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Editorially Speaking:... A TRIBUTE — AND A FAREWELL

The departure of Miss Miriam Lathrop, librarian, on October 17 for her new home in Phoenix, Arizona, will close an era in the history of Back Mountain Memorial

Miss Lathrop through her devotion, energy and foresight has guided the Library through its formative years and a large part of her character is revealed in the Library's friendly, homey atmosphere.

Coming here from Rutgers University Library, her first challange was to build an adequate, working library where none had existed before and to create an atmosphere that would induce young and old, students as well as recreational readers to use its facilities.

To accomplish this end she not only laid out the physical plant, catalogued books, mended old copies and searched the book markets for volumes that would appeal to her borrowers, she also nurtured flower gardens, tended the furnace, brushed out the cobwebs and changed the decor with the advent of the seasons.

No one was better fitted to make a shrub grow where none had grown before nor to whet a child's appetite for reading where no taste for literature had existed.

How well she succeeded was revealed Tuesday night by Louise Colwell, principal of Dallas Borough Grade School, at a farewell party for Miss Lathrop at Irem Temple Country Club.

Speaking before one hundred of the hard core supporters of the library she quoted from an essay written by one of her former students, Mary Dora Scott, now a

Junior at Marywood College. "The happiest days of my growing up will always be associated with the library and with the books I learned

to love there." We think that is a perfect tribute to Miss Lathrop a woman whose gentle influence for good will be stamped on a generation for many years to come. A woman who,

wherever she goes, will have left a large part of her heart

Between You And Disaster Your Pantry Should Be Ready

at Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Remember grandma's pantry, its Amounts listed below are for 1 per- serving Dallas Borough and Kingsshelves loaded with food, ready for son for 2 weeks. If the children ton Township. any emergency, whether it be unex- are young, the amounts can be Harry Ohlman received the 33rd pected company or roads blocked for decreased by one-fourth. If the degree of Masonry in Boston. days by a winter's storm?

attack, every wise and thinking family will likewise prepare for emergencies with the modern equivalent of grandma's pantry.

Your Reserve Food Supply Whether you take shelter or fol- pkgs.; evaporated, 4 (14½-oz.) cans. Lake, was mourned by her countless low your local survival plan in an emergency, one of the basic preparations recommended is an adequate food supply for your family. You should have a 2-week food supply in your home shelter area, and a Dried prunes or apricots, 2 lbs. 3-day survival kit in your family mean the difference between comfort and hardship—even between beans, 2 (15½-oz.) cans. survival and starvation—in case of enemy attack or a natural disaster. cans.

An H-bomb explosion can blanket an area many miles downwind with stew, 2 (1-lb.) cans; Salmon, 2 (1dangerous radioactive fallout. Fol- lb.) cans or Tuna, 4 (6-7-oz.) cans; lowing enemy attack, essential serv- Spaghetti and meat balls, 2 (151/2ices such as gas, electricity, and oz.) cans; Baked beans, 2 (1-lb.) water, as well as normal channels of cans; Cheese, 2 jars; Peanut butter. children. food distribution, would be disrupt- 2 jars. ed. If this should happen, a family probably would have to depend vidual-serving pkgs.). wholly upon its own food and resources for survival. An emergency food storage could be the family's oz.) jars or instant tea, 2 (1-oz.) get other vital information that will only available supply of food.

Start your home food storage and family shelter programs today. Your Here Are Other Essential Supplies or State Civil Defense agency. State or Community Civil Defense will swooly you with other informa- sugar. tion about family preparedness.

Start Your Survival Program Today can opener, tableware and utensils, To estimate how much food you paper supplies, old newspapers, should buy for your family's 2-week number of people in your household pail, garbage container. by the amounts listed below. The Bible or other family religious

Check "pantry" at least once a by Harry Ohlman. month, preferably more often, and Junior Woman's Club bought silrotate regularly. Bottled water must ver for the Library Annex. be changed every 6 weeks.

