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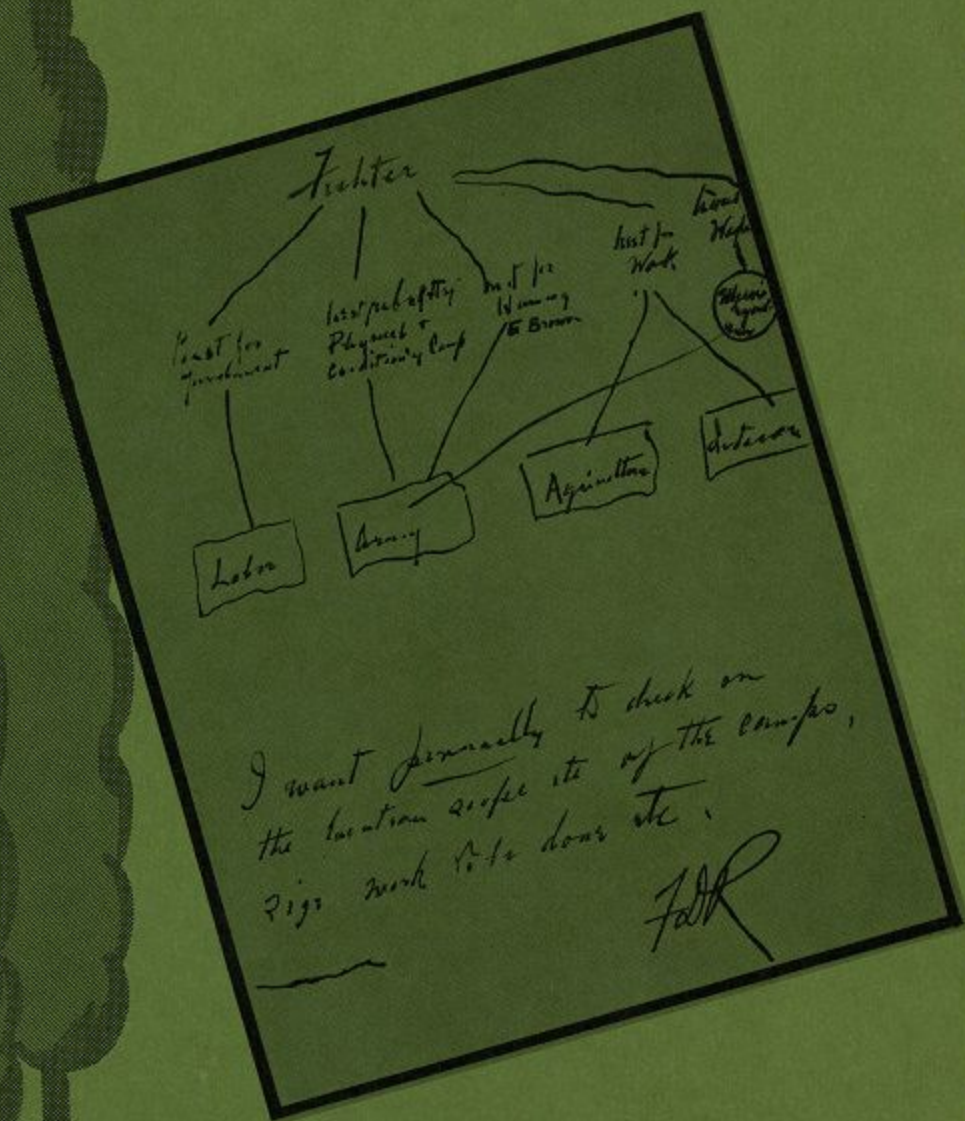
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