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CONGRATULATIONS

The personnel of Camp Mercer has a real cause to celebrate. Three years of existence, while it may not be long for some things, yet for a CCC Camp it marks many things. The number of men coming and going, the changes in supervision have all contributed to a steady progress in athletic achievement, in better living conditions, better landscap- ing, and better esprit de Corps.

We mark our achievements by pe- riods of time. Periods of time be- come to us the yardstick by which we determine progress. The out- standing objective of the CCC is to produce men who are clean think- ers, patriotic, and capable of work. Camp Mercer has had in its three years a goodly number who have gained these attributes. Some have seen fit to go out and have been successful in finding employment. In almost every case, these men re- flect nothing but credit on their CCC Alma Mater. They are proud of having been a member of Company 660.

Association with men at close quarters gives a decided opportu- nity to broaden character and in- crease knowledge. The men who have been and are at present in the Company have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Completed tasks and productive time bring to our mind that there is always more things to be achiev- ed in the future. The largest room in the world is the room for im- provement. The most important thing for young men to be improving in is character. The elements deter- mining this improvement are trust- worthiness, ability to discipline self, willingness to suffer for a right cause, and most important of all, right relations to God and Je- sus Christ.

I am sure that as long as Camp Mercer remains in operation, that

the good things of the past three years will be a spur to more defin- ite accomplishments and a fine br- and of manhood. Here's my hand in congratulation for the past. Here's my confidence for the future.

(Chaplain Eli D. Richard)
 5th Sub-Dist. Chaplain

DISEASE CONTROL WORK ONE OF
CAMP MERCER'S FIRST PROJECTS

The first work related to disease control work in the Camp Mercer ar- ea, which consists almost entirely of blister rust control, began June 5, 1933, when H.W. Rahmlow made a very general survey of the surround- ing area in conjunction with other similar work for the State of Wis- consin. As the Camp was not organ- ized at that time, the work was postponed until the last week of June. At that time, Robert Erickson reported as blister rust foreman. Mr. Erickson remained at Camp Mercer until September 1933, when he left to continue his research work. From this time until May 1935, Mr. Rahm- low acted as foreman, while also taking charge of the North Central District. In May 1935, Mr. Voigt re- ported for duty and is still with us.

During the past three summers' field season, 6,637 acres of heav- ily stocked pine has been protected from blister rust by removing 563, 216 currant and gooseberry bushes on 16,168 acres.

The entire work area of Camp Mer- cer has been cruised during the win- ter and detailed maps have been ma- de of all pine stands within the surrounding area of 900 feet.

Blister infections on currant and gooseberry bushes have been found in both Iron and Vilas Counties. A bad pine infection has been found for the first time in the history of Vilas County this year. Besides blister rust work, work has also been done on related work such as surveying, oyster shell scale con- trol, tree surgery, and general surveying.

Camp Mercer has always ranked near the top in the amount of work accomplished and has always done an excellent job.

A reminiscence recalls to our minds such old blister rust men as Hugh Emerson, who is now a foreman in a CCC camp near Hayward. Freddie Wick, a B.R.C. draftsman is now teaching art in a boy scout camp. Eddie Wright, a linesman as well as a talented singer, is now with the Montgomery Ward & Co. Paul Birchfield, an outstanding Assistant Leader, is now an assistant P.W.A. blister rust foreman in his home county. Ralph Geischer, another B. R.C. draftsman, is now an appren-

tice **RAFTSMAN** in the Wisconsin Structural Iron and Bridge Works in Milwaukee. Today we have Mr. Otto in charge of field work, Mr. Reit in charge of office work, with plenty of promising young men in the field.

(H.W. Rahmlow - Plant Pathologist)

FORESTRY FACTS

I am going to amplify some of the most interesting facts concerning the Forestry Department, that have taken place during the last three years, in the following paragraphs.

There has been many changes of the Supervising Personnel during this three year period. Only two of the original personnel of Camp Mercer remain. They are namely, H.W. Rahmlow, Jr. Plant Pathologist and Richard Kallionas, Jr. Construction Foreman.

During this three year period, there has been advancement of enrollees to the Supervising Personnel. Erwin Hoppe, who is now at the District Ranger Station as a dispatcher, Edward J. King and O. E. Heiden, field foremen of Camp Mercer, and Clarence M. Leuthner, Fleet Mechanic, have all been promoted from the ranks of CCC enrollees to the positions they now hold.

Wilson Coxey and 'Franchy' Fairfield are the only two veterans of the first enrollment period, who now remain with the Forestry Department.