Juices: Tomato, 2 (1-qt. 14-oz.) friends. cans; Orange, 2 (1-qt. 14-oz.) cans; Grapefruit, 2 (1-qt. 14-oz.) cans. Fruits: Peaches, 2 (1-lb. 14 oz.)

cans; Pears, 2 (1-lb. 14 oz.) cans; Vegetables: Tomatoes, 4 (16-oz.) automobile. This precaution might cans; Peas, 4 (16-17-oz.) cans;

Corn, 2 (12-16½-oz.) cans; Green Soups: Assorted, 8 (10½-oz.)

Meats and meat substitutes: Beef

Cereals: Ready-to-eat, 14 (indi-Crackers-cookies: 2 boxes.

Beverages: Instant coffee, 2 (2jars or instant cocoa, 2 (1-lb.) pkgs. stand between you and disaster. Get Soft drinks: 24 bottles. Water in jugs or bottles, salt,

Matches, fuel, cooking utensils, Portable radio flashkight, candles

home food storage, multiply the and holders, first-aid kit, blankets, and Family Preparedness-NP-2-1;

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

The Hermit of Huckleberry Mountain, "Oc" Eastwood, was found dead in his mountain cabin, victim of a rattlesnake. Ralph Rood, hunting near Forkston, used to take newspapers to the barefoot hermit The Dallas Post once carried a feature story on Eastwood, using naterial furnished by Mr. Rood.

Mrs. W. H. Conden of Kunkle, died at 55. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nulton.

Dr. G. K. Swartz and Clifford Space were candidates for Dallas school board on a citizens ticket. Fred M. Kiefer bagged half a ton

of moose in Canada. Devens Milling Co. entertained 250 people at Kunkle Hall.

Outside walls were completed on the new Dallas Bank building. Governor Gifford Pinchot was explaining his plan to get better roads

in rural districts. Gas drillers were leasing farms, expecting to begin drilling in the

vicinity of Noxen. Paul Baker, Noxen, lost a valuable horse, from injuries received in

Dallas Borough football team took Kingston township 26 to 0.

Kingston Township school board paid off \$15,000 of short term notes. AETERNITAS 1763—meaning, "up- windows in that part, having small A mild case of infantile paralysis was found at Noxen. Victim was inscribed on a large wall clock just are gone, excepting a small sample, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sutliff. Noxen had an epidemic a ing in the museum of The Historical ordinary six-light sash, The overfew years earlier.

Hunters were asked to spare the ducks, as many species were already becoming very scarce.

IT HAPPENED 2() YEARS AGO:

"Life Begins for Andy Hardy" with Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, and Judy Garland was the fare at the Himmler Theatre. Air raid wardens were making

plans for a practice black-out. People seeking jobs in defense made by Paul Revere. factories had to produce birth certificates. No births were registered

gated to assist such persons. Willard Garey's construction of rials.

Dallas Township schools.

lost it in her back yard on Mill town of about 24,000, ten miles from side angles, has a prominent place. feet seven inches tall. Ruth Shaver, now Ruth Lewin.

an unlighted stone pile on Norton settlers each signed a covenant way to get rid of them.

lane of the Harveys Lake Highway, society.' starting at Castle Inn.

IT HAPPENED 1 YEARS AGO:

Dallas-Franklin Township and Monroe Township school boards were studying possibility of jointure. "Westmoreland" was decided upon as the name for the high school

children are infants, canned baby Hemelright award committee was

Today, when we are vulnerable foods should be substituted for some receiving nominations for the honor, as always to the ravages of nature of the other canned foods. Be sure won in 1947 by Howard Hendricks; as well as the possibility of nuclear to plan for old people or invalids. in 1948 by Howard Risley; in 1949

> "Grandma" Sarah Baird, 89, Milk: Powdered nonfat dry, 2 almost life-long resident of Harveys

> > The Samuel E. Davis funeral drew throngs, the community according honor to a singer of note in the area. Nancy C. Roche was wed to Warren L. Thomas.

Mrs. Warren Hicks, wife of a former associate editor of the Dallas Post, was at the point of death from acute hepatitis.

Carl Metzger, injured in the troop train tragedy that caused the death of three Back Mountain boys September 11, 1950, was at home on leave from Camp Atterbury.

Games and amusements for the

Optional supplies: Candy, gum, tobacco.

