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HISTORY OF COMPANY 1522

On June 17, 1933, Company 1522 C.C.C. left Ft. Knox, Kentucky for its new station at Waterville, Ohio. The Company was comprised of 240 enrollees and the following Army Personnel:

James F. Strain, Capt. Inf., Cmdg.

John H. Enlow, Capt. Inf-Res.

Ely G. Fenton, 2nd Lt. Engr-Res.

Sgt. Frank Thomas

Sgt. Emile Sortet

Corp. George Kalmar

Walter Hopkins, Private 1st Class

Capt. Leslie V. Burkett, Med-Res. was assigned Camp Surgeon upon the Company's arrival at Waterville, Ohio. He was relieved of C.C.C. duty on August 7, 1933 at which time Roy H. Thompson, 1st Lt. Med-Res. was assigned as Camp Surgeon.

On September 1, 1933 Capt. J. F. Strain was relieved of C.C.C. duty and Capt. John H. Enlow was assigned as Commanding Officer.

As the enrollees progressed in experience and the responsibilities of the Leaders and Assistant Leaders were capably taken care of, the Non-Commissioned Officers were relieved of C.C.C. duty and on November 19, 1933 the Army Personnel consisted of Capt. Enlow, Cmdg. and Lt. Fenton, Adjutant.

On January 12, 1934 Lt. Fenton was transferred to Camp Stony Creek, Chillicothe, Ohio, as Construction Officer, and J. J. McCarthy, 1st Lt. Inf-Res., stationed at Camp Stony Creek, was transferred in lieu of Lt. Fenton.

Upon departure from Camp Maumee, Waterville, Ohio on May 14, 1934, Lt. Roy H. Thompson was transferred to Company 553 C.C.C., Napoleon, Ohio.

Max E. Blue, 1st Lt. Med-Res., of Camp Greenbrier, Rupert, W. Va. was appointed Camp Surgeon at the Company's new location at Clifftop, W. Va.

Due to the construction of a permanent Camp at Clifftop, Lt. Fenton was transferred from Camp Stony Creek and reported for duty on June 15, 1934.

All men, exclusive of the Company Overhead, were available for work on the project on June 21, 1933 at which time the men were placed under the supervision of the State Department. Mr. W. A. Ritter, Camp Superintendent, was assisted by eleven Foremen and immediately a number of projects were commenced. On November 21, 1933 Mr. Ritter was transferred to Company 553 C.C.C., Napoleon, Ohio and Mr. James Baldwin of Waterville, Ohio was appointed Camp Superintendent. Mr. Baldwin was transferred with the Company, as Superintendent, and with the assistance of eight Foremen started work on the numerous projects in the Babcock State Park.

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The remnant of the original Company consists of seven men who have been giving excellent service since June 4, 1933 and who now are doing everything in their power to again make an excellent organization. The Company has greatly benefited by the performance of this group:

Zoltan L. Bakoss
Joe E. Lasko
Carl C. Ruggles
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NOTE OF THANKS

To the Officer Personnel, the Educational Advisor and the Technical Personnel of the Camp, the Staff of the Log extends sincerest thanks for invaluable aid in the preparation and publication of this paper.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate John Wolanski on his choice for a name for our paper in the recent name contest. Wolanski's choice, "THE BEAVER'S LOG" was judged the best by the Advisory Board and John's reward was a carton of cigarettes.

NEW ENROLLEES DUE

Camp Beaver, due to the loss of 53 men on June 30th, has been operating with a considerable reduction in man power.

Besides missing these men on the job, the tents, left vacant by their absence, have a forlorn look. Horseshoe games, songs and jokes have also been at a minimum since the first of the month. The boys sure took something away with them when they left.

On July 31, 70 men will leave Ft. Knox, Ky. to become members in our Camp.

EDITORIAL

The men who have built up and maintained the high standards of Company 1522 have gone. They have returned to their homes to once again pick up the threads of civilian life they had dropped to answer the call of Uncle Sam on June 4, 1933. On that day, these youths arrived at Fort Knox, Kentucky prepared to do a job and to learn again what it means to be independent, for many of them had been jobless. They had little idea what was expected of them, but they were eager and willing.

