

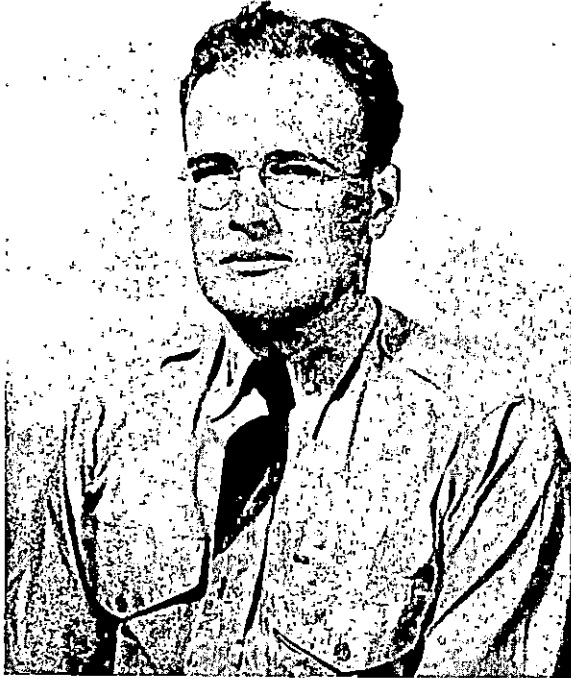
# COMPANY

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CAMP FLATHEAD

Q-77

COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA



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# Educational Features



Cable Splicing Class



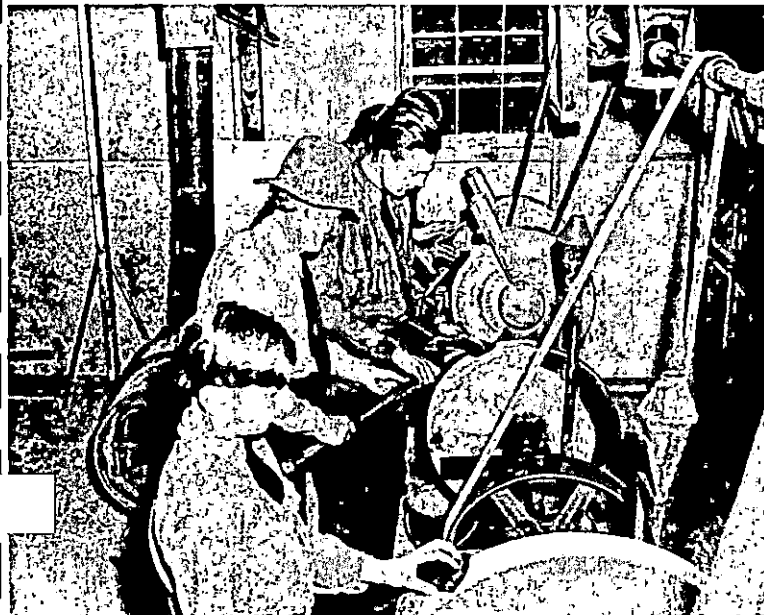
Radio Class



Library



Compass and Map Reading to Spot Forest Fires



Ax Grinding Class



Instruction in Use of Dynamite



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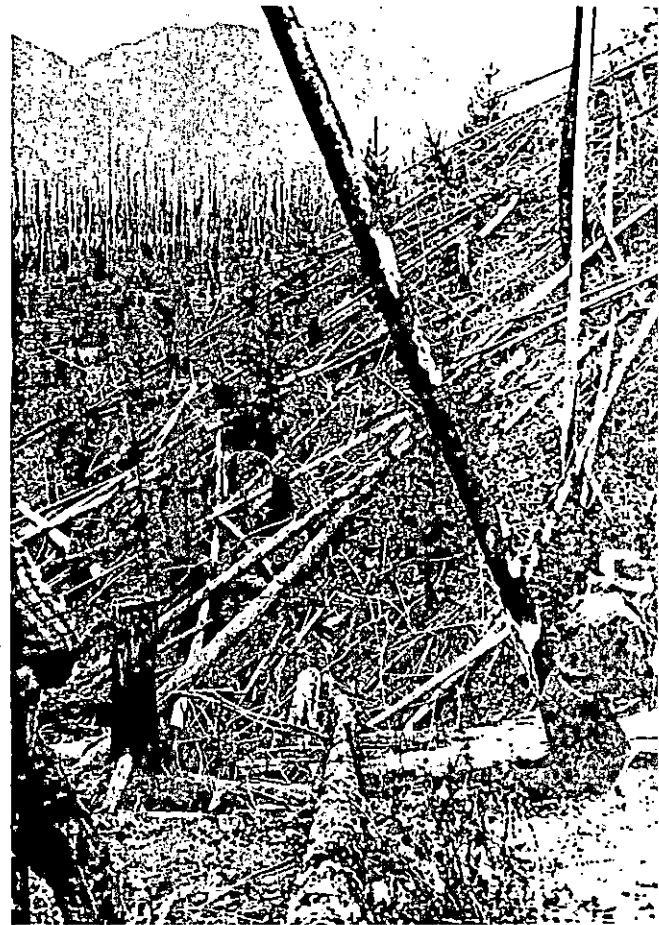
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**THIRD ROW:** Ernest D. Willington, Walter Oster, Steve E. McCann, Jr., Bennie R. Cornelius, Daniel C. Gallagher, Charles R. Nault, Frank A. Petinato, Ernest A. Arcliro, Louis Cyr, Felix S. Ritzie, Bob Kiefer, Leo G. Kellogg.  
**FOURTH ROW:** Joe A. Fox, Thomas J. Rorick, John A. Bargy, Howard R. Fullerton, Alan E. Turk, John H. Germeraad, James R. Knott, Claire L. Mathison, Charles E. Newman, Lenard J. McKenzie, Arvin E. Stenhjem, Berton Gloyne, Milton F. White.

