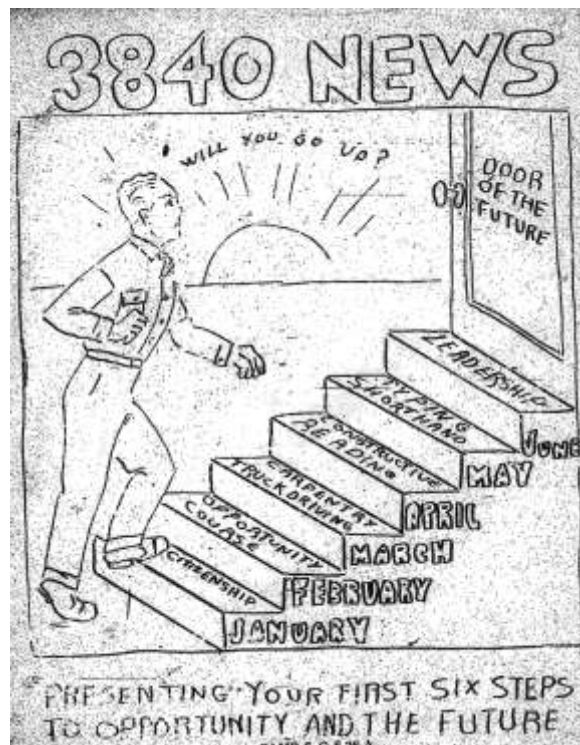


In Their Own Words

The Camp Newspapers of Civilian Conservation Corps Company 3840

Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona
1939-1941



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Dedication

Dedicated to the CCC enrollees, Technical Services personnel, and U.S. Army personnel who served in Company 3840, especially enrollees Elson Alvarez and Eduardo “Buck” Castillo and camp commander Ernest Bruss.

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Preface

I have been researching and studying the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) since 2005. Although I appreciate the official reports and documents relating to this program, I believe that the history of the CCC is best told by the people who worked for the program: the enrollees and the Technical Services and U.S. Army personnel. The story of the CCC is the story of the men who served in it, and it is their stories that deserve to be told.

The CCC camp newspapers were published by the enrollees, the young men who labored on the program's work projects and lived in the program's camps. These newspapers offer fascinating glimpses into the history of the CCC and into the lives and thoughts of these enrollees, often called the "CCC boys." They provide details about the camp's work projects, recreational activities, educational program, and sports events. The CCC boys were busy exploring new places, developing social manners, having fun, learning job skills, forming new friendships, and flirting with girls as recorded in the jokes, cartoons, and stories they added to these newspapers.

I wanted to make these valuable documents accessible to the public by transcribing them, so that the enrollees' stories could be read and appreciated. It is my hope that those reading these newspapers will not only learn more about the CCC program but also gain a greater appreciation of the tremendous efforts and experiences of the enrollees.

The camp newspapers were produced on mimeograph machines. The quality of the newspapers varies, and many are difficult to read. Some hard copies exist in private collections and in libraries. The Center for Research Libraries in Chicago, IL, has microfiche copies of the microfilmed versions of the newspapers. This publication contains a transcription of and index to the newspapers of Camp SCS-26-A, Patagonia, Arizona, that I was able to obtain from these sources, but unfortunately there are missing issues. The transcriptions are at times incomplete due to the poor quality of the original document. Corrections or additions to this material would be gratefully accepted. The transcriptions and index may not be reproduced without the author's permission and proper citation.

I hope you enjoy reading these newspapers and learning more about the work of the CCC and the lives of the CCC boys who both served our country and improved their lives.

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Introduction

History of the Civilian Conservation Corps

On March 31, 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Emergency Conservation Work Act authorizing the creation of what became the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC. On April 7, the first enrollees were called up for service. The program ended in 1942.



CCC Logo. (Courtesy of CCC Legacy)

The CCC was one of the US federal government's New Deal programs, designed to combat the harsh conditions of the Great Depression by putting young, unemployed men to work on projects to conserve the nation's natural resources. The CCC strove to educate these men and prepare them for jobs outside the CCC while they worked on projects to combat soil erosion, improve the nation's forests, build roads, and develop public parks.

The U.S. Army was responsible for running the CCC camps: housing, transporting, feeding, caring for the health of, and educating the enrollees. The U.S. Army personnel consisted of a company commander, a second in command, an educational advisor, and a camp physician.

State and federal government agencies—such as the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Grazing, and the Department of Forestry—oversaw the work projects and trained and supervised the enrollees. The work project foremen and project superintendents were known as Technical Services personnel.

The enrollees were young, unmarried men between the ages of 17 and 28. Each camp had approximately two hundred enrollees. Nearly 3.5 million men served in more than 4,500 camps across the country during the nine years of the program's existence.

Among their many accomplishments, the CCC enrollees planted 3 billion trees; restored nearly 4,000 historic structures; built 125,000 miles of roads; spent 4.2 million man-days fighting forest fires; arrested soil erosion on more than 20 million acres of farmland; and built or improved 800 national and state parks (*NACCCA Journal* 26 [11]:12).

CCC Camp Designations

Enrollees were organized into companies, which were assigned numbers. The company number remained the same even when the location and camp designation of the company changed. Camp designations consisted of a code for the governmental agency for which the camp worked (SCS=Soil Conservation Service), a number, and a letter for the state in which the camp was located (A=Arizona). Company 3840 was stationed both at Camp SCS-19-A in St. David, and at Camp SCS-26-A in Patagonia, as well as at several fly camps. The fly camps, or side camps, were small, temporary camps to support work projects at a particular location. They were given descriptive names rather than designations. The side camps for Company 3840 included the Beach, Brophy, Buena Vista, Finley, Saxon, and St. David (when the company was stationed at Patagonia) camps.

Camp SCS-19-A in St. David, Cochise County, was in operation from September 16, 1935 to September 30, 1939. Camp SCS-26-A in Patagonia, Santa Cruz County, was in operation from October 1, 1939 to September 9, 1941.



The CCC in Arizona

In Arizona, the CCC worked on forestry projects; water and soil erosion projects; park development; and insect and disease control. They built roads; strung telephone lines; installed range fences; built soil erosion and water control features; and planted trees. Over 41,000 men from Arizona were enrolled, and more than 52,000 men served here, with an average 31 camps operating a year. The total financial obligation within the state was more than 58 million dollars. (Cohen, Stan. *The Tree Army: A Pictorial History of the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933– 1942*. Missoula, MT: Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., 1980)

Some of the notable Arizona projects were the Grand Canyon (constructing trails, walls, and buildings); South Mountain Park in Phoenix (building roads, trails, and picnic sites); Colossal Cave in Vail (installing lighting and handrails in cave, laying down trails in cave, building picnic areas, constructing administration buildings); Chiricahua National Monument (creating hiking trails, improving the scenic drive, and building structures); and St. David and Patagonia (constructing dams, dykes, stock tanks, and other water control features to combat soil erosion).

History of Company 3840, Camp SCS-26-A

Company 3840 moved from Camp SCS-19-A in St. David, AZ, to Camp SCS-26-A in Patagonia, AZ, in October 1939. The camp was located about three miles south of Patagonia, on what is now private land.

The company took over the campsite that had been previously designated Camp F-63-A, Flux Canyon. This camp was occupied by Co. 2847, previously at Camp F-11 in Box Canyon and Gardner Canyon, beginning in November 1933. The enrollees of this camp constructed the wooden barracks and other camp buildings in 1934. The company moved to Camp F-64-A, Walker Canyon, Nogales, in December 1935.



Work projects for Camp SCS-26-A included building a dam for flood protection for Patagonia residents; fencing; road repair; and building soil erosion and water control devices (diversion dikes, check dams, water spreaders). They worked on local cattle ranches constructing truck trails, fencing, and stock tanks, including the Buchenberg Ranch, the Louis Sands Ranch, and the Saxon Ranch. They worked at St. David building a dike; near Fort Huachuca, repairing roads; and at Flux and Josephine canyons near Patagonia.

The camp was closed in September 1941, and Company 3840 moved to Parker Lake in northern Arizona.



The CCC Newspapers

Each camp had a camp newspaper, published under the direction of the educational advisor. As part of the CCC camp educational program, it was designed to give enrollees writing experience, art training, and instruction in English and grammar.

Most of the content of the newspapers was the work of the enrollees. The newspapers included articles on the camp's work projects, sports events, recreational activities, and educational program. When new enrollees entered the camp at the beginning of enrollment periods, articles in the newspaper welcomed them and provided background information to teach them camp policies and routine. The enrollees were young men, and the newspapers contained plenty of cartoons, pithy sayings, and jokes about the enrollees and the U.S. Army and Technical Services personnel. The enrollees were encouraged to send copies of the camp newspaper home to their parents; in this way, the families were able to keep in touch with what their sons were doing in the CCC.

The newspapers served many important functions for the enrollees. They helped boost morale, develop English-language skills, and bring them together into a cohesive group. They contributed both to the success of the CCC program in general and to the positive experiences many of the enrollees had in the program. These newspapers offer a fascinating glimpse into the lives and thoughts of the boys who worked and lived at the camps. They provide us with an opportunity to learn about the CCC from the viewpoints and experiences of the boys themselves, adding these important voices to the official government reports and histories available on the program.



Camp Newspapers Transcriptions

**Civilian Conservation Corps
Company 3840**

**Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona**

3840 News, 1939–1940

November 23–30, 1939 = *3840 11*

December 1939 = *3840 12*

January 1940 = *3840 1*

February 1940 = *3840 2*

May 1940 = *3840 5*

June 1940 = *3840 6*

July 1940 = *3840 7*

October 1940 = *3840 10*



Thirty Eight Forty News

November

23rd

30th

[illustration of enrollee eating turkey]

[illustration of enrollee on ground with stars coming from stomach area; doctor with "M.D." bag standing over him; caption "That is not Appendicitis"]

[illustration of man in "pilgrim" dress; caption "Enrollee of 1621"]

[illustration of enrollee holding turkey beside stump with ax in it, scratching head and looking at turkey]

Illustrations are signed "Jack Hale"



Editor Basil Brand
Assistant Editor Jerry Copeland
Cartoonist Jack Hale
Sports Carlos Garcia
Work Projects Clarence Richey
Poetry Editor Oscar Gamez
Jokes & Gossip..... Fred Mays
A Story Rolly Bliss

- Sponsors –
Subaltern Cartmell—Mr. Linhart, Educ. Adv.

Advancement through Education

Statistics show that education in the present day is the cause of advancement. The educated person is really the man who is a dozen steps ahead of his fellow man. The question asked first, when a man is seeking a job is, "How much education do you have?"

When the opportunity presents itself, you should take advantage of it. It could be wished of in this manner, "An ounce of money put forth in acquiring an education is worth a pound toward the requisition of that goal"

Now is the time to increase that learning, while a member of the CCC you have the facilities of the educational department to better yourself. It has men trained through actual experience to teach the varied courses available to you. The many books in the camp library are at your disposal at all times. The newspapers and magazines are helpful in the events of the day.

Any spare moments you spend in studying or reading, may help you answer the question of the future. The question still is, "How much education do you haven?"

Basil Brand

SAFETY FIRST

There is one thing you should keep in mind at all times and that is, "Safety First". It should be kept foremost in your mind. Where the slogan, came from was, some fellow decided that there were too many accidents.

He began to think about keeping down these accidents. Then he passed his thought on to another fellow.

As time went on, his thoughts had spread until most of his fellow men became safety minded.

Yet, there was a few people who did not hear this good advice. They might have heard it but, did not heed it. This made it necessary for those who did take this man's advice to be forever on the look out for these few who did not.

So, "Safety First", was originated and must always be thought of, by those who know its value.

SAFETY FIRST

Jerry Copeland



JOKES AND GOSSIP

Coldy has some indications of the sickness of the innards. It seems he was previously denied that very tasty morsel, a piece of blackberry pie. That BIG HOOPER was the one who was unlucky enough to get his pie. They harangued vociferously for the remainder of the day. But, things have quieted down considerably.

The little girl that Jerry is infatuated with in Patagonia seems to take up three fourths of his thinking capacity.

Basil Brand, Clarence Richey, Joe Coto and a few others, had a few of the saps around camp believing they slept in the Montezuma Hotel the other night. The decisive thing to believe is that they didn't.

"Say, Hanley, how is Gladys? You're still the demon with – 'da dames."
What happened to Moore and McCrae on Saturday night?

"Say, Linhart you better keep your eye on that guy Wolfe, or you'll lose that Phoenix beauty. "Watch Wolfe"

Old man Appendicitis knocked down Joe Saenz and Ramon Gonzales for a ten count. He couldn't keep 'em down though. Both are recovering nicely. Joe is back in camp, wearing out the keys on the piano in the Rec hall. Ramon is still surrounded by pretty nurses and stuff. – lucky boy.

"Why does 'Mat Weaver' Parsons go to Nogales so often?"

CORPUS CHRISTI???

The thing that would interest a person from Arizona, visiting Corpus Christi, Texas, would be the bay. Protected from the roaring waves of the Gulf of Mexico by a strip of islands ten miles off the mainland, the bay is peaceful most of the time, but never calm.

