

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ohio-West Virginia DISTRICT CCC

The present Ohio-West Virginia District is unique in that the States within its boundaries present a diversification of topography, peoples, customs, geography, and climate of varying range. The rough, sugarloaf mountains of the Appalachian chain which traverse the State of West Virginia from the northeast to the southwest present all of the features of typical mountain country. Swift, rushing rivers, rugged, deep valleys, narrow, twisting roads, and extreme temperature ranges from sunny fields to snow-capped mountains are characteristic of the West Virginia and Kentucky portion of this district; whereas flat, fertile farmlands, lazy, winding rivers, broad, straight roads, characterize the topography and features of Ohio.

The present District Headquarters is now established at the East Columbus General Depot which is located on James Road north of East Broad Street, approximately six miles from the center of Columbus, Ohio. CCC offices are in Warehouse No. 1, one of the many large warehouses located at this depot. Construction of this depot was begun in May, 1918, under the stress of the first World War, and at the present time new additions are being made to the depot buildings under the emergency created by the second World War.

The present District represents a consolidation of what was formerly a portion of three Districts in past years; namely, Fort Thomas District, Charleston District, and Fort Hayes District. With the abandonment of the old Fort Thomas District, the Fort Hayes District assumed responsibility for those camps in the State of Ohio, and the remaining camps of this old District were added to the Kentucky District with the exception of two Kentucky camps in the southeastern portion of the state, which were added to the Charleston District. Late in 1937 the old Fort Hayes District and the Charleston District were renamed the Ohio District and the West Virginia District, respectively. On August 1, 1940, these two Districts were combined to form the Ohio-West Virginia District as it is now known, with Headquarters at the Columbus General Depot.

The present District has a total of 52 camps, but at one time the area served by this District had a total of 110 camps, 56 in Ohio as a maximum and 54 in West Virginia. This fluctuation in the number of camps has indirectly been responsible for the many consolidations and separations of jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

At the present time, the field work of the camps of this District is under the jurisdiction of the following divisions of the Technical Agencies: (1) Soil Conservation Service, which includes at the present time the old Drainage Camps. (2) State Forests and Private Camps. (3) State Park Service. (4) Metropolitan Areas—Parks. (5) National Forestry Service.

The Federal forests, State forests, and Private Camps are responsible for the carrying out of an extensive program in fire prevention, forest preservation, road construction, and reforestation of eroded and untillable lands.

The Soil Conservation Service is responsible in their camps for a broad program of erosion control, soil rebuilding, and general conservation practices for the benefit of all citizens.

The State Park Service, which includes the Municipal Area camps, has made great strides in beautifying and improving the park lands of the States by the construction of cabins, trails, recreation areas, lakes, and swimming pools for the enjoyment of all Americans.

The work accomplished under the direction of these agencies in the Civilian Conservation Corps has been amazing in that the conservation of our natural resources has been estimated at 50 years in advance of that accomplished before the advent of the Corps. The demonstrations of proper planting and conservation practices which have been placed before the citizenry by the Civilian Conservation Corps will have a definite lasting value in years to come. The great flood of 1937 along the Ohio River Valley was a further demonstration of the usefulness of the CCC in the accomplishment of emergency work quickly and efficiently.