Camp Mercer has a set-up of 85 projects at the present time. Of these, 51 are completed leaving a total of 34 to be completed. These projects cover various types of Forestry work.

The following most important accomplishments have been made by Camp Mercer during the past three years. Over two million trees have been planted, this includes Norway, white and jack pine plantings. Roadside clean-up work has been done 100 feet on each side of the road for a total of 52 miles. Fire hazard reduction, which means the cleaning up of old slashings and other debris, has covered 2,142 acres. Improvement of pine stands has covered 580 acres. Truck trails and fire lanes have been built to the extent of 57 miles. Telephone lines, a much needed item in fire suppression, have been built to the extent of 113 miles. Four lookout towers located at Pine Lake, Trostle, State Line, and Mercer have been built by this Camp. Sixteen lakes have been improved by planting 1,113 brush refuges therein. Wildlife feeding, which is a winter project, is carried out by having 37 feeding stations placed in Iron and Vilas Counties. Two rearing ponds

for fish have been built, one at the Circle Lily Creek and one on the Big Lake Creek.

(Bill Leum)

HISTORY OF CAMP MERCER

It seems like only a few months ago, instead of three years, since Camp Mercer was founded.

The Company was organized on the 18th day of May 1933 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. At that time, we did not know where we were to be located. On the 19th of June, we were ordered to move to Manitowish, Wisconsin. Many of the fellows had never heard of Manitowish, but all were eager to get into the woods in Northern Wisconsin.

On the morning of June 20th, there were many disgusted boys, when they got off the train and viewed our future Camp site.

If one will gaze out past the ball field, he will see an area of poplar and brush. Not a very pleasant site for a camp, but this is what the original 66th Company had to face.

With the cooperation of three fine Officers, the aid of a good Superintendent, and foremen the boys went to work. It took very little time to make a good Camp out of the poplar forest.

Don't think that all we had to do was to improve the Camp. We were here only a short time, when forest fires started. Very little time did the veterans get for recreation or even as much as a week-end leave. In spite of all the inconveniences and hardships, no one kicked or criticized. They made the best of it and built a real Camp for the future enrollees' enjoyment.

Probably it would be a good idea to give a little information about the first Officers and Rangers of this Company.

Lieutenant Ellis was the first Commanding Officer. He proved to be a very good C.O. He knew a man from a punk and was always willing to help a fellow in anyway possible.

Lieutenant Warner was second in Command. Was that boy tough? When he bawled a fellow out, he made sure that you understood him before he was through. He was everyone's friend.

Major Roberts, our Camp Surgeon, was more than a Camp Doctor to us. He was a good mixer with the fellows and stuck with them. We will never forget him.

Mr. V.A. Moon was the first Camp Superintendent. He was very quiet around the fellows, but if he wanted something done he never had any trouble having his wishes fulfilled. Oscar Peterson was the hard-boiled Assistant Superintendent.

If he didn't like the way you were doing a job, he wasn't slow in telling you about it. He was fair however and gave credit where credit was deserved. The rest of the Rangers were namely; Ray Prippe, Art Papke, Art Evenson, Mike Head, Dick Kalliomaa, and William Summers. They were a good bunch of scouts, and the fellows had no trouble in getting along with any of them.

Let us skip by to the First of October of 1933. That was the end of our first enrollment period. You would think that the enrollees would get fed up on this life at the end of four months. But only 25 fellows left out of a Company of 200 men. At this time, we were still in tents. There was over a foot of snow on the ground. We had no shoe packs and heavy stockings to keep our feet warm. We felt like George Washington at Valley Forge. When the barracks were finally completed, we moved in with much relief.

I can't pass up the meal ticket. Did any of you fellows ever come in from a days work to eat a meal of a mixture of sand, gravel, straw and poor food? We ate our meals on bales of straw all of the first summer. Don't kick too much about stew once in awhile. Here is where our most worthy Mess Steward, William Watson was introduced into the picture of Camp life. Bill arrived on November 5th. He certainly threw on the grub right from the start and he hasn't stopped except for a stew once in awhile.

On December 8, 1933 Captain H.H. Henry relieved Lt. Ellis as Commanding Officer. Somewhat later, Lt. Warner was relieved by Lt. Doring. Captain 'Hank' proved himself a worthy Commanding Officer from the start. Working with Bill Watson, they continued to steadily improve the mess.