Palm trees and other tropical plants growing in parks throughout the city, wave in the cool breezes of the Gulf. The view offshore on moonlight nights attracts many tourists and natives to the beaches on summer nights.

Oil tankers, private yachts, cotton freighters, and navy ships are seen steaming into the harbor daily. The sight of these giant ships coming in on bright summer days to load cotton is unforgettable.

Corpus Christi is truly the town where Texas meets the sea.

-----Carlos Garcia

"When a girl sneezes it's a sigh she's catching cold. When she yawns, it's a sign she's growing cold."

"The boys sure like to ROLL THAT BEER BARREL when Chaplain Stoner plays the piano."



Thanksgiving Day was the starting of a feud between Barrack #1 and the Scorpions (Barrack #2). After a game of softball played in the morning, the Barrack #1 team came out with a victory of 23 to 13.

The same afternoon, they tangled bats again, this time with the Scorpions coming out on top with a pretty close call of 15 to 14. Home runs for this game were made by "Oscar Guerra and Oscar Gamez. One each for the Scorpions and Barrack #1, respectively.

On Sunday afternoon, following another game was played, with the same competitors on the field. After 7 innings of hard play, the outcome of the event was 10 to 6 with the SCORPIONS as victors again. The lineups were:

SCORPIONS	POSITION	BARRACKS #1
J. Cruz	catcher	C. Flores
C. Garcia.....	pitcher	O. Gamez
O. Guerra.....	1 st base	R. Garza
H. Serna.....	2 nd base	E. Campos
L. Arendon	3 rd base.....	D. Villarreal
E. Munoz.....	shortstop.....	R. Gonzales
C. Casiano	left field	B. Cantu
R. Flores	center field	A. Rodriguez
A. Martinez.....	right field	J. Martinez
Substitutes: L. Garza, F. Lerma		F. Linhart, A. Alvarez
O. Garza, R. Garcia		J. Coto, V. Lomell
Scorekeeper	J. Cavazo	
Umpire Sporty Rascon		

SPORTS---basketball

Nov. 28th----In a practice game between the CCC camp team and the locals of Patagonia, the camp team showed signs of developing into a fairly decent group.

Although they lost to the locals, 13 to 16, the camp boys shined in good offensive plays at times. Especially were the efforts of Joe Lopez and V. Lomell noticeable. They hit the basket with unfailing accuracy.

Several of the other boys showed signs of being good defensive men. Lomell, was high point man for the camp team, with 6 points. C. Garcia, Hooper, and Coto were noticeable in their defensive efforts.

With a little more practice, the locals from Patagonia had better look out for the CCC boys.
Basil Brand



POETRY CORNER

1. From our beloved town
We soon descend,
To join the CCC's.
We are going to help Uncle Sam,
In building up our forest trees.

2. We'll soon be going aboard,
We are traveling, heading west
Where beautiful natural scenery lies,
And tremendous mountains rest.

3. It's great to be out here
In camp, with all the rest.
With the finest men in charge
They are doing their best.

4. The rules here we understand
And manners learn to keep.
For we are new men,
That have awakened from
Our sleep-----Oscar Gamez.

CCC BOYS PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I praise the Lord my clothes to keep.

They were issued me to keep warm,
I know they take them but mean no harm.

So, if my clothes from me they take,
I hope I die before I awake.

Basil Brand.

WORK PROJECTS

The field work being done out at Saxon side-camp consists of diversion dikes. Saxon camp expects the work to last two more months. They then will move to a new location.

This new location will be somewhere near Fort Huachuca, a United States Army post. Fort Huachuca is about thirty-five miles northeast of our main camp.

For the benefit of the new enrollees, Saxon side-camp, is one hundred and thirty miles from here. Foremen Mr. David and Mr. Irby are in charge. They are mighty fine fellows too.

Another one of our side-camps is located at St. David, about sixty-two miles from the main camp. The enrollees there are working on the Eisman ranch, building diversion dikes. The foremen are Mr. Fanning and Mr. Mather. They are well liked by the boys.

Clarence Richey.

ARE YOU SAFETY MINDED? IF NOT? WHY NOT?



MY FIRST LOVE AFFAIR

One day, while I was standing on the corner which was the usual hangout for all the young men of my age, my first love affair suddenly came upon me.

I will never forget that day when the little lady passed by. I let her take me from my daily spot among the boys of my home town. Even now, I don't know exactly how it happened.

I spied her as she came around the corner. Her gracefulness was the first thing I noticed. She seemed to float along like a canoe swept gently in the water by tiny waves. Her neat appearance and pretty face caught my glance, and held it, as she came nearer. But the conversation of the crowd took my attention once more, as one of the boys spied some peculiar type of insect which was headed for some unknown destination.

As I leaned over to examine the find more closely, I collided with the object which had held my vision only the moment before. The books which were tucked neatly under her arm were now scattered over the pavement, like the aftermath of a cyclone at a public library.

I worked hurriedly to restore them to their original location. I excused myself as best I could. I don't remember what I said, but my words were met by a smile that showed a set of teeth that shone like a string of expensive pearls. This assured me that my excuse had repaid the cost of the incident.

As she continued on her way, the casual glances over her shoulder seemed to tell me that I should retain the acquaintance of this young lady. Her smile with each prolonged look made chills run through my entire body. I wondered if this could be love at first sight.

That very night, my desires were fulfilled. As usual, I attended the weekly school dance which was held at the high school. It was at this dance that I began the acquaintance which will live in my memory forever.

As I walked through the door, the first thing I noticed was this girl with whom I had collided that afternoon. She seemed more beautiful than ever. Her blond, wavy hair shone under the lights with a glow that resembled a box full of gold pieces.

The fair complexion of her skin was the purest I had ever seen. The white and neat-fitting evening dress she wore expressed every graceful movement she made. It brought out every charm as expressively as could be humanly possible.

I stood there in amazement. She had seen me as I entered, and was smiling as pretty as a picture.

What should I do? The music started at that moment. That was all I needed or wanted. My desires were fulfilled to their fullest extent when we moved gracefully across the dance floor.

---N. Rolly Bliss



EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to the following enrollees for passing the Orientation Exams with a grade of 100%.

Guillermo Caballero	Anselmo Gonzales
Cecil Chandler	Oscar Guerra
Roberto Flores	Calvin Gulley
Oscar Gamez	Lamberto Meza
Roberto Garcia	Guadalupe Rocha
Felipe Villarreal	

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

With the completion of our new Educational building, scholastic activities have really begun to hum. The facilities of the building include a Reading Room, three classrooms, and a proposed carpenter shop. From the large enrollment in all classes, it is quite evident that the enrollees of this camp are vitally interested in "Education". The following subjects are now being taught by experienced teachers:

Arithmetic	Reading	English	Spelling
Penmanship	Leadership	Truck-Driving	First-Aid
Typing and basketball.			

New courses recently added to the program are Journalism, Aeronautics, and Fundamentals of Boxing. As soon as arrangements can be made, instruction will be given in Dramatics, Woodworking, Mat weaving and Surveying.

READING ROOM

The wise owl says, "When men forget to take off their hats and tone down their voices when entering a place coming nearest their home, it is time for these men to start checking up on themselves.

"The Reading Room is the living room of this camp. Common courtesy and respect for property is expected of all who use it and the facilities it offers."

TO THE ONE WHO OWES!

You need your money
And I need mine.

If we both get ours,
It will sure be fine.
But if you get yours,
And hold mine too,
What in the world
...

AGAINST REGULATIONS

1st truck driver: "I love the beauties of the countryside."
2nd truck driver: "So do I, sometimes I give 'em a lift."
--Hoosier Kernels



Ques. "Who has the biggest elbow spread at the Mess table?"

Ans. "Gus Wolfe."

Ques. "Who has the largest thighs in the Arizona district?"

Ans. "Subaltern Cartmell."

Ques. "Who is the Tall Lanky Texan?"

Ans. "Captain Bruss."

Ques. "Who makes the most noise during lectures given by the E.A.?"

Ans. "Gus Wolfe and his carpenters."

Ques. "Who is always reading Lurid Detective Tales?"

Ans. "Dr. Mabry."

Ques. "Who will be the strongest man in camp some day?"

Ans. "Gene Sierras. He's starting a course in weight lifting."

THIRTY EIGHT FORTY NEWS.

This is the first issue of our re-named camp paper, the "THIRTY EIGHT FORTY NEWS." If you like it, show your appreciation by telling us and offering suggestions which might be helpful---or perhaps you can think of some article you would like to write for a contribution. IT is going to be the cooperation of the company as a whole that will spell success for our paper.

-----Editor

WHY NOT SEND THIS COPY HOME?

From:

Company 3840, CCC
Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

1 ½ cent stamp

To:



Thirty Eight Forty News

[illustration of Santa Claus carrying bag of gifts with reindeer pulling Army truck, barracks, and sign "CCC CAMP SCS-26-A Co. 3840"]



Editor	Oscar Gamez
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Sports	Wm. Caballero
Hospital reporter	Ramon Gonzales
General reporters	Clarence Richey
.....	Basil Brand
Dramatic Editor	Wm. Caballero
Art Editor	Jack Hale
Technical Service	Gene Sierras
Sponsors	Frank S. Linhart
	Stanley E. Cartmell

EDITORIALS

Behind the general scheme of things in any CCC camp, stands the hard work of many men. From the President down to the staff of the company Commander, there is a desire and effort made to see that everything is done to make the enrollee's life a better and a happier one.

So, at Xmas time, on behalf of the Army and Technical staff we wish everyone a most Merry Xmas and hope that every enrollee in our camp will not only enjoy a prosperous year, but will learn many things that will equip him for the world out beyond our camp.

These things have been written before, but we write them sincerely and with the continual hope that you live decent, useful lives. In addition, strive forever to keep up the spirits centering around the ideals of LOYALTY, HONESTY, and AMBITION.,

---- Stanley E. Cartmell.

THE HOLIDAYS IN CAMP

To those who are staying in camp over the Xmas and New Year's holidays, I wish to say, as one enrollee to another, we should do all we can to make the holidays enjoyable.

Think of the fun in getting gifts from home and loved one so far away. Then too, there will be many things for us to do here, such as; hiking in the mountains, playing baseball, basketball, boxing, volleyball, horseshoes, etc. Available also, will be the quieter games; checkers, dominoes, etc.

Our Recreation Hall is all trimmed and decorated, including a big Xmas tree. On Xmas day there will be held a surprise program.

We hope that you all capture the spirit of this holy season.

This can be done only by all of us enrollees going together to do our part to foster, to radiate and to express the spirit of Xmas.

----Oscar Gamez

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH-----

Boxing.

Promoter Linhart's first "Friday Night Smoker", went over with a bang. In fact there were several bangs. One of them exploded on Fred May's chin and he went down for a very long count.

However, he came back strongly in the next round and almost turned the tide, until he became so exhausted that he was unable to continue. His opponent was "K.O. Clyde Sawyer", the boy with the right hand full of ether.

William (handsome) Hines, also looked very good in flooring "Sweet Pea Granada", several times and crossing so many dynamite laden rights to his jaw, that the referee stopped the fight and awarded a T.K.O. to William.

Oscar Guerra turned in the surprise of the evening when he out-boxed, out-slugged, and out-gamed Joe Cruz in the fastest and most scientific bout of the program. Oscar won by a T.K.O. after stunning Joe with a terrific right in the third round. Cruz was unable to meet the bell for the fourth and final session.

Basketball:

The surprise of the month was when company 3840 did the impossible. Believe it or not we, ahem, ahem, --came out on the long end of a 15 to 12 score. Standouts in defense were Carlos Garcia, who had the Lobos worried all evening with his long arm, and Jesus Partida who was in the thick of defense. On offense, Ted Lopez was first with 6 points, and yours truly with 14 points. These CCC boys are really getting tough.

Special--Weight-lighting:

Oh! By the way, don't tell anyone but it is whispered that Oscar Gamez and Gene Sierras have muscles bulging out like "Pike's Peak". Can you imagine anybody staying up till 10:30 P.M. lifting those heavy weights. They must be all ready to take on "Man Mountain Dean" and Bronco Najurski in a double feature.

" " FLASH~ FLASH~ - - -

The basketball team of camp F-64-A has challenged SCS-23-A to a game. We have accepted the challenge, and the air will be full of basketballs, when the two teams meet on Thursday night December 28th, at the Opera house in Patagonia.

- - - May the best team win! - - -

Also, on Thursday, January 4th, 1940, the revamped town team of Patagonia tries its luck again against SCS-26-A. Let's start off the New Year on the right foot boys.

These two games should get our team in shape for the Tournament play which starts in the Nogales City League on the 9th of January 1940.



PROSE AND POETRY PAGE:

BOY HERE, GIRL THERE

I'm a member of the C.C.C.
I work, eat, sleep, and play,
Of course, it's just a mere pity
I don't even know what I want to say.

We reached here in October
The month I met my girl,
And its hard tryin' to keep sober
Because she really is a pearl.

