

# THE CAMP MERCER C.C.C. 660<sup>th</sup> Co. MONITOR

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### OUR PAPER

Our new camp weekly is a timely accompaniment to the raging athletic tournament now in progress. The Camp Mercer Monitor means to give new life and enthusiasm to the company by recording those newsy incidents which have heretofore slipped by almost unnoticed by many of us.

There will be a complete absorption of news, including every phase of action in Camp Mercer; namely, from physical discussions - as command, respective barracks, dispensary, mess halls, cooks, rangers, etc., to the social, athletic and workaday activities.

These are the general objectives of the Monitor. There are still the educational and publicational purposes. The staff members will make it their business to track down all camp news and present it to us in a very interesting, capable, and articulate form.

Finally, we intend that the Monitor shall put our company on the map. We are asking you to give it your whole-hearted support.

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### DEDICATION

To the officers and assistants who are so earnestly and conscientiously guiding and directing the welfare of our camp in untiring effort, we dedicate the first issue of the Monitor.

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### MOTHER'S DAY

Remember Mother's Day. If you are lucky enough to have a Mother, you can at least write her a letter. DO IT NOW -- Don't put it off.

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### OFFICERS AND CAMP OVERHEAD

- Commanding Officer-Capt. M.H. Henry, F.A.
- Lieutenant-Casimir Oliszewski, Eng.
- Camp Surgeon-Major S.M. Roberts, M.C.
- Educational Adviser-A. Kelton
- Assist. Ed. Adviser-W. Wilson
- Camp Foreman-H. Dixon
- Mess Steward-wm. Watson
- Supply Steward- A. Moas
- Company Clerk - C. Christensen
- Canteen - N. Arens.

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### THE RANGERS TELL US

Superintendent Fred Haag has extensive plans which camp C.C.C. will effect, unless our dry season enemy, the fire hazard does not thwart him. It needs little perception to note that, if we do not get rain, fires will be as bad or worse than last year. Let us in the meantime cling to our prayers and optimism and look at these plans already in operation.

There is first of all protection. About twenty miles of roadside clearing and debris-removal work will take place. Forty-two miles each of fire lanes and telephone lines for quick communication and transportation, in case of fire, are to be constructed. The protection from fire of from 3000 acres three to four hundred thousand acres of forest will be a great responsibility. Three or four fire towers will run by boys from the C.C.C. Co.

Prof. Rhamlow, whose work on tree diseases, states that 50%

acres of trees are to be protected from tree diseases this summer.

Now for the future. If things go well, Camp Mercer boys should plant about 750,000 pine shrubs, consisting of Norway, white, and Jack varieties.

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PROGRESS OF THE C.C.C.MOVEMENT

Despite sand, mosquitoes, military discipline, medical care administered wholesale, bread lines, tent life and all, let us pause to examine the C.C.C.'s ever-growing benefits. Many of our terms of service are drawing to a close and, whether for better or for worse, we shall soon be back in civilian life.

We know that Pres. Roosevelt, in the C.C.C. movement, had two great objectives: economic relief and conservation. The latter was not as peaceful as it sounded when the C.C. boys struggled with the greatest fires in years.

The benefits? Now they can be told. Winter rolled in with warm barracks, shorter hours of work, with basketvall, reading and radio, educational classes and lectures. Spring, long delayed in the north, slipped in serenely, wearing a winsome smile, bringing young evergreens to decorate the camp, athletic contests to quicken the blood,

long twilights to becalm it and promise of a more prosperous summer than the world has known for a long time.

Are we discontented with our C.C. lot? The organization has given healthful work to bodies grown unbearably idle and recreation and education to prevent coarsening of the minds by vigorous toil.

And now, the government is making of the conservation corps a stepping stone for its members to win back a position in their communities when opportunity again returns. The C.C.C., by education and self-application are capping the perfect brew with an attempt to secure jobs for discharged members.--

W.Wilson

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PLANTING TREES IN CAMP

Evergreen trees from near Camp Sterling along the big Lake Road are being planted in camp around the barracks. The rangers have devoted some of their time in the hauling and planting of the trees. Their time is not wasted in this work for the camp area shows much improvement with advent of the trees.

