

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP  
 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.



*Frank J. Platt*

CAMP REPORT

Date of Inspection March 8, 1938

Co. No. 2399 Camp No. Army-3 Camp Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date originally occupied Oct-1935

Name of Company Commander Frederick G. Bryan Rank FA-Res

Name of Project Supervisor Frank J. Platt

Fort Belvoir

Camp Location - City or town \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfax State Virginia

State 30 - D. C

Company Personnel -  White  Colored  Mixed  Veteran  Junior Enrolled Virginia

Name of Camp Doctor David P. Roberts Rank 1st Lt Med-Res Contract Surgeon none

No. of Regular Army men in camp \_\_\_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_\_\_ Reserves 3

No. of Camp Leaders at \$36.00 per month 7 How many at \$45.00 3

No. of Forest Leaders at \$36.00 per month 11 How many at \$45.00 8

Under whose control is Work Project-  U. S. Army  Forest  Park Service  SCS

BR. Area and brief description of Work Project 1,500 acres. Forest stand improvement, fire hazard elimination, drainage, fire trails, erosion control. Further details regarding this work included on accompanying supplement.

Army Engineering Base

Type of Camp: National Forests; National Parks and Monuments; National Military (Underline Parks and Monuments; Public Land Office; State Parks; State Owned particular one) Lands; Migratory Bird Refuges; Private Land; Soil Conservation Service; Drought; Bureau of Reclamation; Grazing; Naval Reservations.

Present Strength of Co. 193 men No. of men on Forest or Park work 108 men

No. of local enrolled men \_\_\_\_\_ No. detailed to Camp work 23

No. of men on Forest or Park Supervision (not enrollees) 7

Brief description of Camp Sanitation Water obtained from army post supply, latrine of the flush system type, connected with post sewer system. Kitchen and shower waste water connected with sewer system. Garbage removed daily, Rubbish dumped daily. Half present latrine out of order. Delay in repair with uncertainty of camp closing. If camp is to remain open toilets will be repaired at once.

Medical Service (a) How many camps under Co. Surgeon one  
 (b) How often does he visit them daily  
 (c) How often are enrollees examined for venereal diseases monthly

(over)

*X*

of the following - E excellent; G good; F fair; P poor.

(a) Shoes G Clothes G Food supplies G Mess G  
(b) Barracks G Kitchen G Mess Hall G Officers Quarters G Other Bldgs G

(c) Camp area (condition, not size) Camp located on Army post. Buildings in good condition. Need of some repairs in wash room and latrine. This will be corrected at once if camp is to remain open.  
(d) Did you eat a meal at this camp? yes

(Good-Fair-Poor)

From what sources are food supplies procured Fruits, vegetables and meats procured at quartermaster department on the Post.

X Safety Program:

Is a Safety Committee organized... YES Are weekly safety meetings held with all enrollees... YES Do technical personnel attend this meeting... YES Are safety posters displayed... YES Are goggles required... YES Do they meet CCC specifications... YES Are explosives properly handled and stored... NONE Are trucks provided with guardrails... YES seats... YES governors... YES Are fire drills held at least twice monthly... YES Are all flammable articles properly protected... YES Approximate distance from local fire department to camp... department on Post Are fire protection facilities provided... YES What are they Required supply of water barrels, buckets, ladders, axes, roof ladders, soda and acid tanks, tetrachloride tanks, fermito tanks for kitchen. Additional protection provided with Post fire department and equipment.

No. of trucks for Army use 2 Condition good

No. of trucks for use of technical service 15 Condition good

rented Equipment and trucks (state kind and amount of rental) none

Are trucks being provided for recreation... YES How often? At least once week.

Total discharges during the three months prior to this report 24

Honorable - Pressing needs elsewhere 18 End Term Service

Administrative - AWOL 3 Other causes 2 deaths 1 other cause

Dishonorable - Desertion Other causes

Is the spirit and morale of enrollees  Good  Fair  Poor

Remarks Found a general state of content prevailing among enrollees, with expressed satisfaction with the mess that is served and like content with administration and general conditions about the camp. Also found the officers to be of type who are seeking to give the best service within the scope of camp opportunities. Such efforts have produced a camp where conditions were such as to merit judgment that service and content prevail.