Personal hygiene needs Here is a list of Civil Defense publications from which you can them from the office of your local

Home Protection Exercises-MP-1; Family Fallout Shelter-MP-15; Emergency Sanitation at Home-H-2; Facts About Fallout Protection -L-18; First Aid: Emergency Kit. Emergency Action—L-12; Individual Fire Fighting for Householders—PA-

"SOONER OR LATER!"



Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer-D. A. Waters

AB HOC MOMENTO PENDET | common to the period. The original

The Society also maintains a very complete historical and genealogical some of which is in place, also some in the state before 1906. Docu- library, so complete that we en- used by the early menfolks when out Court House employes were dele- on three hundred local colonial hung around but one of the most churches, working on their mate- valuable was stolen by a thief break-

supported by steel beams, with culm a little over three thousand people. ment, furniture, clothing, etc. such she received offers for appearances feet high. The other was a little project with a hundred and twenty- not millionaire family, filling the York to Lake Tahoe as a member smaller. Structure was of stone five proprietors taking over a wide eleven rooms. Looms used by the of Jack Benny's act. ton extending down almost to the etc. are still in place with some of she was one of the very few new Louise Miller, teacher of mathe- present corner of Rhode Island. the work. Long dresses worn in stars the network put under conmatics at Lake, was employed by Some of the boundaries were dis- christenings and other clothing tract. She also signed a contract puted for over sixty years. After hangs around. A luxury item, giv- with Columbia Records... Ruth Shaver was given a cameo cutting off about twenty present ing three entirely different pictures Diana was a Junior Champion Wesley Moore in 1924. She townships, it still has a compact when observed from the front and Gymnast in Australia. She is five among other things, agreeing to The house is within sight of Route

could stand a lot more.

built in 1636 with the low ceilings who married Belding Swetland.

on this moment hangs eternity" is diamond shaped glass held by lead under two hundred years old hang- having been replaced sometime with Society at Dedham, Mass. This head beams, said to be from, or would be an appropriate and like those used in, sailing ships, were thought-provoking inscription for brought from Yorkshire, also the any clock, any time, any place. The early brick. The paneling looks as museum exhibits a wide variety of if ship carpenters had worked on it. wooden knife and a little wooden triangle with the corner in the room. shovel, maybe 21/2 in. square, used Distinctive mantles stretch over the for eating before the days of forks, fireplaces. On one of them there the Revolution, and a large bell across an adjoining window to keep tor Dave Thorne. out the cold. The kitchen was

Paying was started on the third maintain "a lovable and comfortable U. S. 1, the old Boston Post Road in that vicinity. The present custodian, The oldest frame house in Ameri- Mrs. Forrest Freeman, a direct ca, "The Fairbanks House," is the descendant of the builder, Jonathan prime attraction in Dedham. This Fairbanks, (as is also this writer), differs radically from the run of the was married in the house, the first mill old houses shown elsewhere. wedding there in a hundred years.

It has not been "restored" or About two hundred years ago, in 'rebuilt" or "refurnished." The Connecticut, Elizabeth Fairbanks, a property has never been deeded fourth generation descendant of the outside the family. When the last first Jonathan Fairbanks, builder old lady died several years ago "The of the house, was married to Col. Fairbanks Family Association" took Ebenezer Gay, also of old Dedham over the maintenance. They took family. Other Dedham families in out an ordinary coal burning range their ancestry included Thomas in the kitchen and a few other Fisher, Edward Culver, John Guild, modern innovations, but otherwise an Ellis, a Woodcock and perhaps left the house pretty much alone, others. Several of their children excepting a few running repairs. It came to this area, including Fisher Gay in Wyoming Valley, Ebenezer The central part of the house was Gay, Jr., at Mehoopany, and Sally

IRON MEN AND WOODEN SHIPS

"Men and Ships in American History" is the fall and winter film listed for student members by Wyoming Historical and Geological

The programs will be given Saturday morning at 10, beginning this Saturday, in the Historical Society Rooms on South Franklin Street. Wilkes-Barre

The series will run for nine weeks and will attempt to tell the fascinating story men and ships in American life from the Santa Maria and sails, to the Nautilus and atomic power.

October 7: Introduction: "Age of Discovery"; "United States Coast Guard."

October 14: "The Mayflower Story"; "Tank Ship."

