



HISTORY
COMPANY 3304
P (V)
SP-7-Pa.
Birdsboro, Pa.

Army Personnel
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Capt. W. H. Francisco
Commanding
2nd Lt. Wray H. Noel
Mess Officer
2nd Lt. P. W. Reynolds
Exchange Officer
Capt. Oliver R. Kendrick
Surgeon
Mr. W. N. Grubb, M.A.
CEA

A HUNDRED MEN from Company 1394, Weikert, Pa., arrived at Camp SP-7, Birdsboro, Pa., on August 2, 1935, to form the nucleus of Company 3304, to which a hundred men from Camp Meade, Maryland, were added the following day.

Capt. W. H. Francisco, Air-Res., took command of the company on August 2, 1935, and Lieut. Orrie L. Marvin, Cav.-Res., began active service with the company on August 3. Mr. W. N. Grubb, the present Educational Adviser, was assigned on January 8,

1936. Captain Francisco has been in command of the company continuously since its organization.

The work upon which the men of Company 3304 have been regularly engaged is particularly interesting through historical association. Immediately in front of the camp site is the famous Hopewell Furnace, where cannon-balls were made for the Revolutionary forces under Washington, and a definite program for its restoration is now in progress under the direction of the National Park Service. Near the Furnace, a 70-acre lake will be made available to the public when the dam is completed on the French Creek Demonstration Project. This work and the construction of the picnic areas and the organized camp for tourists comprise the major part of the operations on the project.

Unremitting effort by both officers and men has been devoted to building up and improving the camp, making it now outstanding in comfort, through various improvements, and attractive in appearance. For

many of the improvements in the camp the men themselves are directly responsible.

Control of forest fires has been worked out in Company 3304 to a point of unusual efficiency. Most of the men came from camps where both experience and special training made them very capable in fighting forest fires.

The camp paper, now twelve months old, is a source of much interest in the camp. The HOPEWELL HOWL, the name chosen by the men of the company when the paper was first established, gives a monthly summary of events and various aspects of camp life.

The religious life of the company is well cared for by both Chaplain Elias Auger, Sub-District Chaplain, and ministers from Birdsboro, who conduct services for the men on regular schedule.

The educational program is one of adaptation to the individual needs of the men, ranging from elementary instruction in practical subjects to technical instruction on the job in connection with the development of the work project.