

# U.S. ADMIRAL MILWAY BATTLE LOSSES Captain Wilkes, Charlotte Officer, Wins Decoration SOCIETY CLING TO SEVASTOPOLIS LINES

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## Petain Reported Convinced That Axis Cannot Win

But Laval and  
Darlan Differ

By WADE WERNER

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Two years of war since Dunkerque have convinced Chief of State Marshal Petain that the Axis cannot win, authoritative reports from Vichy revealed today.

There was a time after the fall of France in 1940 when Petain regarded a German victory as inevitable; but now, these reports said, the Marshal is convinced Germany and her allies will be defeated.

### LAVAL'S VIEW

Vichy's collaborationist Chief of Government, Pierre Laval, however, still holds the contrary view. An American observer who recently talked with him is quoted as saying:

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## Repel Big Attack On Libyan Line Anchor

British and Free French Turn  
Back Bir Hacheim Assault

CAIRO, Egypt. — (AP) — British headquarters announced today that a large scale Axis attack yesterday on Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the Libyan line, had been driven off.

## Justice Goes Into Army

Frank Murphy Will Be  
Lieutenant Colonel

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Associate Justice Frank Murphy is leaving the Supreme Court temporarily, associates said today, to become a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

Attaches of the high court report that he would take the office of chief of the War Department today and would leave shortly thereafter for Fort Benning, Ga., for four months of intensive training in the field and then would spend six weeks in the advanced school of infantry at Fort Bragg.

He is to be attached to the office of the chief of staff, General George C. Marshall.

### WO'N RESIGN

It was said at the court that Justice Murphy would not resign but would be absent "for the duration."

Murphy, 49, saw overseas service in the last war. When the United States entered that war, he entered an officers' training school and in 1918 went overseas as captain in the 68th Division.

He served with the Army of Occupation in Germany until March, 1919.

The bachelor jurist took his Supreme Court seat on February 5, 1940, after serving as assistant attorney general in the Roosevelt administration. He was appointed to succeed the late Justice Pierce Butler of Minnesota.

### China War Front

## "Flying Tigers" To Be Absorbed Into U. S. Army Air Corps July 4

CHUNGKING.—(AP)—Part of the planes, including the newest types, already are in China and many more are expected in fulfillment of President Roosevelt's promise to get aid to China. The American Volunteer group which will be absorbed in the United States Army Air Corps will be the first of the AVG's "Flying Tigers" are going home when their contracts expire this month. Those who play have been promised a leave when they return and planes arrive. Some

## Senators Gape When Rubber Made Before Eyes

## Scrap Campaign Announced

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—To the expressed astonishment of Senators, who had just been told that the B. F. Goodrich Co. planned ultimately to produce 165,000 tons of synthetic rubber annually, a company executive compounded some in ten seconds today and bounced it on the floor.

E. D. Smith of Akron, O., assistant to the vice-president in charge of factory operations, poured what he called "liquid amperol latex" into a beaker, added acetone, stirred the surplus liquid out, and bounced the ball.

Senator McNary, Republican Oregon, commented with a grin: "I'll be darned. That's pretty good."

Smith said that 20 cents a pound would be a "very fair" price for the synthetic rubber and "convinced" to the Senate Agriculture subcommittee a number of times in which it had been used.

He said that tests showed the synthetic casings had about 80 per cent of the durability of tires made from natural rubber.

To preserve military secrets, Smith did not disclose the exact locations of the plants to be operated by Goodrich. One, he said, is to be in Kentucky and two in Texas. All are expected to be in operation by next June 1.

In addition to the 100 per cent synthetic tires, Smith exhibited one containing about 55 per cent artificial rubber. He testified it had been driven 21,171 miles on it.

Pointcast and old hot water bottles may march through the second chapter of the mystery novel about rubber and gasoline of which President Roosevelt says he has read only the first.

The President announced at his airport station, "I am glad to see a nationwide two-week collection of scrap rubber—old inner tubes, tires, old car floor mats, and old shoes—undertaken soon in an effort to determine whether there was enough old rubber lying around to make national curbs on automobile driving unnecessary."

No one knows just how much recyclable scrap is available, he said, and the only way to find out is to gather it all up. Until then, he indicated, there will be no nationwide gasoline rationing as a tire-saving measure.

The President likened the gasoline rationing to the rubber rationing.

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## British Again Raid Taranto

ROME.—(AP)—Italian Broadcast said that British bombers attacked the Italian naval base of Taranto last night for the second time. The broadcast said that 20 Italian casualties, including 12 killed and 8 injured, the High Command said today.

Both high explosives and incendiaries were dropped by the raiders and several fires flared.

The High Command said these were promptly "brought under control and extinguished."

## Report Made on British Losses

LONDON.—(AP)—The British Empire's armed forces suffered a total of 123,500 casualties, including 45,458 missing, 29,156 killed, and 48,888 wounded, according to a report made today by the House of Commons today.