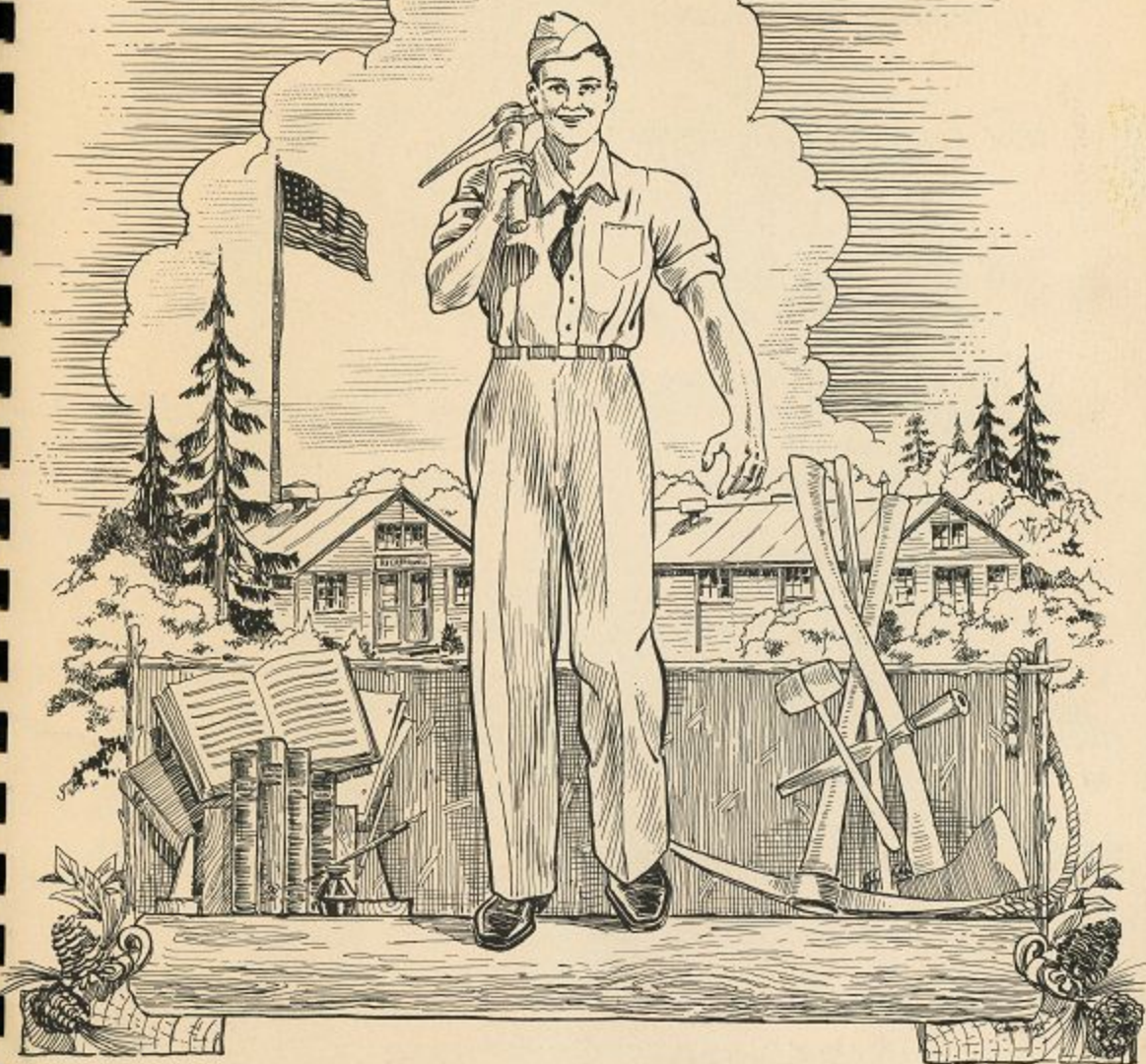
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CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS







