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HISTORY

COMPANY 5470

S-118-Pa.

Clearfield, Pa.

Army Personnel
Capt. Broadus C. Bilbo
Commanding
Lt. James D. Cooke
Exchange Officer
Lt. Wm. D. McElroy
Surgeon
Mr. John N. Brown
Educational Adviser
to Clearfield, Pa., where they arrived on October

COMPANY 5470 was organized October 6, 1936 when 141 tired and train-weary young men arrived at Fort Bragg, N. C. During the following few days the enrollees were busy drawing clothing and equipment and erecting tents for other men due to arrive later. During the 14 days that the men remained in the conditioning camp there were many rumors of transfer to Pennsylvania.

Finally on October 20, 1936 the entire personnel of the company entrained and began the long journey to Clearfield, Pa., where they arrived on October

21. The group was met by the personnel of Company 1380, which had formerly occupied Camp S-118 to which Company 5470 had been assigned.

After the arrival of the company the enrollees encountered discouraging weather which added to the confusion of organizing an entirely new company made up almost completely of new enrollees.

Although the camp has been concerned chiefly with the building of forest roads for fire protection, and is maintaining 50 miles of roads for such purposes, other constructive work is also being carried on.

Enrollees are engaged in stand improvement, which necessitates cutting down and burning dead species of lumber. Through such activity 375 acres have been liberated to superior species which were being suppressed by inferior ones. In carrying on roadside cleanup members of the company gather and burn all of the debris as far as 50 feet on both sides of the road.

Another project members of the company engage in is the cleaning of land areas for planting. All

debris from previous forest fires, dead trees and standing snags are cut and burned, in order to prepare for new plantings. A total of 130 acres has been cleared. The enrollees are also reclaiming much cut and burned over land. In addition stream improvement work is also carried on to provide more food and protective shelter for fish. Three miles of such improvement have been completed along Sander's Run. Two types of dams, the Deibler and Boulder, have been constructed. The former consists of poles and its chief object is to provide shelter, while the Boulder dam is made from rocks and is used to retard the velocity of stream flow and to make shelters.

While the history of the company is comparatively short, the accomplishments already achieved by the enrollees of the camp are comparable to those of camps of longer establishment.

Camp life is proving most beneficial to the entire enrollee personnel. Opportunities educationally, recreationally and vocationally are afforded in the daily routine of camp life.

