

ent drive attempted in this OPA gion, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The OWI said defendants in the actions range from country slaughterers—farmers who are slaughtering for commercial purposes in violation of meat restriction order No. 1—to proprietors of butcher shops who are charging more than the ceiling for retail cuts of meat.

#### Suits Over Southwest.

Large and small packing plants so are included, said the OWI, adding that one packing plant could be charged with collecting \$4,000 in higher-than-ceiling prices and would be sued for more than \$74,000 in treble damages.

The suits are to be filed in Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock and Texarkana, Texas; Little Rock; New Orleans; St. Louis and Kansas City, Wichita, and Oklahoma City.

Most of the actions, the OWI announced, will be injunction suits to restrain slaughters from violat-

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## Husband Held in Wife Slaying

Lester Corbitt Shaw, 38, was charged Saturday afternoon in Peace Justice Brown's court with the murder of his wife, Nettie Myers Shaw, 25, mother of three children.

Mrs. Shaw came to her death as the result of a wound inflicted by a .38 caliber pistol in the hands of her husband, Justice Brown ruled in an inquest verdict. The shooting occurred at their home, 1830 East Broadway, about 9 a. m. Saturday.

Two of the children, Beverly Joan, 6, and Gary Preston, 3, were in the house at the time of the shooting, which was witnessed by the older child. The third, Darrell,

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## The Weather

Feb. 21 — (By United States Weather Bureau—Fort Worth and vicinity: Slightly cooler Sunday. Sun rises 8:06; sets 7:19.

Maximum precipitation this date: .29 inches in 1928.

Maximum temperature this date: 63 in 1925.

Minimum temperature this date: 18 in 1939.

Maximum temperature Saturday: 77.

Minimum temperature Saturday: 44.

West Texas—Mild temperatures Sunday.

East Texas—Mild temperatures Sunday, scattered showers in north-east portion and near upper coast.

Associated Press Wirephoto.  
On the shoulders of a crewman from the PBY plane that rescued him from the Coral Sea on Feb. 9, Brig. Gen. N. F. Twining was carried ashore at a South Pacific base. Twining, commanding general of the 13th Air Force, and 14 others spent six nights and five days on two life rafts after their plane was forced down while on a combat mission.

## Lone US Tank Takes On 10 Nazi Machines, Saves 300

BY HAROLD V. BOYLE.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA, Feb. 16 (Delayed) (P).—A lone General Sherman tank boldly took on a last-ditch, running fight with 10 German tanks in order to save an American column of light vehicles from destruction, and destroyed four Mark IV's before the crew was forced to leave their own shell-riddled and flaming machine.

Their act which, in one soldier's estimate, saved 300 American lives, was hailed by officers and men alike as one of the most gallant engagements of the African war.

The tank which single-handedly fought a German column, including one giant 52-ton Mark VI, to a standstill, was named "The Texas," and the battle it put up against hopeless odds was a little Alamo—but with every American emerging alive.

The action took place Feb. 14 when American forces, outnumbered more than two to one, tangled with more than 100 German tanks in the greatest battle of its kind in Tunisia.

The United States tanks suffered severe losses in both men and equipment, but inflicted equal or greater damage on the German foe, and kept the Nazis from spreading through the entire Faid Valley.

The commander of the embattled "Texas" is Lt. Col. Louis V. Hightower, 34, native of Winns-

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## Allies Renew Raids on Buin

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, Feb. 21 (P).

Twenty-three tons of bombs have been dropped on Buin and Faisi in the North Solomons in the third straight raid on that Jap base, 300 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, the Allied high command announced Sunday.

Buin is on Bougainville Island and Faisi is a tiny island to the south of it.

"Our heavy and medium bombers attacking at night against heavy anti-aircraft opposition hit Kahili and Ballale airdromes and Faisi seaplane base with over 23 tons of bombs and incendiaries, causing widespread damage," reported the noon communique from General MacArthur's headquarters.

"Numerous large fires and ex-

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mand of all Allied ground forces in Tunisia under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. He started organization of the supreme offensive to throw the quarter-million Axis troops into the Mediterranean.

Reports that the 8th Army was about 40 miles south of Gabes and had captured the Island of Djerba, 35 miles across the Gulf of Gabes to the east, put Allied air power and British naval power so close to that port that it was believed Gabes was no longer of any use to the Axis as a supply base for Nazi forces entrenched in the Mareth Line.

Sfax, a good 90 miles to the north, now is the main supply port and this is within easy reach of Allied bombers, both from the western side and from the 8th Army front.

Allied forces in forward positions of the Ousseltia Valley below Robaa were withdrawn from the eastern to a western line of hills, because their position became untenable after the Americans were forced back further south.

The British 8th Army sent curtains of artillery shells into German positions approaching the Mareth Line in the Medenine area

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## New Nazi 'Big Shot' Is Manpower Chief

By Associated Press.

The Berlin Radio in a broadcast Saturday night said Gen. Walter von Unruh was directing Germany's total manpower mobilization, and quoted him as saying that every able-bodied German male who can be spared must go to the front, and every man or woman who can be used in war work will be enlisted.

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said Von Unruh "now probably is the most talked-about man in Germany." Further details as to the general's identity and career were not given.

## Modern Rationing Just Fair Play, Such As Moses Taught, Says McGee

The rationing of processed foods which goes into effect March 1 was described Saturday night by State OPA Director McGee, in a radio talk to Texas consumers who will register this week for War Ration Book No. 2, as a "battle plan for food," which he termed a potent war weapon.

