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NEAR CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON
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At 7:45 the boys hit the trucks and beat it for the work project.
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At noon the whole bunch eats on the job. Some build a fire and make coffee, and others dig out the sanwiches. Then the whole bunch dig out the old army meat can, and again the gold bricks hold up their end. Bull shessions arguments, friendly soaffels some, drop their mess kits cagerettes, until 12.45 then back to work until 3.30.
At 3.30 the boys all piles into the trucks and are brought back to camp. It is always easy to find the gold bricks, for they are first in the truck, and they are doing a lot more joking than those who have worked all day.
At 4:30 mail call, and the boys go into a huddle over the merits of their various girls. This keeps up until chow at 5:00. Mail Call would not be mail call without Carney Yukeet, Stritmatter, Marsh and George Busse getting a letter. Then Simpson must he in line to crack jokes and ask for his letter which has not arrived yet.
After chow there are letters to write, lies to tell, games to play, in fact any of the things a red-blooded American boy can do are done. The baseball team must be mentioned: catchers, Humphrey, Buckmeyer, and Triggs; pitchers, Matheny, Hopkins, Coghlan; first base, Thompson, Reichl; second base, Graves, and Lund; third, Arle; Short, Bruce; field, Merson, Shearer, Schuft, and Yuckert.
Then at 8:00 p.m. school begins. You can take what you want or nothing. It is up to you. Most of the boys take one or more subjects more or less (mostly less) seriously. Then to bed.
Sidelights on Camp Life

If you have followed us this far I am certain you can not help but feel that we have left out many things which go to make one group of men different from any other. At least that is the way we feel so we are going to give you a few pages of different things that help to make 983 different.

The boys find that even in the dryest weather swamps are disagreeable to work in.
Sunday, August 2nd was a very warm day. Barracks Two decided to spend the day all dressed up in their birthday clothes.

Chet Jenkins thought Nue man was someone else and Nue man thought someone else was after him so they both left on high.

Nue man must be a very cold boy for we find him ready for bed with boots and an overcoat on.

"Yurk" Hilton was made at Louis Walker. Anyway who ever heard of a green-eyed wop?

Nile Crepin must have thought he was the whole army. Any way he managed to be standing at attention in the latrine, bathhouse and infirmary one right after the other.
What prominent K.P. is called Powder Puff and why? Ask Guy Grimm. And how did they get the powder puffs?

What did Dad McDaid mean when he said his legs never went to sleep?

Has Hoppy found out yet why the water got so cold in the shower house the other night? Hoppy, ask Spiering.

Why did Marvin climb into the rafters with appropriate remarks.
MY LEGS DON'T GO TO SLEEP!

DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH MARVIN. MARVIN DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY.

"DAD" McDAVID.
Jimmie Graves must have taken those lessons on inhaling cigar smoke very seriously, judging by his expression.

Does Spiering always talk in his sleep or was he trying to kid the boys the other night? I think maybe he thought the boys were still wandering around on the mountain side.

How come Juzeler almost missed his dinner when "them" walked out of the bath house?

We understand that Spiering was out late or something, anyway he was unable to find his candle so he borrowed a flashlight to find it.
Palmer Westad mixed with Bob Frazier and Westad's explanation was that he was talking when he should have been listening.

Guy Grimm entertains the neighboring beauties. Perhaps this helps to explain the Powder Puffs.

Just what was the argument that Ben and Bill were trying to settle when they tore each other's clothing off?
It seems our popular Supply Sergeant had a bad tooth so he called in Doctor Le For. We are not sure where the pliers came from but we have heard rumors that a pair was finally located in the Forestry Blacksmith shop.

Russ Engman went to a dance and got confused. The results were funny. Russ is a good egg and he laughed just as hard as the rest of us.

v. We hear that James Hill and Bob Triggs missed the truck and spent the night in a barn. Triggs said it was awfully cold.
Fire Call

All out and what a grand rush it is. Clarence Workman, our fire chief, almost got killed in the rush the first time. After that he always stayed out of the way until the boys had settled down a little.

