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HISTORY
COMPANY 5437
S-136-Pa.
Galeton, Pa.

Army Personnel
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Capt. T. P. Crane
Commanding
Lt. Clyde Sylvester
Line Officer
Lt. P. F. Hickey
Camp Surgeon
Floyd S. Miller
Educational Adviser

ON MAY 10, 1936, on the dust covered flats in the training area of Fort McClellan, Ala., Company 5437 of the CCC was organized. By May 12, 1936, a personnel of 145 enrollees from Anniston, Ala., New Orleans, La., and Baton Rouge, La., had been enrolled, processed, and assigned to the organization for duty. Officers assigned to the company were Captain Theodore P. Crane, Commanding, and Second Lieutenant Clyde W. Sylvester, Junior Officer. Immediately, reconditioning and Company 5437 took

On May 25, 1936, orders were given that the company was to move to the plateau region of Pennsylvania, and on that day the company entrained for Camp S-136-Pa., Galeton, Pennsylvania, being one of the first companies organized in the 4th Corps Area to move from the corps area.

The destination was reached on May 27, 1936, and the enrollees were soon settled in their new home. By six months after occupying the camp, the rookies were thoroughly seasoned, and busily engaged in the projects in the forests and fields of Pennsylvania.

When the camp was established, surrounding forests were growing without care. Fire trails and wood roads were indifferently maintained, and the streams and creeks were choked with debris. However, the enrollees have cleared the brush away, trees have been thinned and pruned, leaving only those which will grow into straight, sound timber, and white pine blister rust is being eradicated. The camp alone has turned out 22,403 hours of work on 2,114 acres of land in eradicating the white pine scourge.

The company has done fire hazard reduction work on 476 acres of land and has built many miles of fire trails and roads. In addition, the company is maintaining the trails and roads. Through the efforts of the enrollees Cherry Springs Park, formerly a clearing, has been transformed into a park of which the people of Potter County can be proud of.

The members of the company have the opportunity to study while on their various work projects, and can acquire a practical knowledge of forestry, mechanics, carpentry, frame construction, stone construction, highway construction, and various other crafts, as well as classroom instruction which is given in the evenings and nights. In the evening, school courses are given to those members wishing instruction along academic lines as well as vocational, and classes for the illiterates are also held. Other classes are held regularly in spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography, civics, English and algebra. For those wishing vocational instruction, courses such as electricity, motor mechanics, photography, first aid, typing and surveying are given.

