

**Landon**

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certain wire (wire with small sharp blades attached to it) and two and a half miles of wire around the camp. We were in the northern part of Saudi Arabia and there were no luxuries such as flush toilets or electricity.

"There was a Scud attack only six and a half miles from our camp. We were only 37 miles from the Kuwait border and six and a half miles from Hafar al Batin (where the missile landed)."

Landon said the Bedouins roamed the desert continuously with their sheep, goats, camels and other animals.

The prisoners were brought into the camp by helicopter and by trucks. They ranged in age from 13 years to 70 years, Landon said.

"We had an air conditioned trailer for processing the prisoners. They were given a physical, an I.D. bracelet, an I.D. card and tag, deloused and given dental care, then they were put down in the

compound," Landon said, describing the beginning of what was to be welcome care for the bedraggled soldiers.

"They were happy. They had three meals a day, water, showers and for recreation they played soccer. They cleaned their own area."

Landon's job was to guard the prisoners and he said they processed between 26,000 and 30,000 prisoners, and had as many as 15,000 prisoners in camp at one time.

Landon was one of the fortunate ones to go into Kuwait City where he went inside the United States Embassy and the Kuwait International Hotel. "The destruction done by the Iraqis was horrible," he said. He also saw and was able to take pictures of the "Highway to Hell," the roadway out of Kuwait City that was turned into a miles-long morgue by allied attacks.

"When we were ready to leave the Gulf we turned over the prisoners to the Saudi Arabian National Guard who shipped them to refugee camps. We had some of the Republican Guard in our camp," said Landon.

"The last day we tore down the camp and turned all of the equipment over to the Saudi government. We burned everything else, but the Bedouins went through the garbage trucks for food and nearly stripped them."

When the unit went over to the Gulf they left from Lagnley AFB and the 17-hour flight stopped at Brussels, Belgium, before it landed in Saudi Arabia. They came back by the same route and were processed out at Fort Dix before returning to the Hanover headquarters to come home, arriving here May 25.

"It's good to be home and see green trees and grass," Landon repeated.

**Sgt. Thomas commended**

Staff Sgt. Mark G. Thomas has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Thomas is an aircraft maintenance dock chief at Hahn Air Base, Germany.

He is the son of James L. and Joyce E. Sabol of Dallas.

The sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman.

**Police report**

**DALLAS BOROUGH ONE CAR ACCIDENT**

Officer Douglas J. Higgins was dispatched to an accident May 31 on Huntsville Road in the vicinity of Davenport Street where he found that Angela Marci Alesi of Dallas driving a 1991 Mazda traveling east on Huntsville Road which was partially wet incurred severe damage to her vehicle when the car's back end began to swerve and went out of control on the west road. She was unable to bring the vehicle back into control and went off the east side of the road, up a six inch curb and struck a utility pole, bounced off the pole and came to rest facing southwest in the east bound lane.

**REAR-END COLLISION**

Officer James J. Martin was dispatched to an accident on Route 415 near Mill Street May 31 where he reported that Edward G. Cragle, Hunlock Creek, driving a 1990 Ford struck, the rear of a vehicle driven by Patricia Ann Orasco of Hunlock Creek. Cragle said he was traveling north on Route 415 when traffic stopped rather suddenly and he did not have chance to stop quickly and ran into the rear of the Orasco vehicle.

**HOUSE VANDALIZED**

Leo Rutkowski, contractor, reported to Dallas Borough police May 31 that someone smashed a rear window of a house on Lot 7, Deer Meadow with a cinder block, dropped the block on the ground and pried open a window and entered the house. Rutkowski told police he saw no evidence of missing items.

**DUI CHARGED**

Stephanie Ann Evans of Shavertown was charged with DUI, disorderly conduct, and fleeing or attempting to elude police May 21, by Officer James Martin. The officer reported he saw Evans driving a Ford Thunderbird pass through a red light and continue south on Route 309 in an erratic manner. When he stopped Evans, he stated she refused to submit to a blood alcohol test which automatically results in suspension of her license for at least one year. Evans will appear before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

**ACCIDENT IN WEIS PARKING LOT**

Officer William Norris was dispatched to the Weis Market parking lot May 22 to investigate a one-car accident where he reportedly found the driver Chester Visneski disorderly and uncooperative. He was transported to Magistrate Earl Gregory's office for arraignment and a hearing date will be set.

**DUI CHARGED**

Francis Schray, Jr., Kingston Township, was charged with DUI by Officer James Martin May 26, when Schray was observed driving a 1983 Buick Riviera in an erratic manner south on Route 415 and a blood alcohol test indicated 0.147. Schray will be arraigned before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF CHARGED**

Glen Pasco, Sugar Notch, was charged with criminal mischief when he intentionally tampered with the side tinted glass window and left rear quarter panel of a Toyota Mini-van belonging to Gary Vincelli, Jr. Police say Vincelli was assaulted by Pasco in Dallas Village Shopping Center and his car damaged. Pasco also threatened Vincelli with a knife.

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP BEER, COOLERS STOLEN FROM IREM**

Dallas Township Officer John Appel investigated a burglary and theft June 1 at Irem Temple Country Club pavilion reported by Charles Hontz. Someone had broken into a cooler at the pavilion taking three halves of beer valued at \$120, a double cooler value \$300 and a single cooler box value \$200.

**TV'S, VCR'S STOLEN FROM DALLAS HIGH**

Frank Galicki, Dallas High School principal, reported a burglary to Dallas Township police June 2, stating that someone entered the art rooms at the high school and removed two TV sets and two VCR's. The building was entered through an unlocked window in Room 17. Investigating officer was Elliot Ide.

**BURGLARY REPORTED**

Lyly William Slaff, Meadows One, Newberry Estate, June 4, reported a theft where someone entered through a basement sliding door and removed silverware, clothing and other items valued at \$8,600. Doug Lamoreux was the investigating officer.

**CHECK FORGED**

A forgery occurring April 19 was reported June 3, by Merchants Bank, Dallas. Someone removed a

check from Timothy J. Krochta, Hunlock Creek, and forged his name on the check for \$50 which was cashed at Merchants Bank April 19. Krochta was advised to contact Lehman Police Department.

**HOME BROKEN INTO, WALLET TAKEN**

Beverly Dougal, 140 Tunkhannock Highway, Dallas, reported to police that someone smashed a small door window at her home and unlocked a dead bolt lock to enter her home. She was out and when she returned home she discovered someone had entered her home and rummaged through dresser drawers and boxes in the bedroom area only. The only item missing was a lady's brown wallet which she did not believe had any money in it. State Police were notified to take finger prints for identification. Officer Truman Brandt was the investigating officer.

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