Fred Haag relieved V.A. Moon of the Camp Superintendency and Ray Prippe relieved Oscar Peterson in the Spring of 1934. Mr. Haag was transferred here from Trout Lake. I don't believe there was a better fellow for a camp superintendent in the Country. He got the work done without pushing the fellows, and proved himself a friend to everyone.

The Spring of '34' saw Lt. Doring replaced by Lt. Oliszewski. Lt. R.S. Johansen was transferred here from Fort Sheridan in April 1934. Mr. Kelton, our Educational Adviser arrived at about the same time. Soon after Mr. Kelton arrived, our Camp Paper, The Mercer Monitor, was started. This bi-monthly publication started on its third year of existence the first part of May. Mr. Kelton has done much to establish an educational and athletic program which has served to keep the fellows busy in their leisure time.

The largest group of 'Books' ever to arrive at one time in the history of this Camp arrived in July 1934. At this time, 105 new enrollees entered Camp, making the total Company strength about 270.

The summer of this year proved to be a very busy one. We had one forest fire after another. The fellows worked from early in the morning until late at night, but I never heard a bit of grumbling from any of them. We had but two week-ends off during the entire summer. Lt. Oliszewski was transferred from this Company in August, after having served here for four and half months.

Nothing of much consequence happened during the fall and winter of 34 and 35, except that Captain Kiersey was stationed here for a short period. He remained here until transferred to Camp Ontonagon, where he was the Commanding Officer.

The Spring of 35 saw many places changed about. Captain Henry was made 5th Sub-District Commander. Mr. Haag was transferred back to Trout Lake. Lt. Johansen became the Commanding Officer and William Summers was our Camp Superintendent. Major Roberts was transferred to Sparta, where he became the District Surgeon. Dr. Wood took his place. We missed the old faces for awhile, but the new Officers proved to be an excellent group to work for.

One of the biggest days of this Camp occurred on July 19, 1935. At that time this Camp was divided into two Companies. One half of this Camp became known as Company 3663 and was moved to Pat-tison Park, which is about twelve miles from Superior, Wisconsin.

Every new enlistment period saw some of the old gang go and new men took their places. The new fellows had things much more convenient and did not have to suffer the hardships we did in starting the Camp.

The Summer of '35' was an ideal summer. We had plenty of rain and very few fires. Everyone had more leisure time for athletics and other forms of recreation. Three new Officers served in this Company during the Summer. Lt. Hope was stationed here for a short time before being transferred to Sparta. Lt. Gla-ser was transferred here from Camp Mineral Lake and is working with the Sub-District Commander at the present time. Lt. Ermentrout was attached to this Camp the latter part of the Summer.

In August of this same Summer, Dr. Wood was transferred to Camp Phelps. He was replaced by Dr. Cooper. Dr. Cooper came here from Camp Nine Mile. His hobbies have proven educational to many of the enrollees.

During the Winter of '35', we had another change in Company Commanders. Lt. Johansen was transferred to Camp

Sparta and Captain Henry returned to his old position. The Winter of '35' and '36' passed with nothing of importance happening.

Early in the Spring of '36', many new changes were again made. Captain Henry was stationed in the 2nd Sub-District as Commander. Lt. Ermentrout was made Commanding Officer of this Camp. Captain Edelstein formerly Commanding Officer at Camp Phelps, became our Sub-District Commander. He has his headquarters at this Camp.

During the Spring of '36', the Officers and Forestry Department have cooperated in beautifying the Camp. Is this Camp ever going to town - with tree planting, sowing grass, landscaping, and repairing? When it comes to landscaping, get William Summers with his stick. When it comes to beautifying the Camp and adding new things, get Lt. Ermentrout.

Lt. Stebbings was transferred to this Company from Camp Peninsular this Spring also. He has been serving as Company Commander in the absence of Lt. Ermentrout.

Well, fellows, I'm not giving the Officers and Rangers all the credit for the building of this Camp to what it is today. You fellows, and the fellows that have come and gone built up this Camp under their supervision. Everyone should feel proud of this Camp.

This is a brief history of Camp Mercer written by one who has been in it since it started.

(Wilson Coxe)

LT. ERMENTROUT AND DR. COOPER ON LEAVES

Lt. Ermentrout is on a 15-day leave. He is recuperating from his recent operation for appendicitis.

Dr. Cooper is also enjoying a 10-day leave at present.

INSPECTIONS

Captain Henry, formerly of this Camp, but now 2nd Sub-District C.O. Captain Jones - C.O. of Camp Riley Creek, and the 2nd Sub-District Surgeon visited the Camp on May 29.

Major Ruffner - District C.O., Captain Robinson - Medical Officer from Corp, and Major Bush from Corp inspected Camp Mercer on June 12.

