at the Navy as an O-Type flush deek destroyer said to be similar to the type lines deek destroyer said to be similar to the type The Navy issued the following statement: Heavy Attacks Coming

## Says U. S. Warcraft Should Stay Away

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the door of the linen closet, was a picture of the scaman Reuber James interposing his head beneath the cultass of a pinte to save the life of Captain Stephen De-

Hopkins'

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## News Withheld From Wife Of Commander

MEWPORT, R. I.—U:—News of the sinking of the U. S. de-stroyer Reuben James was with-neld today from Mrs. Almeda Ed-wards, wife of Lieut-Comdt, H. L. Edwards, the skipper of the Newsman Was On Destroyer

## honorary: journalistic society of Spring. which Miss Ann Mauidin of Charlatte is president. Mrs. Edwards is the former meda Biswart of Wilmington No Change In U. S. Policy Seen By F. R.

craft.
"Is it the policy to announce when our ships are sunk and not when those attacking them have been sunk?" a reporter inquired.

Mr. Roosevelt recalled that his questioner was around in World War days, and that the sinking of German ships was not announced then although casualties to American vassels were.

"You can't keep it secret from Germany, can you?" was the next question.
The reply was: Oh yes, for a long time, and that's the point.

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