



HISTORY
COMPANY 318
ANF-1-Pa.
Pigeon, Pa.

Army Personnel

- 1st Lt. A. L. Schaidler
Commanding
- 1st Lt. Newton Chapin, II
Exchange Officer
- 1st Lt. Isidore A. Krasner
Camp Surgeon
- Mr. John Danton
Educational Adviser

enrollees of the company in the various parts of the forest during 1935, while an additional 1,500,000 will

COMPANY 318 WAS organized on April 29, 1933. Camp ANF-1 was the first camp established in Pennsylvania, and the second in the United States. The camp site which is the property of the Durhing Developing Company, was selected by Col. Landers of the U. S. Army, and bears his name. The camp is in the center of a triangle formed by the towns of Marienville, Ridgeway and Kane.

A total of 1,250,000 trees were planted by the

be planted in the future. Other completed work includes erection of 26 miles of telephone lines, laying of 36 miles of compartment lines, in addition to many other projects which have proven indispensable to the Allegheny National Forest. The ability of the enrollees to fight forest fires is a source of pride to the men, for in the time the camp has been in existence the company has been called on repeatedly to fight fires.

The educational program is one of a comprehensive scope, with special emphasis being placed on vocational courses. Present courses include automotive mechanics, boxing, carpentry, commercial art, current events, dancing, dramatics, first aid, glee club, government, journalism, mess, nature study, photography, printing, public speaking, radio, forestry, timber survey, guitar playing, and road building.

Camp ANF-1 was selected by the Signal Corps of the United States Army as the most conveniently located camp in Western Pennsylvania for a radio station, and in March of 1934 Station WVHD began to clear messages for all camps in the area. During the

March floods which swept Pennsylvania and the north-eastern part of the United States, Station WVHD and its operator Ernest Hlinsky rendered heroic service in handling traffic to and from the afflicted area.

The Company was divided in half on June 26, 1935, one-half of the company forming the basis of Company 2319, Camp ANF-13, Sheffield, Pa.

The company has been fortunate in the type of men it has had as Project Superintendents and Foremen, for they have, without exception, been men of unusual character and attainments. As a result, the enrollees have derived great benefits from the instruction they have received on the job.

The religious life of the enrollees has always been given much consideration by the company officers. The Army provides a Chaplain for the Sub-District, who for a time made his home at Camp ANF-1. In addition to the service of the Chaplains, visiting clergymen come to the camp periodically to conduct services and to counsel with the men concerning their spiritual and physical problems.