This spirit of willingness carried them through a year of hard work, for their job was a big one.

We, the successors, in taking up the torch pause a moment to salute them for their display of intestinal fortitude, high standard of efficiency, discipline and fine example of esprit de corps.

A precedent has been set for us, individually and as an organization and it is now our job to carry on. We can do this if each individual takes advantage of these few suggestions:

When you work, work hard and with a joy in your job, it will be fun if you make it so.

Join clubs, classes, enter into sports activities; take advantage of the Library and Reading room. You will find every day complete and worth while.

When your superior gives an order, carry it out immediately and cheerfully. You will find your self-respect and that of others very gratifying.

We are very fortunate in having one of the best C. O.'s a Company ever had. He and his associate Officers are doing everything in their power to make our service here one of profit to us in both a material and a physical and moral sense. In short, our Officers are with us all the way. Let's be with them all the way!

By - Harvey L. Kauf

CAMP INSPECTION

Our camp was inspected on July 24th by Captain Bert S. Wampler, Acting District Commander in the absence of Major H. S. McAlpine, who is at present on duty at the National Guard encampment at Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia.

Captain Wampler's inspection was for the purpose of obtaining the best camp in this district as a competitor for the gold medal offered by the Army and Navy Journal for the highest rated camp in the Fifth Corps Area. The Commander's remarks were most complimentary.

Our camp was also inspected on the same day by Major John S. Gibson, Medical Supervisor for this district. Major Gibson was impressed favorably with our fine camp site and the sanitary conditions that prevail here.

CHAPLAIN VISITS CAMP

Captain Winters, our District Chaplain, was warmly received by the Camp Personnel when he paid us his regular monthly visit on Monday, July 26th. His talk on "The Habits We Form" was most interesting and opportune.

After his talk, the Captain listened with great patience and evidences of enjoyment to our regular Monday night court proceedings after which he was seen to go into a huddle with our Educational Adviser. We learned from roundabout sources that he taught Mr. Carden a few pertinent principles regarding a brand new game (to us anyway) called Camelot. We understand that it is a good game and we hope to have it introduced as a regular recreational feature for the coming winter. (we understand they really have winter here.)

COURT

Introducing the officials of our Camp Beaver Court:

Judge..... Clyde Kauf
Prosecuting Attorney. C. Youngman
Clerk..... Organic
Sheriff..... Malliski

This court is in session every Monday evening.

FATHER NORTON ADDS NEW FEATURE

The Reverend Father Norton of Boomer, W. Va. has added a new and interesting feature to his regular weekly visits. In addition to his service he is now giving a lecture and discussion on theological questions. His first subject; "The Existence of God" was highly interesting and a capacity audience is expected at his next; "The Divinity of Jesus."

EDUCATIONAL

A survey of the enrollees of the camp reveals, among other things, these interesting facts: 28 different educational interests expressed. 15 recreational interests. 38 interested in auto mechanics. 17 in forestry. 6 in dramatics. 5 in civics. 60 in baseball. 75 each in swimming, volley-ball and basket-ball. 1 in blue-print reading.

As may be seen by the above survey, few schools in the State could take care of all these interests, but on discussion with our Educational Adviser an effort will be made to stimulate and encourage as many as possible.

A class in Surveying has been organized by Mr. Morrison with an enrollment of ten. They meet twice a week, one night devoted to class work and another in the field. The attendance is regular, for the boys find this subject interesting.

Lt. McCarthy is beginning a class in Military History. His narrative ability is known and a large class is expected.

Texts on photography from the Eastman Kodak Company have been received by Patterson, so it looks like he will have to desert Clifftop a bit to meet the demands of his photography pupils.

Lightning Francis hopes to start a Civics and Current Events class as soon as we get in the barracks. Latest reports are to the effect that Lightning has been seen getting his throat in condition for this task.



SPORTS



GREENBRIER TOO MUCH FOR BEAVER

Capably managed by Whitey Gregg, our rookie ball team after five innings of "big league" playing was finally routed by the strong Greenbrier outfit in its initial game. Greenbrier's Lefty Thorne was hammered for four runs in the first but Lt. Blue stuck with him and he came thru with a 9 to 5 win in seven innings.