All night I keep my eyes awake
Thinking of her lovely hair,
Here eyes mysterious like a Drake's
Her lips, her nose-everything's there.

Of course its all very confusing
But what, I ask, "Can I do?"
I know really I am losin'
With the girl back home I knew.

So I'll write her and disclose
All the things I've really done,
How I miss her little nose
That I left back there at home

- - - Willie Caballero

PENDALUM

Count sheep,
Count sheep,
Tick tock
Hours mock,
Toss, turn
Eyes burn,
Hot bed,
Worried head,
Day's born
War, Worn
Haggard heap,
Now sleep.

"AS A PATIENT AT CAMP DISPENSARY"

Fellows, its lots of fun being at the camp dispensary. It is the place where all tree monkeys gather to discuss their romance problems. Some fellows sent information as to who has been to Patagonia lately, and some sent to know who goes with that certain girl named Lucy Blurp. The most interesting part of it, the boys just took the Rocky Mountain Fever. That is a disease being spread around camp, so fellows better look out and watch your step. If you ever get this disease go to "Doc" Chandler, he'll cure it for you.

- - - - A Patient.

TRUTHFUL

Miss O'Brien: Give me a sentence with an object.

Ellis: "Miss O'Brien, you are very beautiful."

Miss O'Brien: "What is the object?"

Ellis: "A good mark."

We all fondly agree that girls are nice things to have about.



LAST CHRISTMAS IN THE CCC

We got up about six o'clock and then ate breakfast in the Mess Hall, which was decorated with Christmas Holly and colored paper.

After breakfast, we played some new games, that were given to the company as a Christmas present. We had a tree and had a lot of fun decorating it.

Then, at one o'clock we ate a dinner that was fit for a King. Boy! Did we have a fine meal, all we wanted to eat. Besides, our own company there were a number of guests from Benson and Tucson, who brought some candy and other presents for the boys.

That evening, some of the boys just relaxed and layed around on their cots, because they were so full of turkey and such, that they did not feel like even moving. Later on some of the boys organized a choir and sang a lot of Christmas carols. One boy dressed up as Santa Claus and passed out all kinds of presents. These gifts consisted of anything he could get for nothing around camp. One boy got a Coca Cola bottle, one an old shoe, and another got a box of small frogs.

Many of the boys had girl friends in Benson and St. David and after dinner at camp they went to their homes and had one swell time. So, although away from home, we kept busy all day and had one swell time.

- - - Clarence Richey.

OUR WALTER WINCHELL COLUMN - - - Cecil Chandler

"I wonder why Johnny Martinez Jr. is always called by Jr.?"

"Cause, he is the oldest in his family, you sap."

"I wonder why Mr. Linhart didn't hear me when I called him Friday?"

"Cause, his mind was in Phoenix. I wonder if it was a Clara day?" "Who was the Hot Shot at our dance Saturday night?"

"That was dapper Willie Hines, talking shyly and dancing spryly with a damsel from Patagonia."

"How many babes were at the dance?"

"One. And how fatherly or was it motherly-Coto handled the baby?"

Alvarez entering the reading room on a cold night just before company meeting: "Gamez, why haven't you a fire here? Its too col."

Gamez: (with a serious air) "Cause, there's hot air here now."

We wonder what happened to Red Dyer last pay day?

"Did you run into a door or your match?"

"Say, Moore, whose girl is that? Hanley's? Parson's? or Cooley's?"

Webster is taking a vacation Xmas. Could it be a little California girl.



DRAMATICS

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The newest subject now being taught in camp is Dramatics. A pretty good bunch of fellows came out to close the first night,---when they found out a teacher from Patagonia was coming to give the first lecture. Most of the boys didn't know what it was all about, because they just kept staring at the teacher, Miss O'Brien (the lady who teaches Dramatics) is a very attractive personality. She even has our Educational Adviser noting (now don't get me wrong)

The first thing taught was how to act in front of an audience and how to speak low loud enough for the audience to hear. The teacher made us make up some impromptu notes right away. Mr. Linhart and three other thespians did a gangster drama. They were very much applauded by Miss O'Brien. But, what the fellows never could find out was, what did Mr. Linhart take out of enrollee's Lumpkin's pocket? Come on Educational Adviser, what was in that letter? Was it a check or just plain Do, re mi?

- - - - Willie Caballero

"Speak the speech, I pray you,
As I pronounced it to you-
Trippingly on the tongue.

But, if you mouth your lines,
As many of your actors do,
I could as lief the town crier
Spoke my lines."

- - - Shakespeare

GREETINGS

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On behalf of the Technical Service personnel, wish all of you boys a Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year. Now is the time, when we should all forget our troubles, our animosities, if any, and try to make these holidays as pleasant for everyone as we possibly can.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to those boys who have worked under the Technical Service for the past year; also to the newer men who came in during October.

Also, because we know you boys will be far away from home---possibly many of you boys will be away from home for the first time---and won't be able to spend Xmas with your loved ones, we hope you all have an enjoyable time at the camp. The Army Personnel, we are sure, are doing all in their power to make these holidays and enjoyable as possible for you all.

So again, we extend to you all the heartiest wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

- - - - Technical Service.



For 100% attendance in the classes opposite their names:

Melvin Lange; 1st Aid, Truck Driving
Hayden Hale; 1st Aid, Journalism
Fred Mays; 1st Aid, Dramatics
Calvin Gulley; 1st Aid,
Ernesto Larralde; Dramatics
Willie Caballero; Dramatics
Felipe Villarreal; Dramatics, Aeronautics
David Villarreal; Dramatics
Loye Webster; Aeronautics, Truck driving
Ernest Daggres; Aeronautics
Albert Gulley; Truck driving
Oscar Gamez; Journalism
Clarence Richey; Journalism

Of course, there are many others who have an excellent record of 80 to 90% attendance at all classes. However, limitation of space does not permit listing their names. Congratulations, just the same men.

NEW CLASSES

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Instruction in Shorthand, by Mrs. Bruss the charming wife of our genial company commander, will start on Friday, Jan. 9, 1940, at 6:00 P.M. in the school building. Thereafter, it will be held every Tuesday and Friday evenings.

A class in Citizenship will be started on Monday, Jan. 8, 1940, at 7:00 P.M. and then every Monday following. The teacher is Captain Bruss. He is well acquainted with the American way of life, government, and ideals.

Mat Weaving will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1940, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. The teacher is "Mat Weaver Parsons" who is known throughout the Southwest for his skill in handicrafts.

READING ROOM NEWS

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New additions to the library are four large and good looking bookcases filled with first class reading material. They contain complete volumes on Charles Dickens; the novels of Balzac, William Shakespeare, Stevenson's works; messages and papers of the Presidents; works of Alexander Dumas, and many histories and encyclopedias and reference books of great literary value. These were donated for the use of the enrollees by Captain Bruss.

Also, the Educational Adviser has an office of his own now. He and his able assistant Oscar Gamez, built it in sections in the Carpentry shop and then placed it just off the Reading Room. The enrollees are all cordially invited to visit him there.



CHRISTMAS AND A CHANGED MAN

“Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough, in the good old world.

Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh, and little heeded them; for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for good, at which some people did not have their fill of laughter in the outset; and knowing that such as these would be blind anyway, he thought it quite as well that they should wrinkle up their eyes in grins, as have the malady in less attractive forms. His own heart laughed; and that was quite enough for him.”

- - - Charles Dickens

Suggested reading for this season-“A CHRISTMAS CAROL” by Dickens.

FLASH SANTA CLAUS IS COMING FLASH

Believe it or not! He will be at our Special Xmas program on Monday, Dec. 25th, at 11 o'clock in the Recreation Hall. If you don't want to miss the fun, better be there. Carols, gifts, games, stunts, etc.,
Let's go now!

WHY NOT SEND THIS TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME?

From:

Company 3840, CCC
Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

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3840 News

Will You Go Up?

[illustration of CCC enrollee climbing steps to “Door of the Future”] Steps are labeled “January Citizenship”; “February Opportunity Course”; “March Carpentry Truck Driving”; “April Constructive Reading”; May “Typing Shorthand”; June “Leadership”]

Presenting your First Six Steps to Opportunity and the Future



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PLEASANT VOYAGE ENSIGN

It is with the deepest regret that we see our Subaltern Officer, Stanley E. Cartmell, leave our midst. On the 20th of January, he will go to another camp to take over the duties of a subaltern there. We wish him all the good luck possible while he is at Company 1836, CCC Camp SP-1-A, Tucson, Arizona.

Many of the men in our ranks can remember the first day this young Naval officer came into this company. Since then, all of us have learned to appreciate his capabilities. His pleasant personality and manly character has created many friendships. With his leaving we are losing a man who will be hard to replace. So, let us all give him a hearty "Adieu, and Godspeed."

- - - - The Editor

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Saxon Side Camp to Move

Sometime within the next month the Saxon Side Camp is due for a change, both in location and name. The name will be changing from Saxon Side Camp to Brophy Side Camp. The location will be changed from the Three Links Cattle Company at Willcox, to the Louis Sands ranch of Fairbanks.

The work program already planned and approved on this 44,000 acre ranch calls for the expenditure of over \$23,000 in labor, material and supervision. It is roughly estimated that this amount of work will keep the 50-man Brophy Side Camp busy for the next twelve months.

This camp now has only 25 men, but soon after it is moved it will be filled to full strength.

- - - W.G. Parker

Main Camp Work Project

Mr. Smith and Mr. Leonard have a crew of men who are repairing roads and building "Thank-you-Moms." They are also clearing brush away from the road. They are about thirty-five miles from here, close to Fort Huachuca.

Mr. Dorsey also has a crew of men and they are building a dike the other side of Patagonia, on Forest Service property. They are sure getting along fine with the building of the dike.

They are still building dikes over at St. David camp.

- - - Clarence Richey

Safety First.

More Truth Than Poetry

There are scratches which are small
And some we do not notice at all
But they may get infected any time
If we fail to put on the iodine.

Safety First.

Some scratches are small-some immense,
Receive from rocks or mending fence.
But, all are simple you will find,
If you just remember the iodine.

Safety First.

- - - Technical Service
Safety Bulletins.

Safety on the Project

When you are using an axe, always cut away the limbs that you might hit with your axe and glance off and strike you on the hands or feet.

It might strike the boy that is working with you or nearby, and cause an accident which we are all trying to prevent. Carry your axe down at your side, so if you fall down, you can get rid of it.

When carrying a saw, also carry it by your side. While you are in brush, catch your saw by its handle and drag it along the ground.

- - - Clarence Richey



SAXON SIDE CAMP NEWS - - - by Chester Slaughter

The Saxon fly camp boys started the new year off with a whiz-and a bang-. Now that the Xmas and New Years hustle and bustle are over, they have settled down to work.

Several of the boys spent Xmas at home. Among them were: Lee Amick of Tucson, Martin Campbell, Lee Christian, Charles Howard, Gordon Barnes and Sleepy Collins, all of Texas. Red Ashby spent Xmas in Miami, Arizona.

The sentiment is about evenly divided over the moving the camp. (among the boys) – some seem to be attached to Willcox, for some unknown reason (or is it).

Mr. David seems to have awakened quite an interest in his Cement class each Monday night at 5:00 p.m. The regular attendance is nine. On Wednesday nights he has a three hour class in Baking. (some of their pastries are really good)

Mr. Irby (Mr. David's able assistant) has twelve men who seem very much interested in his Monday night, Truck and Caterpillar class. On Thursday nights, Mr. Irby has interested sixteen men in a Soil Erosion Class.

GOSSIP!

SAXON GOSSIP AND NONSENSE

GOSSIP

Notice: "0.01 reward" – Kenneth Ethridge has offered that reward to anyone who will bring him a container that will hold his new chemical, which will eat any thing.

For Recreation, we give a deep yawn, a long sigh and sit back down.

Our Motto is: "Lottsa Work, and less Play." Do we abide by it?

We will save on rations for awhile since the dentist pulled Campus's teeth. It will also give some of us fellows a chance to eat.

Weather?? No thanks, we wouldn't care for some today.

Mr. David: "Irby, do you know what I would do if I were in your shoes?"

Mr. Irby: "No, what?"

Mr. David: "Get a shine."

By the way, Mr. and Mrs. Irby and family spend Xmas at Alpine, Texas. Mr. Irby said he really liked his three squares. Me? I like my eight rounds.

Laightman (to Foreman Leonard): "The fellows just went off without their shovels."

Foreman Leonard (very spryly): "You dash out and tell them to lean on each other until the shovels get there." –Chevalon Echo.

Rookie: "Did you get any mail?"

Arkansas: "Yes, sir-from my mother. She was proud I was Kitchen police, but hopes I didn't have to shoot anyone.



DRAMATICS

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The dramatics class is doing rapid progress in the art of setting. Already Miss O'Brien has given the boys a play to work out. The play mentioned was written by Ensign Cartmell and has already been put on twice. Once by the Navy and another time by a big-name College.

