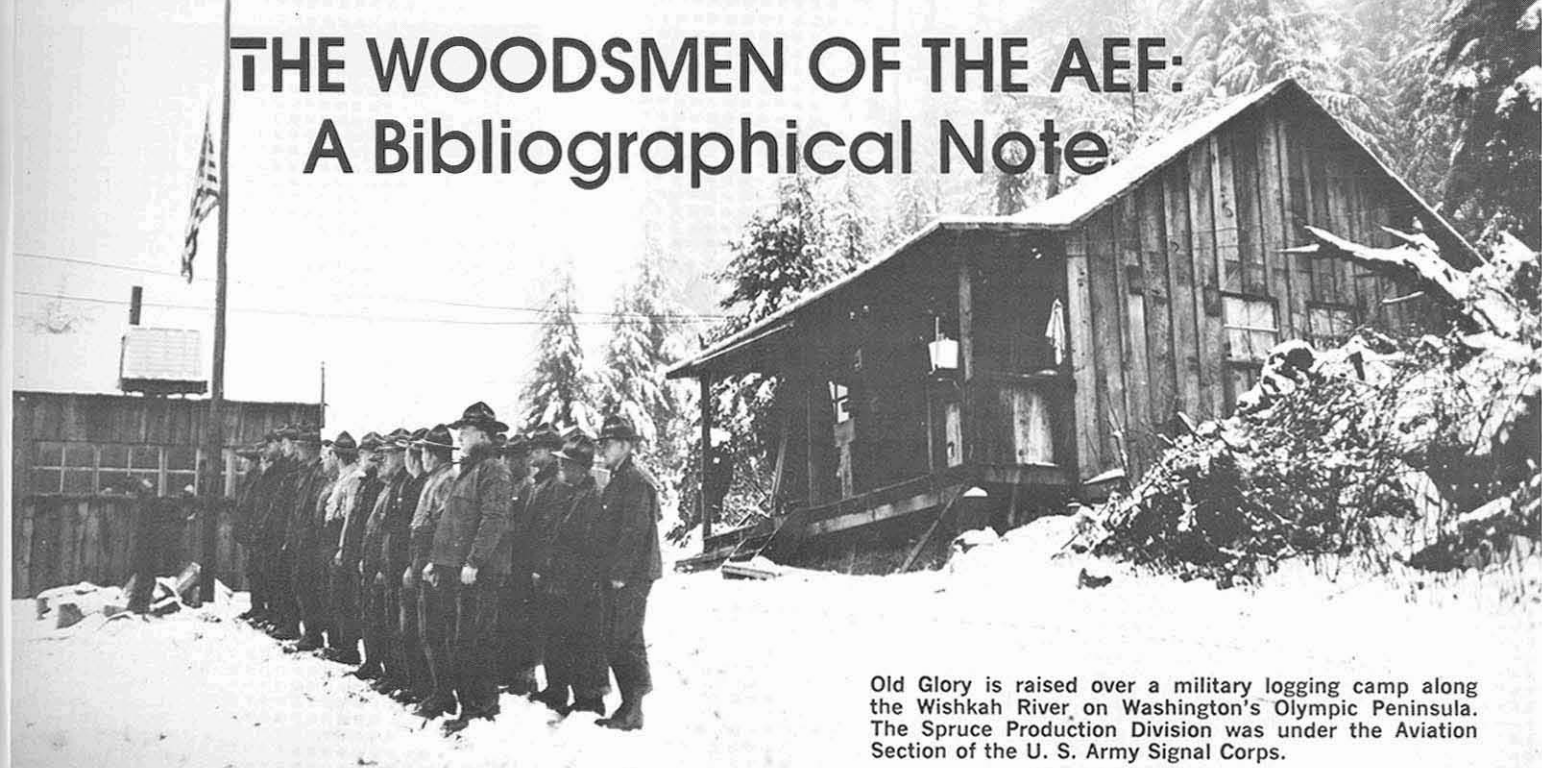


THE WOODSMEN OF THE AEF: A Bibliographical Note



Old Glory is raised over a military logging camp along the Wishkah River on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. The Spruce Production Division was under the Aviation Section of the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

