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Cons Flee In 'Tank' They Made

Raiford, Fla.

Two convicts rammed through the Raiford prison gates in a homemade, bullet-proof "tank" Saturday, prison officials revealed yesterday. They are still looking for the fugitives-

They recovered the "tank," whichwas a fork-life truck hastily covered with 10-gauge sheet-metal that deflected tower guards' bullets in the escape.

Prison superintendent L. E. Dugger said the two men broke into the prison furniture factory last Saturday and made their tank.

"They put two thicknesses of: the metal all the way around and four thicknesses on top," he said. "They cut a slit in front where they could see through."

When darkness fell, the twomen climbed into the tank and rumbled forth, heading for thenearest exit, a back-to-back set of two cyclone-fence gates.

The guard in a twoer directly overlooking the gates lost five rounds from a 30-30 rifle at the weird contraption, all of which bounced off.

The other tower guards opened fire, also to no avail.

The tank smashed right through the first gage and still had enough momentum to knock open the second gate.

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