

HISTORY COMPANY 5464 S-103-Pa. Laquin, Pa.

Army Personnel

Capt. J. C. Matthews, Jr. Commanding

1st Lt. W. S. Clark Adjutant

lst Lt. Carl K. Kaufman Surgeon

Mr. J. A. Halloran, Jr. CEA

Company 5464, Civilian Conservation Corps. stationed at Camp S-103-Pa., Laquin, Pa., was organized on May 16, 1936 at Fort McClellan, Ala.

The unit, of Fourth Corps Area origin, was composed of a cadre of eight enrollees from Ala. and Ga. and 137 new members from Mississippi. Capt. H. C. Winters, Ord.-Res., was Commanding Officer and First Lieut. W. S. Clark, FA.-Res., was second-in-command.

The new company received twelve days conditioning.

They left the Fort at 6:00 p. m. on May 28th and arrived at their station at Laguin on May 30th at

11:00 a. m. First Lieut. Carl K. Kaufman, Med.-Res., and Educational Adviser James A. Halloran, Jr., were assigned to the incoming company. The twelve local experienced men of the disbanded '387' were transferred to the new group.

The camp at Laquin was a fully developed site which had been occupied by a Pennsylvania Company since June 5, 1933. It is situated on Pennsylvania Game Lands 12 and 36 in Bradford County.

Six new enrollees from Georgia, the first replacements, arrived on July 17th, and on August 27th eighteen men were discharged to return to school.

Captain Winters was relieved from duty with the company on September 8 and Lieut. Clark was temporarily placed in charge of the unit until the arrival on September 12 of First Lieut, Wm. A. Schreader, Inf.-Res., who assumed command.

At the end of the enrollment period on September 30, forty-four men were discharged and the company dropped to sixty-three. The strength was increased by the arrival of seventy Alabama boys

around the middle of October and fourteen enrollees from Georgia on October 24.

Captain Joseph C. Matthews, Inf.-Res., the present Commanding Officer, arrived at Laquin on October 25 and assumed command.

The work projects are devoted entirely to the improvement of the two State Game Lands which comprise 35,000 acres.

Within the camp a well balanced educational program is given. Twenty-four men, who were classed as illiterate on entry, have learned or are learning to read and write. Elementary subjects are taught and English, mathematics, First Aid, Journalism and High School studies are given. Carpentry and other vocational work are included, and instruction on the job is stressed.

Despite a late start the company produced a creditable baseball team and competed in the Sub-District league. Football and outdoor basketball as well as ping-pong and pool are popular diversions.

Religious services are held regularly and the attendence is exceptionally high.