The characters will be played by the following enrollees: Joe Coto, Fred Mays, Cecil Chandler, Felipe Villarreal, David Villarreal, Willie Caballero, and Clarence Lumpkin. You enrollees will get a thrill because it will be shown right here in camp. Having so little for this time, I'll have plenty for the next time. Oh?, by the way, don't throw rotten tomatoes at the actors, they might not like it. "That's all folks"---Willie Caballero.

("To be or not to be, that is the question?")-Shakespeare

POETRY

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Laredo's Pride

Prepare your best, your best prepare,
'Tis Cupid Night, the night of love.
For willing hearts they're not so rare-
To open way for Glamour's dove.

A Spanish custom, old and gay,
To stroll around and 'round the park,
Their hearts alone to lead the way;
To sing the song and light the spark!

The breeze will blow its lifting tune,
The birds and trees will stir to life.
All dormant souls, this night in June,
Will bid adieu to daily strife.

No peak too high we reach, this night,
No star too far, or ocean wide;
The moon has stopped its gliding flight
To drink Romance—Laredo's Pride
- - - - Willie Caballero

POETRY

MOUNTAINS

POETRY

The mountains of southern Arizona are wonders to see,
Their quite and peaceful slopes, are a paradise to me.

They are sometimes hidden by fogs or low-hanging clouds,
But, when again visible, people "flock" to them in crowds.

They hold a deep and silent mystery, that's hard to analyze.
But the presence of them does not hurt your eyes.

- - - Fred (sailor) Mays

Parsons: "What do you mean, gold scrap?"
Gene Morris: "Eighteen carrots."



SPORTS

RIGHT OF THE PLATE

SPORTS

BASKETBALL: Fellow enrollees, by now you have learned the Co. 3840 came out on the short end of score of 21 to 17, with the “demons” of CCC camp F-64-A. We managed to come out pretty good although we lost. Don’t razz or boot at any of the players, because they really did their best. If you don’t believe it, ask Capt. Bruss and his wife. They were our strongest boosters. But due to the fact that F-64-A was pretty “hot” on long-shots, we couldn’t match their pace. But, we are good losers, and admire the way these fellows played basketball. They’re sportsmanship was of the best. Your sports reporter knows, because he noticed it. Oh, yes, and Joe Coto (believe it or not) made six points for “high score man”! He was pretty happy, because he had made only six points in two years. What a record! (the former record was made when he played in High School for Miami, Arizona)

FLASH!

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FLASH!

Educational Advisor, Mr. Linhart, has begun and will promote an eight team league in camp. Seven teams have already entered. There are: two from Barracks #1, two from Barracks #2, one from Barracks #3, one from the Cooks Barrack, and one from the Technical Service. There’s room for only one more team and Mr. Linhart is pretty sure he’ll have it by Jan. 22nd—which is the starting date for the league to start rolling.

The league will be played on a “Round Robin” basis, which means that after the teams draw their numbers, team #1 will play team #8. Team #2 will play team #7 in the first set of games on Jan. 22nd. And team #3 will play #6, team #4 will play #5 on Thursday, Jan. 25th. From there on, the teams will play in that fashion every Tuesday and Thursday for seven weeks. The team winning the most games at the end of the 7 weeks, wins the championship of CCC camp SCS-26-A.

Your sports reporter hopes you fellows will show some spirit and make the league a big success. And don’t forget, Capt. Bruss will give a prize to the winning team. All the games will be played in the Patagonia High School gym. So, come on Fellows! May the best team win.

- - - Your sports reporter-Willie Caballero

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Promoter Linhart put on his second “Friday Night Smoker”, in a gigantic way. There were fists flying all over the ring. There were 5 bouts of 5 rounds each. Most of the boys didn’t go the limit tho’. There are certain obstacles which the fighters couldn’t go through.

Such was the plight of Arthur “Foreman” Lange. He forfeited to Gilbert “Push ‘em up” Balli, in the second canto, when Bolli shot a straight jab to Lange’s nose and then his nose began to bleed, so the referre stopped the fight.

Billy Morris (a fish) won a decision over Hardy Millsap, another rookie. (It was a grand and exciting bout. Both tried hard.

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SPORTS CONTINUED

BOXING

SPORTS

Vernon (freckles) Moore threw too many fists at Peyton Mathews, who had to quit from exhaustion in the second round.

James Murray and Gilbert Moore fought 3 rounds to a draw. They talked about the same all through the match.

Manual (one punch) de la Cruz stopped a "rookie" named McAlvey, after the end of the first round. McAlvey ran out of breath and wouldn't go on. So, he wisely threw in the towel to De la Cruz.

All in all, it was an exciting evening full of fun and laughter. Everybody had a grand time. Specifically those who played the game: "Are you there Mike?" - - - Willie Caballero

A LETTER TO THE NEW ENROLLEES

SCS-26-A, CCC Camp,
Patagonia, Arizona
January 19, 1940

Dear Rookies:

As old enrollees, we wish to extend to you cordial welcome and hope you will enjoy the came life as we have.

It's a fact, that you will at first feel homesick and blue. We all felt that way when we came. To chase that lonesome feeling away, you should engage in the many activities here. The outdoor sports; basketball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, hiking, etc. Pool, Ping-Pong, checkers, dominos in the "Rec" Hall. The reading room for your letter writing, and reading of books, magazines and newspapers.

The camp's Educational program has gained many courses for you to study if you so desire or need it. Look on the bulletin boards for the complete schedule of classes.

We hope that as you get familiar with us, you will try and cooperate in keeping up the few rules, for our benefit and the welfare of the camp as a whole.

Again, welcome to our gang - - -

Oscar Gamez
On behalf of the old enrollees

LOCAL SCENERY

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To many CCC enrollees, the only beauties to be found in Arizona are those which attend the Saturday night dances in Nogales and Patagonia. The more observant ones, however, find many things of interest and beauty in the hills which surround our camp.

This section of the state is very rich in minerals and there are a large number of producing mines in the vicinity of camp, as well as some that are already worked out.

Many tourists come here, at great expense to themselves every winter, to enjoy the bracing climate and the outdoor life of the great Southwest.

Members of the CCC are able to enjoy all these things and get paid for it at the same time. So while here, let's take advantage of the beauty around us and pay less attention to the beauties that hound us.



EDUCATIONAL PAGE

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TYPING CLASS PROGRESS

The typing class section which meets on Thursdays is showing a very good improvement. In the past, the greatest difficulty was in the making of too many errors; however, a look at their papers of Thursday's class shows a great improvement in accuracy and improvement.

Three new students who have started typing within the last week and a half are already making a marked progress in accuracy. These boys are: Willie Caballero, Joseph Gilbreath, and Rex Turner. All three of these boys have the makings of good typists if they continue their present work.

HONOR ROLL FOR TYPING ATTENDANCE

Guadalupe Arredondo	Felipe Villarreal
Oscar Gamez	Jesus Laurel
Juan Martinez	Basil Brand

- - - Gene Sierras, Typing Instructor

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CCC

The opportunities that are offered the three hundred thousand men now enrolled in the CCC are numerous and varied, However, they may be grouped under one head, "Education."

There are two important subheads of this Educational Opportunity. The first is from the standpoint of labor. The many types of labor offered are usually participated in by every member. Each little things learned may profit you tenfold. You may learn something which in later life you will take up as a trade. If you excel in this trade, you will be worth ten times the fellow without one. So there you have the labor point of view.

Then, on the other hand, you have the opportunity to study the books and courses that are offered in every camp. The books in the library are plentiful on any subject that a person could desire. There are meant to teach the courses, who have had previous training through actual experiences and special schools.

Thus, you should start the year on the road to experience and learning, by taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities that lie before you.

- - Basil Brand, Assistant Ed. Advisor

GOSSIP OF 3840 by Fred Mays

Lumpkin says he isn't sentimental, but the Dramatics teacher brought out his weak points.

Jack Hale should be a statistician, he wrote the statistics on the last boxing bouts.

Durbin (camera man) is most expressive with his mirth.

Tomas Garcia has a girl friend that just won't quit, she sent him some stamps to answer her letter.

Someone in camp has stressed fear of the leaders getting hurt in the camp's pugilistic affairs.



HONOR ROLL

“Every member of Company 3840 is on this paper’s Honor Roll for the fine Safety record they have made during the past year. Congratulations! Men!”

- - - The Editor

Project Superintendent,
SCS-26-A, CCC Camp
Patagonia, Arizona

Dear Mr. McGavic:

I wish to take this opportunity to comment on the fine safety record you and your personnel, together with the enrollees of your Camp, have attained during the past calendar year.

Although you have not earned a certificate of Merit, which is attained only where no lost time accidents have occurred, your camp has gone through the year with but one accident.

This is a splendid achievement and one of which we, in the Regional Office, are deeply appreciative. It is our earnest wish that your continued work will result in even a better record this year.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh G. Caulkins, Regional
Conservator, U.S. Dep’t of
Agriculture.

“Members of Company 3840, you deserve all the credit for the Safety honors earned during the past year. Now, let’s go on and get that ‘Certificate of Merit’ for this year.”

- - - The Army & Technical Staffs

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Randall P. Legler.....Subaltern
William Mabry.....Camp Surgeon
Frank S. Linhart..... Educational Advisor

Technical Service Personnel

Louis McGavic, Proj. Super.
A.A. Hartsfield, Engineer
Charles Gilkey, Mechanic
James E. Dorsey, Sr. Foreman

Charles B. Leonard, Technician
Eugene Sierras, Tech. Clerk
F. E. Collins, Conservationist
Adair, Sr. Agric. Engineer



Welcome

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Well fellows, stuck away back here on this page is our welcome to Lieutenant Randolph P. Legler. It is printed back here, because he arrived at SCS-26-A, almost too late to make this issue.

He was formerly Subaltern Officer at CCC Camp SP-1-A, Tucson, Arizona. We don't know much about him, but he certainly looks capable. Anyway, we wish him a lot of luck on his new assignment here.

- - - - Editor

M-Day

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Army Mobilizes

On January 19, 1940, the Army held a mobilization of all new enrollees at CCC Camp SCS-26-A. All of the names of the new "Rookies", (21 of 'em) start with the letter "M", with one exception. This one non-conformist is the Black Sheep of the group. His name starts with the letter "N".

Why Not Send This To The Folks Back Home?

From

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Company 3840, CCC
Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

To:



[illustration of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington]



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Lincoln, The Man of the People

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States. He was born in Kentucky, on February 18, 1809. He died in Washington, D.C. on April 15, 1865.

Young Abraham Lincoln had very little schooling, less than a year all put together. But, during all his years of hardship and work he was hungry for reading matter. He read the Bible through and through. He would walk miles to borrow a book. On one occasion, a borrowed volume was left too near a crack in the house and became spoiled by rain. Abe worked for the lender to pay for it. From short terms of school he got some little inkling of arithmetic. For want of slate, paper and lead pencils being unknown, he wrote on a wooden shovel with a piece of charcoal. When the surface became covered with figures, he whittled them off with a jackknife.

When he reached manhood, he was six feet, four inches in height, gaunt and homely. He was strong and active, a "powerful" hand at logging bees. (railsplitting) He was fond of running, wrestling and pitching horseshoes, and had an inexhaustible fund of quaint stories. He was a peaceable young man utterly without fear. He took the side of the unfortunate and oppressed. He held the bullies of the community in check. 1832, he was made captain of a company of volunteers enlisted for the Black Hawk War. After his return, he tried storekeeping. His partner proved to be a worthless, drunken man. The business failed. It was many years before Lincoln was able to pay his debts. Lincoln was a politician and an effective public speaker, but he never became learned in the law. He preferred to carry his cases straight to the jury on questions of right and wrong.

He was elected president and made his inaugural speech on March 4th, 1861. It is difficult to believe that a public man ever passed through more trying experiences than Lincoln did during the Civil War. He tried in the first place to avert war with the South. He had sworn to defend the Constitution and to preserve the Union.

He was accessible to people of every degree. Cabinet officers, congressman and generals laid their plans before him. He came and went like the most ordinary citizen. The veriest darkey that scrubbed three steps was able to have an audience with "Massa" Lincoln. The wife whose husband lay languishing in some far-off prison did not come in vain to ask for exchange or furlough. The mother, whose weary son fell asleep on the sentry's beat and had been condemned to be shot for neglect of duty, came to see Mr. Lincoln, and went away, her eyes streaming with tears of thankfulness. On April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to U.S. Grant and the Civil War was over. The South was glad the one-sided struggle was over; the North was jubilant with success. Lincoln's heart lifted; the Union was saved.

Only six days later, on the eve of Good Friday, April 14, Lincoln accompanied his wife to Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. About ten o'clock, John Wilkes Booth, a crazed actor who hoped



Lincoln, continued.

to win immortal fame in the thought of the South, entered the presidential box, placed a pistol against the president's head, fired, leaped to the stage, and made his escape. With a smile on his lips, Lincoln fell unconscious. He was taken to a house nearby, but never knew what had happened to him. His cabinet and family gathered around his bedside. When the sun rose next morning, Lincoln had passed away.

George Washington, Father of the U.S.A.