Bielert, who was relieved by Mickey Rosandich in the 6th, pitched a nice game, but what we never will forget is that flying tackle of a base runner by "Scrappy" Russo. Russo's motto: "I get my man"

The following men scored hits and were responsible for Beaver's five runs: Heendiges, Russo, Rosandich, Bolczak, Bzinski and Sovinski.

Although our team suffered defeat, we are pleased with Whitey's selection and look forward to a real ball club.

SWIMMING

Texts on swimming from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company are now in John Wolanski's possession. Wolanski is an experienced swimmer, having taught many young lads to keep their heads above water at Y.M.C.A. camps. He is organizing classes in swimming and life saving for camp members.

HIKING CLUB

McKay, Cochrac, Malliski, Hallaran, Turosik, and others have formed a hiking club to study trees and fossils. Fossil and Wood collections are already being made for display and study. Other activities of this club are Archery, Rope Tying and General Scouting. "Join this club for profitable pleasure." Speaking of hiking, "did you go home the 4th", if not, prepare your pedal extremities for possible leaves in the future.

VOLLEY BALL

Section Leaders will be prepared to put their teams on the court this week, as the inter-section schedule has been completed. Just a tip to section teams; Mr. Baldwin says that without doubt his "forecasters" will have to give their opponents a handicap in order to "even up" the games. "How about it, gang?"

RUSTY HORSESHOES

Flash: Does the Sport Staff have to buy a horse to make use of the horse-shoes? You shoe-flingers better get busy flinging! A horse-shoe tournament will be held in the near future.

BOXING

Arrangements were being made to import a kangaroo from Australia to keep our boxing gloves from getting mouldy, but since Frank Szczepkowski has started his boxing class, we were saved the expense. Frank's leather-pushers promise to go to the wars for good old Camp Beaver - and bring home the spoils. That's the spirit, pug!

DID YOU SEE?

That gruelling mile run up and down the Company street? (Porpoise Wallace won; your Editor also ran.)

The fast stepping of "Sheik" Samko and Mr. Carden (?) in the 100 yard dash the same night?

Our bat-swingers using brush hooks for practice on the new soft ball field? (I didn't either)

The heroic broad-jumping efforts of our Officer Personnel in front of the Administration Bldg. one Sunday evening? (Watch Lt. Fenton, the real McCoy!)

FORESTRY PERSONNEL

The Personnel of the Forestry Department play a large part in the development of Company 1522. Not only do they supervise the Project Work but many of them are willing to give up some of their leisure time to the enrollees. It is with the view in mind of better acquainting the members of the Company with the men in this department that the following brief sketches are submitted.

Mr. James Baldwin, the Project Superintendent of Company 1522 was born in 1891. He is a self-made man; attaining his present position by virtue of sincerity and diligence. His childhood aim was to be a construction man, and he might be said to have amply fulfilled it, as he has been a Superintendent for the last 16 years.

He has traveled over most of the U. S. and Canada, locally he has been to Neowash and Bailey; also Clifftop. His interests take in relics, golf, dancing and baseball. He has always yearned to be a gold miner in Alaska and doubtless will, one of these days. Mr. Baldwin is married and has three children.

Mr. M. J. McChesney, Engineer, was born in 1884. He studied Civil Engineering at V.P.I. and Purdue; was at one time Engineer for the city of Charleston, W. Va. As he lost his ambition years ago, he now takes his fun where he finds it. He is married and has a son following in his footsteps at Purdue. He is very fond of dogs of all kinds.

Mr. Paul C. Edmunds, Landscape Foreman, was born in 1904 and educated in Architecture at the University of Virginia, N.Y.U. and Georgetown U. He worked four years with private architects and was employed in a CCC camp at Bassett, Va. He has traveled widely, including a trip through the Panama Canal as far south as Buenos Aires.

He is a former gymnastic instructor and lists as his hobbies golfing and swimming; as his main ambition, "to remain single."