NOTE: File copy of week's menu with this report. Report made by Patrick J. King Special Investigator

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK CAMPS

DATE Nov. 8, '38.

CAMP No. 2379

STATE OF Va.

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

Fill in on this sheet, name of technical supervisors, not enrolled men, and amount of salary they receive.

NAME	OCCUPATION	SALARY
<u>Frank J. Platt</u>	<u>Prof. Supt.</u>	<u>2300.00</u>
<u>John B. Vandenberg</u>	<u>Asst. Engr. Aide</u>	<u>2000.00</u>
<u>Arthur M. Bowling</u>	<u>Foreman</u>	<u>1500.00</u>
<u>James S. Pettit</u>	<u>Foreman</u>	<u>1300.00</u>
<u>Charlie Hawkins</u>	<u>Civilian laborer</u>	<u>840.00</u>
<u>William Cooke</u>	" "	<u>840.00</u>
<u>Donald Poincyster</u>	" "	<u>840.00</u>



EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK CAMPS

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CAMP No. 2399

STATE OF Virginia

ARMY PERSONNEL

Commissioned officers:

NAME	RANK
<u>BRYAN, FREDERIC G.</u>	<u>Capt., FA-Res., Commanding</u>
<u>ROBERTS, DAVID P.</u>	<u>1st Lieut., Med-Res., Camp Surgeon</u>
<u>MAUBORGNE, BENJAMIN P.</u>	<u>2nd Lieut., Inf-Res., Acting Commander.</u>

Enlisted men:

NAME	RANK	SALARY

None





TECHNICAL SERVICE, C.C.C.

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

March 8, 1938.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. King.

1. For the past six months, the work in this camp has consisted of the following:

- a. Forest stand improvements.
- b. Fire hazard elimination, such as clearing out windfalls, dense underbrush, weeds, dead trees, etc.
- c. Drainage to prevent erosion.
- d. Fire trails.
- e. Re-forestation and undifferentiated landscaping.
- f. Erosion control.

2. With the exception of fire trails, which were constructed on the outlying reservation, this work has been performed on the post proper, an area of about 1,500 acres.

3. For the next six months, it is proposed to complete the program set forth in the preceding paragraphs and if this work is completed prior to six months, the program will be extended to the outlying reservation consisting of approximately 4,500 acres. To complete the latter, which consists of approximately 80% timber land, 15% open land, and 5% swamp will require at least another year.

*Frank I. Platt*

FRANK I. PLATT,  
Project Superintendent.

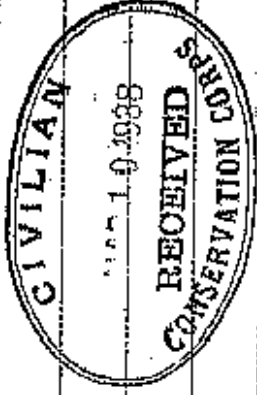
EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK CAMPS

DATE Mar. 8 '38.  
 CAMP No. 2399  
 STATE OF Va.

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

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NAME	OCCUPATION	SALARY
<u>Frank J. Platt</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>2300.00</u>
<u>John B. Vandenberg</u>	<u>Asst. Engr. Aide</u>	<u>2000.00</u>
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HEADQUARTERS  
 COMPANY 2399 - CAMP ARMY-3  
 FORT BELVOIR - VIRGINIA

March 8, 1938

Administration

Frederick C. Bryan, Capt FA-Res, took command of this company on June 1, 1936. Before that he was at the camp at Cumberland. He has had three years service with the CCC. He is now 33 years old.

Benjamin P. Mauborgne, 2nd Lt Inf-Res, came to this company on February 1, 1937. This is his first period of service with the CCC. He is now 25 years old.

There has been a feeling of uncertainty prevailing at this camp regarding the possibility of the camp being among those that will be closed within the next few months. For that reason there have been points within the camp that have been allowed to drift without the attention they would have received ordinarily. These points relate to repairs and improvements required in the latrine, where half the toilets are out of order. The wash room could be improved, and improvements made in barracks. If this camp is to continue there is certainty that the required improvements will be attended to at once.

Athletic Activities and Recreations

This camp is fortunate in having full use of the athletic facilities and grounds of the army post. There is a baseball field, opportunity for the playing of soft ball, volley ball, and tennis. There is a bathing beach adjoining the grounds.

