

CCC Tokens

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Poster by Albert M. Bender, Illinois WPA Art Project Chicago (1935),
Wikipedia.



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This presentation explores numismatic trade tokens used by workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the New Deal.



The New Deal & Civilian Conservation Corps

Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected in 1932 and began an economic recovery plan called the New Deal. One of his most popular programs was the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Between 1933 and 1942, the CCC worked on thousands of natural resource projects around the country. The camps were segregated: blacks, whites, Native Americans. Separate veterans' camps. Only men served.

About three million men worked during the lifetime of the program. Generally they were paid \$30 a month--\$25 for the man's family and \$5 for spending.

Collecting the Tokens

- 288 known tokens from 37 states
- Mainly 5 cents and 10 cents
- About $\frac{1}{4}$ are tree type
- Most are scarce to rare, only a few considered common
- Reference catalog published in *Talkin' Tokens*, the journal of the National Token Collectors Association.



Collecting the Tokens

Collect by state:

Oregon: 557, 753, 1316, 2908, 6416.

Washington: 610, 4769, 5703, 6419.

Idaho: 240, 531, 545, 557, 1204, 1284,
1312, 1316, 1501, 1744, 1924, 4769,
5703.

California: 531, 536, 545, 557, 752, 978,
996, 1501, 1914, 3342, 4411, 6450.



Reference Catalog

Sample page from the
 “Listing of Known
 Civilian Conservation
 Corp Camp Tokens and
 Camp Locations” by
 Paul Manderscheid
 (2008 edition).

LISTING OF KNOWN CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAMP TOKENS

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>SPECS.</u>	<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
651	21-R-B	5¢	(WI) (<u>Long Lake</u>)(10/34)	CAMP LONG LAKE
	24-R-A	5¢	(WI) (Fifield,Independence)(6/33)	CAMP LONG LAKE
	29-R-B	25¢		CAMP LONG LAKE
672	20-0-A	5¢	MI Roscommon	
	24-0-B	10¢		
	26-0-A	25¢		
	24-Sq-B	50¢		
713	26-0-A	5¢	MN Lake City	
	26-0-B	10¢		
723	20-R-A	5¢	MN Lewiston	
	22-R-A	10¢		
725	25-R-A	5¢	MN Cusson	
	25-R-B	10¢		
742	19-R-B	5¢	AR Mena	CAMP SHADY
	21-R-A	10¢		CAMP SHADY
743	21-R-B	5¢	(AR) (<u>Calico Rock</u>)(6/33)	CAMP HEDGES
748	25-S8-A	5¢	AR Camp Cass	
752	23-R -A	5¢	(CA) (<u>Columbia</u>)(6/33)	
			(AR) (<u>Plainview</u>)(4/34)	
			(NE)(<u>Hebron</u>)(10/34)	



Company 3762 from Missouri

This 10 cent token was used in Union, Missouri around 1935. The company worked on soil conservation.