Captain Passell, District Finance Officer from Sparta presided over a meeting held by the Commanding Officers of this Sub-District on June 13.

MR. DOUGLAS GIVES LECTURE

The enrollees of Camp Mercer had the opportunity to listen to a very interesting lecture by Mr. Frank Douglas in the class-room on the night of June 3. This lecture was about the Klondike Gold Rush in Canada in the latter '90's. Mr. Douglas is a noted traveler and has lived in the Klondike region. He also has traveled over the same route used by the gold seekers in the Rush. This experience enabled him to deliver a talk which was based on first hand information. Mr. Douglas' talk gave a clear picture of the hardships and dangers which were encountered by the men who braved the Canadian wilds, to reach the coveted gold dust. His talk covered the subject from the time gold was first discovered in the Klondike through the momentous days of the Gold Rush. He also related several of his own experiences in this country.

The lecture was made more realistic by a number of articles which were used by the gold seekers. Mr. Douglas had specimens of gold dust and gold nuggets. He also had a complete outfit used by the Canadians to combat the severe winters in these parts. A huge timber wolf hide attracted the attention of the men who attended this lecture. Any one so desiring were at liberty to inspect these specimens at the conclusion of the lecture.

Mr. Douglas expressed the desire to visit this Camp again in the future. We hope that he will be able to do so.

ANNIVERSARY MENU

Company attention! This is the menu which will be served at 2:30 this afternoon in honor of the 3rd Birthday of Camp Mercer. Eat hearty.

ROAST TURKEY and DRESSING
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GIBLET GRAVY
CREAMED ASPARAGUS
WASHED POTATOES
COMBINATION SALAD (lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers)
PARKER HOUSE ROLLS
WHITE AND RYE BREAD AND BUTTER
COFFEE, CREAM, and SUGAR
LEMONADE
JELLY ROLLS
STRAW BERRIES
ICE CREAM

Take your time, gang, as there will be enough for everyone.

It is hoped that some of the Officers, who were at one time or another stationed here, will be able to attend this occasion.

To quote Mr. Watson,
"A BIGGER, BETTER, AND GLORIOUS
CAMP"



KITTENBALL

MERCER DEFEATS CRYSTAL LAKE

Camp Mercer's kittenball team defeated the Crystal Lake team on June 7 on our home field by the score of 8-2. This game was close all the way with both teams playing heads up ball. The final result was in doubt until the last batter was out. Zachek pitched commendable ball for Mercer, setting seven of the Crystal Lakers down via the strike-out route and only allowing them six hits. The Crystal Lake pitcher, Gorske, also pegged a nice game, getting four strike-outs and allowing our hard-hitting team but seven hits. Mercer's ability to bunch hits along with some costly errors by the opposition proved to be the margin of victory. Harold Anderson, Mercer catcher, poled out a home run. Zachek and Krey garnered two hits apiece for Mercer, while Cummings and Larson did likewise for Crystal Lake.

BOX SCORE Camp Mercer

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Herman	3b	3	0	0	1
Zachek	p	3	2	2	0
Krey	ss	3	1	2	0
Kopetsky	2b	3	1	1	1
F. Franz	lf	1	2	0	0
Pfister	sc	3	1	1	0
Martinkavitz	cf	3	0	0	0
Reit	lb	3	0	0	0
Meisner	rf	1	0	0	0
J. Pier	rf	2	0	0	0
H. Anderson	c	2	1	1	0
Totals		27	8	7	2

Camp Crystal Lake

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Cummings	3b	3	1	2	3
Kimple	ss	3	0	0	0
Geezer	sc	3	1	1	1
Notz	lb	3	0	0	0
Larson	2b	3	0	2	0
Planting	c	3	0	0	1
Gatton	lf	3	0	1	0
Gorske	p	3	0	0	0
Hart	cf	2	0	0	0
Samson	rf	2	0	0	0
Totals		28	2	6	4

Score By Innings

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Mercer	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	8
Crystal Lake	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2

COPPER FALLS LOSES TO MERCER

The kittenball team of Camp Mercer added the fifth victory to its

last season Sunday, June 14, when they decisively defeated Camp Copper Falls on their diamond by the score of 16-1. Mercer had little difficulty in coming out on the long end of the score. Martinkavitz who pitched for Mercer held the opposition in the palm of his hand. He allowed but three hits and received credit for eight strike-outs. Copper Falls used three pitchers - Higgins, Tarsen, and Spiegel in an attempt to subdue the bats of 880. Spiegel showed up well, setting six of the Mercers down with strike-outs. Krey, the Bonus Wagner of our team, proved to be the heavy hitter again getting three hits. Reit, Pier, and Anderson came thru with two hits apiece for Mercer. Mercer went through the entire game without committing an error, while Copper Falls was guilty of seven.