*With the hope that this volume will further acquaint  
you with my friends and life in the Civilian Conserva-  
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*this copy of the PICTORIAL  
REVIEW of my company.*

*I trust you will enjoy this as much as I enjoy sending it  
to you and that you will more thoroughly understand us  
at work and play*

*Best Wishes*

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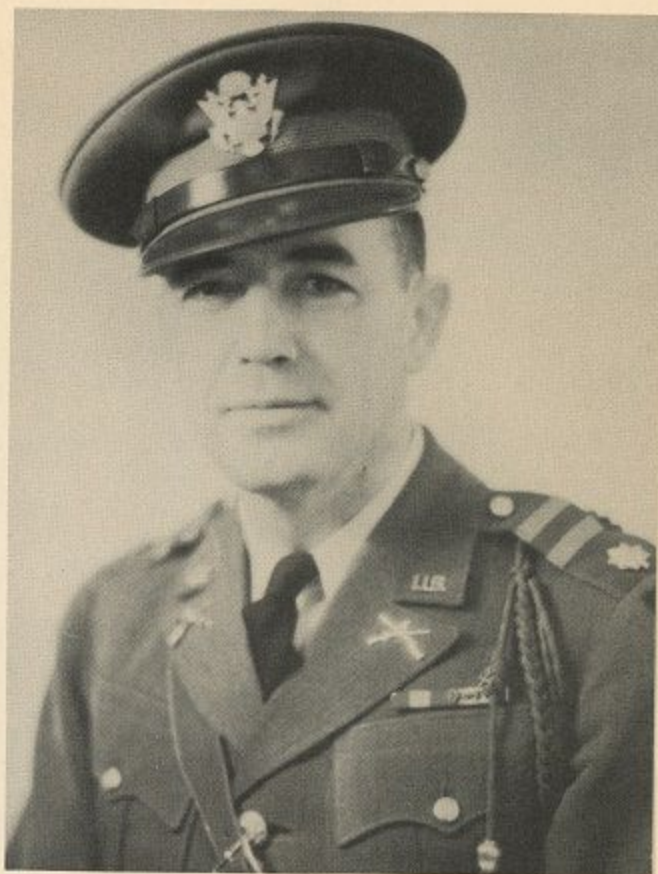
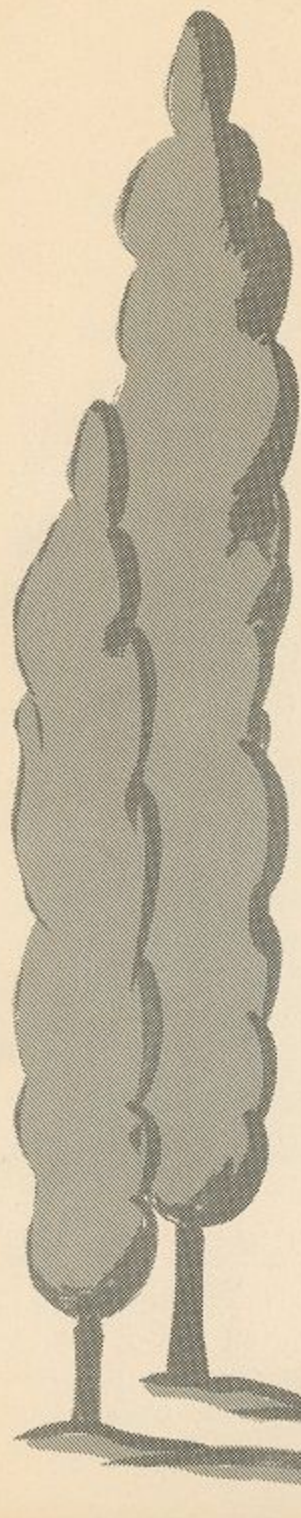
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Commanding Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rank



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**U. S. A.**

**Lieut. Colonel.**

**Infantry, (D. O. L.)**

**District Commander.**



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**U. S. A.**

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**F. A.-(D. O. L.)**

**"District Commander  
May 19, 1936-August 8, 1939"**



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**Executive Officer**

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District Adjutant



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District Construction Officer



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District Quartermaster



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Officer



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Asst. Construction Officer



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District Signal Officer



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District Sales Officer



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Asst. District Surgeon



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Medical Supply and Salvage  
Officer

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Ass't to Mr. Jay Marshall

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Boatswain  
Asst. Warehouse Officer



**ROBERT L. ADDY USCG**  
Gunner  
Asst. Construction Officer



**DANIEL SHEA USCG**  
Boatswain  
Asst. Warehouse Officer



**JOHN J. DESMOND USCG**  
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Asst. Warehouse Officer



**CLETUS B. STEWART USCG**  
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Asst. Warehouse Officer



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**SECOND ROW:** L. M. Erickson, T. N. Montoure, Ray Granstrom, W. Barikus, H. T. Mason, M. Sterch, J. Hitchcock.  
**THIRD ROW:** P. E. Bettendorf, J. R. Colfer, L. Greutzmacher, H. Loudenslager, T. A. Werkman, H. A. Losby, F. E. Matthews, R. V. Begg.





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SECOND ROW: W. C. Sommermeyer, Mrs. Florence Johnson.



