



HISTORY
COMPANY 5473
S-140-Pa.
Thornhurst, Pa.

Army Personnel

Capt. H. S. Crain, Jr.
 Commanding
 1st Lt. Wm. G. Neely
 Mess Officer
 1st Lt. Joseph P. Nelson
 Surgeon
 Mr. Irwin Spector
 CEA

healthy appetites, the company reached the final period of its formative stage October 21, 1936. On

FROM THE FARMS and towns of South Carolina came the elements of Company 5473, CCC, which was formed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, during October, 1936. The gathering marked the beginning of the organization which, under the direction of Captain H. S. Crain, Jr., was to become a factor in carrying out the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. Through the gamut of new uniforms, work, amateur cooking and

that date, the trains pulled out bearing Company 5473 on a journey northward into the Pennsylvania Pocono Mountains.

After travelling for more than twenty-four hours, the company arrived, on the evening of October 22, 1936, at the scene of their new mountain home. Camp Thornhurst, nestling in the hills of the Pennsylvania Lackawanna State Forest, offered a cheery welcome to the weary travellers from the south.

In an unbelievably short period of time, the camp, so recently abandoned by Company 382, presented that appearance of orderliness so characteristic of smooth functioning organizations.

Located two and a half miles from the hamlet of Thornhurst, Camp Thornhurst was organized in December, 1933. Its present appearance gives no hint of the original aspect of the camp site. The companies that have figured in its history have left their mark. By dint of hard labor, performed after regular working hours, a rock infested mud hole was transformed into a miniature park.

The normal daily routine of trail construction, forest stand improvement, and plant disease control, soon began to function.

Services, held in the recreation hall, and in the Thornhurst M.E. Church, offered opportunities for religious worship. Classes in academic and vocational subjects were organized by Adviser Spector. Very early, Ryan Bozard and Jimmie Modlin, members of the boxing team, captured prizes in outside fistic competition. During the same month, the "Southern Yankee", magazine of the company, made its appearance.

The friendly attitude of the people of the locality awakened in the enrollees a reciprocal feeling of friendliness. By respecting the rights and property of others, by performing useful work, and by their readiness to assist in any local emergency, the CCC men of the camp have become an asset to the community.

The people of the local community may rest assured that Company 5473 stands ready to write its own history in event of fire, flood, blizzard, or any other emergency.