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The Adjutant General's Office

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

August 26, 1933.

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SUBJECT: Continuation of the Civilian Conservation Corps at full strength for a second enrollment period.

TO: All Corps Area Commanders.

(Originals sent by Air Mail; copies by ordinary mail.)

1. In order to carry out the executive decision to continue the Civilian Conservation Corps at full strength through the winter the following general plan will guide.

2. The present number of Civilian Conservation Corps units will be maintained without increase.

3. Announcement will be made during the period September 23 to October 1 of the new projects to replace those that must be abandoned for the winter. Sufficient projects will be designated at an earlier date to permit the accomplishment of all movements scheduled for September and October.

4. All Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees, excepting only those to be transported from the 9th Corps Area to the east, will be discharged on October 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than October 15. All will have the privilege of reenrolling for a second period of six months terminating April 1-15. Local experienced men will be authorized to accompany units moved to other localities within the same Corps Area. Men from the 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th Corps Areas not desiring to reenroll in the 9th Corps Area will be transported in groups of casuals under minimum officer supervision to reconditioning camps in the Corps Area of origin for final discharge without the privilege of immediate reenrollment. This movement will be arranged by mutual and direct cooperation between the Commanding General, 9th Corps Area, and the Commanding Generals of the other Corps Areas concerned and will be initiated in time to effect the discharges of these men in the East during the period October 1-October 21.

5. State quotas of 250,000 young men and 25,000 veterans as originally announced will govern the selection of replacements. Decision as to the reallocation of local experienced men and as to the replacement of bonus veterans will be announced prior to October 1.

6. The strength of the Civilian Conservation Corps for the second period will be brought up to 300,000 men as rapidly as possible and well before Christmas. Thereafter no further enrollments will be authorized during the winter period.



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7. The Labor Department and the Veterans Administration will initiate ~~at once~~ the selection of 25% of the original state quotas. Selection of additional men to fully replace losses due to discharge will be based upon War Department reports. Certification of selectees for enrollment will be regulated in cooperation with the Corps Area Commander so as not to exceed his capacity to handle men. All men will be enrolled for a period terminating at the discretion of the United States between the dates April-April 15, 1934.

8. Once the full program of camps is announced the War Department will issue orders for the inter-Corps Area movements involved. At present it seems probable that some of the units now in the 9th Corps Area will be returned east. In such case the company cadre only with complete organizational equipment will be transported, the maximum number of men possible being retained to reduce any resultant movement of replacements from the east. It is certain that units from outside will be moved into the 4th Corps Area to the Tennessee Valley project and elsewhere. Once the location of projects becomes determined, replacements will flow from the Corps Areas of origin to such companies wherever situated by mutual direct arrangements between Corps Area Commanders.

9. Further administrative directions will issue governing discharge, reenrollment, final statements, the waiver of physical examination for men reenrolling, and the like.

10. With a view to meeting the increased work involved in the replacement and reestablishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the coming months and to prepare for a gradual return of Regular officers to their normal commands, Corps Area Commanders will at once call out additional Reserve officers of Company grade of any branch on the basis of one and one-half to each Civilian Conservation Corps work company. These additional Reserve officers will be supplied from Corps Areas of origin and arrangements made through direct correspondence between Corps Area Commanders concerned. Previous instructions as to period of service, etc., will remain in force. You are authorized, however, to extend the period of service of Reserve officers now on duty for limited periods with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

11. Separate War Department instructions relative to allotments of funds, shelter and clothing will be dispatched at an early date. Construction of semi-permanent shelter will be done by hired labor and within corps areas in accordance with as uniform a design as is practicable to meet similar conditions of climate and supply.

12. It is essential that the War Department give prompt information to the Labor Department and Veterans Administration as to replacements needed to bring the Civilian Conservation Corps to full strength. In order to establish the necessary machinery to permit the rapid assembly of this information, Corps Area Commanders will submit weekly reports beginning as of Sunday midnight, September 10th, giving separately for the three classes, namely, men included in the State quota of 250,000, veterans



in the quota of 25,000 and additional local experienced men, the following information: The totals, by state in which selected, of men in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Commanding General, 9th Corps Area, will report for all Eastern units in his Corps Area or enroute therefrom. The strength of companies of bonus veterans will be reported by company unit.

13. The plan contemplates the discharge of men not desiring to reenroll before the necessity arises either to move them or to issue them winter clothing, the processing of replacements before severe weather handicaps the effort and the construction of habitable and comfortable shelter well before winter sets in.

By order of the Secretary of War:

(Signed) JOHN B. RICHARDSON,  
Adjutant General.