McGee called rationing a "protection" to civilians, assuring fair distribution of food supplies available to them and at the same time making certain of adequate food for the armed forces and for our Allies.

He said food rationing reaches

back to Biblical times, when the Lord rained bread from Heaven and admonished the hungry Israelites to "go out and gather at a certain rate every day." Through Moses, the Israelite leader, McGee said, this additional rationing instruction was added: "At even you shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread."

"When certain stocks of food are frozen on the shelves of grocery stores in every community at midnight Saturday, we will be starting a system of rationing that goes back many years," he said.

McGee said the point system for rationing processed foods was adopted because it is the most flexible system that could be devised, "giving everybody an even start and offering equal opportunity to rich and poor."

The "even start," the state OPA director said, will be brought about by having each family declare the amount of rationed foods it had on hand as of midnight Saturday and subtracting the excess above five cans per person

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# Lone U. S. Tank Takes On 10 Nazi Machines, Saves 300

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boro, Texas, whose wife lives at Allentown, Pa. Hightower, who would rather fight than talk about it, had to be questioned over a two-hour period before he would give details of the battle.

"The credit for the score we chalked up belongs to our gunner, Corp. Austin H. Bayer of Laporte, Ind.," he said. "We pulled out about 7 o'clock that morning while about 30 tanks were attacking us at a hill called Djebel Lessouda not far from Faïd."

"When we got there, 15 Mark IV's were ahead of us and 22 more on the crest to the left.

"We sat there and shot at them, knocking out about five or six while losing three ourselves. Then the 22 tanks came over the hill toward us and turned out to be 50, including at least four of their giant Mark VI's which so far as I know have never been in action on any other front before.

"We drew back to cover as they tried their usual trick of envelopment. We kept pivoting back and shooting at first one German flank and then the other. We kept from being surrounded, but at a heavy cost — then their dive-bombers caught us, coming over in wave after wave.

"They didn't hurt us much, but smoked us up so we couldn't see through the dust. We pulled across two miles of open field into Sidi Bouzid with our artillery covering us by using their 105 millimeter howitzers for direct fire.

"They were hitting German tanks at every pop. I saw three go up in flames with just three rounds.

"We reorganized in the town, but after two hours they began another huge double envelopment. We got our artillery and two supply trains safely out, and then started down the road to Gafsa ourselves.

"After getting all our tanks away except two lights and two mediums, we took out across country and came across nine Mark IV's and one Mark VI about 700 yards away opening fire on one of our columns of half tracks and light vehicles which were completely helpless before them.

"The guns on the other medium tank were jammed and since the light tanks were too thingly armored for the task before us, I sent all three away and signalled the column of our light vehicles to swing behind the Texas.

"As the Germans turned in for what they thought was a picnic, we let go and struck their commander's tank with our third shot, stopping him as cold as if he had hit a tree.

"We got a second tank with one shot.

"The eight remaining Nazi tanks then braked to a stop, but we kept going at about 14 miles an hour, firing steadily as we pulled away. We hit one tank three times before discovering that it was a Mark VI. I saw the last shell burst against him but don't know whether he was disabled. However, he didn't fire any more.

"As another Mark VI came up to him, we hit it at the same range with one shot. It went

through the turret and the tank broke into flame like a flower.

"Another Mark VI approached the burned tank—which was stupid because he had only to bring over our gun a hair—and he flamed up with our first shot. Then our gun momentarily jammed as the five remaining Mark IV's really opened up on us.

"We could actually see the shells coming along close to the ground like a ricocheting stone in water.

"One shell fragment came right down the tube of our gun but caused no serious injury among our crew. Another shell went through the bogie wheels and under the tank, tearing out the other side like a rabbit. Another hit our turret but didn't penetrate. Then a shell struck our suspension system.

"Each shell hitting sounded like a giant anvil or tremendous bell. It made your ears ring. As soon as our gun was unjammed, we began firing again, but another shell smashed the bottom of our left rear gas tank and flaming gasoline spurted over the back of our tank, its tracks, and on the ground about us.

"I shouted to my boys: 'now is the time to get.' We boiled out of there like peas from a hot pod before the tank had stopped running. We dodged behind the tank and kept it between us and the Germans. After walking a couple of miles, we fixed up a half-track we found abandoned, picked up a soldier with a broken hip near by, loaded him in and drove on.

"We came to another tank which some of our fellows were about to destroy because of engine trouble. We put it back in shape. Our crew got in and we picked up our convoy of half-tracks and jeeps and came on home.

"I hated like hell to lose that tank of mine. They even burned up the Lone Star State flag flying from my antenna."

Gunner Bayer, 21, of La Porte, Ind., said, "I still have a score to settle with those birds and I am going back to get some more."

He carried his pet Arab pup, named Texas Jr., which the crew picked up while leaving the battlefield.

## Fort Worth Police Hold Annual Dance

The annual police dance drew its customary throng to the Lake Worth Casino Saturday night despite gas rationing. Ticket sales passed the 5,000 mark, Traffic Sgt. Cato Hightower announced.

Sergeant Hightower is secretary of the Fort Worth Police Benevolent Association, Inc., the treasury of which will receive proceeds of the dance. Among other things, the association maintains insurance premiums of former policemen now in military service.

The dance crowd took on new life just before midnight when the 11 o'clock shift went off duty and came out. One officer, City Detective Ed Ruckman, actually turned