

HISTORY OMPANY 5469 S-143-Pa. Karthaus, Pa.

Army Personnel

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Mess Officer

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THE present location of Company 5469 is known as the Three Runs CCC Camp. On September 10, 1935, Lieutenant John A. Mathews was detailed to the new camp site, with 89 men, who cleared the present area. No buildings were available, and it was necessary to erect tents. Two days later 91 recruits were received from Fort Hoyle, and with the addition of the local experienced man, the company was at normal strength. On November 20, 1935, buildings were

Since the establishment of the camp many valuable work projects have been completed. The men have laid 900 feet of pipe and tile lines, constructed six miles of truck trails, 15 miles of foot trails, and have planted more than seven acres of seed trees. A total of 250 acres of forest land has been improved, more than eight miles of roadside fire hazard reduction has been carried on, disease control has been exercised on 70 acres of trees and plants, and 50,000 board feet of lumber have been cut. Work projects still in progress include 20 miles of road maintenance, cutting guard rails and posts, as well as numerous other activities.

Just as in a majority of other CCC camps in the District, the members of the company underwent some hazadarous and trying experiences during the flood in the spring of 1936.

An excellent educational program was begun early in 1936, when Mr. Irwin J. Schultz became Educational Adviser. At the same time the recreation hall was opened. A camp council which was a self-governing body was immediately organized, and social, recreational, and educational activities stimulated. Courses such as English, mathematics, first aid, blasting, forestry and journalism were found to be popular. The educational program is further stimulated by the use of educational motion pictures, lectures, certificates of achievement, and the camp newspaper. The camp boasts of a library containing more than 500 volumes.

On October 15, 1936 Company 2331 disbanded. and a new company from the Fourth Corps Area was to occupy the camp site. On October 21, 1936 a complete new company, 5469, commanded by Capt. Ralph M. Walker arrived at the camp site. The new members are continuing on the work projects left unfinished by the disbandment of the previous company. Company 5469 arrived after spending two weeks in the conditioning camp at Fort Bragg, N. C. A revised educational and recreational program is now being put into operation and all members show interest in the new program.

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