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SECOND ROW: C. R. Stevenson, Miss Della Yotti, Miss Ester Knoll, Harold Moun.

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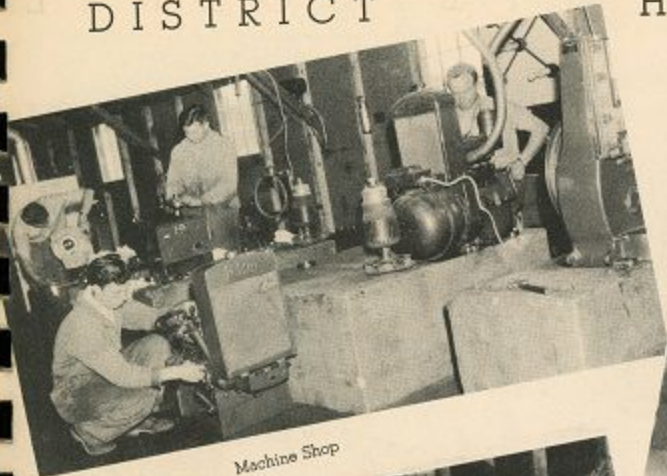
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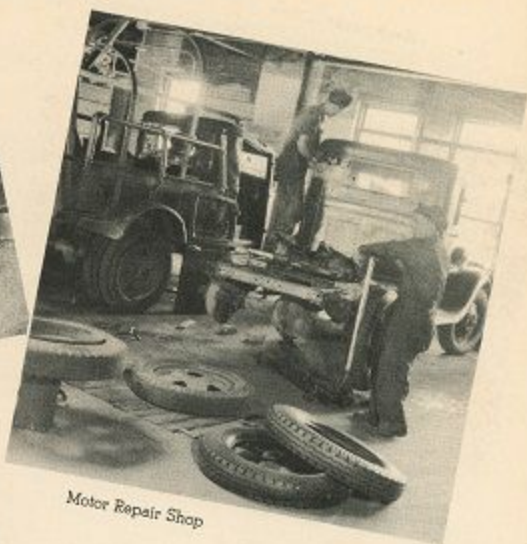


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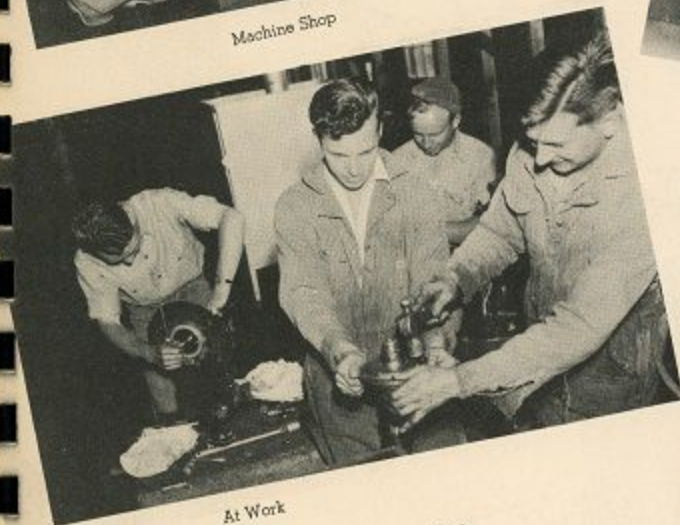
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Machine Shop



Motor Repair Shop



At Work



Repairs in Machine Shop



Paint Rack



Radio Room

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CAPTAIN ROBERT W. FISHER  
Cav-Res.  
Sixth Area



CAPTAIN CLYDE D. KEITH  
Cav-Res.  
Fifth Area

CAPTAIN JOSEPH B. ENTRINGER  
Inf-Res.  
Second Area



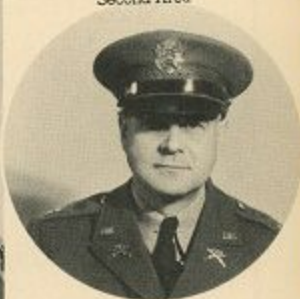
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Seventh Area  
Commander Skokie Valley  
Commander Discharge and  
Reception Center



LIEUT. FRAND R. DUNBAR  
D-F. USNR  
Third Area



CAPTAIN NELSON L. FISHER  
Inf-Res.  
Fourth Area



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Ch-Res.  
Camp Menominee

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Ch-Res.  
Camp Skokie Valley



LT. CHARLES MAXWELL LEVER  
USNR. Ch-Res.  
Camp Pattison



1st LT. WALTER D. OBERHOLTZER  
Ch-Res.  
Camp Mercer



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Captain Ralph M. Dean, District Headquarters, shown on page 6.