The different camps in the 9th district have a contest for the best looking camp, not an active or open contest, but one that is quietly going on all the time. The trees do much in beautifying the camp and making it a strong contestant.--

R.Bertagnoli

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

With the arrival in camp of an educational adviser, a new service has been organized. On the surface, it seemed to us that this was merely an administrative for the evening school so heavy on other hands during the winter. But the designation to this department of many other duties and activities, becoming apparent in the Kitten Ball Tournament, other proposed athletic

reading room facilities, camp newspaper surprised many of us.

Under education, the Government has listed discussion groups, lectures, talk, field, shop, laboratory, class, and Vocational Guidance. The department in fulfilling these duties, has instituted new classes in such practical subjects as "Trouble Shooting" on a Gasoline Engine, Football Methods, Business English, Geography, Special Help, and is continuing the classes already organized.

The remaining work is being initiated and needs only the cooperation of the enrollees. The educational department compels no one to make use of its benefits. If you feel the desire or need for learning in a course not offered, say so, and if facilities and the number who want the class are sufficient, it will be organized. If you wish information relative to training for some vocation, feel free to consult the adviser.

The educational department invites you to use it for three purposes: recreation, preparation for further education, and training for some vocation upon your discharge from the C.C.C.

HEARD ABOUT CAMP

The C.C.C. boys are planning on harnessing the Red Horse and riding them up and down the river.

"Bubbles" Hart is very much pleased because he has found a playmate among the new men. "Bubs" calls him "Chup". The two quite agree on the amount of work required of each individual. What's more, they refuse to be daunted when their views conflict with their boss's.

Have you noticed how some fellows flinch when you make a motion to slap them on the back, Sunburned backs are as the weather gets warmer and the sun's rays beat down on bare backs. Any fellow who thought he could get tan in one day has changed his mind.

WANT ADS

For sale--Trunks, leather goods, and jewelry-C. Christensen and H. Dixon--Incorporated.

Two Female Dogs--Major S.M. Roberts. Note--It isn't the original cost with the Major's dogs--it's the upkeep.

WANTED --A few more cowboys for Barracks four and five. Smaller sticks for the reading room. Three men have sprained their wrists trying to read the daily papers.

KEBILES AND SKILLETTS

Bill Watson says: Believe it or not, our supply of corn beef is running low--stew bad, eh?

THAT C.C.C. is just another way of saying Children, Children, Children.

That the vinegar bottles are to be left on the table and not used for a skin smoother after getting sunburned.

That we should supply our milk drinkers with a real nice dairy of about ten cows. (Kinda bad for the milk gusslers)

That our coffee may not be the best around these parts, but it's a long walk to the nearest restaurant.

INFIRMARY INFECTIONS

Major says: When a body is going down for the third time it requires about 3 ounces of wood to float it. --Use your heads (not gentle)

What happens to our first man when he gets three beers.

Warren Evenson and Robertery are to be next two first men.

The dispensary men would nice in white uniforms if R.

could be persuaded.

Our pine trees would be in for a dry summer if it weren't for Major S.M.Roberts.

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BARRACK 1

About 50 fellows are sporting new trunks this last week. They are proudly arguing the merits of their trunks with old trunk owners. The trunks, both old and new, can be put to many uses. They make a good table for reading or writing; they are a good chair or foot stool; they are constructed to protect our clothes and valuables and render good service for many years.

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BARRACK 2

Barrack 2 diamond ball team defeated the erst-while confident and still home-loving team from Barrack 1. Competition is keen and the interest displayed last evening promises to wax enthusiastic before the completion of the tournament.

The "Rooks" were served their first meal out of camp when they journeyed to camp Upson to fight fire. After a wait of about an hour and a half, they were sent out to combat a fire of about 40 acres in extent; approximately two miles from Saxon. Backhoes and shovels were used to check the fire. Their dinner which was served under the open sky, consisted of luscious hamburger steaks.

