

10th & 20th Engineers (Forest) World War I

Timeline of Events

1917	
April 6	The United States declares war on Germany and officially enters World War I.
May	Call sent out for lumbermen and foresters to join a new regiment, the 10th Engineers.
July	Recruits of the 10th Engineers begin training at the campus of American University in Washington D.C.
August 21	Lt. Col. W. B. Greeley, Assistant Chief Forester of the U.S., arrives in France.
September 9	The 10th Engineers leave Camp American University, Washington D.C.
September 10	The <i>Carpathia</i> sets sail from New York City, transporting the 10th Engineers to Europe.
October 2	The 10th Engineers arrive at the port of Glasgow, Scotland.
October 9	The 10th Engineers arrive at Nevers, France and establish camp.
November 11	The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 20th Engineers depart for France.
November 25	American soldiers begin operating a French sawmill at Levier (Doubs).
November 25	The first Battalions of 20th Engineers arrive in France
November 29	The first lumber is produced in France by an American unit using American sawmill machinery near Gien (Loiret).
1918	
January 3	The 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 20th Engineers depart for France.
January 15	The first mill run by 20th Engineers begins operation at Mur-de-Sologne (Loir-et-Cher).
January 17	The 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 20th Engineers arrive in France.

February	21 mills are in operation by forestry troops.
February 5	The <i>Tuscania</i>, transporting members of the 6th Battalion of 20th Engineers to Europe, is sunk by German U-Boats in the North Channel between Ireland and Scotland.
February 15	The 5th Battalion of the 20th Engineers arrives in France.
March 4	The 7th Battalion of the 20th Engineers arrives in France.
March 10	The 8th Battalion of the 20th Engineers arrives in France.
March 24	The 6th Battalion of the 20th Engineers, survivors of the <i>Tuscania</i> attack, finally arrives in France.
April	41 mills in operation.
April 8	The 9th Battalion of the 20th Engineers arrives in France.
May 23	The 10th Battalion of the 20th Engineers arrives in France.
June	59 mills in operation.
August	66 mills in operation.
October 18	The 10th and 20th Engineers are combined into the largest regiment in the American army, the 20th Engineers (Forestry).
October 31	81 mills are in operation, with total strength of forestry troops in France standing at 360 officers and 18,183 enlisted men.
November 11	Armistice is signed with Germany.
1919	
January 1	Forestry troops begin leaving France.
January 28	USS <i>North Carolina</i> leaves France, transporting troops of the 1st and 2nd Battalions (the original 10th Engineers) back to New York.
May	The last forestry troops end production of lumber in France.
June 28	The signing of the Treaty of Versailles.
July	The last members of the 20th Engineers arrive back in the United States.