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SHELDON KOFF  
1st Lieut., Med. Res.  
CAMP SURGEON



MR. PAUL B. LEITCH  
EDUCATIONAL ADVISER



QUINTIN S. LANDER  
Capt., Inf. Res.  
COMMANDING OFFICER



ERNEST W. MERCIER  
1st Lieut., Inf. Res.  
JUNIOR OFFICER

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT  
and STAFF

CAMP MERCER

*S-79*



WILLIAM A. SUMMERS  
Project Superintendent

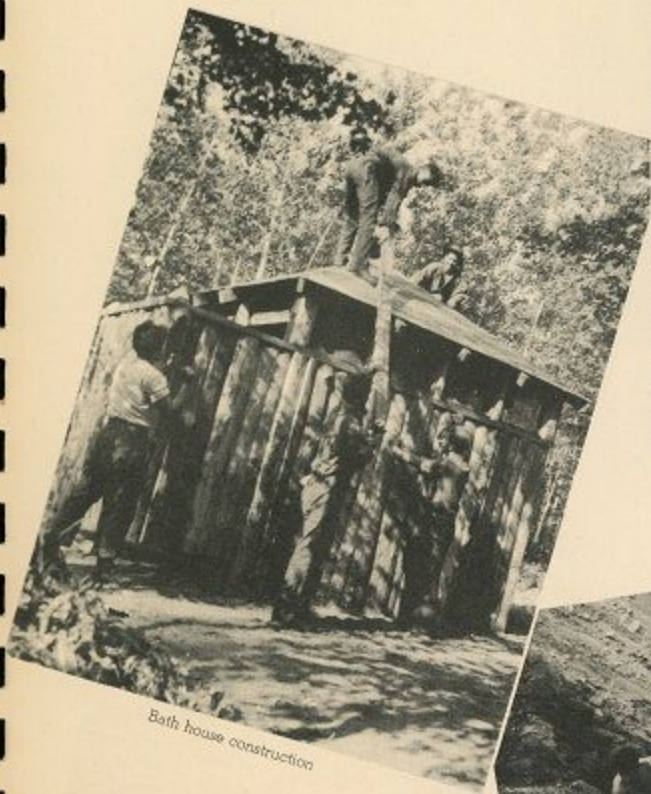


TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

Left to right, FRONT ROW:  
R. Carey, B. McGinley, W. Summers, Project Superintendent;  
R. Kallio, A. Radant.  
BACK ROW: M. McAlenny,  
R. Leuthner, O. Heides.



WORK AT  
CAMP MERCER



Bath house construction



Grading road



Blasting



Loading a truck



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R. J. Behnke.  
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B. K. Coron.  
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Meyer, A. B. Szymarek, F. B. Pleasants, L. A. Wicklund, C. E.  
Tilton, E. M. Coder.

## Roster . . .

Capt. Quintin S. Lander, Inf-Res., Commanding Officer  
1st Lieut. Ernest W. Mercier, Inf-Res., Junior Officer  
1st Lieut. Sheldon Koff, Med-Res., Camp Surgeon  
Mr. Paul B. Leitch, Educational Adviser  
Mr. William A. Summers, Project Superintendent

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W. Woloszewski  
A. T. Yeonopos  
B. Zarski

## History . . .

Camp Mercer S-79, Manitowish, Wisconsin, the home of 660th Company CCC, was first set up on June 16, 1933, and received its first enrollees four days later. The work projects of this camp have been under the supervision of the Wisconsin Conservation Department. Major projects have been fire fighting, tree planting, building truck trails, timber stand improvement, lake and stream development, fire hazard prevention, and telephone line construction.

Possibly the most important single project has been fire fighting. During the season when forest fires occur most frequently, each work crew has gone about their usual work with their fire fighting equipment with them in the truck, and a man stationed at the nearest telephone to receive emergency fire calls. Calls from the District Ranger Station are thus passed on with small waste of time. During the past six years, this camp has planted approximately seven and one half million trees, principally Jack Pine, Norway Pine, white Pine, and white Spruce.

