



HISTORY MPANY 5474 S-138-Pa. Morris, Pa.

Army Personnel

Jack W. Bowman
Commanding
t. J. A. McKerley
Exchange Officer
g C. Basney, M.D.
Contract Surgeon
arold H. Herr
CEA
orman H. Ryan
Instructor
John Bacon
Instructor

THE 5474TH Company CCC was organized Oct. 7, 1936, at Fort Bragg, N. C., under the command of Capt. Fred N. Wimberley, with the aid of Lieut. James A. McKerley, and a cadre of eight enrollees, transferred from other companies. On Oct. 7 and 8 recruits arrived at conditioning camp, where they spent eighteen days. The present commanding officer, Capt. Jack W. Bowman, relieved Captain Wimberley Oct. 14, 1936.

The company entrained the evening of Oct. 26, 1936, for Dixie Run, Camp S-139, Morris, Pa.

Dixie Run Camp is located in a natural bowl, formed by surrounding mountains of the Allegheny Range. Within the camp area is the mountain stream, Dix Run, from which the camp name is derived.

Under the capable direction of Superintendent Van A. Brion, with Howard Shulde, Engineer, and Frank Kilmer, Forester, as aides, work projects of the disbanded 384th Company were resumed upon the arrival of the 5474th Company. This work includes road construction and maintenance, roadside cleanup, development of state parks, forest stand improvement, and the feeding of wild game. One of the outstanding features of the work projects is the improvement and maintenance of Harrison State Park, known throughout the east as the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania".

Reverend Byers, Protestant minister of Morris, Pa., conducts church services each Sunday morning in the Recreation Hall. Those desiring to attend evening services are furnished transportation to Morris.

Wholesome recreation is abundantly provided for the enrollees. The "Rec. Hall" is equipped with pool

tables, ping-pong tables, library and reading room, the latter having proper facilities for reading and writing. Magazine and newspaper racks, built by the carpentry class, have been placed in the reading room to take care of the large number of magazines and newspapers subscribed to by the camp. Inter-barrack contests in various sports, as volley ball, basket ball and touch football, arouse a keen interest among the enrollees. The athletic and recreational program of the old company has been resumed and enlarged; teams have been entered in the sub-district basket ball and baseball leagues.

The educational program under the direction of Harold H. Herr, Educational Adviser, with Norman H. Ryan, John Bacon, and Willis Campbell as teachers, is proving very successful. Mr. Ryan, a specialist in elementary work and agricultural activities, has charge of the gardening project which gained Area recognition. Mr. Bacon, who is director of athletics, is also teaching woodworking and the handicrafts. Mr. Campbell, musical director, has organized a string band and glee club.