BOX SCORE Camp Mercer

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Herman	3b	3	4	0	0
Martinkavitz	p	5	2	1	0
Krey	ss	5	2	3	0
Kopetsky	2b	5	1	1	0
Franz	lf	4	1	1	0
Reit	lb	5	0	2	0
Pfister	sc	4	1	1	0
Meisner	rf	4	0	0	0
Pier	cf	4	2	2	0
Anderson	c	2	3	2	0
Totals		41	16	13	0

Camp Copper Falls

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Gutoski	ss	3	0	0	1
Peck	sc	2	0	0	0
Hilderbrandt	c	3	0	0	0
Hangeleben	rf	2	0	0	1
Spiegel	p	3	0	0	2
Wade	3b	3	0	0	3
Grant	cf	2	1	1	0
Ansinelli	lf	2	0	1	0
Ivie	lb	1	0	1	0
Tarsen	2b-p	1	0	0	0
Higgins	p	1	0	0	0
Totals		23	1	3	7

Score By Innings

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Mercer	1	3	1	4	5	0	2	16
Copper Falls	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Thus far the Mercer kittenball team's record is unblemished with a defeat. They have a record of 5 games won (2 by forfeit). Mercer completes the first half of its schedule Sunday, June 21, when they engage Camp Mineral Lake on our field. Keep up the good work gang!

BARRACK FIVE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP**Annihilate Barrack Three
in Championship Game**

The Barrack Five team won the Barrack League Kittenball Championship and prize which was promised for the winning team by Lt. Ermentrout. After the regular schedule had been played Barracks Five and Three were tied with four wins and one lost. They agreed to play off this tie to determine the Champs. Barrack Five won by a decisive score of 31-1. Barrack Five made a fine record under the leadership of Krey and Franz and left no doubt as to their Championship claims.

Most of the games played under this schedule were won by scores that were anything but small, which was possibly due to a large measure to the loose fielding of the teams. Heavy Hitting predominated in all of the games.

The Over Head Team was one of the high lights of the latter part of the schedule. They got off to a bad start by losing their first two games, but came through with wins in their last three games. Much of the credit for this reversal of form was due to the superb hurling of 'Dizzy Dean' Leum.

Final Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Barrack 5	5	1	.833
" 3	4	2	.666
Over Head	3	2	.600
Barrack 2	3	2	.600
" 7	1	4	.200
" 4	0	5	.000

B A S E B A L L**MERCER TROUNCES UPSON**

Camp Mercer won an easy victory over their traditional rivals, Camp Upson, last Saturday, June 13, by a score of 11 - 1. This is the first time that Camp Mercer has beaten Camp Upson and the team has every reason to be elated. Louie Popelka pitched a very good game, allowing Upson but seven scattered hits, while his team mates were hammering out twelve solid bingles. Upson used three pitchers in an attempt to tame the Mercer powerhouse. 'Wild Bill' Leum had a perfect day at bat with a double and two singles in three times at the platter. Garrow collected a single, double, and triple in five times up. This game was played on our home field.

BOX SCORE**Camp Mercer**

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Planutis	lf	5	0	1	0
Giovale	2b	5	0	1	0
Coxey	ss	5	0	0	0
Garrow	c	5	2	3	0

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Udee	3b	3	2	1	1
Leum	lb	3	2	3	1
Zarnowski	cf	4	2	2	0
Franz, F.	rf	2	2	0	0
Popelka	p	4	1	2	0
Totals		36	11	13	2

Camp Upson

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Stephani	p-3b	4	0	1	1
Blank	ss	4	0	0	0
Riegert	2b	4	0	1	0
Blockowitz	lb	3	0	2	0
Knoedlar	lf	4	1	1	0
Deitzler	rf	4	0	1	0
Himpel	cf	3	0	1	0
Gauger	p-cf	3	0	1	0
Sarrie	c	3	0	0	0
Totals		32	1	8	1

Score By Innings:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mercer	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	0	0	11
Upson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

COPPER FALLS DEFEATS MERCER

Camp Mercer lost a tough game to Camp Copper Falls on our home grounds last Sunday by the score of 11 to 4. Copper Falls has a fast stepping well balanced team. Some very good pitching by Davis, the Copper Falls pitcher, won the game for the visitors. He collected 12 strike-outs from our sluggers and pounded out three hits himself. Joe Boleck and Joe Planutis were the batting stars for the losers. Boleck getting two doubles and a single and Planutis received credit for two doubles in three times up. Kays collected four hits for the winners and Reck and Olzanowski poled out home runs.

