History of Company 1822, Camp SP-14-C, Golden, Colo.

The President's extension of the Civilian Conservation Corps to the War Veterans made possible the organization of Company 1822 at Fort Logan, Colorado, June 16, 1933. The company was equipped and moved to Land's End Camp, under the rim of Grand Mesa Forest, on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains about fourteen miles from Whitewater, Colorado. This camp was known as F-17-C.

While stationed at this camp, the veterans constructed a highway nearly nine and one-half miles in length, to the top of Grand Mesa. The work was accomplished under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and in such a manner as to receive the commendation of that department.

On May 28, 1934, part of the company was moved to a side camp at Skyway, on Grand Mesa, and on the 14th of June the balance of the company was transferred to Trickle Park, five miles east of the main highway across the Mesa. Three side camps were operated from the main camp: the one at Skyway constructing a telephone line, drift fences and improving camp grounds; a camp on Veterans' Road (Land's End Road), leading to the point where the upper and lower roads meet at the edge of the Mesa Rim worked on road improvement; and the third camp at Ward Lake, one of the most picturesque spots on the Grand Mesa. The work at Ward Lake consisted of cleaning up the lake region and improving the camp ground around Ward and Eggleston Lakes. Work at Trickle Park was the improving of the Collbran Road. All the work accomplished by Company 1822 on Grand Mesa was approved and again received favorable mention from the Department of Agriculture.

After a welcome snow storm September 24 and 25, 1934, word was received to move the camp as soon as possible. Side camps moved in, tents were taken down, and on October 2, the entire company moved to the Armory in Delta, Colorado. On October 4, a motor convoy moved from Delta for Namaqua Camp SP-9-C, nine miles northwest of Loveland, Colorado. October 5, the balance of the company entrained at Delta for an overnight trip to the new camp. Arriving at Loveland, the vets found a new camp awaiting them, located on the Big Thompson, and after spending a few days cleaning up the camp grounds, project work was started. The work of this camp consisted of road-building, landscaping, trail-building and improving picnic areas and construction work in the Loveland Mountain Park, an area consisting of 720 acres, in which was located the Loveland hydro-electric plant.

Among other projects a fine saddle trail was constructed in this park some five miles long. Tree-planting, beetle-control work, rock work, picnic and parking areas, Lookout shelter house, and general road work occupied the company until October 31, 1935. Orders to vacate the camp and move to a Boulder camp were received. These orders were rescinded and orders issued to move to Camp SP-14-C, Genesee Mountain, Golden, Colorado. This move was made entirely by truck convoy, and was accomplished in one day, a record move, considering the distance of approximately seventy-five miles.

The projects of Company 1822 at CCC Camp SP-14-C, Golden, Colorado, are similar in many respects to those of the Loveland Camp. They consist of park improvement work in the Denver Mountain Parks. At this writing, June, 1936, much has been accomplished in park area and picnic ground improvements, guard-rail construction, road construction, sewage disposal and latrine construction, beetle control and weed eradication, sign work, fireplace construction, and the construction of picnic benches and tables. Under present approved projects, this and similar work will be carried on.

The educational program has been largely vocational in nature. Little of a purely academic nature as will be found in Junior camps, has been carried on. In April, 1935, a workshop, "The Play House," was constructed in Loveland. Lathes, jigsaws and other power and hand tools were secured and work in alabaster, wood, metal, leather, celluloid, weaving and clay modeling has been carried on. A number of prizes were won by members of the company in a handicraft...
contest held in Denver in July of 1935.

The first camp paper, "The Demoted Veteran," was mimeographed while the company was on the Grand Mesa. This was discontinued, and in November, 1934, "The Namaqua Veteran" began as a weekly publication. On the removal of the company to SP-14-C, Golden, Colorado, the paper assumed the name of "The Veteran" and is still published under that name. Among other camp projects, a fine fireplace was constructed in the recreation hall in Loveland. Landscaping work and tree-planting made the Loveland Camp a most attractive area. All recreational activities in a veteran company are naturally those adapted to the age and abilities of the men. Softball has been a favorite outdoor sport. Volleyball, medicine ball and horseshoe pitching are other popular forms of recreation. Fishing trips, sight-seeing trips and prospecting occupy those interested in that form of recreation.