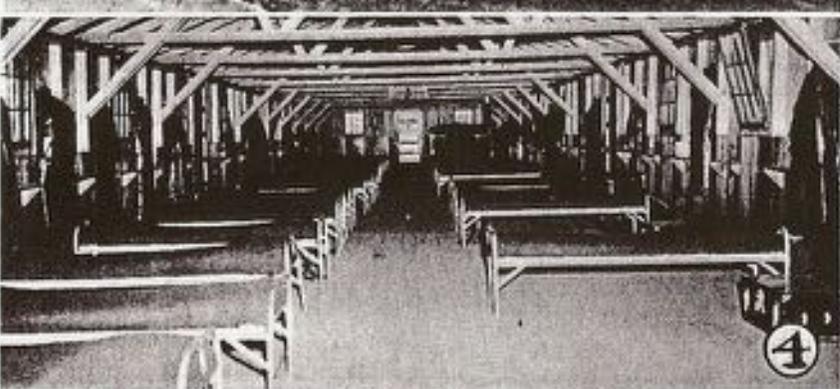
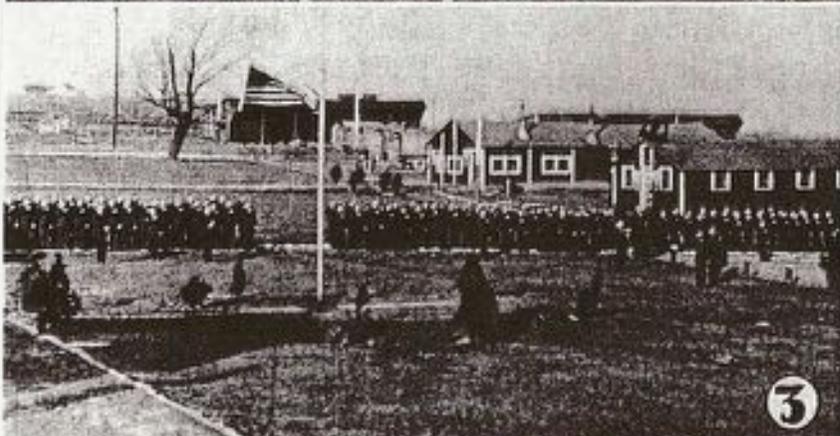
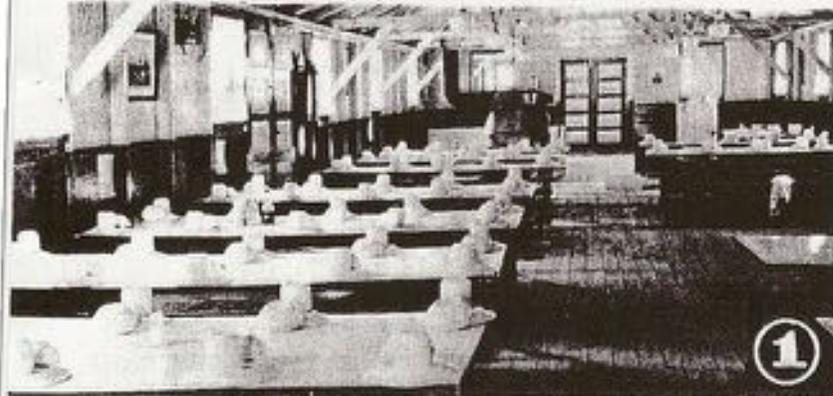
The following administrative personnel head the District at the present time:

Lt. Col. William A. Taber	District Commander
Lt. Col. George H. Stuts	Executive Officer
Lt. Col. Edward P. Wadden	District Inspector
F. R. Bryan	District Adjutant
M. J. Moon	Assistant District Adjutant
Carl Freedman	District Personnel Adjutant
Joseph E. Stermer	Welfare Officer
Henry B. Van Fleet	Assistant District Inspector
John L. Adams	Assistant District Inspector
Marcus Eimas	Assistant District Inspector
Allie A. Lane	Assistant District Inspector
Howard A. Miller	Asst. Dist. Adjutant (D & R Center)
William E. Hoffman	Asst. Dist. Adjutant (D & R Center)
E. Malcolm Smith	Asst. Dist. Adjutant (D & R Center)
George G. Schurtz	District Chaplain
Horace V. Turvene	District Quartermaster
Edwin B. Carskadon	Asst. Dist. QM (Motor Transport'n)
Eben Evans	Asst. District QM (Subsistence)
William L. Love	Asst. District QM (Supplies)
Fred W. Nessler	Asst. District QM (P and C)
George F. Patterson	Asst. District QM (Motor Trans.)
Melville N. Shreves	Asst. District QM (Construction)
Edgar L. Stambaugh	Asst. Dist. QM (W. Va. Sup. Point)
William R. Ward	District Physician
Milton R. Ort	Assistant District Physician
Sherman A. Glass	District Veterinarian
Armor P. Taylor	District Educational Adviser in Charge
Garner P. Licklider	District Educational Adviser

