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WW1: Engineer Corps - Forestry Activities in France (1918)

Silent film showing beech and pine forests in the Vosges Mountains. Trees are felled and sawed. Logs are loaded on horse-drawn wagons. Bark is stripped from logs. Long logs, to be used for pilings, are skidded to a loading platform, loaded on carts, and hauled along a mountain road. Donkey engines, operated by the 20th Engineers, control the logs on the trip down the mountain and more.

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In the News

Verso Mill set to Halt Production as Potential Buyer Brings Hope

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. (WSAW) - We're learning more about the potential future of the Verso Paper Mill in Wisconsin Rapids and the effort to save hundreds of jobs. The mill announced in early June it would halt production July 31st. The Wisconsin Rapids Together task force was created to support families affected and find a potential buyer. Representative Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa) and Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) lead the task force. [Read More](#)

Work Continues to Secure Future of Verso Mill in Wisconsin Rapids as Layoffs Loom

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Verso mill is in the process of idling this week in Wisconsin Rapids, but task force leaders say they have to continue to endeavor to find solutions for the future of the site. [Read More](#)

Chicago, Wisconsin? How The Windy City Almost Ended Up In The Badger State

On Dec. 3, 1818, Wisconsin's neighbor to the south, Illinois, became the 21st state. In so doing, Wisconsin lost approximately 8,500 square miles of territory allotted to us in the 1787 Northwest Ordinance ... land that included the Illinois cities of Galena, Rockford, and Chicago. [Read More](#)

Can Trees Live Forever? New Kindling for an Immortal Debate

Some trees can live for thousands of years, but we may not be around long enough to really know whether they can die of old age.

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World War I: 10th and 20th Forestry Engineers

During World War I, two U.S. Army regiments of forestry engineers worked in France to provide the Allied forces with the large amount of timber necessary for the war effort. Those making up these regiments came from forest ranger, logging, and sawmill jobs throughout the U.S., and served their country in France by providing work crucial to the eventual success of the Allied forces in Europe. [Read More](#)

American Forestry – Special Issue

Several months after the end of the war, *American Forestry*, the magazine of the American Forestry Association, dedicated a special commemorative issue to the work done by the 10th and 20th Engineers. Included in the June 1919 retrospective were articles written by some of the commanding officers of the forest engineer regiments, as well as a large number of photographs documenting the work and experiences of the forestry troops.

- An Appreciation – By Col. James A. Woodruff [\[PDF\]](#)
- The American Lumberjack in France – By Lt. Col. W. B. Greeley [\[PDF\]](#)
- The Forest Engineers – By Lt. Col. Henry S. Graves [\[PDF\]](#)
- Organization of 20th Engineers (Forestry) [\[PDF\]](#)
- 20th Engineers (Forestry) Record of Development and Production [\[PDF\]](#)
- French Forests in the War – By Major Barrington Moore [\[PDF\]](#)
- How the American Army Got Its Wood – By Percival Sheldon Ridsdale [\[PDF\]](#)
- A Lesson From France – By Capt. Ralph H. Faulkner [\[PDF\]](#)
- War Service of the American Forestry Association [\[PDF\]](#)
- “The Great Tree Maker” [\[PDF\]](#)
- Jobs for Returning Lumbermen and Foresters [\[PDF\]](#)
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W6g8bNaulk>

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<https://www.wsaw.com/2020/07/29/verso-mill-set-to-halt-production-as-potential-buyer-brings-hope/>

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<https://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/story/money/2020/07/30/wisconsin-rapids-mill-work-continues-secure-future-verso-mill/5537402002/>

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https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/27/science/trees-immortality.html?fbclid=IwAR3GJAbwzBCmJhC_Jt1fLYcTaGpOw2AcKG1Wc5to--9EPJupmmg7mWvarQ4

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<https://foresthistory.org/digital-collections/world-war-10th-20th-forestry-engineers/>

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