First it is out of bed. Some of the boys are still asleep. Others are rushing into their clothes. A couple got all mixed up in the haste.
Bring blankets and mess gear is the call. Everyone grabs his blanket or his neighbor's, looks for his mess gear and rushed for the trunk. There are some blankets that insist on unrolling and flapping on the ground. Some of the boys did drop their mess kits. There seems to be lots of confusion, but—efficiency also.
The trucks are loaded and the boys are on the way to another fire. Twenty-five or sixty men away in ten to twenty minutes which proves that the confusion was only in appearance. The boys of 963 are not confused. Though excitement reigns supreme, it sounds more like a football crowd cheering than boys going into serious and sometimes dangerous work.
the measures it contains. Your power of legal action
has been transferred to the money. But your own
interests remain. Your note contains each one of
these important points. The one I wish to impress
most strongly upon you is that the power to regexp
the money was the same. Like redaction keep your
money.
The members of Company feel proud of their record as fire fighters in the woods. They went out on sixteen fires and conquered every one of them. Oft' times they had a tough battle to subdue the blaze but in the end the answer was the same—fire reported dead 'out.
Feeding the crew "Wimpy's Greasy Spoon". We feel that the greasy spoon made history. Wimpy came back the most popular cook in the outfit and the boys came back happy. Two very important things in camp life.
Jimmie Graves, the Alarm Clock. It seems that Jimmie has at last found his vocation, that of disturbing the rest of the boys on the job. Cap Jones decided that he would make use of this peculiar personality of his and put him to work dragging the boys from their slumbers.
We came, we saw, we conquered, but unlike Ceasar we have sense enough to come home, bringing our bruises with us. And the sleepy ones will now have a chance to rest up. Maybe if we don't have to go out on another fire at 3:30 a.m. in the morning.
We feel that no history of this camp could be complete without "Little Sweden" having a page all by itself. The crew from from Washington wants to let you boys know that you have done more to make us believe Minnesota is in the U.S.A. than all the histories we have ever read.

v We wish you luck, you bunch of Swedes with German, Irish, English, and Jewish names and faces mixed up in your group. More power to you.

1. Pete Schuft—The Swede with the map of Holland painted on his face.
2. Earl Adams—You might call him Swede but it did not show.
3. Sijo Sihvonen—The same kind of a Swede as Pavo Nurni.
4. Ray Jaskowik—Swedish same as Yugo-Slovakia.
5. Charles Mulally—St. Patrick was the same type of Swede as this boy.
6. George Meacham—Is a Swede from the country whose capital is London.
7. Yale Weinstein—A big Swede from Jerusalem.
8. Myron Ostrander—And he is partly from the
Emerald Isle.
9. Harry Hosebrook—Another of George the Fifth’s
subjects.
10. Herman Arle—Swede just like Paul Von
Hindenberg.
11. Gordon Wyatt—King Edward of England said
he wished all his subjects were Sweedish just like
this boy.
MEMO

OF
ORDERS.

The resident must be sure to send a copy of this
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velt, Directors, the staff, and Mrs. Jimmie
Graves. Also to Miss Triniac Johnston.

Signed:

James H. Graves

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George Lewis

Peter Lordin

George MacRae

Judson Moore

Art Harris

Oscar Russell

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Clarence Workman

ENROLLING MEN

LEADERS:

Burgess, Charles W.

Lentz, Thomas H.

Frazier, Frank R.

Godwin, Glen

Hay, Denny

Jacobsen, Clif

Lutz, Walter A.

Mally, Frank F.

Marlen, Fred

McIntosh, Danial

O'Brien, Charles E.

Stuwalter, Louis

Tolliber, Ernest A.

Walker, Louis R.

Wilson, William

ASSISTANT LEADERS

Allen, Alvin B.

Buckmeyer, Kasasmore

Fletcher, Walter C.

Homan, Victor

Horn, Harold

Iano, Lester

Johnson, Thomas

Johnson, Mike

Johnson, Roy

Knowles, Ancil

La Berge, Homor

Lembark, Roy C.

Linden, La Verne C.

MacDonald, Leonard

Miller, Charles L.

Merew, Ray

Naylor, Glen

Neill, Merton C.

Oakes, Edward

O'Harech, Irving C.

Schaffert, Paul

Swan, Carl A.

Ward, Allen

Wanner, Royce

Wood, H. Glen
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Adam, Earl J.
Adler, Henry
Alexander, Clifton
Anthony, Donald
Arle, Herman
Babcock, William
Baldy, Forest
Banks, Harry
Barnes, Charles H.
Barnes, Charles W.
Barr, Chester
Bomis, Adrian
Bonnet, Ben
Bosan, Cecil
Benson, Jess
Benson, Ralph
Berry, Archie
Blewitt, Ronald
Bolling, Peter
Bob, Fred
Bowen, Victor
Branch, Ira
Bridges, Clarence
Briggs, Earl
Brooks, Arthur
Brown, Clarion
Brown, Edward
Brown, Maynard
Bullo, John
Busey, George
Busey, William
Cable, Bernard
Caparone, James
Carcelle, John
Carney, Elmer
Carney, Elias
Chaney, Robert
Clark, Wayne
Coe, Hank
Coggins, Michael
Colburn, William
Collins, James
Copeland, Wallace
Crandall, Floyd
Crepion, Nile
Del, Archie
Demer, Wayne
Danberg, Charles
Davis, Howard
Davis, Merrill
Davis, Norman
Dolitz, George
Denton, Charles
Derkacht, Alex
Deonds, Everett