## History . . .

The 952nd Company was organized at Fort Missoula on May 11, 1933, by Captain Ben Stafford, 4th Infantry. That same day the company, forty-six Montana Enrollees, four Army enlisted men, and impedimenta, moved to Superior, Montana, but was an error . . . four days later the company was at the forks of the Little Joe Creek, St. Regis, Montana, for the rest of the summer. The Camps occupied since have been Camp Nile Mile in the winters of 1933, 1935, 1936, and 1937; Deep Creek, Idaho, forty-nine miles southwest of Darby, Montana—the summer camp of the years 1934–1937. In the fall of 1934 the company was transferred to the Fort Douglas District, to work on the Bear River Bird Refuge, the world's largest migratory bird refuge near Brigham, Utah.

In the spring of 1938, the company moved to Camp Bridgehead, F-48, sixty miles east of Kallispell, Montana, on the banks of the South Fork of the Flathead River. Later in the summer twenty-five enrollees were sent to Camp F-77, Flathead, ten miles north of Columbia Falls, Montana, to improve a campsite and put up portable buildings that came from Shiloh, Illinois, for the permanent home of Co. 952. The present site has been occupied since September 19, 1938.

The company has worked for the Forest Service every year since it was organized, except for the winter spent in Utah on the bird refuge. Outstanding accomplishment have been in Forest Fire Fighting, where at Deep Creek the summer of 1934 was similar to the "winter of blue snow", it was a summer of many fires. The road connecting Darby, Montana, and Elk City, Idaho, was built over a mountain range at 8000 feet above sea level . . . the only road connecting Montana and Idaho for 500 miles from east to west; Coram-Spotted Bear six strand metallic telephone line was completed. Finally, the hazardous work of felling snags in the 1929 Half Moon Fire area (127,000 acres, north of Columbia Falls) was done with a minimum of lost time accidents, no fatalities, the enrollees felling as many snags a day as good lumberjacks, so says the Supervisor of the Flathead National Forest.