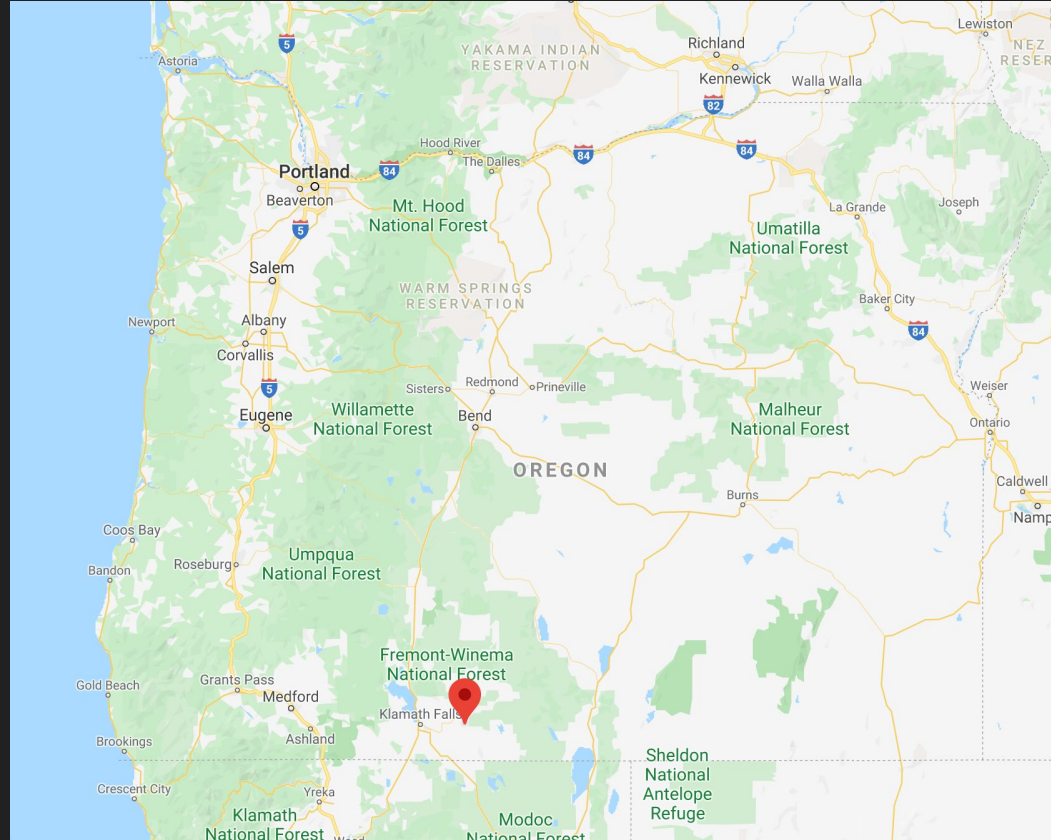


Company 557 from Oregon

The company served in the range land east and south of Bonanza, Oregon.

Division of Grazing project, building access roads, surveying boundaries, and installing telephone lines.

Two tokens from this camp: 25 cents and 5 cents.



Company 557 from Oregon



Company 1713 from Missouri

This company served from 1933 to 1939 at Roaring River State Park southeast of Cassville, Missouri.

Several buildings remain standing, showing the military style layout of camp.



Barry County MOGENWEB

Company 1713 from Missouri



Veteran's Company 1680

This token belonged to Company 1680 in Wisconsin. It was likely used when the company served near the town of Phelps in the north.

The company's "Warvet" newspaper archives said it was a veteran's company with work projects across the state.



Veteran's Company 1680

This company itself served at four places in Wisconsin:

- Bloomington
- Phelps
- Blackwell
- Evansville



Camp Exchange Scrip

Paper scrip booklets served as another form of currency. Scrip allowed workers to borrow money against their salaries and then trade at the company store.

This photo shows a scrip ticket. There are 20 of the 5-cent tickets in the booklet.



Camp Exchange Scrip

Southern Coupon Co., B'ham, Ala., U.S.A.



C. C. C. CAMP EXCHANGE



COUNTERSIGNED BY _____

OFFICER IN CHARGE

ISSUED TO _____

DATE _____

\$1.00

NOT GOOD IF DETACHED - NOT TRANSFERABLE

No

9236 A

eBay Sales in 2019

Sales of CCC tokens on eBay for all of 2019.

Tokens Sold: 66

Frequency: Every 5.5 days

Avg Price: \$77



eBay Sales in 2019

- Most common: 5-cent token from Company 1754 in McGregor, Iowa; 9 transactions; average price \$29.
- Least expensive: \$7 for a corroded 10-cent token from Company 1774 in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Most expensive: \$308 for a 25-cent piece from Company 1471 in Jamestown, Tennessee.



eBay Sales in 2019

7 pieces sold for
\$200 or more.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Price</u>
4/2/2019	25 Cent	Company 557	\$280
4/14/2019	5 Cent	Company 1501	\$200
6/26/2019	5 Cent	Company 321	\$208
7/8/2019	25 Cent	Company 1676	\$234
10/27/2019	25 Cent	Company 1471	\$298
11/10/2019	5 Cent	Company 1471	\$253
11/17/2019	25 Cent	Company 1471	\$308

Heading Home

Camp at Lassen
National Forest,
California

OSU Special Collections &
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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=28069893>



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