

HISTORY
COMPANY 3301

(V)
SP-17-Pa.
Birdsboro, Pa.

Army Personnel

Capt. Thomas A. Lane Commanding

nd Lt. Geo. E. Stewart Exchange Officer

Capt. O. R. Kendrick Surgeon

Mr. D. D. Kulp, M.A. CEA

JETERAN COMPANY 3301 was organized at Elizabethville, Pa., by dividing Company 1326 into two parts, one part remaining at the Elizabethville camp, and the other forming the new company 3301. On July 6, 1935, the new company, under the command of Captain Thomas A. Lane. arrived on the grounds of Camp SP-17, about one mile from the site of the permanent camp.

As a work project, the company was assigned to aid in the development of Hopewell Park, a tract of land which is to be developed into a large public recreation park with shelter cabins, picnic areas, camping sites, and an artificial lake for bathing, boating, and fishing. The chief project assigned to the company was the building of the impounding dam to form the lake.

Company 3301, like many other CCC companies, performed heroic services during the flood period in the spring of 1936. The town of Birdsboro was threatened by Hay Creek, which, because of an artificial channel, was backing up and carrying water into the town. Working in a cold rain throughout the entire night, the company cut a relief channel and saved the town thousands of dollars in property damage. A week later the company sent trucks to aid the Red Cross and American Legion in transporting supplies to the flood stricken areas.

The educational program emphasizes practical instruction that will be of future value to the men, and is under the direction of Mr. Donald D. Kulp. Regular religious services are conducted in the camp, in addition to the regular church trucks to Birdsboro

each Sunday morning. Captain Elias H. Auger, Chaplain of Sub-District 1 pays the company regular visits.

The men, under the leadership of Lieut. Geo. E. Stewart, are carrying on the first agricultural live-stock experiment in the entire dirstrict. The camp paper, "Keystone Veteran", is published monthly.

Several educational field trips have been taken by the company, and have proved popular with the men. They have visited the Reading Fair each year, and have made trips to the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens and historic Valley Forge. On May 23, 1936, a field day and open house was held, with more than 2500 visitors attending. Outstanding features of the event were a baseball game, band concert, outdoor circus, and an orchestra concert.

On July 21, 1936, Owen B. Morey, a former enrollee, died in Birdsboro, and since no relatives could be located, the entire company turned out for the funeral. A few weeks later, under the same circumstances, George Curren. another former member, was laid to rest.