George Washington, the first president of the United States, was born on the banks of the Potomac River in Virginia, on February 22, 1732. He lived an ideal boy's life. He grew up tall, straight and athletic. He could outrun and outjump every boy in the vicinity. He had strength of arm. He could fling a pebble across the Rappahannock river. He was fond of riding and was never without a good horse. His mother took great pains with his training, and was proud of his courage, truthfulness and honesty. In school he studied reading, arithmetic and writing. He was taught to keep accounts and to draw such legal papers as deeds and leases. His exercise books have been preserved, as models of neatness.

At the age of 17, he saw the necessity of doing something for himself. Under the advice of Lord Fairfax, he studied geometry and trigonometry and prepared himself to surveying. Through his friend's influence, he was employed by the planters far and near to run their lines and locate their boundaries. It is said that his surveys, still on record, are models of neatness and accuracy. He spent three years at this kind of work in West Virginia.

Washington's military career began with service in the French and Indian wars. He rose rapidly in rank and became the commander-in-Chief of the Virginia forces. After the wars, he returned to Mt. Vernon and his family. This happy life, however, came to an end. The thirteen original states declared their independence from the mother country, and on June 15, 1775, the Continental Congress elected George Washington commander-in-chief of the army. The evacuation of Boston, the disasters of Long Island, the capture of the Hessians at Trenton, the dark winter at Valley Forge, the friendship of Lafayette, the battle of Monmouth, the surrender of Yorktown belong to the history of the American Revolution.

Washington is the central figure of the Revolution. Others were faint-hearted, but he never despaired. Others were ready to quit, but he never gave up. His military tactics have won for him the name of "The American Fabius." When he could not fight, he ran away. When the enemy stopped pursuing, he came back again. When the British soldiers thought they had him trapped, he always had some ? in store for them. When they felt secure he swept down ? The German von Moltke called General Washington ? greatest strategists.



George Washington, continued

After the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, Washington again returned to Mt. Vernon. He was not allowed to remain long at home however. He was soon called upon to serve in the great convention that framed the Constitution of the United States. When the constitution went into effect, Washington was the unanimous choice for the presidency. During Washington's eight years of office, many important questions came up for settlement. At the close of his second term of service, he refused to accept the office for a third term. His example, through its repetition by Jefferson, has become an unwritten law. Washington was glad to retire to Mt. Vernon.

Washington was a member of the commission that selected the site for the proposed national capital. He chose a spot that might be seen from Mt. Vernon. The city was named for him. He participated in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol. December 12, 1799, he caught cold from riding in a storm of sleet and rain. Two days later he passed away. His wife survived him two years. Their stone coffins rest side by side in the same vault at Mt. Vernon. To this day boats plying up and down the beautiful Potomac river toll their bells softly when they pass the tomb of Washington.

Saxon Side Camp News - - - Chester Slaughter

Moving preparations have been completed, and the side camp is now actually on the move. The work of the Saxon fly camp, on the Saxon ranch, is nearing completion. We are wondering about our new location. After staying around this part of the country so long, it seems like home to many.

But there is something else that has captured the camp headlines out here. Several of the boys from this side camp have been employed by the C.A. Cassion Construction Company which is building a highway through Willcox.

The fellows now working are: Charles Howard, former leader for the past eighteen months at Beach side camp; Kenneth Ethridge, cook and assistant leader here; Kelly Bruce, another assistant leader. These boys are old men in the company and are expected to make good.

In the next few days, the following men are expected to work also: Lonnie Hall, senior leader; and Glen Durham, assistant leader. Several of the other boys also have hopes of working in Willcox. Those boys should be congratulated for this ambitious hustling.

We rest assured that these fellows will acquire themselves in a creditable manner. These boys have a promising future with the Construction Company and we believe they will stick. The training received while in the CCC was a qualifying factor in getting their jobs. Good luck fellows and the best of success!!!



SPORTS

Boxing

"Ladies and Gentlemen"—and so fellow enrollees started the 3rd "Friday Night Smoker". Promoted by our so generous Educational Adviser, with the cigarettes donated by Captain Bruss, of course.

In the first mach, Marcos Capra pushed Jose Ibarra all over the ring with rights and lefts. And, as if that wasn't enough, with occasional jabs to the face which bothered Mr. Ibarra very much. It was a so called "one sided affair" with Marcos winning 30 points from the referee, to Ibarra's embarrassing 11 points. Ibarra made some fuss about him not getting his cigarettes, but to no avail.

The second bout was a natural. Between Santos (Guero) Gonzales and Vicente (Soak'em) Salazar. Santos quit at the end of the 2nd round from exhaustion. But your reporter will say that Gonzales game to the end, and the 2nd was the end.

The third bout was a "Wow" with Joseph Gilbreath and "Cotton" Noblett battling to a draw with 25 points each.

The fourth bout was full of action with Gilbert Balli drawing a decision from Robert Garcia, at the end of the fight, because of two knockdowns over Garcia.

In the fifth, there was a battle of Mt. McKinley and Mt. Everest. It was Jose (Tarzan) Ramon and Tomas Garcia. Both weight around 200 pounds. But I guess the mountains were kinda tame, 'cause there wasn't much fighting. It looked like "Boxing a la French".

And last, but not least, and also the best, was the bout between Manuel (One punch) de la Cruz and Juan (Bear's tooth) Campos. It looked like two determined young men fighting for the championship of the company. There were so many fists flying around loose, we though t the whole company was in a free-for-all. Everybody was yelling at the top of their lungs. The Captain sent for the Fort Huachuca soldiers thinking there was a war of some kind. Campos managed to get the decision by a mere 2 points. So hot was the fight that at the end of the 3 rounds, the gloves were all torn up, with wool padding scattered all over the ring. So, it looks as though promoter Linhart will have to get a new set of boxing gloves. (a hint) Or maybe we'll have "bare-nuckle" fights like the good old days back in "67".

- - - Willie Caballero

Extra! Ping-Pong Championship

Clarence Richey is the new Ping-Pong champion. Having won an elimination tournament last Saturday night over 8 other boys. He is strutting now, but wait until he meets the Educ. Advisor.



Sports, continued by Caballero

Basketball

The camp "Round Robin" Basketball league got off to a flying start with plenty of action shown in the hotly contested games. There have been 16 games played so far; at the end of the 4th round of Tournament play. The standings of the teams are as follows:

<u>1st Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Place</u>
Chow Hustlers	Wildcats (won 2)	Bulldogs (won 1)
<u>2nd place</u>	White Sox (won 2)	<u>Last Place</u>
Pill Rollers (won 3 games)	Vikings (won 2)	Greyhounds X-men (no games won)

The Pill Rollers are crowding the Chow Hustlers for 1st place. There is an interesting three team tie for 3rd place. The games are twenty minutes in length with four quarters of 5 minutes each.

The top scorers in the league so fare are:

<u>1st place</u>	<u>2nd place</u>	<u>3rd place</u>	<u>4th place</u>	<u>5th</u>
Ray Rogers (24 pts.)	Gene Morris (20 pts.)	Ramon Gonzales (15 pts.)	W. Caballero (14 pts.)	J. Gilbreath (13 pts)

Special Flash !!

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CCC Camp F-64-A has challenged SCS-26-A to a basketball game, to be played in the Nogales High School gym, on Sunday Feb. 25th, at 9:00 A.M. SCS-26-A accepts the challenge and welcomes the change to even up scores. This will be the second game between the two camps, F-64-A won the first game, and now it's the Patagonia camps turns to win.

Dominoes

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There is a lot of interest in Dominoes these days. Every night, after classes, a group gathers in the Games Room of the Educational building, and play some hot games. Some of the boys whot think they are champions at this game are: Basil Brand, Loyd Gilmore, Harding Anderson, Jerry Copeland, Melvin Lange, L.C. Wade, Clarence Richey and Ray Meeks. These boys would rather play a game of Dominoes than go to tour.

Speedball

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Since the arrival of Lt. Legler, who is our new second in command, Speedball has captured the interest of many enrollees, and is played with much vim and vigor on the week-end programs. A temporary field is being used at the Recreation area south of the camp. Soon new goal posts will be put up, boundaries and lines marked. Speedball is a combination of soccer and basketball, and is played with eleven players on a team.



HONOR ROLL

The following enrollees received grades of 100% on the Orientation Examinations, given in January.

Perry Noblett	Troy N. Moser	Elbert H. Moore
Billie Morris	Edward E. Moreland	

The following men completed the Standard Course of instruction in First Aid successfully and have been awarded Certificates by the American Red Cross Society, Nogales Chapter:

Basil Brand	Hayden Hale	M.E. Parsons
Jerry Copeland	Melvin Lange	Calvin Gulley
Joseph Gilbreath		Fred Mays

For consistently good student teaching, in the Camp Educational Program, the following win a place on this month's Honor Roll.

Basil Brand	Perry Noblett	M.E. Parsons
Oscar Gamez	Mac Baker	

For his fine poem on Education, Willie Caballero is also awarded a place on the Honor Roll.

Higher Learning

A young man's fancy at eighteen
Is to learn and advance in the world;
His subject-Chemistry, Engineer or Surveyor-
His mind is set to give it a try.

He may want to be a writer
Fiction or Biography his goal;
Or maybe a discoverer-
Of an unknown and brand new pole.

There's other things he may want to be
For instance, another Napoleon;
Or maybe a great naval officer
Like the great British Nelson.

There are other interesting studies
He may want to be a Biologist;
Maybe another great Pasteur-
OR a well known Psychologist.

The younger generation has more talent
Also, more opportunities;
Aviation, Salesman, or Doctor
Really, have great qualities.

But no matter what is his ambition
One thing he must always know;
That he can make his work interesting-
Once, in his mind it is so.

- - - Willie Caballero



Patagonia Barracks Chatter, by Alvin McFarlin

The main camp is happy to welcome the Saxon side camp boys, and wants them to feel at home.

The Army overhead held a fire drill the other day, and all they lacked in being perfect was speed. Everyone reported on time except Mr. Linhart, and he arrived about 30 minutes late. The reason he gave was that he was working on his Ford and it was making so much noise that he didn't hear the fire bell.

Starting next Monday night, they will have Bank Nite at the Show. The winner will get one canteen book. So hurry boys and register, get your tickets and win the prize.

Hold the line boys, the camp will have telephone service soon.

Perry Noblett writes letters to his girl with her picture in front of him. Does he do it for inspiration? She's beautiful too.

Why does Cecil Chandler always study the big Map book in the Reading Room? Is he going some place? Is he looking for the shortest route to his girl's home?

Red Dyer feels happy now. The canteen has his "chaw'n" tobacco.

Don't Believe it!

It is reported that Mr. Linhart is figuring on getting married. Will he explain why he went to Tucson over the week-end?

I heard that the girl at the dance with Lt. Legler (the plump one) and he are going steady. I hear that he keeps her on his mind all the time. What about it Romeo?

General Safety Items by Clarence Richey

When someone hands you a hammer that is battered up pretty bad on the end, turn it in for trimming up.

When you strike a match to light a cigarette or pipe, always break it in half. By the time you break it in two, it will be out and won't start a fire in camp or in the high grass in a forest.

When you are going around a blind corner, always blow your horn; there may be someone coming around the same corner.

Don't carry an open flame around gas, it might explode and cause a bad accident.

Being smart is not being a sissy by reporting every minor scratch.

It might not cause an infection, but the next one may start blood poison.

Always obey the road signs. They were put there for your safety.

Don't pass a car on the hill, you might misjudge the distance needed for passing, and so cause an accident.

When passing a car at night, always dim your lights a couple of times and let the car ahead know you're coming by.



Educational Programs of SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

Are You Enrolled?

Class	Time	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Place	Instruc.
Safety	6:00 P.M.	Mon.						"Rec"	Staff
Co. Meeting	6:00 P.M.	Mon.						"Rec"	Staff
Current Events	"	"						"Rec"	Linhart
8 th grade	6:00 P.M.		Tues.					Army office,	Legler
Arithmetic	6:00 P.M.		Tues.					Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Leadership	6:00 P.M.		Tues.					Educ. Bldg.	McGavic
Shorthand	6:00 P.M.			Wed.		Fri.		Educ. Bldg.	Mrs. Bruss
Reading	6:00 P.M.			Wed.				Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Truck Driving	6:00 P.M.				Wed.			Garage	Gilkey
English	6:00 P.M.				Thurs.			Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Dramatics	6:00 P.M.				Thurs.			Educ. Bldg.	O'Brien
Silvercraft	6:00 P.M.				Thurs.			Shop	Webster
Spelling	6:00 P.M.					Fri.		Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Journalism	7:00 P.M.	Mon.						Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
First Aid	7:00 P.M.	Mon.						Educ. Bldg.	Mabry
Citizenship	7:00 P.M.	Mon.						Educ. Bldg.	Mr. Bruss
P.E. 140	7:00 P.M.	Mon.						Educ. Bldg.	Sierras
P.E. 130	7:00 P.M.		Tues.			Fri.		Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
P.E. 120	7:00 P.M.		Tues.		Thurs.			Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Typing I	7:00 P.M.		Tues.		Thurs.			Educ. Bldg.	Sierras
Mat Weaving	7:00 P.M.			Tues.		Thurs.		Educ. Bldg.	Parsons
Aeronautics	7:00 P.M.			Wed.				Educ. Bldg.	Dorsey
Job Training	7:00 P.M.			Wed.				Rec. Hall,	Tech. Staff
8 th Grade	7:00 P.M.					Fri.		Educ. Bldg.	Linhart
Motion Picture	8:00 P.M.	Mon.						Rec Hall,	Brand
Carpentry	8-11 A.M.						Sat.	Shop	Linhart
Teacher Train.	11 A.M.						Sat.	Educ. Bldg.,	Linhart
Gen. Athletics	1-4 P.M.						Sat.	Ath. Field,	Staff
K.P. Class	8:00 P.M.		Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.			

