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Company 847

Grand Canyon, Arizona
1936
Administration

With admiration and respect we, the men of Company 847 dedicate this Year Book to 1st Lt. C. A. Brown, Inf-Res.
Headquarters Company 847
CAMP NP-4-A
Civilian Conservation Corps

HISTORICAL REPORT

Possibly no other camp in 8th Corps area or perhaps in the United States, has had a more interesting history than Company 847, Grand Canyon, Arizona.

The boys in this company were installed in Camp Bullis, Texas, May 22, 1933. The commanding officer was Captain Coulter, prominent polo player of that army post. Mr. White was named project superintendent. The company was moved to what is now Alpine, Arizona, into the middle of a forest with no settlement staked off or any available shelter or means of providing for itself a livelihood.

The project of this first camp was mostly road work. Before the boys could either sleep or eat, it was necessary for them to first establish themselves in this dense forest. They moved from Rail-head to the camp site by two trucks, an old U. S. A. army truck and a model ‘A’ Ford truck. Captain Coulter said, “Boys, this is your new home.” The entire night was spent setting up stoves, getting ready for the first meal in this camp site.

The company spent five months building roads necessary for the transporting of food stuffs into the camp. They were then transferred to Alma, New Mexico. Major Kertchner was then placed in charge and Mr. Hardaway was the project superintendent.

Erosion, fence building, road making, were the main projects. This site was a most interesting one, situated at the foot of Mogollon Mountain. Many Indian graves were to be found in this vicinity, as the camp was situated on an old historic battle field. Much of the boys’ leisure time was spent in finding arrow-heads, old Indian pottery, and skeletons. However, the digging of Indian graves was prohibited by the archeological society of the United States. An old settler in that vicinity took a great deal of interest in the boys and spent much of his time in camp, relating stories of American and Indian conflicts in that locality.

The company was at Alma for eight months and went from there to Gillette, Wyoming, in May, 1934. Lieutenant Ambler was in charge and Mr. Printice was project superintendent.

The camp was situated in the public domain and its only project was fighting coal mine fires and was the only camp then and since to be detailed to such duty. Many interesting events happened during this type of duty.

The coal mines which were on fire were the open pit type mine, situated along the sides of the mountain ranges. All fires in this area were completely extinguished, with the exception of one large fire which pen-
etrated deeply into the mountain-side. However this fire was cut down to such an extent that no further spreading could be possible.

The means of fighting these coal fires consisted of carrying out in metal containers and cars the burning substance itself, and dumping it into the open where it could be watched until completely burned. This, of course, was a very dangerous task, but there were no casualties recorded on the project.

In October, 1934, Company 847 moved to its present home in Grand Canyon, Arizona. At first, it was under the command of Lieutenant Hill. The next in command was Lieutenant Boutz, and its present commanding officer is Lieutenant Brown. Superintendent McGavic, and present superintendent James, have been in charge of the projects at Grand Canyon.

The most outstanding service, outside of humane and public welfare, has been the insect pest control in the forests surrounding the Grand Canyon Area. Many very interesting tales can be related about adventurous trips into this world's greatest scenic wonder.

Next in importance is the splendid type of work in telephone line construction, which is very difficult under the prevailing physiographic conditions. Lines must be built over rough mountain areas, through dense forests, and down cliffs measuring hundreds of feet. Such a task requires men with nerves of steel and level heads, in order that the wire may be strung from these heights to the ledges below, continuing into the depths of the Canyon. Such a project is not the easiest type for amateur telephone constructors. Regardless of the hazards, these lines have been put through with the greatest precision to be found in any locality.

Many tourists can be thankful to Company 847 and the Civilian Conservation Corps for their safety in being carried from the Canyon's depths to the rim. All up and down the mule trails, from the Canyon's rim to the Colorado River's edge, can be found trail-side shelters, and safety precautions built by the boys of 847 for the safety, welfare, and convenience of the weary traveler, while making the trip to and from the Colorado River.

In the winter time, the weather in this portion of the United States becomes quite severe and volunteers from the company are called upon for aid in clearing away the snow and ice from the trails and paths around the tourists' camps and lodges. This is a voluntary service and never yet have the boys of 847 refused their services.

Forest fires and local fires in the Grand Canyon village also are well handled by a strictly voluntary service.

In spite of the adverse conditions under which this company had to struggle for existence during its numerous moves and unfavorable opportunities, 847 has attained a respectable position in Phoenix district and 8th Corps area camps as a whole.
Sub.-Dist. Commander
Lt. Hastings
Commander Brown
Lt. Jetton
Dr. Roush
Advisor Colbert

Superintendent James
Foremen Laces, Ryder, Hall, O'Brien, Gausted, Fisk, Martin

ARMY OVERHEAD
Bach—Jones, Henry, Owens, Gipson, Baker, Rodgers, Osgood, Parkins
E.C.W. OVERHEAD

Back—Burns, Reed, Edwards, Burtt, Lester, Sponsler.

Front—Jones, Kincaid, Cox, Matthews, Carson, Fuller.

KITCHEN

Back—Archer, Thacker, Shores, Palmer, Yandall.

Front—Burr, Slape, Walker, Millsap, Dean, McCoy, Owens.

FLY CAMP

Back—Truill, Whitaker, Rodriguez, Benton, Powell, Prater, Grable, Davis.

Front—Tigrett, Burkett, Page, Martinez, Castile, Garcia, Thompson, Newell, Lenburg.
Barracks
'B' BARRACKS


2-A

Gatlin, Wren, King, Ryley, McGare, Carter, Berry, Nobles, Craddock.

3-A

Mormon, Atchberry, Chapman, Bismar, Fields, Bolling, Chambers, Lotfand, Acuff, Angell.
4-A


Front—McCoy, Osgood, Jones, McCoy, Eller, Cox, Payne.

5-A

Back—Gipson, Burtt, Longley, Noatabbee, Hill, Matthewes, Hurt, Jones, Moore.

Front—Brocking, Dean, McNellis, Burris, Cunne, McClurkin, Buchanan, Ellis.

6-A

Back—Lee, Clyde, Page, Broadrick, Burgess, Moore, Urbiu, Fuller, Jones, Watson.

Front—Gregg, Caldwell, McElroy, Camp, Rodenbeck, Carlyle, Shire, Lewis, Kincannon, Woodell.
7-A

Front—Owens, Cole, Smith, Hurt, Richardson, Cullenawy.

8-A

Front—Escamilla, Trujillo, Martinez.

COMPANY STREET
Activities
SOUTHERN UTAH—NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAMPIONS
27 Games Won—4 Lost


Front—McElrath, Fuller, McGuire, Fields, Osgood, Godfrey

BOXING
Four Tough Men
Breit, Grieder, Bo-Peep, Longley.

SOFT BALL
Grand Canyon Champions

Back—Longley, Rodgers, Schofield, Broadrick, Fowler.

Front—Jones, Buchanan, Garcia, Breit, Carlyle.
ORCHESTRA
Monger, Trujillo, Eller, Gutlin, Gilbert, Walker.

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