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Grounds and Barracks, CCC Camp 2599, S-76, Kanawha State Forest

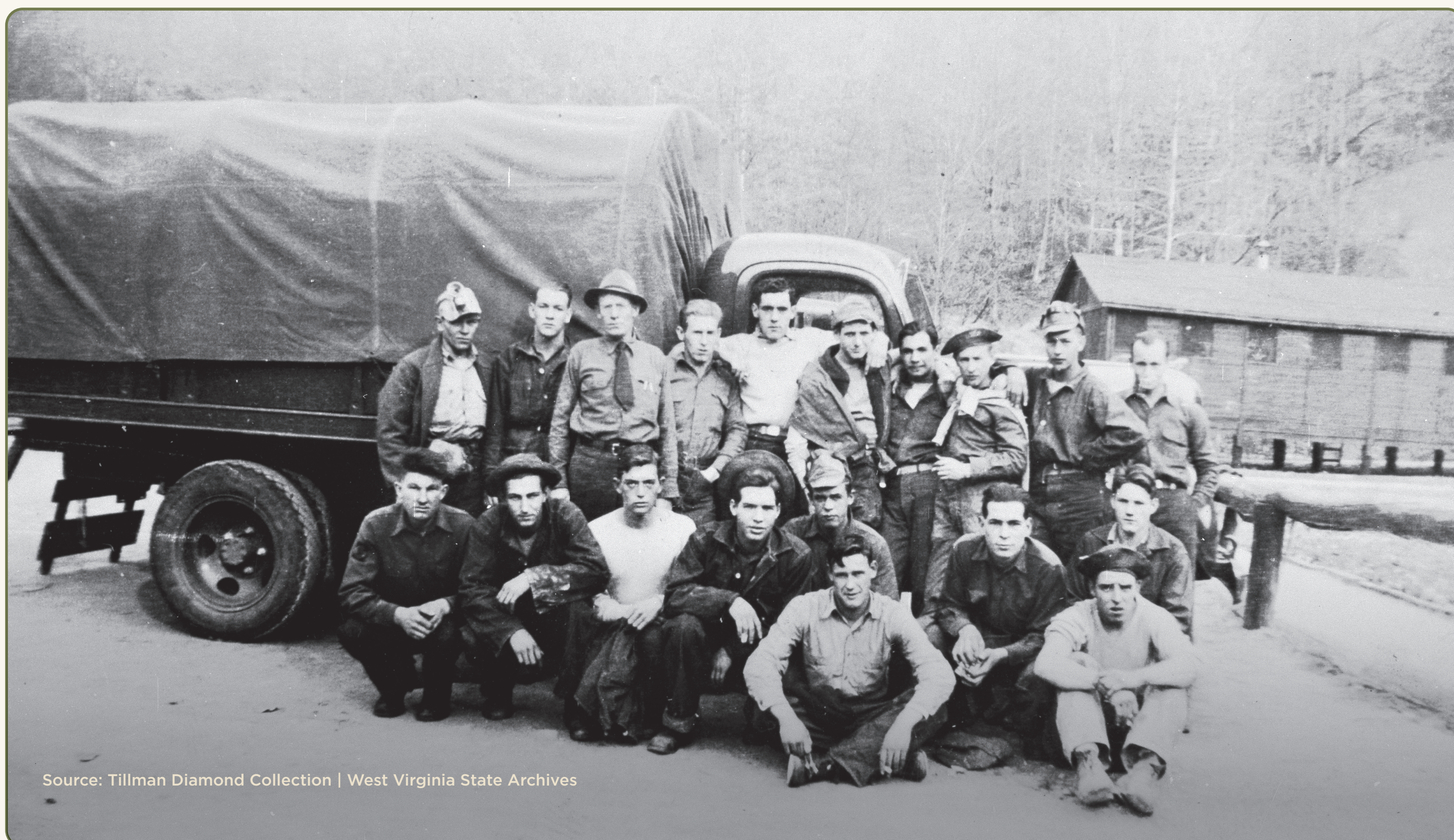


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An implicit goal of the CCC was to restore morale in an era of 25% unemployment for all men and much higher rates for poorly educated teenagers. Through a regime of heavy manual labor, civic and political education, and an all-male living and working environment, the CCC tried to build “better men” who would be economically independent and self-reliant.

Suzik, J. (1999).

Work Crew, CCC Camp 2599, S-76, Kanawha State Forest



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CCC Camp 2599, S-76 Inspection Report, May 24, 1938

Form 11
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CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CAMP INSPECTION REPORT

By Mr. Patrick J. King Date of inspection May 24, 1938

Company No. 2599 Camp No. S-76 Camp name Camp Kanawha Date camp established April 8, 1938

Camp location Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia
(City or town) (County) (State)

Name of company commander M. M. Brown Rank 1st. Lt. Cav. Res. Length of CCC service 32 months

Name of subordinate officer None Rank _____ Length of CCC service _____

Name of medical officer None Rank _____ Length of CCC service _____

Name of contract surgeon Fredrick Carlson (Full-time Part-time) Length of CCC service 1 month

Name of camp superintendent Mr. Charles E. Barrett

Number of Army leaders Five (5) Number of assistant Army leaders Seven (7)

Number of project leaders Five (5) Number of assistant project leaders Nine (9)

Present company strength 190 Number of enrollees released to work project 126

Number of enrollees regular camp overhead 25 Sick 3 AWOL 5 AWL 7

Number of project assistants _____ Number of technical and facilitating personnel 14

Number of enrollees authorized detail 15 Give reason and duration Permanent overseas on special duty at West Virginia District Headquarters. Used in connection with driving of official cars, janitor work and like duties

Are any enrollees assigned to camp work without proper approval? No

WORK PROJECT

Briefly specify your observations Kanawha State forest, 7,000 acres, road work, boundary fencing, recreation shelters, forest improvement

Is work performed according to approved plan and progressing in proper order? yes

Number of man-days lost on work project during last 3 months 164 Reason: Bad weather conditions

In that period 59 man-days were later regained, working Saturdays

Have you checked CCC Form 7 with the work project? Yes

Have you made a field inspection of work project? No roads in too bad condition after recent rains and roads now under construction

For brief description of camp sanitation:

Water supplied from deep well, camp well supplied, water chlorinated, tested daily and tested twice monthly at Fort Sheridan. latrine and wash room in excellent state. Kitchen and mess hall in good state; to be further improved with painting. Garbage cans located on cement base with suitable drain for washing. Garbage removed daily. Rubbish burned daily. General state of sanitation commendable about camp

MEDICAL SERVICE

How many camps under supervision of doctor? One How often does he visit them? Once daily for morning sick call

How often are enrollees examined for venereal disease? Monthly Kitchen staff weekly

Is medical service up to standard? Yes Are supplies adequate? Yes

Food supplies—How procured? Perishables on approved contract. Canned goods from C.M. Vegetables by local purchase.

Is veterinary inspection made? Yes Are food items weighed and checked for specification? Yes

Are perishable foods properly refrigerated and otherwise protected? Yes

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Reserve officers from the U.S. Army were in charge of the camps, but there was no military training. However, the army found numerous benefits in the program. The CCC provided command experience to Organized Reserve Corps officers. Through the CCC, the regular army could assess the leadership performance of both regular and reserve officers. The CCC provided lessons which the army used in developing its wartime mobilization plans for training camps.

Heller, C. (2010).



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