



HISTORY
COMPANY 2332
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Rockwood, Pa.

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COMPANY 2332 was organized June 26, 1935, near Trent, Pa., and was composed of enrollees from Kooser Camp and two groups of "rookies" from two conditioning camps. The company has continued at the original site, never has been divided, and no side camps have been operated.

Work projects in which the company has been engaged have all been in connection with the establishment of the Laurel Hill Recreational Development. Consequently, a close integration of the company work program and the WPA project has resulted. The major project of the pro-

gram has been the construction of a dam across Jones Mill Run.

An unusual feature in the educational program is the ground course in aviation given in the camp which is open to enrollees of the company as well as to members of Company 2330. This course is offered by the senior instructor at the Somerset airport.

During the floods of the spring of 1936, Walter J. Shurmatz, company radio operator, kept his station on the air when there were no other means of communication with the flooded areas. Much traffic was handled during the 60 hours of continuous operation of the station. The company was called upon to furnish medical and other supplies urgently needed, and the enrollee personnel was kept in readiness for any emergency.

Because of the road clearing activities of the company during the winter of 1935-36, inhabitants in surrounding communities evidence sincere appreciation of the work done by the enrollees. Relations with nearby communities are excellent, and a concrete manifestation of the good will is the wholesome manner in which the

occasional company dances are attended and patronized by people of the vicinity.

The historical background of the region surrounding the camp site, Somerset county, is interesting. The site is historically pictured and remembered because of the Whiskey Rebellion. More recently the region has become the focus of attention of students of Indian and other civilizations. Much of the historical material has been discovered by the Works Progress Administration cooperating with the office of the Archeologist of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The camp itself is located along the very road which connected Washington with Pittsburgh during early American days. The distance was a two-day journey, divided by a hostelry which was located where the garages of the technical service now stand. The cemetery which contains many of the graves of members of the family who operated the inn is surrounded by the camp, lying not 50 yards from the recreation hall.

Work is still progressing on the major project, the dam across Jones Mill Run, as well as other projects.