October 21: "War of Independence"; "Old Ironsides." October 28: "The Naval Wars with France and Tripoli, 1798-1805"; "safe Passage."

November 4: "War of 1812"; "Coast Guard Icebreaker." November 11: "World Wide Operations"; "Lifelines U.S.A." November 18: "Admiral Dewey's Victory at Manila"; "Coast Guard Lighthouses."

November 25: "Normandy Invasion"; "Story of the Great Rivers." December 2: Nautilus Arctic Passage"; "Sentries of the Sea

Films will be shown Saturday mornings at 10:30 in the Centennial Room. This series has been prepared for student members of the

Society. However, adult members will be welcome if they are accom-

Lanes."

panied by a student member. Student membership is the bargain of a lifetime: only \$1.00 a year. Applications may be obtained at the Historical Society building.

Looking at

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

The New Season has begun and it looks as though it will be a good many are moving South. an interesting program. Richard a very interesting face. Won't be surprised if this show turns out to all of the northeastern states are be one of the most successful of suffering from high labor costs due

made one feel that all was well and distance from raw materials; leftists it was a pretty sensible world after who want to spend before they all. In fact, it was hard to remember the need for fall-out shelters.

Benny and Borge did a bang-up a desire to help newcomers. job on their singles. All in all, it was a good week.

case it has paid off.

his home in Ontario, Canada. was just kidding. He was taken seriously, though, and was invited year mortgages at 5% interest! ities where the executives and to try out for a role in "Johnny REVENUE BONDS THE SOLUTION their wives will be glad to live. Belinda" at the Theatre Royal in

He had nothing to lose so he de-

cided to give it a try.

role in "Stalag 17" in England. about acting. It was serious busi- bonds issued, only one (that put

interesting articles ranging from a The hearths are of brick laid in a States over a yera ago and signed are issuing such Revenue Bonds to of the Central West which now dewith Warner Brothers, he had made provide funds for new industries, pend upon farming. 29 motion pictures all over Europe They are tax-exempt and must be and Africa, but was relatively un- voted by a majority of the citizens. to a hand-made mother-of-pearl tea is a "blanket" crane upon which a known until he joined "SurfSide These bonds have been freely acchest specially made in China before blanket could be hung and swung 6" in the role of private investiga- cepted by northern investors. Many

ica less than two years. Diana, the more intelligent of these childwho started her career in her native ren graduate from high school, they mentary evidence was necessary. countered a student writing a thesis on Indian campaigns. Old guns are dustralia, has yet to celebrate her are obliged to leave their native ago. They are concerned that the twentieth birthday.

Lehman answered the question, earliest inland town in Massachu-but dropped them and escaped. She was in the troupe he had re-cities. They need factories, and the Where can we go in case of an setts. 1636, a year later than The two end sections were built cruited there to dress up his act. issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds Police for these areas? air raid?" The only drawback was Concord. But there was a substan- later, making a total of eleven Sinatra, a talent scout if ever there seems the best answer. that Willard wouldn't divulge the tial difference. Concord was a rooms. Here can be found three was one, recognized Dona's talent. location of the cellars. They were small town, and even now has only hundred years of utensils, equip- As soon as she arrived in America

eighteen inches thick, with eight strip of country southwest of Bos- women in weaving, spinning wheels, NBC was impressed with her and

Street. Diligent search failed to Boston State House. The original In the original part of the house Mary Tyler Moore, whose face unearth it. The property changed proprietors sometimes included fa- there is an underground escape was never seen on camera when hands. Steve Sedler, plowing his thers and sons but on the whole passage to be used in case of Indian she played Sam. switchboard opergarden, turned it up, returned it to accounted for a lot of the early trouble. There is a tradition that ator in Richard Dymond, is definitesettling families which have since a group of roving Indians, asking to ly being seen as Dick VanDyke's Jimmie Besecker was painfully worked westward across the coun- be fed, lay around all night on the wife in his CBS show, which preminjured when he ran his bike into try. Before being admitted as kitchen floor, there being no good lered October 3. Rose Marie and Morey Amsterdam also are featured.

Route 66 has logged more than 19,000 miles traveling to 36 different locations. Out of a crew of 50, the show keeps about 35 on the road for seven weeks at a time.