Backer, John
Durrwachter, Philip
Egbert, Eugene
Ellis, Dale
Elliott, Marvin
Engman, Russell
Eret, Charles
Favors, Isaiah
Farland, Andrew
Farmer, Daniel
Field, Eugene
Fisher, John
Fleming, Roland
Folsom, Lester
Fossett, Chal
France, Floyd
Frazier, Robert
Froneman, Frank
Fulton, Richard
Gehlen, Henry
Gomol, William
Gasparich, Paul
Gay, Jess
Gibson, Ivan
Gibson, Truman
Goddard, Thomas
Gordon, Charles
Gosk, Dominic
Graves, James
Grims, Guy
Griffith, Edward
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Harrison, Calvin
Harrison, Glenn
Havens, Clyde
Hayes, Hugh
Heers, Donald
Helven, Earl
Henderson, Alfred
Hixton, Clyde
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Hillstrom, Allan
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Hoffman, Edward
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Miller, Harold
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Morenc, Roy
Morris, Owen G.
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Napier, Gabe
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Ostrander, Myron  Schumache, Hayward  Tarrant, Guy
Overman, Irven  Schuets, Peter  Tobin, Charles
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Pim, Frank  Smith, Harvey  Wheeler, Lawrence
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Prokovich, Steve  Spangler, Edward  Wilson, Gerald
Rang, Alfred  Spiering, Richard  Wise, George
Ray, John  Standish, Lawrence  Wood, Laurel
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Police Call lasts until the boys have all successfully hidden themselves. Then Work Call is sounded at 7:45 a.m. and everybody lines up. Here is where we shine. 963 on parade.
After the Work Call we hit it for the trucks and
est it for the work project.

Some wit has called us "Wooden Soldiers," but our re-
cord shows we have built miles of road, trail, and tele-
phone lines, numerous fire lookout towers, and a ranger
station. If this is the work of "Wooden Soldiers" we
claim it is "ironwood."
One of the first things the boys learn in the woods is that they cannot smoke on the job. But boys will be boys so appropriate rest periods are arranged for the purpose of smoking. During these times the Forestry Foremen talk to them about their jobs, fire prevention, and lead friendly informal discussions which help to build morale. Not only do these talks help the camp but they are a real instruction helping the boy become a better man.

At noon the crews eat on the job. Some of the boys build a fire and make coffee, and others dig out the sandwiches. Then the good old army mess kits are brought forth and again the gridirons hold up their end. Bull sessions, arguments, friendly soufflés, and smoking hold sway until 12:45 p.m. Then back to work.
After the work day is over we pile into the trucks again and return to camp at 4:00 p.m. It is always easy to find the goldbricks because they are the first on the truck. They are doing a lot more talking and joking than those who have worked all day.

At 4:30 p.m. comes Mail Call. Then each of us go into a huddle with our family—if we heard from home, or the girl friend. Mail Call would not be Mail Call without Carney, Yunkert, Strittmatter, Marsh, and George Busby getting a letter. Then, too, Simpson must be in line to crack jokes and ask for his letter which has not arrived yet. This continues until the Dinner Call rings at 5:00 p.m.
After chow there are letters to write, lies to tell, games to play, and any of the things a red-blooded American boy can do are done. The baseball team must be mentioned; catchers, Buckmeyer and Triggs; pitchers, Matheny, Hopkins, and Coghlan; first base, Thompson, and Reich; second base, Graves, and Lund; third base; Short, Aflor; field, Cagle, Monson, Sihvonen, Schult, and Tuckert.

For the small boy school begins in the morning, but for the CCC boy it is in the evening. Another difference in the CCC school is that you can take what you want, or not. It is up to you. Most of the boys take one or more subjects, more or less. Then to bed and our day is over.
SIDELIGHTS OF CAMP LIFE.

If you have followed us thus far, we are certain you can not help but feel that we have left out many things which go to make one group of men different from any other. At least that is the way we feel, so we are going to give you a few pages of Sidelights that help to make 985 different.

The boys find that even in the driest weather swamps are disagreeable places to work in.

(Upper left corner) Sunday, August 2, 1931, was a very warm day so Barrack Two decided to spend the day all dressed up in their birthday clothes.