Captain John Wilkes  
Honored for Distinguished Naval Service in the Far East

## Medal For Wilkes For Pacific Fight

Distinguished Service Award to  
Charlotte Naval Officer

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Navy announced today award of decorations to three Navy officers for "meritorious performance of their duties during operations against the Japanese."

Details of the officers' feats were not disclosed.

Captain John Wilkes, 47, of 121 West Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C., won the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a duty of great responsibility."

Commander William L. Wright, 38, of 1215 Second Street, Corpus Christi, Tex., and Lt. James C. Dempsey, 33, of 155 Maplewood Avenue, Germantown, Pa., won the gold star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy."

Both Wright and Dempsey had won the Navy Cross in earlier phases of the Pacific war.

Captain Wilkes, the Navy reported, destroyed and damaged enemy shipping during the campaign for the defense of the Philippine Islands and the Dutch East Indies.

Captain Wilkes was born in Charlotte and entered the Naval Academy in 1912.

Lt. Commander Wright, whose wife lives at Centerville, Md., was born in Roby, Tex., and graduated at the Naval Academy in 1918.

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## Acknowledge Carrier Sunk, Another Hit

But Report on Losses Far Smaller  
Than That of American Forces

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor

Imperial Tokyo Headquarters sought to minimize the gravity of the Japanese naval disaster at Midway today but acknowledged that United States forces had sunk an aircraft carrier, heavily damaged another carrier and damaged a cruiser.

Official United States reports have listed sixteen and possibly eighteen Japanese warships sunk or damaged before the enemy fleet limped off in retreat.

Moreover, an eye-witness account by Ensign George H. Gay Jr., 25-year-old U. S. flier, declared three of Japan's aircraft carriers, including two of the 26,900-ton Kaga-Akagi class, were seen to burst into flames under attack by American torpedo planes. Tokyo did not specify the class of the carrier it admitted lost.

Tokyo headquarters also reported that Japanese Army troops were used in attacking the U. S.-owned Aleutian Islands off Alaska on Sunday, Tokyo time (Saturday, June 7),—three days after the Dutch Harbor raids and declared they "are continuing operations in this area."

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, described the situation in the far north as "confused" several days ago, but there has been no hint from any source of the conflict, with its aircraft carrier troop landings in the Aleutians.

"On June 7," a Japanese communiqué said, "naval units in close co-operation with troops of the army destroyed a number of enemy positions on the Aleutian Islands and continuing the operations in this area."

Japanese planes raided Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians on Wednesday, June 3.

Belatedly lifting the veil of its secrecy on the battle of Midway and Dutch Harbor, the Japanese Command gave its first version of the conflict, with its aircraft carrier troop landings in the Aleutians.

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## Slaughter of Czechs Reported

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A radio report from Europe today said that German authorities had destroyed an entire village in Czechoslovakia after shooting all the male inhabitants and deporting the women.

The report was said to have been broadcast first by the Prague radio and relayed through the London radio.

The Prague radio was quoted as announcing: "The village in the protectorate has been encircled at the orders of the German authorities. All the male inhabitants were shot; all women were deported and the entire village was leveled to the ground."

## 3,000 Attend Rites for RAF Flier in France

VICRY, Unoccupied France.—(AP)—Three thousand persons (presumably French) were present today to have attended funeral services for an RAF flier who was shot down along the French coast and buried with military honors by the Germans at St. Maixent Monday.

## WEATHER

Occasional rain and showers  
afternoon and evening  
Little change  
temperature.

Today's Temp.: H: 78; L: 61  
Sunset Today: 8:11  
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:01

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 9

## Note to Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other sources are being sent to the public by the News with the caution that they are not to be used for propaganda purposes. This should be borne in mind by all readers of the stories credited to these sources.

## U. S. Ship Sunk In Pacific; Norse & British Boats Lost In Atlantic

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Announcement today of the torpedoing of a British merchantman in the North Atlantic brought the toll of Allied and neutral ship losses in the Atlantic and Pacific to 253.

The sinkings by submarine attack of an American merchantman off the Pacific Coast and a Norwegian vessel in the Western Atlantic were the most recent previously disclosed losses.

The British ship carried twelve Americans, four of whom missed death by a scant fifteen feet when a second torpedo struck the ship as they sought to stow away themselves from jammed lines against the side of the sinking ship. The

British crew of 59 all reached port safely.

Meanwhile an indication of the staggering cost in money of the sinkings came from the American Institute of Marine Underwriters which announced yesterday that insurance companies had lost \$46,488,000 on marine insurance policies in the first six months of this year.

Seventh submarine victim in the Pacific between the West Coast and Hawaii since Pearl Harbor, the U. S. merchantman went down Sunday with the loss of only one of the crew of 60 aboard. The Senate previously had voted for \$50 for these losses.

Survivors landed at a West Coast port yesterday said the torpedo blast wrecked one of the ship's two lifeboats but that all got away in the remaining boat and on two life-