The last year has seen the construction of two Class A truck trails by Camp Mercer. When completed these trails will be twenty feet wide and gravel surfaced. Each is approximately eight miles from one end to the other, and they run through stands of timber which are regarded as extremely vulnerable to fires. Camp Mercer has done considerable timber stand improvement in the past six years. This work consists in cutting out dead and dying poplar in the pine plantations to enable the young pine trees to have a better chance to grow higher

and develop into more merchantable trees.

Lake improvements have been completed in twenty lakes of Iron and Vilas Counties. Brush cut from the lake shores is constructed into fish refuges, minnow spawners, and log tangles, and is then weighted with sand bags and dropped to bottom of the lakes, where it serves as a hiding place for small fish. Aquatic bugs breed in these brush refuges, and are in turn eaten by the fish. More than one hundred miles of telephone lines have been constructed and maintained by Camp Mercer, and have contributed substantially to the fire control program.

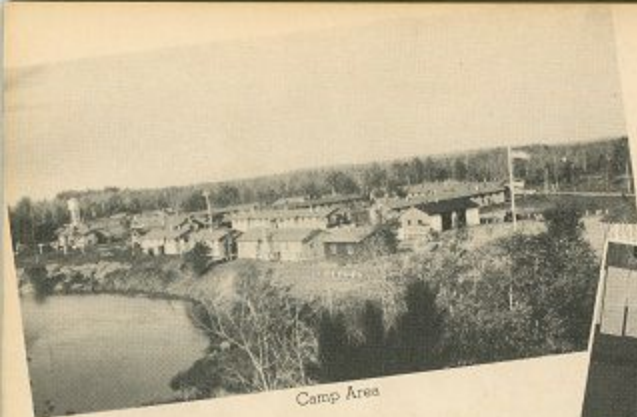
A word or two concerning the Camp Staff might not be amiss. Lieutenant Ellis, of the regular army was the first commanding officer, and set up the early camp. Other company commanders in order were: Captain Merritt H. Henry, FA-Res., 1st Lieut. Ralph J. Johansen, Engr-Res., 1st Lieut. Robert A. Ermentrout, FA-Res., 1st Lt. Everett J. Rauschenberger, Sig-Res., 2nd Lieut. Goodlett J. Glaser, FA-Res., Captain Frank X. Cruikshank, Inf-Res., and Captain Quintin S. Lander, Inf-Res. Captain Lander, the present commanding officer, has served with 660th Company since June 19, 1938, and has commanded since November 10, 1938. The first project superintendent was Mr. V. A. Moon, who served in that capacity for six months and was then promoted to be District Forest Ranger. He was succeeded by Fred Haage, and the latter held that position until July 1, 1935, when he was succeeded by William A. Summers, the present project superintendent. Other members of the camp staff at present include 1st Lieut. Ernest W. Mercier, Inf-Res., junior officer, 1st Lt. Sheldon Koff, Med-Res., Camp Surgeon, and Paul B. Leitch, educational adviser.