The object was to do a TV series entirely on the road, telling the story of two itinerant young Easterners trekking about in a sports car. Milner plays a young and recently orphaned Yale man, George Maharis a near-hood off the streets of New York.

Producer Leonard attributes its success, for "Route 66" is back for the second year, to the fact that "it's a good show."

And we'll go along with that de-

Dressel - Hontz Reunion

The 25th annual family reunion of the Dressel-Hontz families was held this year at the home of Mrs. Emaret Franklin, Centermoreland. Games and swimming were the entertainment for the day followed by a Chicken Barbeque with all the trimmings. This was the first year that all the family was present the past several years. Due to Uncle Sam's demands and new babies there has always been at least one missing member.

Present were (Shavertown) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dressel. Mr. and Mrs. Obed Hontz and son Billy. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ash and son Tommy. Mr. and Mrs. H. Robert Ash. (Wilkes Barre) Mrs. Ruth Werkheiser and children Donny. Danny. Lois, Lynn and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weida and children Mikey and Annette, also 2 guests. Mike Milney and Shirley Lewis. (Orange) - Mr. and Mrs. Morris Welsh and daughter Judy. (Philadelphia) Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hontz and children Bud, Buster and Betsy Ann. (Ambler Pa.) Mr. and Mrs. Forest Samson and children Tammy and Jeffrey. (Centermoreland) Mrs. Emaret Franklin and daughters Jean and Marjorie.

Next years reunion will be held at the Ash cottage at Harveys Lake on Labor Day.

"I figure that ulcers are what you get from mountain-climbing over

BABSON'S AUTHENTIC RELEASE

Babson Tells Why Many States Are Losing Factories

start in their area, and why so any a highly advantageous con-

Chamberlain as "Dr. Kildare" has are dying faster than the area can get new ones. In my estimation,

to rampant unionism; high state Watching Mitch Miller's program taxes; overpopulation; too great a earn; workers who don't want to work and don't respect their em-Gary Moore put on an excellent ployers; state and local officials ers. show for his first one back. Jack unfriendly to industry; and lack of

Already six states in the South have solved their problem, but all Lee Patterson of "SurfSide 6" is needed to amend their state cona great kidder by nature and in his stitutions. These have been drawn in Arkansas. to protect the holders of tax-exempt About eleven years ago he was bonds within their states. Times in Europe studying to become a have changed-and we now must which I now see for cities in the

Patterson was in London at the or aiding the unemployed. Also, their people and proper schools for time when someone asked him if owing to the new Congressional their children. Remember that tohe could act and he said yes. He mortgage legislation, we have the day, when locating new factories,

Still kidding, Lee auditioned and ing highways. The holder of such provide some offsetting advantages. was surprised when he got the part. bonds is dependent upon the toll They must have friendly Chamber Next he won a small part in Lon- interest is paid, but not other- Secretary should be an experienced don's West End where he replaced wise. At first leading investment man, preferably from one of the Mary Martin's son in "South Pa- bankers objected to such Revenue fast-growing Southern cities which And then came a starring Bonds; but finally they accepted have already issued Industrial Revthem and the bonds sold freely. Of enue Bonds. By this time, Lee gave up kidding the hundreds of millions worth of

out by West Virginia) has defaulted. Before he came to the United Now certain cities in the South The same applies to many cities of our cities are now taxing their Diana Trask, singing star of Mitch citizens heavily to provide education equipped with iron and tinware, Miller's program, has been in Amer- for their children. But as soon as Township are wondering what has

Diana had no thought of coming city in a more progressive state. ing in during the night. On a to this country until she met Frank Hence there has been little populatwo apple and potato cellars at Dedham claims to be the second second attempt he got two more Sinatra, then touring in Australia. The touring in Australia. BIG TAX-EXEMPT ISSUES

The biggest such Industrial Revenue Bond we know about is for

Babson Park, Mass., Many cities | our & Company. The bonds give wonder why new factories do not both the community and the comptract. Armour has agreed to pay one. "Dr. Kildare" proved to be WHY THEY DON'T START HERE them off at 434 # interest over 26 One trouble is that old industries years. Both interest and principal will come entirely from Armour's lease payment. Investors find themselves with a highly desirable taxexempt 43/4 % bond. If you are in the 50% tax bracket you get the equivalent of a 9.5% taxable yield. Cherokee has no problems because: (1) The bond issue is covered by strong legal restrictions, (2) the plant will employ over 300 work-