BOX SCORE**Camp Mercer**

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Giovale	2b	4	1	1	1
Leum	lb	4	0	1	0
Coxey	ss	5	1	2	0
Garrow	c	4	1	1	0
Udee	3b-p	4	0	0	0
Boleck	cf	4	1	3	0
Noziska	rf	4	0	0	0
Zarnowski	lf	3	0	0	0
Planutis	p-of	3	0	2	0
Totals		35	4	10	1

Camp Copper Falls

Name	Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Kays	2b	6	2	4	0
Reck	c	6	1	1	0
Rabbideau	ss	5	0	2	0
Kessen	3b	5	0	4	0
McNair	lb	5	3	3	0
Nunn	cf	4	1	1	0
Anati	lf	5	0	0	0
Olzanowski	rf	4	2	3	0
Davis	p	3	2	3	0
Totals		43	11	21	0

Score By Innings:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
Copper Falls	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	3	3	11

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RATINGS

The following men received ratings on June First.--

Leaders:

Charles Boucher - 1st Cook
Edward Voyer
Wilbur Hirte
Woodrow Rutell - Co. Foreman

Assistant Leaders:

Norman Hatton
Raymond Leuthner
Orvallie Otto
Louis Popelka
Louis Reinerio
Edward Zarnowski

Congratulations!

DISCHARGES

Honorable Discharges were given to the following to enable them to accept employment.--

Albert Baker of Pence, Wisconsin entered Camp on Sept. 5, 1935 as a LEM and was discharged on May 26. 'Al' was an Assistant Leader and will be remembered as one of the mainstays of the Blister Rust Crew.

Lloyd LaFortune of Saxon, Wisconsin was transferred to Company 660 from Camp Nine Mile on Oct. 11, 1935 and left May 26. Lloyd started at the bottom of the ladder in the Kitchen as a K.P. and worked himself up to the job of 1st Cook.

Fred Deshler of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Moose River on May 19, 1936 and said good-bye to this place on May 30. Deshler should make a name for himself if he sticks to boxing.

Leland Block of Crivitz, Wisconsin arrived at Camp Mercer on April 18, 1934 and remained in this Camp until discharged on June 1. 'Lee' was Company Foreman from July 1, 1934 until the time of his departure. We believe that Block was one of the oldest Company Foremen in regard to length of service for anyone company of the CCC. His vacancy reminds us that we have but a very few 'Vets' left.

Norman Brandt of Manitowoc, Wisconsin was one of the last batch of rookies who arrived on April 29, 1936. He was discharged on June 1. Brandt will be sorely missed by our Camp Kittenball Team.

Norman Danieleon of Webster, Wisconsin was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936 and left on June 3. 'Danny' was a dependable baseball player on our Camp team.

John Laske of Park Falls, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Moose River on May 19, 1936 and departed from us on June 3. John has gone back to the farm.

Frederick Vick of Milwaukee, Wisconsin arrived at Camp Mercer on July 31, 1935 and left June 3.

No doubt the feminine population of the nearby cities will have to find another Adonis to take the place of Vick.

Joe Hitek of Schofield, Wisconsin was transferred to this Camp from Camp Moose River on May 19, 36, and was discharged June 4. Joe was another transferred rook who could not take it.

Joseph Boleck of Winchester, Wisconsin entered this Camp as a LEM on August 5, 1936 and left on June 9. Joe was one of the best fly-hawk outfielders to grace the baseball line-up of old Camp Mercer.

Norman Hatton became a member of the Camp on April 27, 1935 and left on June 10. 'Sluggor', who was the pride of Tomahawk, Wisconsin was a very versatile young man. He was a reliable First-Aid Orderly, an excellent ball player, a Clark Gable with the women, and a swell fellow all around.

Conrad Johnson of Ashland, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936 and left on June 15. 'Coonic' had 26 months of CCC service to his credit.

Sylvester Bolinski of Milwaukee arrived at this Camp on July 31, 35, and was discharged on June 18. 'Syl' will be remembered as a fellow of few words.

Edward Kuehmichel of Marshfield Wisconsin came to this Camp on January 4, 1935 and received his discharge on June 18. 'Comical' was a K.P. and at one time was the Ranger's Orderly.