(Upper right corner) Philip Hudson must be a very cold boy for we see him ready for bed with boots and overcoat on. "Yerk!" Hilton was angry with Louis Walker. Anyway, whoever heard of a green-eyed wop?

(Lower left corner) Charter Jenkins thought Philip Hudson was someone else and Hudson thought someone else was after him so they both left on high.

(Lower right corner) Bill Grappin must have thought he was the whole army. Anyway he managed to be standing at attention in the latrine, bath house, and infirmary one right after the other during the General's inspection.
(Upper left corner) What prominent K.P.'s was called "Powder Puff's" and why? Ask Guy Grims. And how did they get the powder puffs?

(Upper right corner) Has "Happy" found out yet why the water was so cold in the shower house the other night? He might ask Spiering.

(Lower left corner) What did "Dad" McDavid mean when he said his legs never went to sleep?

(Lower right corner) Why did Marvin climb into the rafters with appropriate remarks?

(Upper left corner) Jimmie Graves must have taken those lessons on inhaling cigar smoke very seriously to judge by his expression.

(Upper right corner) Does Spiering walk in his sleep, or was he trying to kid the boys the other night? Maybe he thought the boys were still wandering around on the mountainside.

(Lower left corner) Walt Lutz, Moss Scargent, asked Sidney Rogers if he could dress a chicken. Rogers replied, "Not on thirty dollars a month." We wonder what he meant.

(Lower right corner) We understand that Spiering was out late or something was amiss. Anyhow he was unable to find his candle so he borrowed a flashlight to aid him in the search.
MY LEGS DON'T GO TO SLEEP!

DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH MARVIN
- MARVIN DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY
RAETER

BOYS - PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME.

WHERE THE HECK IS THAT CANDLE
(Upper left corner) It seems that our popular Supply Sergeant, Wilson, had a bad tooth so he called in Dr. Le Per. We are not sure where the pliers came from, but we have heard rumors to the effect that a pair was finally located in the Forestry Blacksmith Shop.

(Upper right corner) Russell Strong went to a dance and got confused. The results were funny. Russ is a good egg, and he laughed just as hard as the rest of us.

(Lower left corner) We hear that Wendel Moore brought the cat from Mineral to Buty after quite a struggle. We would like to give you his report on the subject but we have no asbestos paper.

(Lower right corner) We understand that James Hill and Robert Triggs missed the truck back to camp and spent the night in a barn. Triggs said it was awfully cold in there.

(Upper left corner) Palmer Wasted mixed with Robert Frazier. Wasted’s explanation was that he was talking when he should have been listening.

(Upper right corner) Do you remember the afternoon at the Ranger Station when Bill Limington and Ben Benson got to scuffling and tore each other’s pants off?

(Lower left corner) "Humpy" still likes to play strip poker.

(Lower right corner) Guy Grinn entertains the neighboring beauties. Perhaps this helps to explain the powder puffs.
In every group of men there are always those who stand out from the crowd. They may be foremen, night-watchmen, or what not. 193 has them and here they are.

Bob Chapman, Nightwatchman. Everyone likes Bob.
George McGray, Foreman.
August Slenskamp, Foreman.
Danny Farmer, Fireman.
Henry Eldrekin, Assistant Superintendent.
Walter Hopgood, Cat Driver.
Art Morris, Foreman.
Earl Edlund, Foreman.
Ralph Cashman, Cat Driver.
Clarence Workman, Foreman.

Charles E. O'Brien, Senior Leader. Head man.
William Wilson, Supply Steward. Ask him about regulations.
Thomas "Coxy" Denton, Truckmaster. Where are those horses?
Danny Mikulick, Cook. "Uh, for a chicken ranch."
Frank R. Frazier, Leader, carpenter.
Roy C. Lentert, Assistant Leader, O.P. truck driver.
Fred Marion, Leader, runs a crew.
Thomas Johnson, Assistant Leader, carpenter.
Denny Hay, Leader, truck repairman.
FIRE CALL

All out! And what a grand rush it is. Clarence Workman, our Fire Chief, almost got killed in the rush the first time. After that he always stayed out of the way until the boys had settled down a little.

First it is out of bed. Some of the boys are still asleep. Others are rushing into their clothes. A couple got all mixed up in the aisle. Some fell out of the top bunk. Everyone wants to know where the fire is this time.