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Regrettably, there has been no major study of the forestry units of the United States Army in World War I. The best accounts are the chapters on the subject in the two standard histories of engineers operations in France during the war: *Historical Report of the Chief Engineer, Including All Operations of the Engineer Department, American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1919* (Washington: GPO, 1919), pp. 377-89, and William Barclay Parsons, *The American Engineers in France* (New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1920), pp. 153-66. Many brief reports on wartime forestry units may be found in contemporary forestry, forest industry, and military engineering periodicals during and after the war. See also the chapter titled "Forest and Farm Regiments" in Francis A. Collins, *The Fighting Engineers: The Minute Men of Our Industrial Army* (New York: Century Co., 1918), pp. 54-74. Although Collins's book is mostly inspirational domestic propaganda, it illustrates the translation of the economic and industrial structure of the United States into a variety of military organizations largely new to American military experience.

Some participants told of their wartime experiences in autobiographies or through published letters and diaries. William B. Greeley, for example, discussed the role of the forestry regiments in France in *Forests and Men* (1951; reprint ed., New York: Arno Press, 1972), pp. 87-93. See also "A Forester at War: Excerpts from the Diaries of Colonel William B. Greeley, 1917-1919," edited by George T. Morgan, Jr., *Forest History* 4 (Winter 1961). Letters and diaries of an officer of the 20th Engineers may be seen in Gordon K. Miller, *A Biographical Sketch of Major Edward E. Hartwick* (Detroit: N.p., 1921), pp. 93-135. *Riding the Chuck Line: A Forester in Peace and War* (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor Co., 1930), by Theodore S. Woolsey, Jr., is an autobiography.

Unit histories and souvenirs have been surprisingly few. The following may be almost a complete list: Perez Simmons and Alfred H. Davies, eds., *Twentieth Engineers, France, 1917-1918-1919* (Portland:

Twentieth Engineers Publishing Association, [1920]); John D. Guthrie and others, *"The Carpathians": Tenth Engineers (Forestry), A. E. F.—1917-1919* (Washington: N.p., 1940); Henry S. Warren, ed., *Ninth Company, Twentieth Engineers Forestry A. E. F., It's [sic] Story by It's [sic] Men* (Lodi: Lodi Printing & Rubber Stamp Co., 1919); and E. L. Lindsey and F. S. McNally, comps. and pubs., *Company "E" and 1st Detachment, 10th Engineers in France* (N.p., [1919]), which George S. Kephart quotes liberally in the following memoir. See also William B. Greeley's chapter, "The American Forest Engineers in France," in Theodore S. Woolsey, Jr., *Studies in French Forestry* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1920), and my brief sketch, "The Biggest Regiment in the Army," in this issue.

On the Services of Supply, of which the forestry units were a part, see Johnson Hapgood, *The Services of Supply: A Memoir of the Great War* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1927), and *Organization of the Services of Supply, American Expeditionary Forces . . .*, prepared by the Historical Branch, War Plans Division, General Staff (Washington: GPO, 1921). On the Spruce Production Division, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, see the official account titled *History of Spruce Production Division, United States Army and United States Spruce Production Corporation* (Washington: U.S. Army, [1920]). A souvenir of interest is *Pictorial Review of World's War Activities, Spruce Production Division, U. S. Army, Oregon & Washington: Spruce Helped Win the War . . .* (Portland: A. M. Prentiss, 1918). A scholarly work bearing on this subject is Harold M. Hyman, *Soldiers and Spruce: Origins of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen* (Los Angeles: Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA, 1963).

I have been unable to locate any published unit histories or souvenirs of units other than the 10th and 20th Engineers (merged into the 20th in 1918), nor of other units identified as having been assigned to forestry or firewood work. □