



HISTORY
COMPANY 1397
SP-5, Pa.
Johnstown, Pa.

Army Personnel

—
Capt. S. R. Campbell
 Commanding

Lt. Charles E. Biele
 Exchange Officer

Major F. M. B. Schramm
 Surgeon

1st Lt. Michael Zofchak

Mr. Irwin J. Schultz
 Educational Adviser

COMPANY 1397 (V) originally known as Company 1346 when it was located at Cheneysville, Pa. arrived at Joseph John's park, Johnstown, Pa. on April 20, 1934. The company was made up of veterans, all of whom worked industriously to make their new location an outstanding camp.

The Technical Personnel of the company is made up of Jacob Hoffman, project superintendent, Lewis Stull, foreman, Karl Christie, engineer, John Kessinger, landscape architect, Joseph Hartnett, foreman, Harry

Leadbeater, foreman, Charles Dunkle, foreman, Fred James, mechanic, and C. L. Barnhart, blacksmith.

On July 9, 1936 this company was reconstituted as a junior company. The personnel of the new company consisted of 60 men transferred from six different companies, ten men from each. The required number of local experienced men were enrolled to complete the organization. Since that time two different groups totaling 25 enrollees have been transferred to the company bringing the total to 156.

Like the veterans the juniors are now engaged in the interesting work of building a park for the city of Johnstown. The community is realizing more and more the value of the program which has progressed to such an extent that the park is being regularly utilized for picnics and outings.

The projects include the construction of roads, shelter houses, bridges, trails, parking areas and bridle paths. Mr. Jacob M. Hoffman has supervised the project since it began in April, 1934.

Benefiting from the fine reputation left by the

veterans, the present company is enjoying fine community cooperation and good will. The enrollees are doing everything possible to strengthen the feeling so that they may be readily accepted into the city's activities.

Members of the company have an unusual and excellent opportunity for educational advancement. Permission was given by the school board of Johnstown to admit company members to Johnstown evening schools. A wide selection of courses was offered in academic, commercial and vocational education. Transportation has been made available and the enrollees are taken to and from the school nightly, bringing vocational and educational opportunities within the grasp of every individual enrollee.

The educational adviser has enjoyed the full cooperation of the WPA, the technical staff and the official staff. As a result, an excellent camp educational program has been arranged for those who are not fully qualified to take courses in Johnstown. A large selection of courses is being regularly taught in camp.