



HISTORY
COMPANY 5456
 S-129-Pa.
 Waterville, Pa.

Army Personnel

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 Capt. Ralph W. Vaughn
 Commanding
 1st Lt. M. A. Cavuoti
 Exch. Officer and Surgn.
 2nd Lt. James L. Perkins
 Adj. and Mess Officer
 Mr. Roy Dawson
 WPA Athletic Director
 Mr. Hugh D. Trapp
 WPA Teacher
 Mr. M. A. Sweitzer
 CEA

COMPANY 5456, comprised mostly of men from Jefferson County and Birmingham, Alabama, was organized at Fort McClellan, Alabama, on May 15, 1936. It was among the first group of Fourth Corps Area Companies sent into the Third Corps Area. Capt. Ralph W. Vaughn, 85th FA-Res., was assigned to the company as commander, and Lieut. James L. Perkins, 422nd. Inf.-Res., as junior officer. After conditioning at the Fort the company entrained on May 27, 1936, bound for Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, and arrived at

4:30 on the frosty morning of May 29. From there it was escorted in trucks by Capt. Wm. A. Fulmer, 315th inf.-Res., and cadremen and foremen of the 312th Company (then in process of disbandment) to the former home of the latter, Camp S-82. This camp is situated in the Tiadaghton Forest on Highway Route 44, six miles north of Waterville.

On its arrival Lieut. Michael A. Cavuoti, Med.-Res., was assigned to the company as camp surgeon and Merrill A. Sweitzer as Educational Adviser. Work Superintendent C. P. Breining and the existing ECW Personnel also remained at the camp. On June 1 the men went to work on the forestry project.

On June 19 the company suddenly moved to abandoned Camp S-129, four miles from Waterville on the road to English Center, named Camp Little Pine after the stream on which it is located. Here was a camp ravaged by the March flood and an extensive project of reconstruction had to be carried out.

Early in June a 16 mm. sound-on-film projector was procured which has been in use for weekly movies

and for vivifying the summer educational program, a special feature of which was an "elementary school" in which thirty-three men received instruction in the three R's four nights a week.

During the first two weeks in August the first issue of "Dixie Sire", monthly camp paper, appeared. The Rotary Club of Jersey Shore was guest of the camp at an entertainment and duck supper.

On October 23 the company was the first one from the South to broadcast a program over Radio Station WRAK in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In November the newly painted and decorated recreation hall was further enhanced with twelve large murals painted by assistant educational adviser Paul Middlesworth. Work was also begun on the equipment of an arts and crafts shop.

In the forest the company has removed the gooseberry bushes from a thousand acres, constructed ten large masonry bridges, maintained thirty-five miles of flood-damaged truck trails, cleared about a hundred miles of firebreaks, and constructed three miles of new truck trails.