Safety Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month.

Company Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month.

The entire Camp Personnel is expected to attend all Safety meetings and all regular company meetings.

Student teachers assisting in the Educational Program are Basil Brand, Oscar Gamez, Perry Noblett, and Loye Webster.

P.E. 120, Basketball Techniques

P.E. 130, Fundamentals of Boxing

P.E. 140, Weight-lifting Techniques.

Religious Services are held twice monthly.

Frank S. Linhart, Educ. Advisor

A camp paper published by

this company and known as

"3840 News" comes out monthly.



Too late to classify

At the company dance!

The couples had a lot of fun during the "Broom Dance". The funny part of it was that Lt. Legler and Capt. Bruss had to dance with the broom more than any one else.

Leonard had a hard time keeping his dancing partner, for every time he found a willing young lady, some one would tag him on the shoulder before he could finish a turn around the floor. It was his own fault, he shouldn't pick such popular girls.

- - - Richey

Welcome to our new staff reporters:

Alvin McFarlin and Ralph Ormsby, we hope they continue their good news reporting.

Congratulations!!

To "Aureliano Ramirez, Raul Morales, and Joaquin Solis; for getting 100% grades in the recent Arithmetic tests held in the Opportunity class. "Keep up the good work boys."

- - - Educ. Adviser

If a task if once begun,
Do not leave it 'till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all. - - McFarlin

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[illustration of Coronado on horse in desert]

400th Anniversary of Coronado's
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Coronado's Expedition

In the year 1540, Coronado, with a magnificent expedition, crossed Southern Arizona between the present towns of Nogales and Solomonsville, and penetrated far into New Mexico, even going as far northeast as the center of Kansas. From the Zuni village, Coronado sent Pedro Tovar and Cardinas to explore the great gorge of which the Indians had told them. These Spaniards were the first white men to view the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Coronado was bitterly disappointed in not finding the cities of gold, and remembering that his beautiful bride awaited him at Mexico City, he hastened back, feeling that his expedition had been a total failure.

The Spaniards paid little attention to the Northern Mystery for the next one hundred and fifty years.

SPORTS

[illustration of enrollees playing baseball, running, throwing horseshoe, playing basketball]

The major sports attraction right now in camp is the activity of our Softball team in the Nogales Softball League. Opening night of the league was May 21st, and the team's standing so far is 3 games lost out of 3 games played. The team broke into the winning column last Sunday afternoon, by defeating Brophy Side Camp with a score of 16 to 10. The team line-up is still in an experimental stage, and Coach Capt. Bruss has used the following players:

C. Turner & Gonzales	S.S. Hash & Diaz
P. Palomino & Mata	S.F. Gilmore
1.B. Diaz, Turner, Has	L.F. Gonzales, Rodriguez, Morris
2. B. Guerra	C.F. Casiano
3.B. Coto & Caballero	R.F. Webster & Morris
Scorekeeper Melvin Lange	Equipment Manager Oscar Gamez

The heaviest hitters so far are H. Diaz with 5 hits out of 3 games and Rex Turner and R. Gonzales have 3 hits apiece. The team as a whole is developing excellent team play, and according to Coach Bruss, "We are still going to win." So, gang, let's give the team our best support.



My Experience at the Grand Canyon

by
Joseph Gilbreath

The first time I got a thrill out of looking into the depths of a hole in Mother Nature's face was around two o'clock one fine afternoon. I shall never forget the view as I looked down and into the beautiful place. To myself I said, "I don't believe it!" Then I turned my head and took another look; but it was still there.

In school I had been taught and had read about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado; yes, I know that it was 12 miles deep and 6 miles across, and that it was made of ever changing shades of colored rock. But then I never imagined that one day I would stand on its rim and look upon its beauty. The urge to go to the bottom of this beautiful place struck me, and I was a little frightened. In fact, six long months passed before I took my first trip into the remarkable place.

I considered myself very lucky when I was successful in being hired as bookkeeping in the Fred Harvey Hotel. While there, I learned much ore about the Canyon from visitors and form people who stopped for lunch at the hotel. Then I experienced the thrill of a lifetime.

Early one morning, I made the descent with a party of friends. As the walls of the Canyon are so steep, and as the trail down is narrow and very dangerous, we rode down on the backs of little mules. I was thankful that my mule moved so slowly, for I knew that he was thinking twice before he took the next step. Life seemed so strange and new below the surface of the earth, where the light of the sun was very dim and mysterious. Even the vegetation and wild-life seemed odd to me. Slick-backed lizards and busy ground-squirrels were everywhere, and brightly colored birds flew through the air. When we had arrived at a lower level in the Canyon, a tiny deer approached me, hoping for something to eat. I held forth some crumbs, and he ate them off my hand.

At the bottom of the canyon is to be found the lowest dude ranch in the world. A rambling ranch house rests almost at the shores of the rambling Colorado River. Eastern dudes and pretty blondes spend much of their time here, and the friendly spirit of the West is to be felt on every side Every splinter of board and every ounce of cement used in building this ranch was brought into the Canyon by silent, sure-footed mules.

One cannot imagine how swift and broad the Colorado River is when he looks at it form on top of the canyon. I am told that two swimmers tried to cross it once, but they lost their lives. The body of one was carried with the current of the River, and was finally found at Boulder Dam, one hundred and fifty miles downstream.

Annually, some one million people visit the Grand Canyon If ever you have the good fortune to be counted in this number, do not pass up this priceless opportunity. Being able to look upon the Grand Canyon is to me one of the very great privileges.



Patagonia Barracks Chatter

by
Alvin McFarlin

Why is it that so many of our boys go to Patagonia instead of Nogales on Saturday? Could it be those cute girls?

Perry Noblett has met a little Mexican (French) Senoriata (Fille) at Nogales; you can see him with her every Saturday afternoon, strolling down the street- with her baby sister in the middle. Were you to ask Noblett, he wouldn't know from "nuthing".

Why is it that nearly all of the boys go to Kress' store? After the first of the month, none of them has any money, anyway.

It is rumored that a certain blonde boy in Barracks #3 has lost his girl-friend, whom he left behind in Texas.

Has Curly Graham gotten over his love-sick spell yet? She's from Patagonia.

If you go through the barracks on a warm day, you will find most of the boys looking mournfully toward Texas— ("In spring a young man's fancy turns, etc.")

[illustration of enrollee lying under palm tree; caption "Spring Fever"]

[illustration of two enrollees skipping around Maypole; caption: Enrollee May Pole"]



BOOK REVIEW

OLD DEADWOOD DAYS

by

Clarence Fricker

In our number, there is not one who perhaps would not live again the memories of his past. Memories are wonderful, priceless things. They cannot be had for a price across a counter; they are the shadows of our yesterdays which make us laugh when we wish to laugh, and which make us cry when we wish to cry.

Estelline Bennett's Old Deadwood Days is a book filled with beautiful memories. Hers has been an interesting life- from the very beginning; therefore, her book is an interesting book to the very end.

Today, we never hear of Deadwood Gulch, but before the turn of the last century, that little town which nestled snugly deep in the low hills of Montana certainly made itself heard. It was a town as loud, as bold, as wild, and as gay as were the colorful posters which adorned the exteriors of the saloons which were strung like a necklace down her one main street. Deadwood was a city of vice and of sin, but she possessed a heart of gold. Her hills held a fabulous treasure of the yellow ore, and in great hordes came miners in quest of it. Over night the peaceful valley had come to life, and in that night the name of Deadwood became a by-word for people who dreamed of one day becoming rich from the returns of an unknown treasure hunt.

People of all walks of life flocked to Deadwood; and Deadwood claimed them for her own.

Calamity Jane and Buffalo Bill were there, and each added that tint to the gaiety of the frontier. There were good people, and there were bad, but no one seemed to mind. In the town of Deadwood, being born on the other side of the railroad tracks was no disgrace. The people of Deadwood were just one grand and happy family. Everyone lived for today, heedless of the future. This is, perhaps, the only things to be regretted, for had her people kept an eye half-way glancing into the future, Deadwood might have been longer lived.

Like a memory, Deadwood Gulch has faded into the pasty, but the pages of history which she wrote are with us still; and when life wends dull, we may turn to these, taking flight upon the wings of a memory into the world of the past.

Teacher: "Why are you so opposed to war, Jim?"

Jim: "Because war makes history, and I don't like history."



St. David Side Camp News

By
Ralph Ormsby

The dike west of St. David is 1500 feet long, having less than 100 feet to go. It now contains an eight-foot-fill.

Mr. Fanning and all the boys are enlarging the garden to plant radishes. Ralph Wilson and John Morris gathering tow-sacks for something or another.

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Confidential Gossip
by
Ralph Ormsby

We heard that Baker told someone in Horse Shoe Café that the reason he only had two stripes was because there was a shortage of stripes.

Any day of the week you can see John "Gran'pap" Reeves washing. We wonder if he has started a hand laundry.

Ralph Araiza is going strong with Lucy Salazar. F. Barrera, next time you take your girl to a show, rent, borrow, or steal a car! Don't do like the last time.

The other night, one of the boys was invited to dinner. At the last minute, six turned up. Our advice to you:
"NEXT TIME DON'T TALK!!!

We saw:

Pete Collazo talking to a gypsy at the carnival.

Callis "Arizona" Palmer telling the rest of the boys all about his girls.

Joe Torres making a hit with Mickey- one of the three musketeers.

Anselmo Gonzales with the "Ojancita"-(Get your dictionary if you don't know the answer.)

Garden Poem

Mistress Mary,
Quite contrary
How does your garden grow?
With cockle shells
And pretty bells,
And one lousy petunia.



HONOR ROLL

Flash!

Flash!

Flash!

Congratulations to Rex B. Turner! He was selected as an outstanding CCC driver in Arizona District for April 1940. He received special commendation in the District CCC Bulletin of May 17, 1940. "Keep up the good wok, Rex."

The following enrollees received a grade of 100% in a recent test given in the Spelling Class. The test was a difficult one. They get our heartfelt congratulations.

Jauquin Solis
Edward Arriola
Julian Gutierrez

Jose M. Ibarra
James Baker
Oscar Robles

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The Life-history of a Ration Truck-driver

by
Joseph Gilbreath

Bang! Psst! out goes a tire. Raining dogs and cats-stop and fix the tire, getting disgustingly wet and dirty. And then continuing on my way, wondering if the tire is going to hold.

Although the above may sound discouraging, the job is really pleasant. On my daily trips, I enjoy the scenery. Some people may think it would be tiresome going over the same route day without end, but though the beauty of the hills is always there it is forever changing; and the sky and the clouds make of my journey a trip into wonderland. And the cattle that graze along the road hold my interest. To watch the calves toddle after their mothers is most amusing. The cattle are my friends, so long as they keep their distance from my radiator hood.

The daily routine of a ration truck-driver is as follows: First thing in the morning, the driver must get his keys; then he is off to the shed to get his truck, whose engine must be charged, and whose tires, fuel, and oil must be looked after. Usually, there is mail to be picked up at the Technical Office, or some rations to be loaded onto the truck from the stoop at the rear of the Mess Hall. Then the driver swings around to the Army Office, there to have the ration lists checked by the Captain, and to pick up the out-going mail for the Company. All of these things are done daily by me.

Many unusual happenings come my way as I whistle a little tune from behind the wheel of my great Government truck. While driving along toward the Side Camp the other day, I came upon a truck which sat in a ditch along the side of the highway. At first, I thought it had been abandoned; but on further observation, I saw someone asleep at the wheel. I was worried lest someone had gotten hurt, but when the fellow awakened, he assured us that everything was all right. Then I was a little sad, for I had hoped to use some of my First Aid knowledge.

Sonoita is very close to our Camp, but when one is there, he seems in a different world completely. There are not many hills around that tiny watering station, but the ground rolls and rolls into the horizons. Many coyotes live in this country. I saw three big fellows the other day-that is, I almost saw them. Though I could see them facing across the pasture, by the time I had gotten to that spot, they could be seen no longer. The hid of the coyote looks a great deal like the bark of the mesquite tree. This hide is often used to good advantage, for it enables the little animal to conceal himself from an enemy.

Each night as I go to bed, I look ahead with enthusiasm for the new day, wondering what unexpected adventure will show itself as I go along in my ration truck.



