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1937 PERSONNEL

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Officers Reserve Corps	181			181
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ARKANSAS WAR DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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Table No. 12

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas EXPENDITURES BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Fiscal years	Amount Expended
1930-31	\$ 62,307.83
1931-32	42,042.78
1932-33	12,739.85
1933-34	12,900.41
1934-35	40,130.61
1935-36	43,797.04
1936-37	35,663.50
TOTAL	\$249,582.02
Average annual expenditure	\$ 35,654.57

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

Creation and Personnel

The Civilian Conservation Corps has in operation in the State of Arkansas at the present time 37 work camps located throughout the state, 11 in the national forests, 11 in soil conservation projects, seven on private land projects, five in state parks, and three on biological survey projects. Each camp is supervised by one commanding officer, one company officer, medical officer or contract physician, and an educational advisor. The Arkansas District is commanded by a Regular Army officer located at Little Rock, Arkansas. There are nine department heads directly responsible to the District Commander as follows: Executive Officer, Adjutant, Inspector, Finance, Quartermaster, Medical, Welfare, Signal, and Educational.

The active officer personnel of the District includes four members of the Regular Army and 146 Reserve Officers, a total of 150 officers. There are also approximately 128 civilian employees, both full and part time. The enrolled personnel comprises 6,459 juniors and 579 veterans.

Those who administer the C. C. C. endeavor, through the Educational Department, to eliminate illiteracy among the enrollees. "Job training" is given much attention. Training is also given in courses of business administration, shorthand and typing in an effort to

Tables 13a, b and c list by grade and branch of service the officers of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas and Table 14 shows

the expenditures annually to April 30, 1937. The expenditures in Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937 for Regular Army and Reserve Officer pay is estimated at \$475,000.

Table No. 13a

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS REGULAR ARMY PERSONNEL

Branch	Major	Captain	1st Lieut.	2nd Lieut.	Total
Infantry	1				1
Cavalry		1			1
Field Artillery		1			1
Finance	1				1
Totals	2	2			4
Total Officer Personnel					150

Table No. 13b

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS OFFICER PERSONNEL OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS (As of June 7, 1937)

Branch	Captain	1st Lieut.	2nd Lieut.	Total
Air Corps		2		2
Chaplain	2	3		5
Chem. Warfare Service	2	1		3
Coast Artillery	2	2	2	6
Engineers	1	3	1	5
Field Artillery	4	8	2	14
Finance	1	1		2
Infantry	14	33	10	57
Medical	10	26		36
Dental	1	2		3
Medical Administrative		1		1
Veterinary	1	1		2
Ordnance		1		1
Quartermaster	2	1	1	4
Totals	40	85	15	141

Table No. 13c
NAVAL RESERVE

	Lieut	Lieut (JG).	Ensign	Total
	2	1	2	5

Table No. 14

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS EXPENDITURES IN ARKANSAS

Fiscal Years	Amount Expended
June 20 to June 30, 1933	\$ 7,476.71
July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934	4,286,566.69
July 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935	5,351,108.01
July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1936	7,271,065.64
July 1, 1936 to April 30, 1937	4,453,834.22*
Total Expenditures	\$21,370,051.27

*Ten months.