Bring blankets and mess kits, is the order. Everyone grabs his blankets, or his neighbors, looks for his mess kit and rushes for the truck. There are some blankets that insist on unrolling and flapping on the ground. Some of the boys drop their mess kits. There seems to be a lot of confusion but---------
the trucks are loaded and the boys are on their way to another fire, twenty-five, fifty, or sixty strong. This goes to prove that the seeming confusion was just the hustle and bustle of trained fire fighters going to work. The average time to get the boys on the way to the fire from the time the fire call was given was usually about twenty-five minutes. Though excitement reigned supreme it sounds more like a football crowd cheering than boys going into serious and sometimes dangerous work.

During the month of August the fires were at their worst. Company 983 answered no less than sixteen fire calls, each of which lasted from one day to three weeks, and required from five to one hundred sixty men. These blazes ranged in size from one acre upwards to one thousand acres. Some of the fires were more than fifty miles from camp and in almost inaccessible places. Sometimes the only road was a mere trail and oftentimes the trucks had to ford small creeks. But no matter how small or how large, or how small they were, we conquered them all.
Feeding the crew at "Wimpy's Greasy Spoon". We feel that the Greasy Spoon made history. Frank "Wimpy" Willey came back the most popular cook in the outfit, and the boys came back happy. These are two very important things in camp life.

Jimmie Graves, the "Alarm Clock". It seems that Jimmie has at last found his vacation, that of disturbing the rest of the boys on the job. One Jones decided that he would make use of this peculiar personality of Jimmie's and put him to work dragging the boys from their slumbers.
We came, we saw, we conquered, but unlike Caesar we had sense enough to come back to home bringing our bruises with us. The sleepy ones now will have a chance to rest up—maybe—if we don’t have to go out on another fire at 3:30 a.m.

SIDELIGHTS AT THE FIRES.

We understand that some of the water was alive. Anyway one of the boys pulled a small fish out of his mouth. He claimed it came out of the water, but we wonder if it is just another fish story.

James Collins forgot to take his tooth brush with him so he pressed a Q.I. brush into service.

Some of the boys found a wild bee tree. Then the bees found them. Ask them about honey.

"Permit" Cable forgot to wash his face. When called on it he explained that it was a sun tan.

"Stinky" Davis is trying to make a collection of what? Oh anything. Here we see him trying to make off with a sparrow tree.

Philip Nebelkopf couldn’t make the grade. The hill was too steep.
(Upper left corner) Some fellows were sent out with grub for the boys on the fire. They forgot their compass and consequently got lost. They spent the night almost in sight of the fire but never found it.

(Upper right corner) Russ Erman, Evan Humphrey, and Chet Jenkins varnished the boys one evening. Must have been good for we have not heard a kick.

(Lower left corner) Fires are not all work. Here we see some of the boys cooling off a bit.

(Lower right corner) Mr. Croppin was sent out as first aid man. He must have misunderstood his duties because he spent a large part of his time asleep under a bush.

Company 983 has an orchestra. Humphrey, Dugan, Banks, and Jenkins surely made the rafters ring. When they went on their trip they took "Yuri" Hilton along as master of ceremonies, and Collins as joke artist. They surely brought down the houses at each place where they played. It was really a good show, wasn't it boys?
We feel that no history of this camp could be complete without "Little Swede" having a page all by itself. The crew from Washington went to jet you boys know that you have done more to make us believe Minnesota is in the good old U. S. A. than all the histories we have ever read.

We wish you luck, you "Swedes" with German, Irish, English, and Jewish names and faces. More power to you.

1. Peter Schuft; the Swede with the map of Holland painted on his face.

2. Earl Adams; you might call him a Swede, but it does not show.

3. Sulo Sinovnen; the same type of Swede as Favo Nurmi.

4. Raymond Jaskowiak; a Swede the same as Yugoslavia.

5. Charles Mullaly; the same kind of a Swede as St. Patrick.

6. Roger Meacham; a Swede from the country whose capital is London.

7. Yale Weinstein; a big Swede from Jerusalem.

8. Byron Ostrander; a Swede partly from the Emerald Isle.

9. Harry Mosebrook; another of King George V’s subjects.

10. Herman Arlo; a Swede just like Paul Von Hindenburg.

11. Gordon Wyatt; King Edward of England said he wished all his subjects were Swedish just like this boy.
CONCLUSION

During the month of October, 1934, we received orders to move to Camp Doty, Washington. So on the twenty-fourth, we packed up bag and baggage and left dear old Camp Mineral. We left the grounds and buildings, but brought you in our memories. To those of our friends who have followed us through these pages we also bid adieu. We hope you have enjoyed these memories.

When you are older and swamped with care and woe, glance through these pages and live in retrospect once again the good old days in the CCC's in Company 963 at Mineral, Washington.

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