

Three British Tanks Stolen in Palestine

HAIFA, June 29 (AP) — Three British Cromwell tanks were reported stolen early today as the Army moved aboard ships ready to pull out of Palestine within 24 hours.

Only a handful of troops remained ashore, burning furniture and completing destruction of weapons and armored vehicles to be left behind. Lt Gen Gordon MacMillan ordered strict secrecy as to when the British troops would leave the soil of the Holy Land. High Jewish sources said the evacuation would be complete by tomorrow morning.

The three tanks were said to have been driven away from under the noses of British guards at Haifa Airport. One was found abandoned later with a damaged gear shift.

Army sources expressed belief the tanks were taken by deserters on their way to join the Jewish Army.