

HISTORIES OF DISBANDED COMPANIES

BRIEF HISTORY OF 1317th COMPANY CAMP S-127—ANTES FORT, PA.

(DISBANDED)

On June 6, 1933 the 1317th Company, CCC was organized at Fort George G. Meade, Md. The first officers were Capt. E. J. Fitzgerald, 34th Infantry, Commanding, and Lieut. James, as adjutant. The company was transferred to Camp S-127, Antes Fort, Pa., arriving at that station on June 20, 1933. The enrollees who made up the company came from Pittsburg and Philadelphia, Pa.

The camp site itself, is located about twelve miles south of the town of Jersey Shore, Pa., in a beautiful stand of pine and hemlock—the region is part of the Pennsylvania State Forests. On either side are two fertile valleys, the Nippenose and the Sugar.

The work of construction was done for the most part by civilian labor—the enrollees, however, improved the buildings and the camp area. Their forestry work, at this time, was mainly the construction of roads. Later they began work on the major projects which included—forest stand improvement, truck-trail construction, public park development, tree and plant disease control, tree and shrub planting, wildlife shelters, road-side clean-up, and lineal survey work.

On September 19, 1933 Capt. L. H. Kyle, 306th Cav.-Res., succeeded Capt. Fitzgerald and assumed command of the company. The camp slowly developed: improvements were gradually added and very valuable work was done during this period in fighting fires.

On January 30, 1934, Capt. J. G. Butterworth, 393rd Inf.-Res., relieved Capt. Kyle and took over the command of the company.

The spiritual needs of the men were taken care of by the Sub-District Chaplain, Rev. Bernard McGuire who conducted services for the Catholic enrollees in the camp; Protestant Services were also attended by the men in the town of Jersey Shore, Pa. Later, Rev. James J. Corbett, Sub-District Chaplain continued the work of Chaplain McGuire. The men

were later served by the Rev. J. Barrows, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who conducted Protestant Services in camp once a week.

The athletic facilities included baseball, volleyball, basketball, and swimming, while, indoor recreations were movies, pool, ping-pong and dramatics. The educational program included courses in elementary reading, writing, arithmetic, commercial art, time-keeping, algebra, music and journalism. The company published a monthly paper, the "Echo of the Pines." Valuable vocational training was derived from this work on the newspaper.

During the terrible flood of March, 1936, the enrollees of this company gave inestimable aid to the flood-stricken towns of Jersey Shore and Lock Haven, Pa. Approximately 3600 man-days of work were done by the enrollees in helping to clean up these towns. Many letters of commendation were received in appreciation of their work.

First Lieut. Sidney L. Sattenstein, Eng.-Res., took command of the company upon the relief of Capt. J. G. Butterworth on June 20, 1936. However, his command was of short duration, because Company 1317 was officially disbanded on October 27, 1936, and the camp site reoccupied by Company 5475 of the Fourth Corps Area. The Southern boys took over this great work of Conservation that was started at this camp on June 20, 1933—to them is extended the honor of making future history.

BRIEF HISTORY OF 381st COMPANY CAMP S-52—WELLS TANNERY, PA.

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Three years of glorious history is that of the 381st Company, Camp S-52, Wells Tannery, Pennsylvania.

This company was organized early in May, 1933, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and was commanded by Capt. J. Paul Lloyd, U. S. Army. It was June 5th when the company arrived at the camp and immediately set about doing things which never ceased until final disbandment, May 24, 1936.

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Lloyd, May, 1933—September, 1933. Capt. Charles Galloway, September, 1933—May, 1935. Captain Epstein, May, 1935—February, 1936. Lieut. R. Mayne, U.S.N.-Res., February, 1936—May, 1936.

The big work project of the 381st Company was Sidling Hill Park, located in the Sidling Mountain. This park, while not completed, has already become a favorite spot for tourists. Work on this project is being continued by the 5442nd Company which relieved the 381st.

BRIEF HISTORY OF 384th COMPANY CAMP S-138—MORRIS, PA.

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The 384th CCC Company was organized at Fort Meade on May 18, 1933, and arrived at Blackwell, Pa., at noon on May 30, to proceed to the camp, known now as "Dixie Run CCC Camp", Camp S-138, Morris, Pa.

A man who spent his early life in the forest and lumbering, Mr. Van Brion, was ECW Superintendent of work projects, assisted by Mr. Howard Shulde, Engineer, and Mr. Frank Kilmer, Forester. One of the outstanding features of the work projects was the development of Harrison State Park, widely known as the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania".

Captain Jay F. Brink, Infantry Reserve, Commanding Officer of the company, assumed command on April 18, 1934, and remained in this capacity until the company was disbanded, October 27, 1936. Junior Officers serving under Captain Brink while he was in command were: First Lieut. William Withey, Infantry Reserve, (Now a Captain), First Lieut. Alfred Wierich, Engineer Reserve, First Lieut. Charles Van-Wickle, Field Artillery Reserve, and First Lieut. Frederick Lardin, Infantry Reserve. (The latter two serving with the company when it was disbanded.)

Among the outstanding accomplishments of the company is the part played in relief of the flood stricken residents in the Williamsport area, during the flood in the spring of 1936. The majority of the company moved to Williamsport March 23, 1936, and remained until April 9, 1936. 1562 man days