



HISTORY
COMPANY 2313
SP-13-Pa.
Schnecksville, Pa.

Army Personnel

1st Lt. J. G. Christensen
 Commanding
 1st Lt. Lewis R. Stretch
 Adj.-M.T.O.
 1st Lt. Wolfe Lurie
 Surgeon
 2nd Lt. James F. Grove
 Mess Officer
 Mr. Clarence J. Grinnell
 CEA

SINCE JULY, 1935, the Trexler Lehigh County preserve has been partially occupied by Company 2313, CCC, in Camp SP-13-Pa. The area is natural farming land, with a very small wooded section. The camp site is 12½ miles north of Allentown, Pa., and at an elevation of from 500 to 700 feet. The game preserve is one for buffalo, elk, and deer, and is thickly populated with these animals.

The advance detail of six men in charge of Lieut. L. R. Stretch arrived from MP-1 at Gettysburg on July 2, 1935. The men

slept in tents and were chased by buffalo—one Assistant Leader, Harold Scott, being run to the top of the well-drilling apparatus. On the next day the detail trucked two carloads of equipment to the camp site, and the main body of 89 additional enrollees from Gettysburg arrived under command of First Lieut. Frank S. Sloan, later commissioned Captain.

Camp construction was in charge of Lieutenant Alton V. Arnold, Q.M.-Res. During this period the company was commanded by Captain Frank S. Sloan, Eng.-Res., Lieutenant L. M. Stretch, Cav.-Res., Lieutenant C. R. Crockett, Inf.-Res., and Contract Surgeon Asher G. Rush. John R. Small was assigned as Educational Adviser.

Later, Julius G. Christensen, First Lieut., Inf.-Res., took command of the company, followed by Captain John W. Schermerhorn, Inf.-Res., who was later relieved by Lieut. Christensen.

The educational program was started in August, 1935, with the appointment of John R. Small, of the University of Maryland, as Educational Adviser. He continued until January, 1936, when he was replaced

by Adviser Clarence J. Grinnell, from Company 361.

The educational program is built upon fundamental principles, with the three R's being stressed.

Success in baseball and basket ball kept company teams always before the public, and the baseball team of 1936 held the top position in a local county league. The team also captured the Sub-Disrtict trophy. Amateur boxers of the company trained regularly and had bouts in nearby towns during the winter.

Religious services are afforded the men. The Tri-C has taken hold of the imaginations of the men, and services are well attended, with ministers from the nearby towns rendering weekly services.

In addition, Chaplain Wm. B. Marsh and Chaplain Elias Auger give valuable suggestions in living, and from time to time conduct camp services.

Great interest is shown by the community in the camp. Numerous suppers and other affairs have been given, and distinguished guests have been Col. H. Harrison Smith and officers of the 316th Inf., the 305th Cavalry, the Hon. Oliver W. Fry, U. S. Congressman, County Commissioner J. Peter Griza and others.