The recreation hall provides pool tables, ping pong, checkers and card tables. The hall has a good radio. Dances are provided every month. Moving pictures are accessible at the post moving picture house. Boys are admitted at nominal cost of 14¢.

Religious Services

There is a chaplain at the post who makes frequent visits to the camp. A colored minister calls at the camp once a week. Sunday services are held on the army post. And colored churches are easily accessible to boys for other Sunday services. Fairly large number of boys attend these services.

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FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

Supplement - 2 -

March 8, 1938

Mess

The meals at this camp are prepared and cooked by men with long experience in this type of cooking. Menus are studied for a variety and proper balance. They are studied both by the camp doctor and commanding officer before being approved. General satisfaction expressed with the mess being served. Net worth at end of last month - \$520.44

Health

In general the health of the boys has been of high order, with comparatively few illnesses, and they mainly of minor nature.

There have been two unfortunatedeaths at this camp in recent months. One boy was on leave and died at his home with tubercolis meningitis. A boy was killed at the camp in recent weeks in a stabbing fray. This case is now in the hands of the federal authorities, since the boy was killed on government grounds. It is a case of an in-offensive boy being badgered by an old boy over a long period. Finally in desperation the boy turned on his tormenter and stabbed him in the neck. According to the camp officers the boy who did the stabbing was one of the mildest tempered boy in camp, but unfortunately of that type who are the butt of others and whose mental state will sometimes cause them to resent humiliation with blind fury. Had this affair happened outside the army post the chances are that it would soon be settled in view of the nature of the boy and the circumstances that caused him to commit this act. At this time there is no telling what will be the punishment or decision of the federal courts on the case.

Work Project

Work on project proceeding to schedule. Satisfaction expressed with the type of boys now at the camp and there willingness, in general, to work on the project.



*Patrick J. King*  
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Special Investigator

CAMP ARMY-3, Va.

COMPANY 2399, Cjr. FORT BELVOIR, VA.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

March 8, 1938.

Subjects of Instruction:

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|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Literacy Course | 6. Carpentry    | 11. Music              |
| 2. Arithmetic      | 7. Chauffering  | 12. Drawing & Painting |
| 3. English         | 8. Cooking      | 13. First Aid          |
| 4. French          | 9. Photography  | 14. Health             |
| 5. Reading         | 10. Typewriting | 15. Letter Writing     |

Related Educational Work:

- |           |                 |                  |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Safety | 2. Job Training | 4. Camp Overhead |
|           | 3. Work Project |                  |

Other Facilities:

Library in Camp--Traveling and Permanent--600 Volumes supplies variety of reading matter.

Current newspapers and magazines provided, include newspapers from home localities.

Educational Adviser in Camp shows evidence of ability and has instruction schedule properly organized. Company Officers and Technical Personnel assist regularly in teaching. Instruction is not supplemented by local school facility.

Camp edits and publishes newspaper which affords considerable range of instruction value.

Scope of Activity:

Work embraces class of illiterates, Elementary, Advanced and Vocational Subjects.

Present Company strength 193. Number enrolled for instruction 104. Present average nightly attendance 20. Four nights each week devoted to education.

Results:

Emphasis is placed on elimination of illiteracy and the fundamentals of elementary education. This part of the teaching is done by the Educational Adviser.

Every member of this company was able to sign the pay roll for February. A few men have been helped to get jobs and contact has been established with employment agencies and corporations in an effort to aid others. The result of a recent official inspection of the educational work in camp was very satisfactory. The educational program is planned to prepare enrollees for domestic, industrial and commercial occupation.

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CAMP ARMY 9-VA.  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA



March 8, 1938

Strength and Disposition of men as of the above date:

Company Strength - - - - - 193

Company Overhead	23
Night Guard	2
Company Utility	1
Tool Shed	3
Technical	8
Quartermaster	108
Sick in Camp Dispensary	0
Sick in Station Hospital	7
Sick in Hospital (WRGH)	1
Absent With Leave	10
Absent Without Leave	6
Absent Without Pay	2
Detached at Ft. Myer	<u>22</u>
TOTAL	193

*Benjamin P. Mauborgne*  
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2nd Lieut., Inf-Res.  
Commanding