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# SEEN AT CAMP MERCER



Camp Area



In the Library



Officers Quarters



Army Overhead



Baseball Team





Shoveling sand



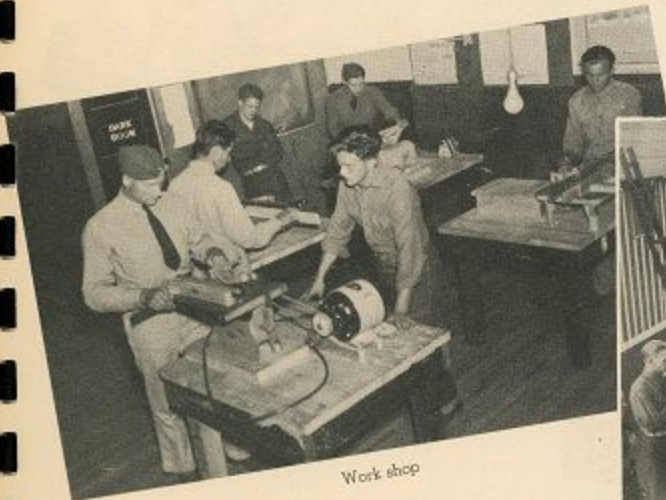
Cooks and Kp's



Snow scene



Going out to work



Work shop



Retreat

# CAMP CHARACTERS



M. P. CHAPLESKY  
Wildest story teller



J. S. DALPIAZ  
Most Industrious



N. J. BASTASIC  
Most popular with girls



W. J. WEARING  
Chow bound



E. H. CODER  
Best dressed



V. W. COOPER  
Worst dressed



P. L. GEIGER  
Best all round Rec.



H. V. RASHLEGER  
Laziest



# Autographs . . .



## WHAT YOUR DISTRICT IS AND DOES...

The Sparta CCC District was organized April 1st, 1935. At its first inception it took in all the territory in Wisconsin north of a line running east and west through Baraboo. It included the old 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th Forestry Districts. District Headquarters was originally located at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. It was moved to its present location during the fall of 1935. Major David L. Ruffner, Field Artillery (D. O. L.) commanded the district since May, 1936. He was relieved Aug. 9th, 1939, by Lt. Col. George S. Clarke, Infantry (D. O. L.) and will leave shortly for the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Major Frank A. Derouin, Infantry (D. O. L.), at present Executive Officer, came to the district in February, 1939.

When Headquarters Sixth Corps Area decided to eliminate the Fort Sheridan District in January, 1938, Sparta took over the northern group of its camps. The district now extends south to Chicago on the east side and to the Rock River in Illinois. With this new acquisition of camps the district now has actually fifty-four (54) work companies in operation housed in fifty (50) camps.

The district is organized on a plan much similar to that of an Army division. It has an Adjutant's office headed by Captain Kenneth W. Mosher, Air Reserve, who has been in that position continuously from the beginning except for a short period.

The largest section of the District Headquarters is the District Quartermaster. At the present time headed by Captain Arthur H. Arenz, Infantry Reserve, the Quartermaster section contains a number of subdivisions, namely, Property with Captain E. M. Burns, Infantry Reserve, in charge; Subsistence with 1st Lt. H. J. Taylor, Quartermaster Reserve, in charge; Construction & Maintenance under Captain J. F. Phelan, Infantry Reserve; Purchasing and Contracting under 1st Lt. J. C. Conine, Infantry Reserve. Salvage is handled by Captain A. H. Kopp, MA-Reserve; 1st Lt. S. G. Blencoe, Signal Reserve, heads the Signal and Ordnance Section, which includes radio, telephone, telegraph and the issue of ordnance equipment.

The Quartermaster is charged with the issuing of

clothing and equipment, the contracting for all supplies including food and construction and maintenance of the camps. This task will be visualized somewhat when one realizes that nearly 90,000 pounds of fresh beef, 9,000 pounds of fresh bread and over 100,000 pints of fresh milk, nearly 200,000 pounds of potatoes and 20,000 pounds of butter are required per month to supply these items alone to the camps.

The Transportation Department under the Quartermaster with Captain R. E. Porter, Air Reserve, in charge, maintains the motors and utilities necessary to keep the wheels of supply moving.

The next largest section in District Headquarters is the Finance Department. Here, Captain D. H. Passell, Finance Reserve, has been in charge since the inception of the district. This department checks the pay rolls and issues the checks to the company commanders for the paying of the cash allowances to enrollees. It also writes and mails each separate allotment check every month to the allottees. It pays all bills that have been incurred by the purchasing officer for the camps in the district.

The Medical Section is under the supervision of the District Surgeon, Major S. M. Roberts, Medical Reserve. This section has charge of the hospitalization of the sick and wounded. It keeps a complete file of medical records. Few realize the importance of this department until they are sick or have an accident or seek to put in a claim for compensation. Another important function of the medical department is the inspection of all fresh meats and allied food stuffs. Captain B. S. Law, Veterinary Reserve, is charged with this task.

One of the most important features of the Civilian Conservation Corps has been the opportunity for continuing educational pursuits. The Sparta District has had an enviable record in this field. The District Educational Department has been ably piloted by Mr. J. K. Marshall, District Educational Adviser. Education in the CCC has consisted of programs looking to the completion of the eight grades and high school. It has included vocational training, avocations and job training. Each camp



has been provided with an attractive library, well supplied with hundreds of volumes of good reading matter as well as a well filled magazine rack. These libraries give the enrollee that valued opportunity of browsing about among many authors, both old and new. Many of the books deal directly with vocations and occupations, thus providing the seeker with a chance to investigate this field to his heart's content.

