



HISTORY

COMPANY 359

S-71-Pa.

Philipsburg, Pa.

Army Personnel

Lt. Walter B. Yeager
Commanding

Lt. Raymond A. Shoup
Mess Officer

Lt. Ralph E. McCune
Exchange and Supply
Officer

Mr. K. B. Waterbury
Educational Adviser

CAMP S-71-Pa., the home of Company 359, is located 11 miles south-east of Philipsburg, Pa., near the Black Moshannon Dam, on the beautiful Allegheny Plateau. One of the important coal centers of Central Pennsylvania is located in the nearby town of Philipsburg.

Company 359 was organized at Fort Howard, Maryland, during the latter part of May, 1933, and on Memorial Day, 1933, its members, 200 strong, arrived by train at Philipsburg and were transported by truck to the camp site. The men immediately set

about clearing the camp site and pitching tents. The original company was commanded by Captain Claudius L. Lloyd, assisted by Captain Arthur Eaker, and a small cadre of enlisted men from the 12th Infantry, Fort Howard, Md.

During the summer months of 1933, the company was quartered in tents, but in November, construction of rigid type buildings was started and by December all enrollees were comfortably housed for the severe weather that followed. Later, a recreation hall, light plant and pump house, and other small buildings were erected.

The outstanding work project of the camp is the construction and maintenance of Black Moshannon Park. Some of the work has included beach improvement, log cabin construction, out-door fire place construction, clearing areas for tent campers, and the building of a shower house and dressing room. A check disclosed that during one week in June 4,120 men, women and children visited the park, and as the weather became warmer, as many as 6,000 would visit the park

in a single day. The park has become a permanent monument to the CCC.

On March 17, 1936, an urgent request was received from the Burgess of Philipsburg, Pa., for volunteers to aid the flood stricken inhabitants. The entire company answered the call and rendered heroic work during the disaster. Aid was also given to flood sufferers in other surrounding communities. The Burgess and Council of Tyrone, Pa., sent a letter of appreciation for the fine work done by the men in helping to dig the town out of the mud and debris.

Members of the company volunteered on June 20, 1936, to organize a searching party to hunt for a 13-year-old boy who became lost from his parents who were camping at Black Moshannon Park. After an hour of systematic search by the enrollees, the boy was found by Enrollee Paul Sunutko. Enrollee Charles Burgio saved a 14-year-old boy from drowning in the Black Moshannon Dam on July 10, 1936. Enrollee Burgio went to the rescue of the lad, who had become exhausted while swimming in deep water, and brought him to shore.