

HISTORY
COMPANY 1394
(V)
S-68-Pa.
Weikert, Pa.

Army Personnel

Capt Wm. W. Withey Commanding

1st Lt. B. Silverstein Surgeon and Exchange Officer

2nd Lt. Gilbert E. Teal Mess Officer

Mr. Walter W. Warren CEA

On July 9, 1933, the Company 1394, CCC, consisting of two hundred veteran enrollees from Fort George G. Meade, Md., under the command of Capt. L. A. Lawson, Air Corps, pitched tents on a flat meadow threequarters of a mile east of the hamlet of Weikert, Union County, Pa. By popular acclaim, Camp S-68-Pa., was called the "Bald Eagle Camp," from the state forest district in which its projects lay. On July 10, 1933, the flag was hoisted to the top of the new flag pole, and the camp was dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

Permanent construction was completed on November 15, 1933. Captain Small succeeded Captain Lawson as camp commander in the Fall of 1933. Captain John P. Easby took command of the company on January 9, 1934, and continued in command until August 4, 1936. Captain William W. Withey, F.A.-Reserves, the present commanding officer, took over the command on the latter date.

The present staff consists of Captain Withey, First Lieutenant B. Silverstein, Med.-Res., Camp Surgeon, Gilbert E. Teal, Second Lieutenant, Infantry Reserves, and Walter W. Warren, Educational Adviser.

"The Bald Eagle Scream," the camp newspaper, first appeared on January 14, 1935. Since that date it has grown from a six-page issue to a magazine of twenty-six pages, with a four-star rating from "Happy Days."

The company history from the beginning has been mainly that of steady routine in the completion of its various work projects, with but few unusual incidents. On June 28, 1935, Captain Lawson, who had returned to the air corps, piloted the U. S. Dirigible T. C. 13

over the camp and dropped greetings. On August 2, 1935, one-half of the company was transferred to Birdsboro. Pennsylvania, to form the nucleus of the Company 3304, CCC. During the great flood of March. 1936, the company did outstanding work rescuing lives and salvaging property in Lewisburg and Johnstown, Pennsylvania,

Present and completed work projects include: construction of six bridges, one of which is a one-hundred-seventy-foot steel and masonry structure across Penn's Creek at Weikert, and the repair and maintenance of all those within the district; building of twenty-eight miles of road, and ten miles of foot trails, and the maintenance of over one hundred miles of roads already built; marking of intersections and points of interest; the development and care of sixteen springs. Various other completed projects include: planting of thirty-three acres of seedling trees, improvement of fifty-five acres of forest stand, and one hundred acres of blister rust control, three miles of stream development, fourteen miles of boundary marking, and ninety-two miles of lineal survey.