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BARRACK 3

H. Fisk and J. McCarthy want home on leaves.

Harding and Fleischman received discharges this week.

3A defeated the 4A 13-1 in kittenball the other night.

Bubbles looked like a news article early Sunday morning; but then who didn't?

Keilman is too good for a company news reporter. The Merrimac Daily published his letter about Dillinger. Fine work, Dale.

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BARRACK 4

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We are living with greatest band of cowboys that ever gathered in the mid-west. Wild Bill, Kid Carson, Buffalo Bill and Fat Karsten, were but mild gentlemen compared to the list of outlaws below.

Barracks 4 and 5 are the hide-outs of these merry-makers. Every evening between 6 o'clock and the small hours of the morning these singing, crying, and war-like gentlemen have the last round-up for the day. Single String Howe plays the only chord known to cowboys.

The boys wish to increase their number. The charter members of this band are:

Two Gun LaPort, Single String Howe, Six Shot Glenski, Diamond Carley, Lone Eagle Habermann, McConnell, Lonesome Cowboy Hall, Rook Farmsworth, Killer Krummey, Hair Trigger Serling, Feras Jim Page, Bull Durham Ike, Funny Face Fischer, Sunset McDonald, and Rat Face Dowski.

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BARRACK 5

Harold Bloss was granted a ten-day leave this week, to seek employment.

Bob Hiller was granted an emergency leave this week. His father is reported to be very ill.

Edward Wright and Carl Wright were granted a three-day leave this week-end, to answer an urgent call from home.

Roy Allen and Frank Weister were among those receiving honorable discharges this week.

It is to be noted that Ed Wright, Camp Mercer's golden tenor, accompanied by H. Mars and J. Crandall is keeping up pace for future use.

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SUB-CAMP AT SPRINGSTEAD

This camp, named Pine Grove, is primarily a road construction camp. Under the guidance of Bill Sommers the crew should become fire-lane specialists.

So far the men have been working on two right-of-ways; one to contact Island Lake and the other the Butternut Road.

A kitchen for the camp was set up last week and has been used as a base for the two Springstead tower look-out men, Rogers and Reamer.

The camp site is a beauty. Perched on top of a small hill and sheltered by a few large pine trees. It overlooks the Pripps farm and is but a mile from the tower.

When the crew moves in, tents will be used for sleeping quarters. Bill Sommers was quite jubilant when Captain Henry promised an officer's tent for his personal use.

Wild life is plentiful, especially wood-ticks.

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WIT AND NIT

Karsten: You're like yesterday-- you're gone.

VanRens: You're like tomorrow-- you're always coming.

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"Hey, you Gold Bricker"" .What did you do today?"

"Who me? I didn't do anything-- there is nothing to do--that is, if I don't see Dixon."

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Heard in the Adviser's office (speaking of the hospital news column) "Did you get the infirm-ary infections yet?"

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TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Class A.</u>	<u>W.L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Barrack 2	1-0	1000
Barrack 5	1-0	1000
Barrack 3	1-1	500
Barrack 1	0-1	.000
Barrack 4	0-1	.000
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<u>Class B.</u>		
Barrack 5	2-0	1000
Barrack 3	0-1	.000
Barrack 2	0-1	.000

Errors have been numerous in games played so far. Many of the errors can reasonably be expected to be eradicated as the season progresses and the players become accustomed to the feel of the old -----.

The first baseball scrimmage game was held Sunday afternoon. The Adviser was very pleased with the showing that some of the fellows made on the "dand lot". His guess is--that a fast, smart, baseball team can be developed.

Fellows interested in horse-shoe report to the Adviser's office. If enough are interested we will see about getting the boxes made at once.

Keep your eye on that overhead Kittenball team. Doc has been getting in some strenuous pitching and batting practice lately. The latest player to be signed to that team is Fred Haag, the around utility man.

One volley-ball team is to be organized from each barracks. Hand in the list of your players when you have it completed. A schedule will be started as soon as the court is finished.

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Don't forget Mother's Day. The least you can do is to write a letter home.

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