The district has not been unmindful of its charge in the field of religion and welfare. Religious services are held in every camp practically once a week. Chaplains and contract clergymen have diligently visited the field, sought out the enrollee and aided him in solving many of his problems.

The Sparta District is justly proud of its achievements in athletics. Baseball, basketball and other sports are encouraged and a well organized all-round program is maintained. District championship awards hang in the recreation rooms of many a proud camp. A number of Sparta athletes have gone forth to enter the professional world.

Since the taking over of the Fort Sheridan camps, the Sparta District has been charged with the task of demobilizing Sixth Corps Area enrollees returning from the west coast, as well as providing replacements. The first Conditioning Camp in 1938 was a large tent camp at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, then followed three conditioning periods at Camp Skokie Valley. Realizing the necessity for adequate equipment to efficiently care for these boys and speedily get them on their way either home or to a camp in the west, a large permanent camp has been built at Camp McCoy for this purpose. This camp consists of twenty-five (25) barracks and a suitable number of messhalls. In connection with this Conditioning Camp, the Sixth Corps Area Cooks' and Baker's School has been established in recent weeks. Here enrollees from every company within the boundaries of the Sixth Corps Area will study cooking and baking and mess management for a period of weeks after which they will return to their companies as graduate cooks and bakers.

Since its inception the district has been called upon to meet grave emergencies in fire and flood. When the drought of 1936 threatened the existence of the standing timber in the northwest and local fire fighting resources were entirely inadequate, practically the entire district was mobilized. What in years gone by would have proven an irreparable disaster was localized by hard work and long hours of fire fighting. The district poured forth its man power and transportation resources in the winter of 1937 for flood relief work. Battalions of enrollees like soldiers rushed to the front in time of war poured through Sparta and Camp McCoy on their way to the Ohio and Mississippi Valley.

These stirring efforts into which district personnel plunged with enthusiasm demonstrate that the day of high adventure is not past at least for the CCC when emergency calls.

Last but not least we could not close this dissertation on district doings without mentioning the routine of district inspection. The constant check and re-check by area and district inspectors is a factor that looms large in maintaining a high morale and efficient administration and a safe camp life.

A CCC camp is a community in itself. It has its own water works. It either has its own electric light plant or buys it from a nearby source of supply, and it has its own sewage disposal system. Thus, it will be seen that practically all the problems of a city are to be found in a camp in miniature.

Justice is administered by the company commander. Fire protection and regulations provide for the setting up of an efficient fire fighting force on an instant's notice. The local camp exchange constitutes an opportunity for the retailing of the small necessities of life to the enrollees. This with the camp theater forms a cooperative project wherein the enrollees receive the benefit of the profits that accrue therefrom.

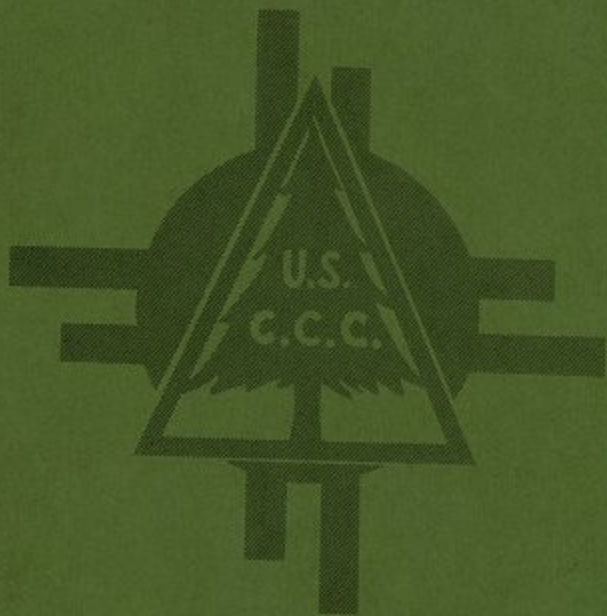
In closing we would remind everyone of the traditions which has been created and maintained by our District Commander, namely, that the district and every member of the district staff and personnel exist for only one purpose, that of supplying and maintaining efficient, comfortable work camps.



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