A baseball team was organized on the Grand Mesa and won a number of games. In the Loveland camp many softball games were played with other companies and with members of the Loveland Softball League. The team won a number of games in this league and enjoyed excellent support from the entire company.

A municipal camp organization was formed at Land's End, with John J. Gibbons as mayor. The present mayor of the company is Andy Hardin. A great deal of interest is shown in the election of officers. Rallies are held in which each candidate and his supporters hold forth in the recreation hall, setting forth their several abilities and pointing out the faults and shortcomings of their opponents. Many civic organizations, state colleges and ex-service men's organizations have contributed entertainment and instruction to the company. A good stage with back-drop, curtains and stage lighting has been provided for plays. The Denver unit of the WPA Theatre Project has contributed some excellent entertainment. Movies have been shown with educational and travel pictures, as well as comedy and feature films.

In the three years between June 26, 1933, and June, 1936, approximately 825 men have passed through the company. These men have represented practically every state in the Union. At present the company is made up chiefly of Colorado men. Colorado men have always predominated in numbers since the company was first organized.

In the matter of safety the company has made an excellent record. Men of the age level of veterans are usually well versed in the handling of the type of tools used in construction work, and for that reason have fewer accidents.


The following Medical Officers and Contract Physicians have been attached to the company: Dr. H. G. Garwood, Capt. John T. Gray, Med.-Res.; 1st Lieut. Chas Woern, Med.-Res., and Dr. George A. Nylund. Dr. Nylund, the present Camp Surgeon, has been attached to the company for the past seventeen months.

The company has had three Educational Advisers. When Educational Advisers were first initiated into the CCC setup, Fred Eberhardt, a member of the company, was commissioned to serve in that capacity. Mr. Eberhardt was later transferred to Troy, Texas. Ray Brundage was next assigned to the company. After three weeks he was transferred to a junior company near Trinidad, and Victor A. File, a World War Veteran, was assigned to the company, where he has served for the past eighteen months.

The company originally was under Forestry personnel, designated as F-17-C, then F-16-C, while on the Western Slope. The first Project Superintendent, Homer Graham, had charge of the work on the Grand Mesa. Upon being moved to the Big Thompson Camp near Loveland, Colorado, the company was placed under State Park supervision and designated SP-9-C. Wendell R. Horsley was placed in charge of this camp as Camp Superintendent and remained in this capacity until October, 1935, when he was promoted to a position as Regional Inspector, and Frank Morrissey, one of the project foremen, was appointed acting Superintendent, remaining in that capacity until the removal of the company to SP-14-C, Golden, Colorado.
At Golden, George A. Carroll was appointed acting Superintendent and
remained in that capacity until May
1st, when Sidney G. Frazier, Super-
intendent of SP-15-C, was trans-
fected to this company as Superin-
tendent, and is the present incumbent.
The following men are serving as
foremen and facilitating personnel un-
der the Park Service: George Zure-
well, Richard Morrissey, Edward
Draughn, George A. Carroll, Harry
Shanahan, Charles Riordan, William
H. Attkin, Jr., Earl J. Mann, Ken-
neth Mayer.

There has been little turn-over in
the Park Service personnel. The com-
pany has had practically the same
personnel in each of its camp loca-
tions. At the Loveland Camp, Bryan
Gross, Fred Roberts, Fred Miller,
Frank Morrissey, Arthur Anderson,
Cecil Yount, Charles Shannon,
George Zurewell, John Pratt and En-
amusement for the company, and has
nearly 1,000 volumes which the com-
donated largely to a fine library of
gineer Howard Willard served the
entire length of the camp's establish-
ment.