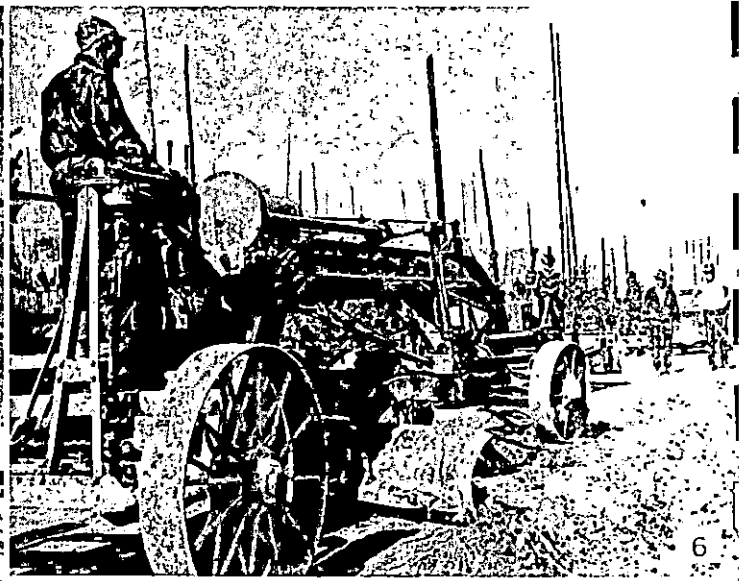
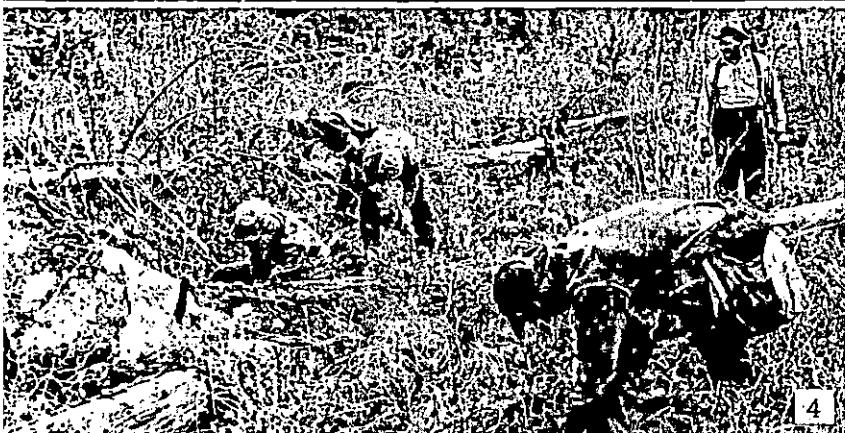
Snags Being Felled

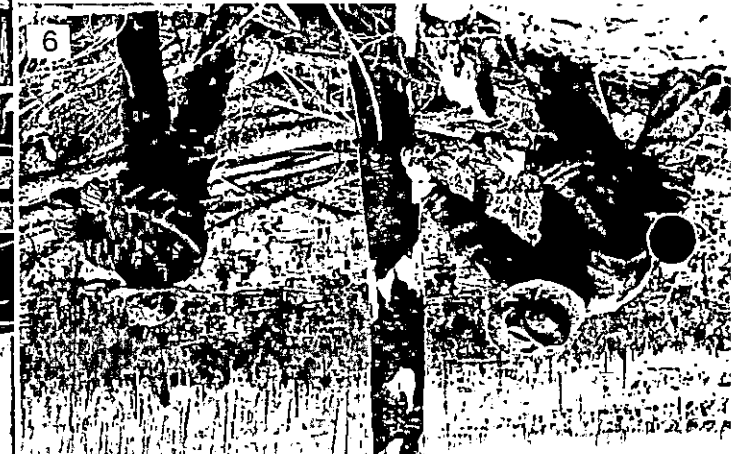
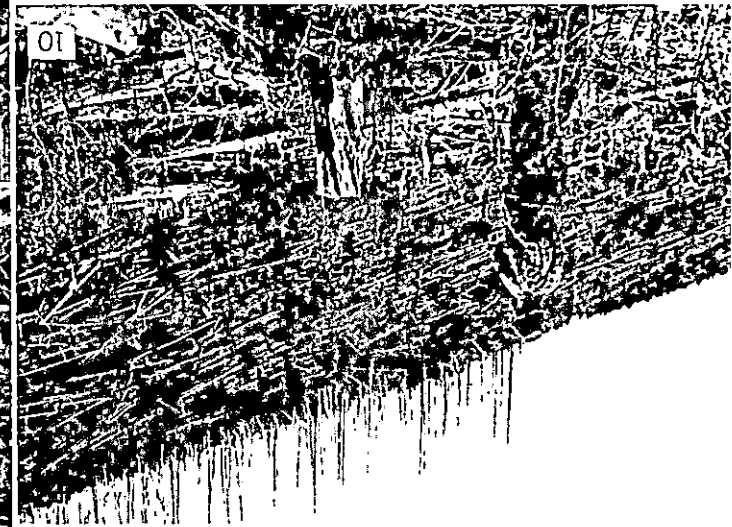


Timber Burned in Forest Fire and Snags Being Felled

# Work Projects

1. Getting Trees out of Bed for Planting.
- 2, 3 4, 5. Planting Trees.
6. Maintenance Work.
7. Snags Being Felled.
8. Planting Trees.
9. Felling Snags.
10. Burned over Country—Snags Felled by Enrollees.
- 11, 12. Making Poles.
13. Hauling Dirt for Fill.
14. Making a Fill.
- 15, 16. Maintenance Work.
17. Making Poles.





# Camp Scenes



Line-up for Work



Camp Orchestra



Off to Work



Mess Hall



Infirmary



Recreation Hall



Dispensary