SPORTS

[illustration of enrollees playing baseball, running, throwing horseshoes, playing basketball]



By Willie Caballero

“Ladies and Gentleman!” Ye Old Sports Blood-hound is on the trial of Sports. This time, is that game which is sweeping the country like a prairie grass fire—Softball.

“Oh! Dear Chillun” it is from the bottom of my heart that I swell with joy at seeing our company team going every Tues. & Thurs. to compete in the Nogales Softball League. Though we lost three games in a row sometime back, on the fourth, Lady Luck, one-error playing, and fine team play enabled us to edge out the Elks of Nogales by a score of 9 to 8. The deciding tally came in the last of the 9th, when Oscar Guerra (Joe Gordon) smashed a circuit clout over left field. Well, there was the start we were waiting for. But then, later, we let down again, and have lost 3 in a row for the second time.

But are we worried? Or sad? Or feeling lousy? No of course not. There’s still 19 games left. And we can still be in the playoffs if we hustle. What do we need? I say nothing. Nothing but practice, hustling and a cool head when in the game. We’ve out-hit, out-double-played all of the games we’ve played in. What has kept us down. ERRORS. Nothing but errors. What does that come from? From not keeping a cool head. If we cut down on errors and play with “Animo” and never let down. I guarantee we’ll win. We’ll not only win the next 19 games, but, we’ll win the play-offs and the Championship. “So, come on fellows” The prestige, respect, and the Sportsmanship of Co. 3840 is in your hands. You’re the fellows and players who ought to win, and can win. And, I give you these four Commandments to go by. Obey them as you would obey a command at retreat.

1. More hits
2. More hustle
3. Less errors
4. And above all, Sportsmanship, which is the best safe hit in any game.

Deadline Flash!

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Last Tuesday, June 18th, the Flux Canyon Diggers (SCS-26-A) defeated the Elks of Nogales with a barrage of hits in the 7th inning. To emerge the victors by a 23 to 13 score. Congratulations to the team, and Coach Capt. Bruss. Keep up the good playing. We are 100% behind you.

Brophy Wit?

r. David: “Christian, that dike has to be finished in a hurry.”
L.P. Christian: “Well, sir, Rome wasn’t built in a day.”
Mr. David: “I wasn’t bossing that job, either.”



[illustration of man being spanked; caption: This hurts me more than it does you]

[illustration of man at tree]

[illustration of man on cot with dream bubble of him with woman; caption: An enrollee's dream]

[illustration of two enrollees working; caption: Digging for gold? Hah! \$5 worth every month]

Initials: JH [transcriber's note: Jack Hale]



THE FIFTH COLUMN

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Starting in this issue, you all will be surprised to know that there's a "Fifth Column" in Company 3840, which hears nothing, tells nothing, sees nothing, and knows everything.

But, different from the "Fifth Column" in Mexico, Ireland, and other neutral countries; this "Snooper" or "Peeping Tom", or whatever you want to call him; is not trying to raise revolutions; or moving people to sabotage; or talking about how good it is to be a Nazi, a Fascist, or a communist.

Instead, this person will try to bring out secrets, gossip and other confidential mysteries of the enrollees in Company 3840. So! Beware! For he's everywhere. Woo yours girls in Nogales or in Patagonia, in remote places and talk in Chinese or Japanese, remember that walls have ears belonging to that dreaded "Fifth Column".

Flash: Eluterio Garcia is having trouble with P.y.B. in Nogales. She made him be a Anarchist, for she belongs to that party.

Flash: Seems to me that Don Antonio Lozano's phrase "Parese Baby" is getting very popular in camp. Why?

Flash: Armando Alvarado has a new fresh and dainty damsel who goes by the handle of "Snooks" in Nogales. This young man seems to be pretty well acquainted with the femmes of Nogalitos. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if he came out with a "Gypsy Rose Lee" soon.

Flash: Ramon Cortez, a distinguished gentleman from Brownsville, Tex., -so I heard- is washing towels at a certain place in Nogales, Sonora. Could it be that this "Romeo" would be getting married???

Flash: Patagonia? Oh, what a bee-utiful town! Romance 'neath the moonlight on the steps of the old high school. Ask Manuel (Prieto) de Cruz.

Flash: We hear that Fernando Lerma (Glamour Boy) has made up with his old gal "Black Widow" from Nogales. Could it be that he misses her?

More Flashes!

More Flashes!

Flash: Jack Hale and Elson Alvarez, those two inseparable and candid camera friends, saw and took movie photos of a bull-fight in Nogales not long ago. Alvarez's cameras had a hard time taking in the bullfight and the beautiful Sonorensas in the grandstand. But, he managed to get both. Hale's only disappointment occurred when the bull jumped over the fence and headed for him. At that moment, he wished he was somewhere in the Maginot Line in France.

Flash: This last tid-bit has nothing to do with Coach Bruss, but with the softball players. The sidewalk outside the playing field is getting to be a regular "Lover's Lane". Just as soon as the first game is over, you can see all the payers, from Marcellino Palomino the team's best pitcher to the bat boy, hand in hand with some "skirt" from Nogales. Coach Bruss is having a tough time keeping those ballplayers inside the softball field fence.

Well! Gentleman! There's my first column of dirt on your personal lives. And, I warn you it will get hotter and hotter, as the issues roll by. And, I repeat, "Beware! The Fifth Column is everywhere."

Agent #999 of the "Fifth Column"

Extra: Our genial Educational Adviser, Mr. Linhart, has taken a sudden interest in "Ranching" near Patagonia. Could it be the rancher's pretty "red-head" daughter? Confess now. We know everything.



Confidential Gossip by Ralph Ormsby

Willie Caballero, we all know you are crazy about a girl in Nogales. The boys would like to hear something else for a change. By the way, she was seen in the company of another handsome young man recently. Don't tell us he is her brother.

We know a big secret on Elson Alvarez, but won't tell.

James "Virgin" Baker, and "Dopey" Busby took some girls to church the other night. It was dark, and on the way to church, our young hero grasped his girl's hand. Upon closer scrutiny, he found that he had been holding Busby's hand. Was Baker's face red???? By the way, Baker, how about Emma Fay Hudson in Phoenix?? Does she know about this?? Shame on you!

McAnally, when are you going to show us your heart throb from Camp Little? Some of the boys would like to meet her. How about it?

Millsap thought he had a girl until she came to visit camp. Who was the tall handsome blonde boy who took her away from you??

News! News! News! Canteen books can now be spent in Nogales. ??? Ask Joe Ibarra. We are indebted to him for this privilege.

Sunday evenings, a big crowd from Flux Canyon, is always present at the "Club Royal". Such famous personalities as our own Lt. Legler, and Mr. (Stephen ?) Linhart, drop in now and then to look things over.

Doctor and Mrs. Mabry now live in Patagonia. We are very glad to have them close by.

Poem?

The sea is round,
The sea is level,
Come to my arms
You little devil.
R. Ormsby

Whose Wit??

Melvin Lange: "I am 21 today and can't vote."
Mr. Leonard: "Why?"
Melvin Lange: "'Cause there's no election."

Contribution by Jack Hale

Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one (mouse)
The other got away.

Aside "

Jack was dropped on his head
when a small child, you will have
to excuse him. He's not responsible.

Thanks to Miss Buckenberg for the ice cold punch. All the boys in Mr. Leonard's crew send her a million thanks.

Flash! A Magician is in Camp. Beware! of the Evil one.

In the last month, strange things have happened. Mr. Linhart's Ford was chained to a tree, later, when he brought tools to break the chain, it had disappeared. (Change your drinks Lin?) One night, his Ford was found hidden behind the supply room. Another time, the spark plugs were disconnected. Looks like someone is trying to keep you from dating the "Red-head". We wonder if Legler knows?

So long Gang!! Ralph Ormsby



Educational Note

Educational Note

Congratulations to Miguel Alcanter, Tomas Garcia, and John McCoy for their ambition and interest shown in Literacy class, Sect. I. Under their new student teacher, Jack Arnold, they don't pay any attention to the bell ending class period. They just keep on studying overtime. The Adviser often has to chase them out to make room for another class. "Keep up the good work boys".

Brophy News by Chester Slaughter

Spring time has hit Brophy, without the proverbial flowers, birds and song. The field work is progressing nicely. Within the next few days, Mr. David will pour the first of seven large concrete stock tanks.

It is with respect and pleasure that we welcome Mr. Tindel, our new foreman from Patagonia way. Christian, Copeland, and Campbell, are prospective Maritime Service applicants. We wish them all the luck in the world.

Vernon Moore is afraid to go to the water pump after dark. "Pour'que' Huck?" Afraid of ghosts?

All "Cow girls" (or any girls for that matter) are welcome on Sunday at our side camp. Come on girls don't be bashful.

Feature Tony Moreno as a Jitter Bug??????

Ask Mr. Linhart about our Baking class? He's the official tester. The Brophy softball team is hustling and eager to play anyone. The boys have a lot of class and pep. For games, see "Slaughter"

Meak's name is hard to pronounce for some people.

Mr. David has a new hat!!! Is it a Wow!! Ask him.

Jerry Copeland dances a new way, eh! Jerry!

Signing off - - - So long!

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THE EVENTS OF THE ARMY TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL

By George Ellis

For a prospective Army driver a trip to Phoenix fills him with enthusiasm. The boys who ride the G.I. to Phoenix are less fortunate than those who have the esteemed honor of riding the train!

Strange as it seems, we rode the train! As a matter of fact, the train which runs between Nogales and Tucson reminds me of the "slow train through Arkansas." We arrived in Phoenix about 9:00 P.M. and rode the truck which awaited to the South Mountain Camp. After reporting to the office, we obtained our bedding, which we didn't need, and made our way to the barrack.

We were scheduled to report at the motor pool Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock.



LOST-One spicy rhyme by M.E. Parsons-Anyone who can be of assistance please do so.
FOUND-All the pencils which have been mysteriously disappearing from Linhart's Opportunity class.
LOST-Linhart's Assistant
FOUND-Linhart's Assistant
Goodbye, this is getting monotonous.

Willie Caballero and Associates

TECHNICAL GOSSIP

By Clarence E. Lumpkin

I

We wonder if Mr. Hartsfield knew that there was a good looking girl in the group when he threatened to run the Bellota's hunters off!

II

Can it be true that Webster has a girl at Nogales that furnishes him a car and lots of gasoline to take moonlight rides in?

III

Is it true that Lt. Legler misplaced the end wrench that Mr. Gilkey has been missing?

IV

Loyd has slept on a inner-spring mattress by the road side the other night, or was it an old prospector's bed?

V

Is it true that Nash run into a swinging limb?

VI

Webster has two love bugs. One in the bottle and one at Nogales.

VII

Can it be true that McCown likes to wash his truck twice?

VIII

Why does George Ellis come up short on Axel Grease! We wonder.

IX

Slim McCown says that Civilian Conservation Corps stands for: You are a Civilian when you come in, work for the Conservation while you are in, and a corps when you go out.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The theory of photography is surprisingly simple, but the application of the theory in practice is more difficult. The lens of the Camera in action are just like an oculist trying to regulate the magnification of a glass to fit the customer's eyesight. However this is the difference. The lens of my



PHOTOGRAPHY CONT'D

camera you buy is already grounded; and ready for use. But one of the most difficult troubles of any photographer is the ratio of light in the speed of the lens. To take good pictures you just simply have to practice all the time. Plan your scene first of all. The angle from where you stand to the object. Now, the diaphragm opening, the speed of the shutter, the distance and the filter you have to use. To all this you have to be very alert. Also the condition of light and the object you are taking. If you let such light enter your camera your picture will come out as an over exposed picture. If you don't let enough light enter the camera, then your picture will be an under exposed one. However there's a great aid in determining the amount of light to be used, and that is an exposure meter. This is a great help for any photographer on any occasion.

I, myself, don't have very much experience in photography. I took five months of this subject in High School. I don't consider photography as a professional career. But, I do think it is a very interesting hobby. However with this hobby, I have won two different prizes. It was difficult to get these pictures, and a lot of thinking on it. If any of the boys want to know something about cameras, I will be glad to help you and you'll find it to be very interesting.

Elson Alvarez

FIFTH COLUMN

by Agent #999

Has our "La Tarantula" suddenly become interested in photography? Maybe "Bruno" can tell us. Six rolls of film!

Why was Bohanen asking the gas men if somebody had told about his reckless driving?

What unseen power does Elson Alvarez possess which enables him to hold so much beer? Also he did a lot of running around in Phoenix at the expense of New York people.

Where did Sailor get the ring he is wearing on his little finger?

If practice makes perfect, the donkey serenade by Alcanter will soon reach perfection for he practices it every night.

Who is it who doesn't drive fast, but just flies to low?

Can Slim McCown be so content as to leave "hot" stuff in his brother's car?

Shackleford kept the schedule-a three dollar fine. "Isn't it a pity that you didn't telephone or send a telegram."

Who could be the owner of the ring which Lumpkin identified? It didn't fit his finger.



Why does it take Jack Hale longer to make the ration run than it took Lumpkin? Can it be those beautiful slant eyes on the Chinese girl?