The company has always enjoyed
the most cordial relationship with
the several communities in which it has
been located. Each community has
helped contribute entertainment and
pampery now boasts. The American
Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the Vet-
erans of Foreign Wars and other
ex-service men's organizations have
contributed entertainment to the com-
pany. Nearly sixty members of the
company are members of the Veter-
ans of Foreign Wars post at Mor-
ison, Colorado, at the present time
and several members hold important
offices in that organization.

An interesting feature of a veter-
ian company is its heterogenous per-
sonnel. Men from many walks of
life and representing a wide field of
human endeavor are brought together.
Almost all professional fields and in-
dustrial pursuits have, at various
times, been found in this company.
Actors, artists, editors, teachers, min-
isters, accountants, bankers, sales-
men, merchants, musicians, machin-
ists, carpenters, farmers, bakers,
cooks, and numerous other occupa-
tional craftsmen are found. At vari-
ous times it would have been pos-
sible for the company to furnish suf-
ciently trained personnel for almost
any industry or calling.

The payment of the Adjusted Serv-
vice Compensation Certificates has
taken large toll of company strength.
Many of the members with their bo-
num money will try to re-establish
themselves in civilian pursuits. The
philosophy of 'Life Begins at Forty'
seems to have permeated a goodly
number of the men and imbued them
with the idea of starting over again
with the enactment of the bonus leg-
islation.

In passing, it should be said out of
justice to the veterans who have
served in the CCC camps that they
are, for the most part, a most de-
serving and worthy group of citi-
zenry. These men are a distinct gen-
eration, and one that was imbued with
a strong sense of patriotic pride. They
have kept their chins up and have
what it takes to pass through a stren-
uous period of world-wide social,
economic and industrial readjust-
ment. Throughout the entire history
of this company, the Army personnel
attached to the command has in all
instances been composed of World
War Veterans who had an attitude of
sympathetic understanding for the men
in their command. The record of this
company leaves no room for an
apology for conduct and service.

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Educational Work Made by Enrollees of Company 1822, Golden, Colo.

Company 1860 (Veterans) CCC was organized under the direction of Capt. Earl J. Yates, Inf.-Res., and 1st Lieut. Stephenson, Inf.-Res., on July 20, 1934, at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. 1st Lieut. Stephenson was detached July 23, 1934, and 1st Lieut. P. M. Davis, F.A.-Res., was assigned to the company. Organization and equipping of men continued until August 9, and on this date 1st Lieut. Davis and twelve enrollees departed for Camp D.S.P.-1-C, Greeley, Colorado, to prepare camp for the remainder of the company, which arrived on August 10 and 11. Immediately Capt. Yates adjusted the men to their new tent quarters, and the company strength was brought to 200 men. The camp, consisting of nine buildings of the permanent type, was located in the northwest part of Greeley. These buildings were not completed and finally occupied until September 14th. City light, water and sewerage were made available for the camp.

The work project was located four miles from camp and known as the Greeley Island Park. The work consisted of constructing an island park in the waste lands of the Poudre River below the supervision of State Park Division, National Park Service. Sidney Frazier, superintendent; one engineer, one landscape engineer and eight foremen constituted the technical personnel.


On November 14, 1934, fire broke out in one of the barracks, destroying all property housed therein.

The work project up to the present time had not been functioning very satisfactorily, due to improper clearance of right-of-ways, deeds and other matters pertaining to the land at Island Park; some misunderstanding and friction developed in connection with the above between Government and Greeley officials.

December 20, 1934, Capt. Yates was relieved as Company Commander by 1st Lieut. P. M. Davis. Christmas leave was granted to all members who cared to visit their families and relatives. On December 29, 1934, Capt. P. C. Euchner, Cav.-Res., reported for duty and training, and was followed by Capt. Wm. A. Ranck, Cav.-Res., January 21, 1935. February 20, 1935, Lieut. Davis was relieved as Company Commander by Capt. Wm. A. Ranck, Cavalry Reserve, and March 14, 1935, Capt. P. C. Euchner was