Our blacksmith, Mr. Thomas W. Beall, was born in 1872 and has had a common school education. His long experience at the forge qualifies him well, as he has followed the blacksmithing, carriage-Building and auto mechanic trades for forty years. His avocations are church and civicwork.

Mr. T. R. Morrison, Road Foreman, was born in 1908 and received his education in Civil Engineering at the university of South Carolina. He was previously with the C & O railroad as Civil Engineer for four years. His interests are football and poultry collecting. He is married.

Mr. Cliff C. George, Construction Foreman, has had a high school education. He was born in 1894 and is a widower with four children. He is still following his trade of the last 30 years, that of building and construction. Dogs and Hunting appeal to him; and he firmly resolves never to eat Spinach!

Mr. Fred L. Letzkus, Clean-Up Foreman, was born on Groundhog day in the Centennial Year (February 2, 1876). He has had a high school education and was formerly employed in the amusement, mining and mercantile businesses. His hobby is traveling; he has been all over the U. S., Canada, Mexico and Cuba. He is single.

Mr. Virgil Thompson, Truck Trail Foreman, was born in 1905; is married and has one child. He has had a high school education and was previously employed in the Police and Fire Departments. He also worked in a CCC camp in Wyoming. He has traveled widely in this and 27 other states. He likes football, baseball and golf.

THE MUSIC BOX

This Orchestra Business.

Most of us have heard that we are to have a dance orchestra and are looking forward to the first dance. That is as it should be. We have aspirations of building up at least as good a band as Company 1522 had at their original camp, "Camp Maumee", throughout the past winter and spring.

We had dances there every two weeks and often each week. These affairs became very popular and we acquired as steady guests the best people of the vicinity.

Our system of truck transportation netted us at times as many as a hundred and forty guests, all of them repeaters. The courteous and gentlemanly behavior of our boys gained the favor and genuine friendship of everyone who visited us, even the most sceptical.

Here in our new camp, "Camp Beaver", we are doing the same. The original Company has practically vanished, but the new men are readily falling into their places and continuing the good work.

But to return to the original "how come" of this effort, we will have dances. Real cozy friendship dances. A first class dance hall is being erected, with a real "Euclid Beach" floor, (you Cleveland ramblers know what that means), and even a promised fireplace. Nothing second class in this set-up; thanks to the efforts of our Company Commander, Capt. John H. Enlow, and the men under him.

And here is a little tip. I think that we will even have an amplifying system. You know - Microphone, Loud-speaker, Volume Control and everything!

As soon as it is possible, one night a week will be devoted to open rehearsal. At this time those who wish to dance or listen will be welcome and we will endeavor to have dancing lessons for those who cannot dance.

It is quite possible that at some time in the future our band will broadcast over the air.

By - Z. L. Bakoss

GOONY NEWS

The men on Ryan's detail at "Camp Goony" were recently treated to the unusual spectacle of a pitched battle between a large snake and a water-dog. After fighting for several minutes, the water-dog succumbed to the snake. The victor then attempted to escape, but was overtaken and killed by the boys.

Bill Packwood

WINCHELLISMS

Some things unique and worthy of note are "Pop" Letzkus's rose colored pajamas.

John Martin vies for nightgown honors with those gorgeous lavender leg-coverings.

The height of optimism: Mr. Garden trying to promote hikes to goony-tired lads.

Our idea of the height of foolishness: Sid Silverman trying to imitate "Lightning" Francis's famous "u-u-u-u-v course."

Those booming noises heard in the vicinity of the Mess Hall of a noon do not mean war has been declared. Nevertheless, Pat's detail should provide a brisk market for tailor-made latrines.

Chick Noga

TIMELY TRUTHS

Red Kessler is the handsomest looking redhead in camp. All in favor say, "Aye!"

Martin Shento bathes his mess-kit just like an old timer. Find my blue socks yet, Napoleon?

Patterson regularly makes "Schnozzle" Durante for hush money.

The following lads are Polite Lovers of Clifftop: Lasko, H. Kauf, Rosandich, Jackson, Francis, Bilton, Ogilvie, Guirza and A. Dory.