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**HISTORY**  
**COMPANY 353**  
**S-53-Pa.**  
**Sigel, Pa.**

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**Army Personnel**

- 1st Lt. Thomas E. Fowler  
 Commanding  
 1st Lt. M. G. Williams  
 Adjutant and Mass  
 Officer  
 1st Lt. John C. Stolz  
 Surgeon and Exchange  
 Officer  
 Mr. John J. Cook  
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**C**OMPANY 353, G.C.C. Camp S-53, now located at Sigel, Pa., found its conception at Fort Howard, Maryland, on May 3, 1933. In command of the company was Captain Cook, assisted by Lieutenant Brown, and Captain DeLorimer, M.D. Regular Army Sergeant Washer and Corporals Weighman and Jolley were attached to the company. The company left Fort Howard, Md., on May 29, 1933 and arrived at Brockville, Pa. on Memorial Day, May 30, 1933.

Camp Superintendent E. S. Radcliffe arrived

on June 2, 1933 along with three foremen. Wooden barracks were built, cleanup of the forest surrounding the camp was inaugurated and a dozen minor projects were completed before the spring of 1934.

In the spring of 1934 a side camp was erected at Clear Run to house the men who were engaged in tree planting. 900,000 trees were planted, principally red pine, scotch pine, larch and spruce. Near the camp area a huge recreational area was constructed containing facilities available for tourists and sight-seers who wished to spend a few days in the woods.

The swimming pool, one of the larger of the Forestry projects was created by erecting a substantial dam on Clear Creek, about one mile from camp. The dam is fed by mountain springs and covers over an acre of land. Play grounds for the youngsters, development of the athletic field and erecting of modern dressing quarters for the swimmers having been completed.

The camp was originally under the command of Captain Cook aided by Lieutenant Brown. In June

of the same year Lieutenant Wood, Inf.-Res. was assigned to duty. Captain Cook was relieved and the company left in charge of Lieutenant Brown who in turn was relieved by the arrival of Captain Beese, Cav.-Res., who arrived in November. In December of the same year Captain DeLorimer, Med.-Res., was relieved by Lieutenant Duckwall, Lieutenant R. C. Tisherman, Med.-Res. relieved Lieutenant Duckwall in early part of 1934. From this time up until May 1935, there was only one change made in the Officers personnel of the camp, being the assignment of Lieutenant Nordlinger, Eng.-Res., who arrived in October, 1934. In May, 1935, Lieutenants Winkler and Whitmer were assigned and joined the company. On June 26, 1935 the company was split up, half of the members remaining at the present location the other moving to Slickville, Pa.

The outstanding projects have been the building of the recreational Dam, the Cabins located on the outskirts of the camp area, and the cabins within the camp area, used by the members of the Officers Personnel and Forestry Personnel, as living quarters and offices.