

Shown in photograph, FIRST ROW: Jesse Brown, Norman Bell, Carl Patterson, Lester Davis, William Gaskin, John Abbott, Lester Miller, Theodore Allmon, Burnett Heath, Paul Essex, Jesse Manley.

SECOND ROW: James Mitchell, John Chitwood, Emmitt Graham, Arthur Betters, Robert Allmon, Winston Gaskin, Jesse Chambers, Richard Watkins, Carl Wade, Jr., Matthew Spivey, Eugene Strader.

THIRD ROW: Jim Quinn, Hosie Brown, Monticello Nunley, Jack James, Jr., Ozell Hawkins, Robert Ward, William Scott, William Ruby, Richard Calhoun, Kenneth Speese, Frederick Baker.

4717 SCS-31 PARSONS, KANSAS

History...

Co. 4717, CCC, was organized August 2, 1935, in Fort Riley, Kansas, with First Lieut. R. P. Aikman as Commanding Officer. The Company was composed of men from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. First Lieut. K. G. Hutchinson was assigned Command of the Company on August 6, 1935.

On October 25, 1935, First Lieut. R. E. Johnston took command of the Company. November 2, 1935, we moved from Fort Riley, to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. 207 men made the move, and the others were transferred to other companies. In short time, the Company was running smoothly. We occupied the summer buildings belonging to the C. M. T. C.

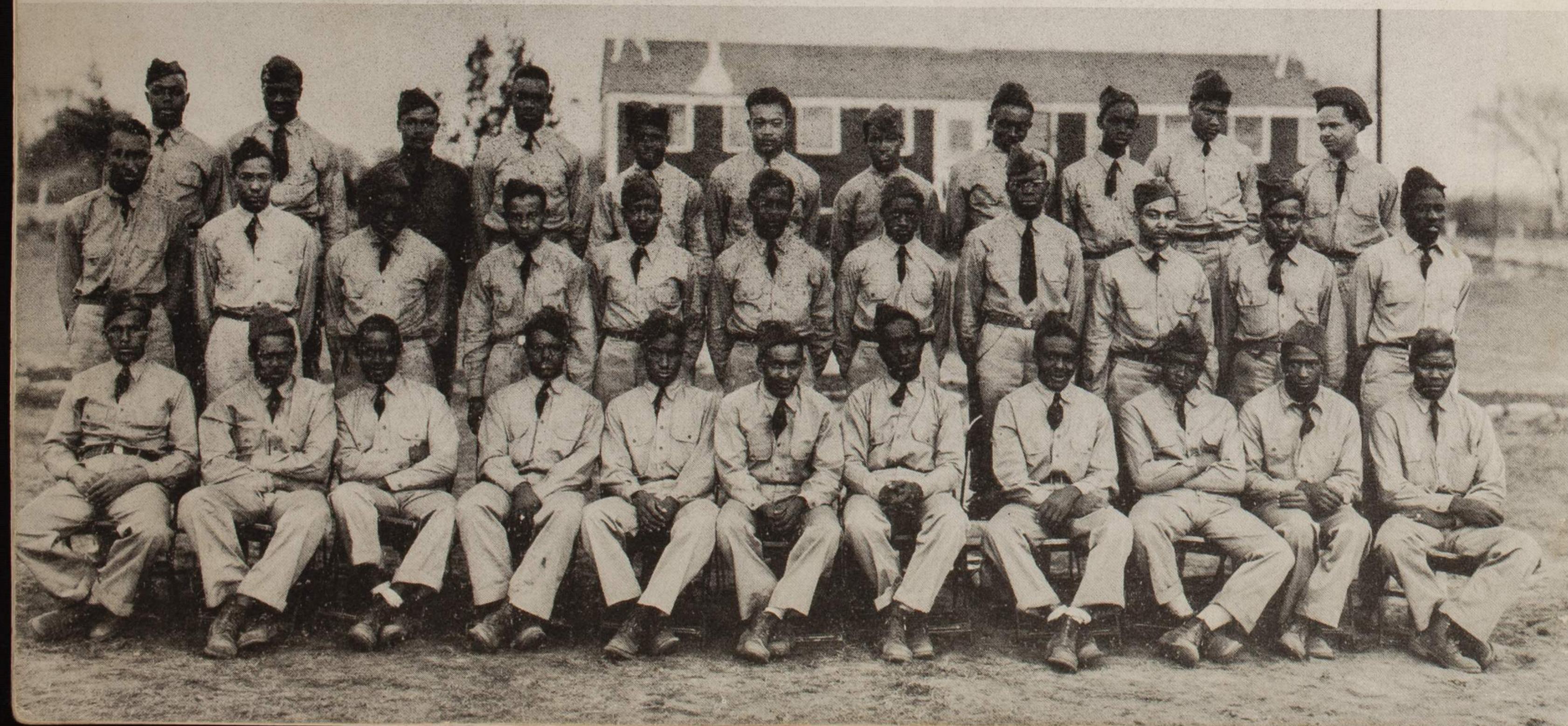
Time saw many changes in personnel and company roster. All felt the loss of Lieut.R.E. Johnston in November, 1936. We welcomed Capt. P. S. Egbert with much enthusiasm. Since he had been our Project Superintendent, we knew him very well. Many changes for the betterment of the company can be laid to his hand while it was in his command.