Camp Life

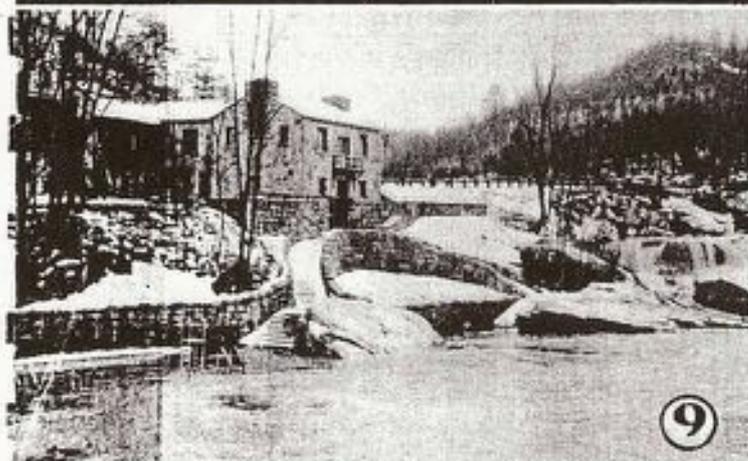
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1. Mess Hall (Co. 1519). 2. Kitchen (Co. 3505). 3. Retreat (Co. 1509). 4. Barrack (Co 1548). 5. Canteen (Co. 1523). 6. Playing Pool (Co. 3501). 7. K. P.'s Washing Dishes (Co. 1518). 8. Bull Session (Co. 2599). 9. Dentist at Work (Co. 3508).



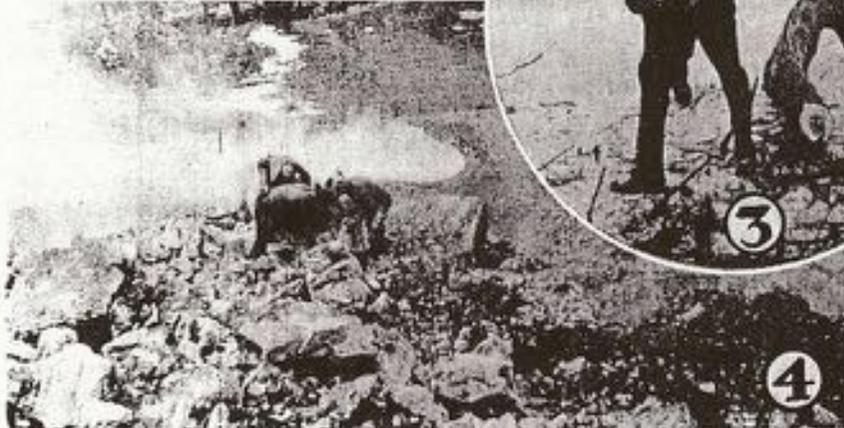
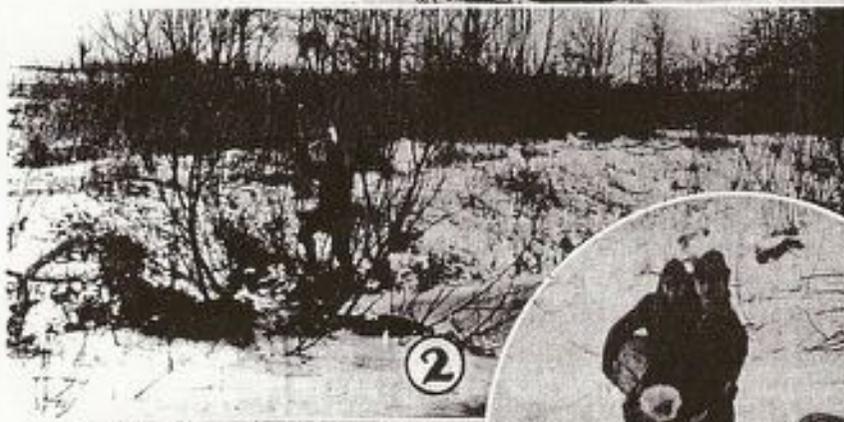
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9. Administration Building, Babcock State Park (Co. 1522).
10. Digging Diversion Ditch (Co. 1512). 11. Welding (Co. 1518). 12. Truck Line-Up (Co. 1521-C). 13. Stock Pond (Co. 3510). 14. Rock Quarry (Co. 2586). 15. Bulldozer (Co. 1537). 16. Building Swimming Pool, Wetoga State Park (Co. 1525).



