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**HISTORY**  
**COMPANY 301**  
 S-80-Pa.  
 Masten, Pa.

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Army Personnel

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 Capt. R. M. Zook  
 Commanding  
 1st Lt. K. S. White  
 Exchange Officer  
 2nd Lt. B. A. Saholsky  
 Mess Officer  
 Mr. A. H. Houseknecht  
 CEA

COMPANY 301 was formed at Fort Hoyle, Md., with a group of 80 enrollees from Philadelphia, and left for Masten, Pa., May 5, 1933, under the command of Second Lieut. D. S. Somerville. En route, at Harrisburg, 112 enrollees joined the company.

When the company detrained at Masten, Pa., on May 6, they could not find enough space to erect hospital ward tents, with which it was equipped. Consequently, the camp site was changed to Ellenton, but came back to Masten in about two weeks when permission

was received from the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company to dismantle several houses that the company might erect tents. The camp was then officially established, May 20, 1933, and designated Camp S-80.

Capt. F. S. Lee assumed command May 22, 1933, but was succeeded by First Lieut. L. B. Downing on June 12, 1933, who in turn was succeeded by Capt. R. M. Zook on September 16, 1933.

Work in the forest was begun in June, 1933, under the direction of Mr. H. S. White, superintendent, who was later succeeded by Mr. Bruce P. Lundy.

One of the first, and most extensive, projects was the minimizing of fire hazards in this denuded forest. In accordance with this program, thirty miles of truck trails and forty miles of horse and man trails were constructed. Stream improvement has been initiated with the completion of five miles on the ten mile watershed of Pleasant Stream. Other extensive projects have been bridge construction, selective cutting, stock survey, and the construction of a large recreational dam adjacent to the camp.

The educational and recreational programs were

enlarged in April, 1934, with facilities provided by Captain Zook, with the assistance of Mr. H. H. Herr, Educational Adviser. Mr. Herr was succeeded by Mr. W. W. Warren, who in turn was succeeded by Mr. A. H. Houseknecht in November, 1935.

Prior to the assignment of an Educational Adviser, the first camp paper, "The Bag Puncher," was published under the direction of Enrollee Frank Giordano. The first issue appeared early in January, 1934. It was the first camp paper to be published in District No. 1, and has several times received a four star rating by "Happy Days".

Development of the educational program has been accomplished at various times. There has been an increase in the teaching staff by the addition of WPA instructors. A Ladies' Auxiliary has been organized, which assists with the camp educational and recreational activities. Weekly radio programs are presented over station WRAC, Williamsport, Pa., and vocational instruction is received each Saturday in the Williamsport Vocational School by men from the company.