Lambert Kempka of Manitowoc, Wisconsin (April 29, 35 to June 18.) Kempka will be remembered as the lad who was so agile on our horizontal bar.

ANOTHER VICTORY OVER CAMP
CRYSTAL LAKE

Camp Mercer's baseball team again defeated Crystal Lake by the score of 11-6 on the opponent's field on June 7. Louie Popelka had the game well in hand most of the way. He was in hot water but once through out the game. That being in the early innings. Garrow and Coxey were the batting stars, each getting 3 hits. Coxey got two singles and a triple, while Garrow collected two doubles and a triple. This game was well played throughout.

Camp Mercer has a record of three games won and two lost. This gives them a percentage of .600. Keep up the old spirit, fellows.

The Camp team plays Lac du Flambeau this afternoon on our field and tomorrow they travel to Camp Mineral Lake to take on that strong aggregation. The following week we have an open date, which will possibly be filled by some nearby nine.

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We understand that a certain dame by the name of Charlotte has cast a spell over Van Rens. We hope it is for good, as you can't find them much worse.

We wonder if Koepp's girlfriend in Ironwood gave him the air. Or what?

Czech claims that in another nine years he will be an eligible bachelor. Come, come, Czech even the best of us will falter sometime. Who knows, you may even put Poppa Dionne to shame ten years from now.

We have been informed that Schampers is making much headway with 'Alky's' girlfriend. Don't let him get away with that, Alky!

Baker seems to have been a very important man in the camp where he previously was an enrollee. He claims that the band played when he left this particular camp. We wonder which band he might be referring to.

And then there is the one about rookie Luebke. He asked the night-fireman to wake him up at two o'clock in the morning. When asked the reason for this, he said "Well when I am awakened at this time, I know that I still have three more hours to sleep yet." Tsh Tsh.

Feiden, the mighty fisherman, has yet to feel the pull of a muskie. Better change your bait, Dutch.

Bright-Eyes Laedtke is going to the woods. Can it be the call of the wild?

King's favorite indoor sport is eating ice cream. How about an invitation, Ed?

Leuthner has broken into the society section of the Winchester news in the Ironwood Globe. Ask him for particulars.

One big puzzle. Who can tell on some of these past bright mornings whether Mr. Summers is coming in or getting up.

Did you know why Coxey played such a good game last Sunday? Shhhh I'll tell you. Virginia was here!!

What is the big attraction for Poppe in the fair city of Mercer?

Perhaps Pete Voyer can buy his suit now.

It seems that Garrow will have a chance now that Slugger Hatton has left us. If he only wore glasses and had wavy hair, we know that his chances in Mercer would be increased a great deal.

Overheard in the Mess Hall. "Mr. Rutell, can I paint the flag-pole this morning?"

This is the way Leum puts his return address on his outgoing letters.--

Bill Leum
Old Ladies' Home
Manitowish, Wis.

Morgan is still receiving those big fat letters, which are sealed with an affectionate kiss.

Freddie Smith is going with two girls, but neither of them have any knowledge of the fact.

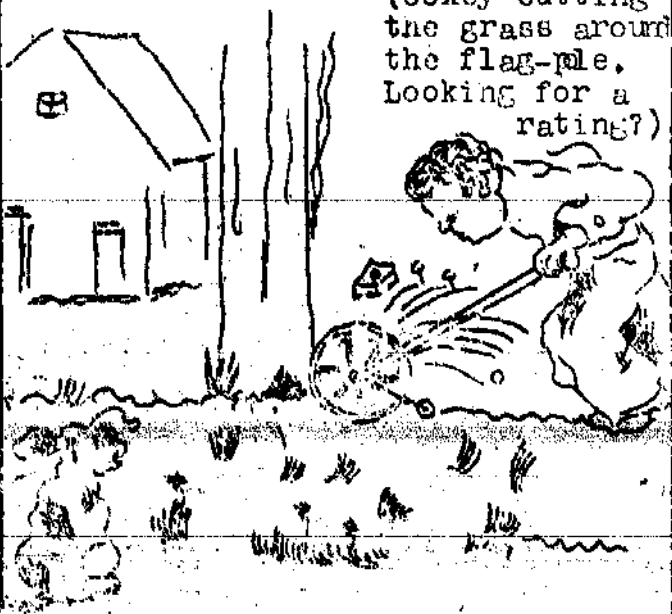
Bishop wants to know what he should do if and when he falls in love? We advise him to go to either Mr. Watson or Higgins.