Our work in the Fort consisted in building roads, planting trees and beautifying the Post in general. Our company was highly praised by the District Commander for the splendid work we accomplished in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Shown in photograph, FIRST ROW: Theodore Relford, Carl Wade, Jr., Monticello Nunley, Richard Calhoun, Edward Davis, Henry Williams, Harrison Young, Elroy Galbreath, Jr., Jim Quinn, Tom Benford, William Triplett.

SECOND ROW: Fred Baker, Wilbur T. Burks, Hosea Calhoun, Willsworth Tolbert, Kenneth Speese, Cardell Boganey, Wayne Davis, Herman Davis, James Briscoe, Robert Allmon, Clifton Horton.

THIRD ROW: John Chitwood, Emmitt Graham, Allen Ottey, Nolan Goudeau, David Rogers, Royal Carter, Louis Cruse, Robert Orr, Kenneth Bell, Donald Smith.





Shown in photograph, FIRST ROW: William Triplett, Charles Harvey, Clyde Collins, Robert Orr, Timothy McGilbray, William Gatewood, William Simmons, Rudolph Cannon, Joseph Allen, Wilbur T. Burks, David Rogers.

SECOND ROW: Leroy Vanduvall, Max Collins, Vernon Adair, Lee Goings, David Collins, Herman Davis, Harold Caldwell, O. C. Allen, Charles Simpson, Vernon Lockett, James Whitcomb.

THIRD ROW: Jonathan Brooks, Leo Givens, Jr., Leonard Davis, U. V. Luster, Wayne Tyree, Ernest Evans, James Briscoe, George Brady.

In athletics, our basketball team won a team trophy for defeating the 10th cavalry in a three game play-off and our soft ball team won second place in the Post soft ball tournament.

July 29, 1938, we had orders to move to Parsons, Kansas, under the command of First Lieut. R. L. Ostermier. Upon arriving, we received a warm welcome by the city of Parsons. We lived in tents for a period of 3 months. During this time, we were busy installing camp buildings and beautifying the camp site.

November 11, 1938, with the aid of the American Legion; we dedicated our flag pole. A large crowd attended the affair. That afternoon our entire company marched in the Armistice Day parade. December 5, 1938, Capt. Jonas R. Levy took command of this company. Under his leadership and guidance, a very elaborate 'Open House' was held commemorating the 6th anniversary of the CCC April 8, 1939.

After commanding this company for 6 months, Capt. Levy was replaced by Fred L. Eistrup who is the present company commander. Under the command of Mr. Eistrup, our company has progressed rapidly. Trees and grass have been planted. The canteen has been built in streamline style. The interior of the buildings have a modernistic touch to them. The morale of the company is excellent.

Our Educational program is the type that creates an interest for

each enrollee. The Educational Adviser and his instructors have lot of interest in the boys and are teaching the academic and vocational courses with enthusiasm and interest so as to make the learning easy and enjoyable.

Mr. Oleson, Project Supt., and his personnel are making the jobs in the field educational and safety minded enough to create an interest among the enrollees on the job. The job training program is proving very successful in teaching the enrollees to perform all types of vocational jobs.

Our athletic program is excellent. Our basketball team won the Kansas District Basketball Championship in 1939. The baseball team held their own in baseball. 2 members of our boxing team won District boxing championships.

Our camp is quite fortunate in being located near a town the size of Parsons, Kansas. Many facilities are made available to the company by the city of Parsons. Several enrollees are attending the Parsons Junior College. A public swimming pool is located 2 blocks from camp. A city library and 3 theaters offer amusement for members of this company.

Under the Command of Mr. Eistrup and the other personnel, Co. 4717 is traveling in high gear forward. We are pushing aside all obstacles and have our goal set to accomplish things that will make other companies sit up and take notice.

Shown in photograph, FIRST ROW: Raymond Dorsey, Charles Bailey, Howard Batie, Louis Shane, Donald Allen, Forrest Ballew, Nathaniel Moore, Winfred Dawson, Bernard Clark.

SECOND ROW: Milford Jackson, Harry Thaw, Archie Silva, Rudolph Cannon, Joseph Allen, Robert Barnett, Hosie Brown, William Grady, Jr., Ralph Bryant.

THIRD ROW: Leroy Bradshears, Willie Barnett, Leon Lewis, William Davis, Raymond Stillman, Lee Goings, Newton Allen, Willie Murray.

