

HISTORY S-132-Pa. Cameron, Pa.

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ON JUNE 1, 1933, the nucleus of the original company was formed at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. with two officers and four enlisted men from the Regular Army. On the same day they began processing 59 enrollees and on June 2, 1933, 117 Fort Hoyle and were assigned to the company. On June 6, twenty-eight more enrollees reported for duty, and the original Company 1321, composed of 204 men, was complete.

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undertaken. Some of the projects include 28 miles of minor roads constructed, planting of 40,500 trees, cleaning up of 55 miles of roadside, and the transformation of 20 acres of forest lands into public camp grounds. A work project that is creating much interest among the camp members is a vehicle bridge constructed of native stone cut by the enrollees, and the steel framework will be assembled by the men, under the supervision of the foremen.

The camp is located in one of the choice hunting spots of the state. During the hunting season of 1935 the enrollees participated in the search for a lost hunter. Within four hours after the plea for aid in the search, the enrollees, to their surprise discovered they had found two lost hunters instead of one. In March of 1936 five trucks, an ambulance, and 60 men, accompanied by an officer, fully equipped with provisions and clothing, responded to an urgent call for flood relief workers in the Renovo area. So efficient were the men at the relief work that letters of commendation from the town council, Burgess, and State officials were received by the Company Commander.

The greatest progress in the educational program has been in the vocational groups. Many men are realizing opportunities offered in the field and within the past year there has been a 40 per cent increase in attendance. The greatest achievement was made in the radio class, which constructed a complete public address system, which is used for the entertainment of the entire company.

The official and enrolled personnel have found the citizens of nearby communities most congenial in welcoming the camp members to their towns, and whenever possible they have cooperated with the camp in establishing closer relationships and friendships. The local newspaper has done much to cement the relationship by permitting the camp reporter to publish a weekly column pertaining to the events of the camp. Many favorable comments have been received from the local citizens on the column.

Six months ago one of the camp leaders, William Devling, was appointed to the Technical Staff as Sub-Foreman. Because of his industry and perserverance, the entire camp felt that he had earned the promotion.