The Bunker Hill Tornado

D. J. Anderson
March 19, 1948

- Tore through the town at approximately 6:45 a.m.
- Estimated to be an F4 tornado.
- Death toll – 19
- Injuries – 126
- About 80% of the town was leveled.
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- Ranked as the 6th worst Illinois tornado disaster of all time according to NOAA.

- Also damaged surrounding cities of Alton, Fosterburg and Gillespie.
Eastern New York, cloudy, windy, and warmer, followed by occasional rain this afternoon and tonight; winter in the north. Saturday cloudy and warm with showers.

Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, cloudy, windy, and warmer with occasional rain and possibly scattered thunderstorms today and tonight; showers probably ending Saturday afternoon, with cooler by night.

New Jersey and Delaware, mostly cloudy, warmer and becoming windier today, followed by occasional rain this afternoon or evening, with thunderstorms possible, and warm with showers likely.

Black Island to Cape Hatteras, small craft warnings were issued as of 9 a.m. today, with north of Black Island to Cape Hatteras, including inland waters.