The second largest municipal bonding program is a \$9,000,000 project for General Tire in Kentucky. Ranking third is a \$7,000,000 bond issue for Borg-Warner Corporation

GETTING NEW FACTORIES

The above is the only method painter. He had gone there from choose between giving a monopoly northeastern U.S. to get new facto present holders of tax-exempts tories to provide employment for U.S. Government guaranteeing 40- the owners are looking for local-

> We all are acquainted with non- Northeastern cities which are some taxable Revenue Bonds for build- distance from raw materials must receipts for his interest. If enough of Commerces which are not conpeople use the new highway full trolled by "old fogies." The C of C

The Northeast has many natural advantages; but it must wake up to the new conditions facing us.

Of Auxiliary Police

Residents of Dallas Borough and become of the Auxiliary Police so well organized just a few years city and go to a more progressive Auxiliary Police should be reactivated especially at this time with threats of atomic attack being brandished in Europe. Who they ask is the director of the Auxiliary

180 Anniversary

October 19 is the 180th anniveron top. One was 56x24, and ten Dedham was an ambitious settling as used by a fairly well to do, but ranging from the St. Regis in New \$25,000,000 issued by the llittle city saw of the surrender at Yorktown, of Cherokee, Alabama. The money Virginia, of General Cornwallis, received will be used to build a huge which marked the end of the Revfertilizer plant to be leased by Arm- olutionary War.

100 Years Ago This Week...in THE CIVIL WAR

(Events exactly 100 years ago this week in the Civil War-told in the language and style of today.)

"Cump" Sherman Named Chief in Cumberland

Lincoln Writes **Marching Orders**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Oct. 8 -Brig. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, 41, former Ohio banker, today was named commander of the strategic Cumberland department of the Union Army. With the appointment, President Lincoln sent the bearded, fast-talking Sherman an explicit—and staggering—assignment:

He was given basic responsibility for the implementation of President Lincoln's orders last week for the immediate seizure of a key railhead near Cumberland Gap, the gateway to the west through the Appalachians. In this directive, his first since the disastrous operation order

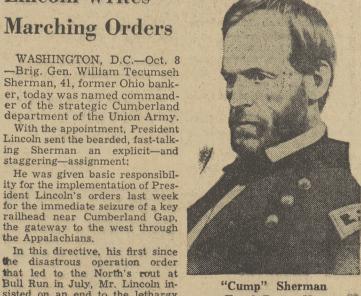
Bull Run in July, Mr. Lincoln insisted on an end to the lethargy that has seized most Union units in recent weeks. GEN. Sherman has been commanding some 8,000 men in and

miles south of Louisville, Ky. In his assault on the railhead-capture of which would cripple fast transportation be-tween Virginia and Tennessee -Sherman will be joined by about 5,000 troops now stationed near Lexington, Ky., under command of Gen.

around Muldraugh's Hill, some 40

George H. Thomas. Also moving to join Sherman were smaller units from Fort Holt, Ky., and Cairo, Ill. After these forces are grouped near Louisville other troops from Cincinnati were to team up with the new Army for the march on the Gap, which is about 90 miles southeast of Lex-

Opposing the aggressors will be firmly entrenched Confederate troops, estimated at from 5,000 to 6,500 in strength, headed by Con- congress.



Tough Row to Hoe

lederate Gen. Felix Zollicoffer. Also in the general area, and presumably mobile enough to join Zollicoffer, were outfits with a total force of some 7,000, under direction of Gen. Simon Buckner.

SHERMAN-known as "Cump"

to boyhood friends in Lancaster, Ohio, because of his distinctive middle name—was graduated from West Point in 1840 and served in the Mexican War. He quit the Army in 1853 and

made a brief and unhappy excur-sion into the banking field. Later, he served as chief of a military school in Louisiana. He was president of a street railway in St. Louis at the time he re-entered the Federal Army as a colonel last May. He was promoted to his resent rank after the fighting at