Ruka says that he intends to become a singer. He claims that he has the double chin which goes along with a singer.

Say, Blondie, who is this Dimples who is sending you those packages?

Hinke claims that he goes to the dentist on the Monday afternoons when he goes to town with the laundry truck. Better think of another excuse, Hink. That one is becoming a bit worn and misused.

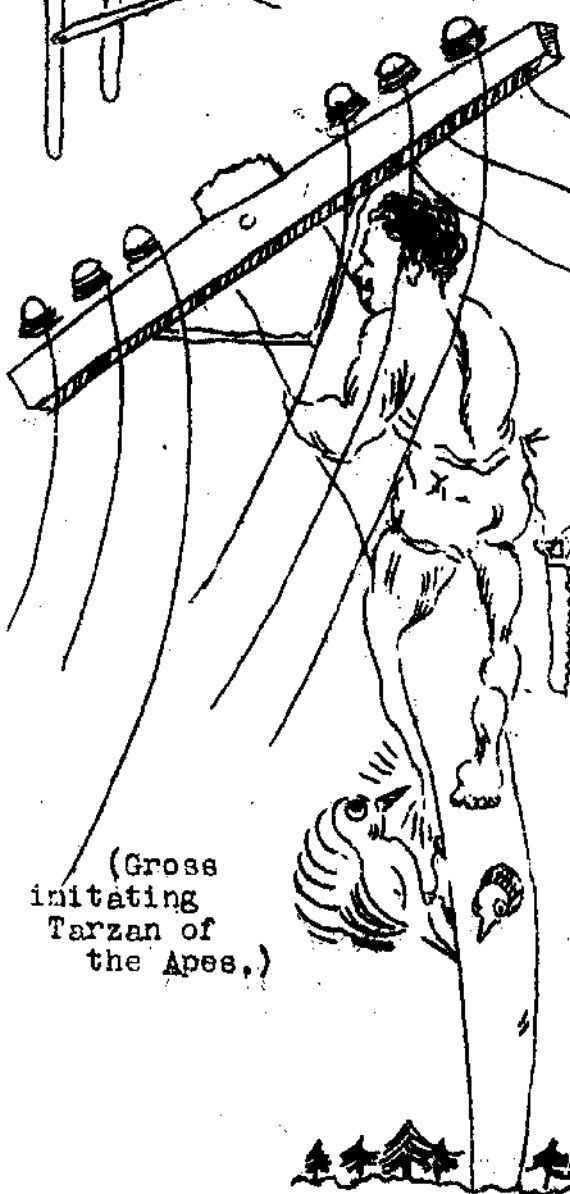
(Coxey cutting the grass around the flag-pole. Looking for a rating?)



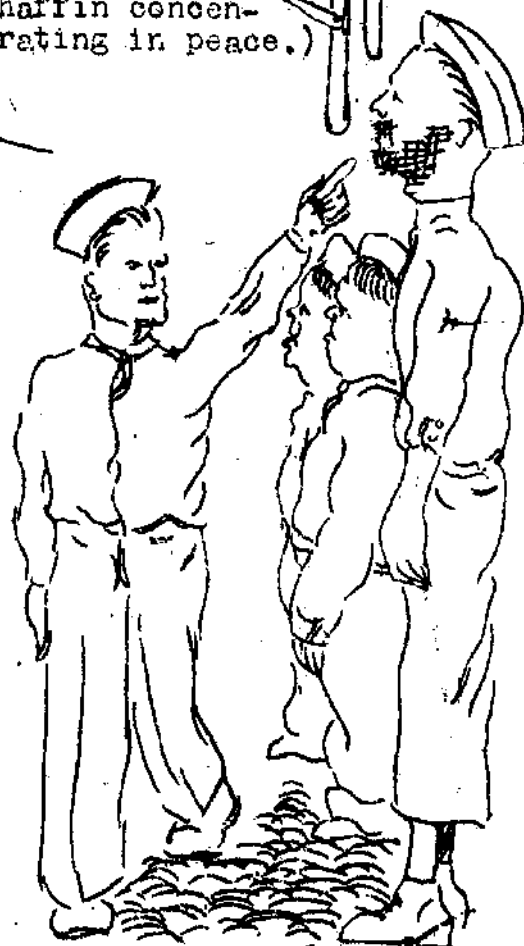
CAMP MERCER ON



(Chaffin concentrating in peace.)



(Gross imitating Tarzan of the Apes.)



(Woody bawls a rock out for not shaving.)

(The gozzle-berry crew crosses the mighty Manitowish.)