Work Projects

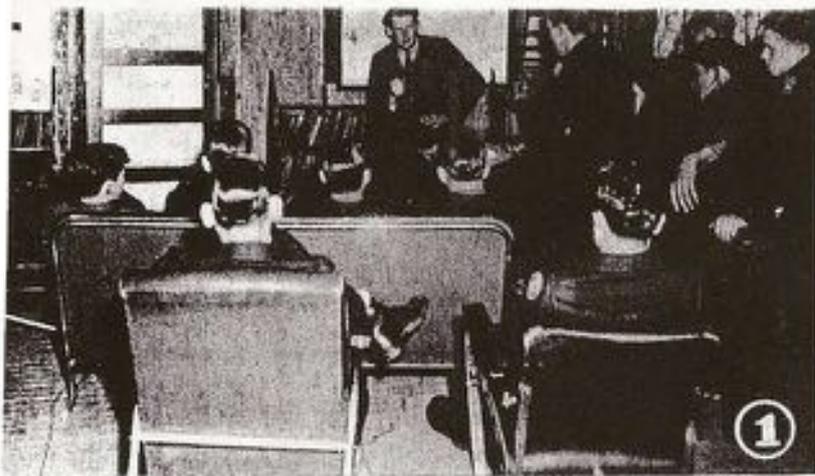
1. Blue Bend Recreation Area (Co. 2590). 2. Drainage Ditch Work (Co. 3523). 3. Grubbing Project (Co. 3515). 4. Kiln and Workers (Co. 3549). 5. Farm Pond Dam (Co. 3502). 6. Approach to Coopers Rock (Co. 3527). 7. Notching Tree (Co. 3528). 8. Sawing Log (Co. 3524). 9. River Trail (Co. 3509).



Educational

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1. Heavy Equipment Instruction (Co. 505-C). 2. Leadership Class (Co. 507). 3. First Aid Class (Co. 518). 4. Reading Room (Co. 525). 5. First Aid Class (Co. 584). 6. Dramatics Class (Co. 588-C). 7. Arithmetic Class (Co. 1519). 8. Typing Class (Co. 1521-C).



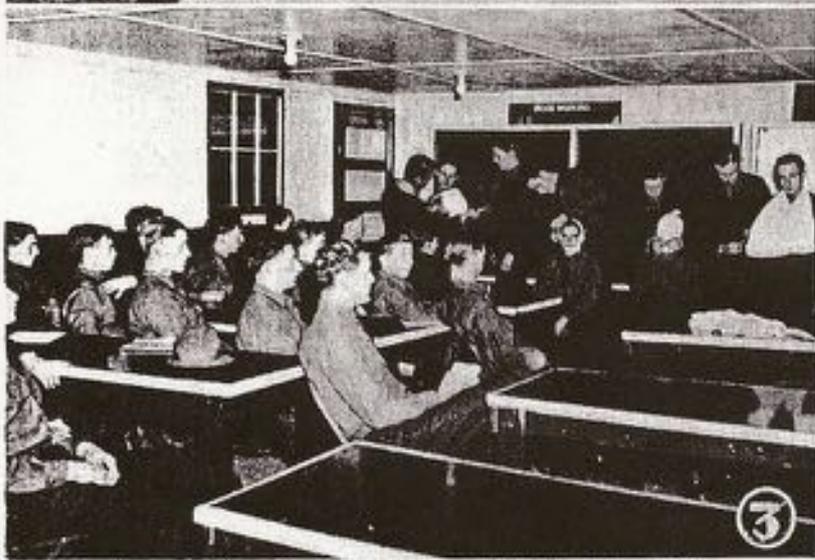
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