CALVIN GULLEY TO MR. GILKEY

Gulley: Why did you remove the sign "This truck makes full stops at all railroad crossings" from Mr. Mac's pickup?
Gilkey: I will not argue with a sign board.

CLARENCE FRICKER TO MR. MCGAVIC

Clarence: There was a little teacher who had a little class
She took them out for a picnic out on the grass
Along came a rain and wet them clear up to their knees!
Mr. Mac: But that doesn't rhyme with "grass".
Clarence: But that is as far as the water came.

KITCHEN GOSSIP

Why has Squeaky renicknamed himself "Romeo". Could it be that he considers himself that good?

Is it true that Mr. Parson's "Hay window" cost Uncle Sam \$500 as he claims.

Is it true that the wheel from the wheelbarrow fell off while outside K.P.? Salazar was using it and that he didn't miss the wheel for a hundred yards.

Is the K.P. barrack so large that 2 or 3 radios tuned to the same program must be kept blaring to enable the "hard of hearing" occupants to hear.

By Vance Wilson

FLUX CANYON LAMENT

I
When I started for the C's-
I expected a life of ease,
But to my awful dismay.
I found everything a different way.

II
First, a whistle in the morning,
The "Tarantula!! Take warning..
"Wake up!" you guys", He shouts with glee-
Or I'll see you Tuesday,
At the Scrubbing Bee!"

III
Next, there's work, as you all know
I wonder why we have to go?
But what are we to do? I ask
It really is something of a task.

IV
At 5 P.M. be dressed and neat.
We have to go to "Retreat."
Clean clothes and shoes shined.
Or else, there'll surely be a fine.

V
Oh! How we worry day by day.
Also, how we wish it was Saturday-
We want to see the girls,
Who are so pretty,
"But on with the Denims,
We're on BATH DUTY."

Willie Caballero



SPORTS

[illustration of enrollees playing softball]

SPORTS

Camp SCS-26-A's softball team has new spirits and pep since Buck Castillo, pitcher of Southern Trust from Nogales, has entered our camp along with some "Rookies" of Phoenix who helped fill vacant spots in the infield and outfield.

The Nogales teams, they are La Ville de Paris, Southern Trust, and Brackers, are tightening up since the playoffs are not very far away.

The two latest games have been with "Southern Trust" and "Brackers". Both were thrill packed "Chiller Millers," but due to the fact that "Lady Luck" had her back turned against us (as usual) we came out on the short ends of the scores (4-1) and (18-4).

The team and the players are as follows:

Catchers -	Rex Turner – Mexin, Texas
	Ramon Gonzales – Corpus Christi, Texas
	Rod Christian – Mexin, Texas
Pitchers -	Marcelino Palomino – Tucson, Arizona
	Carlos Garcia - Corpus Christi, Texas
	Buck Castillo – Nogales, Arizona
1 st Base –	Oscar Guerra - Corpus Christi, Texas
2 nd Base -	Benny Haro – Phoenix, Arizona
3 rd Base -	Juan Mata – Eastland, Texas
s. Field -	Avelino Rodriguez – Hebbroville, Texas
R. Field –	R. Garcia – Phoenix, Arizona
C. Field –	Santos Gonzales, Laredo, Texas
L. Field -	Alfredo Velasquez – Nogales, Arizona

Since Capt. Bruss has gone on his vacation Dr. Mabry who used to play 2nd base for the St. Louis Browns has been taking the team to the games and Capt. Bruss couldn't have made a wiser choice.

by Willie Caballero



[illustration of two enrollees going wading with woman]

Caption: We are surprised at the interest shown by our boys in wading. Why last Sunday was the first time in six months that Jose Ibarra has gotten his feet wet.



Caption: Mr. Leonard: January! Why aren't you working?
January: How can I work when Shakelford is asleep in my wheelbarrow?

WHY NOT SEND THIS TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME?

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Company 3840, CCC
Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

To:



WELCOME
TO
COMPANY
3840
OCTOBER



Foreword

This Special Welcome Edition of our Camp paper is published in honor of the new enrollees, who will soon be members of company 3840. The Army & Technical Service personnel, and the enrollees of Camp SCS-26-A, extend a most hearty welcome to the new "Rookies". May their life here be a happy and enjoyable one.

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WELCOME

About one hundred and eleven new enrollees are coming into this company during the month of October. Many will be entering the CCC's for the first time. We wish to extend to these men a hearty welcome to Camp SCS-26-A, one of the best in Arizona. We are proud of our camp and of those men who have done the hard work in making the camp what it is. You will be expected to carry on where they left off and make it "The Best in 8th Corps Area".

To get something out of any endeavor you must put something in it-you will get no more out than you put in. What you get of your CCC service depends on the interest you take in grasping the opportunities offered you to improve yourself: educationally, morally, physically. For the first three days of your service in camp, you will be told the things you will be expected to do, the opportunities offered you to better yourself and the traditions of the service of which you are now a part. Then it will be up to you.

If you do not know, ask. The older enrollees have gone thru the mill-and as a whole are outstanding men and will put you on the right track. Any member of the Camp Staff will be glad to discuss your problems and advise you in any way.

It will probably be difficult for a few days to adjust yourself to new surroundings, a new country, and new faces. You will probably get a little homesick. The best way to overcome this is to get acquainted with your Buddies, take advantage of the leisure time activities offered you in camp. Do this and you will find that in a few days your time will be so occupied you will have no time to think of yourself. The friendships you make here may last you thru-out life. Make a new friend every day.

May your profit much by your CCC service, at Camp SCS-26-A, is my wish.

Captain Jack I. Davis

JOKES

CAPTAIN TO RAMON SAENZ

Captain: How come you're driving so much canteen this month?
Ramon: That keeps that dame in Nogales from getting the whole pay-check.

OSCAR GAMEZ TO PARSON

Oscar: Parson are you a Navigator?
Parson: Yes!
Gamez: Can you tell the time by the sun?
Parson: Yes I had twelve sons.
Gamez: You are right. It's getting close.



CCC CAMP TURNS INTO NATIONAL GUARD

Ever since September 17th, the enrollees have been wondering whether SCS-26-A is a CCC Camp or a new unit of the Arizona National Guard. For on that date eleven boys flocked to the Recruiting Office in Nogales, and they started the ball rolling. On September 18th, seven more got the urge to help Uncle Sam. Then, not to be outdone by their former buddies, twelve more joined in September 23rd making a grand total of thirty former enrollees of CCC Camp SCS-26-A who are now getting their first taste of military training. They are all members now of Company "A", 158th Infantry, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Your writer will bet a good "nickel" cigar that the majority of them will wish they were back at good old "WCS-26-A" in Patagonia just as the cartoon on the opposite page shows. However, all kidding aside, our hats are off to those courageous and stout-hearted enrollees who volunteered to serve their country.

What's left of Company 3840 pays honor and respect to the following men who are now soldiers of the United States Army:

Alton R. Graves	Miguel Alcantar	Jose Gallegos
Allen B. Thornton	William Hines	Guadalupe Rocha
Jose Ibarra	Ruben Gallegos	Ramon Saenz
Jack Hammett	Liberto Villanueva	Oscar Delgado
Aureliano Ramirez	Severo Flores	Jose Hernandez
Julian Gutierrez	Marcos Capra	Frank P. Sayre Jr.
David Villarreal	Milford Quiring	Benny Haro
Loyd Hash	Juan Mata	Manuel Aguilar
Jack Arnold	Jerry E. Copeland	James Austin
Clarence E. Lumpkin	Walter Shackelford	Fidel Almaguer

CAMP CHATTER

Agriculture at St. David Side Camp

If anyone should visit St. David side camp on a Saturday morning, they would find out ten enrollees busily engaged in taking care of the Camp garden. The ground was recently plowed, and planted to lettuce and turnips, and it is confidentially [sic] expected that it will produce enough vegetables for the Camp kitchen this winter. The boys are getting excellent instruction from Mr. James Fanning, the Senior Foreman in charge. He says that the willing enrollees are very much interested in learning the principles of Agriculture, such as irrigation, weed control, soil preparation, seed planting and insect control. The following enrollees are congratulated for their interest in farming: Rae Baker, Jose Torres, James Murphy, Edward Harris, Weldon Bull, and Edward Thompson. "Hope your have plenty of lettuce and turnips this winter boys"!!!! The observer.

THE WISE OWL SAY'S

Heaven protects the working girl,
But Heaven, I think, is shirking,
Who protects, I'd like to know,
The fellow she is working!



[illustration of enrollees throwing down their shovels and going to the "Recruiting Office National Guard"]

[illustration of enrollees marching with guns under eye of National Guardsman]

[illustration of enrollees sitting on bench with National Guardsman standing by them]

[illustration of enrollees running through hills by sign "CCC Camp" with National Guardsman yelling at them in the background]

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"MOTHER"

What does the word "Mother" mean to you?
To me it means love and kindness, too
What other soul is so kind, so dear,
As Mother who has cared for you year and year?
She has spent her dear life only for you,
Then why not repay her, with kindness true?

When you were babe, she held you close to her heart,
And sang you a lullaby, and put you to rest.
She kissed away tears and soothed away pain,
You will never find such a comforter again.
She always remembers your happiness, and joys,
She has scarified her pleasure for her dear boys and girls.

She has taught you of God, of Jesus so true,
That God is our Father, Jesus the Redeemer for you.
She has sent you to school, so you might learn
To compete with the trials of the life you must earn;
She has lived a true life before her dear child,
Let us follow in her footsteps, so sturdy, yet so mild.

Treat her kindly, my dear boy,
For after she's gone you'll miss the joy
That she has made possible in your life
Through her long, hard years of struggle and strife
Treat her kindly, my dear girl,
For never again in this wide world
Will you find a companion so dear, so true,
As your own darling Mother has been to you.

I hear the bell ringing out their song of love,
I hear the angel children from Heaven above.
I think of you, Mother, and your gentle ways,
And unfailing cheer which love above repays.
I listen to the songs of love and see
That "Love" and "Mother" mean the same to me.

Friendship is the best college character can graduate from.
Believe in it, seek it, and when it comes keep it sacredly.

Born 20 years too soon

Games: - Garcia, Can you read the lesson now?

Garcia: - Ho, I don't understand the words.

Gamez: - Well, how do you expect to become a baker some day.

Garcia: - You don't bake bread with words; Do you?



CAMP ACTIVITIES

This page is written with the purpose of introducing the Educational, Recreational, and Welfare activities to the new enrollees. It is hoped that the new enrollees will take advantage of the opportunities offered in the Camp Educational Program for advancement and self-improvement.

Courses offered in the Educational program are:

Literacy Training – (Reading, writing, arithmetic, and English, up to the fourth grade level)

Eighth Grade Graduation – (For students who have reached the 8th grade and have not graduated. After successfully passing this course, diplomas are granted by County Superintendent of Schools.)

Leadership Training – (For all rated men who desire training in the handling of men and work projects)

Auto Mechanics	Truck Driving	Surveying
Journalism	First Aid	Typing
Woodworking	Mat Weaving	Photography
Safety Instruction	Teacher Training	P.E. 120 (Boxing)

To supplement the Educational program, Educational films on Safety, Industry, Trades, and Soil Conservation are shown weekly.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

For the enjoyment, and leisure activities, of enrollees, this camp has available a softball diamond, football field, basketball court, volleyball court, horseshoe court, and punching bag platform. There is sufficient equipment on hand to engage in the following sports:

Basketball	Baseball	Softball
Volleyball	Football	Soccer
Speedball	Bag-Punching	Boxing
Weight Lifting	Horseshoes	Hiking

CAMP PAPER

The Journalism class publishes a monthly camp paper, known as “Life in Company 3840”. In this paper are printed the interesting happenings of camp life, work on the projects, Educational news, and jokes. Copies of this paper are sent to the CCC Headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, the University of Illinois Library, Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and to other CCC Camps in the Arizona District. Enrollees are encouraged to mail copies to their homes.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

Enrollees of this camp have ample opportunity to participate in religious services and church activities. Every Sunday morning, rain or shine, at 9 o'clock, a truck leaves camp for Nogales, where Catholic and Protestant enrollees may attend whatever church they desire. Also twice monthly, usually on Wednesday nights at 7 o'clock, either a Catholic or Protestant chaplain visits camp and holds a meeting in the Recreation Hall.



A CCC POEM

Of all the places I'd rather be,
Its somewhere from the CCC.
A place from where I chanced to roam,
'Tis a place called home.

Sometimes on a long dreary day,
I grow tired of the CCC way.
Then I wished I had listened to what mother said;
And now I'd be sleeping on a feather bed.

She told me when I left her side,
It would be a long and weary ride,
To the place where I would spend my days,
And listen to what some big shot says,

But here I am, and all is well,
Learning to read and spell,
Maybe I'll be proud in days to come,
Of the place that I strayed from.

(Shakespeare Brand)

WHY NOT SEND THIS TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME?

From: 1 ½ stamp

Company 3840, CCC
Camp SCS-26-A
Patagonia, Arizona

To:



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