



**HISTORY**  
**COMPANY 5440**  
**SCS-3-Pa.**  
**Slickville, Pa.**

- Army Personnel  
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 Capt. Edward Sanders, Jr.  
 Commanding  
 Lt. Sydney L. Johns  
 Exchange Officer and  
 Surgeon  
 Lt. Fred H. Floyd  
 Mess Officer  
 Mr. Lawrence V. Keefer  
 Educational Adviser

ON MAY 11, 1936, an initial group of 31 enrollees formed Company 5440 at Fort Benning, Georgia. The officers in charge were Capt. Edward Sanders, Jr., Commanding, and Lieut. Fred Floyd, Adjutant. The cadre of experienced men as overhead, were former CCC members from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Many of the original members who joined at the time were from north central Alabama. When the company left Georgia, its strength was 145.

The company proceeded by train to the

Third corps Area, to Export, Pa. From there they moved to Camp SCS-3-Pa., Slickville, Pa., to replace Company 2321 disbanded. Arrival was on May 28, and the formal transfer of commands was made on June 1. Company 2321 was broken up and its members sent to other Pennsylvania camps; its officers to different localities. The old camp personnel of the state was transferred to work with the new company, the adviser, Mr. Lawrence V. Keefer, was transferred, and on June 22, Lieut. Sidney L. Johns was transferred to the company from Neffs Mills, Pa. In July Mr. John W. Richards came as superintendent from Glen Rock, Pa. Mr. L. V. Del Favero, camp engineer, had been acting superintendent.

Since the original company arrived, three groups of replacements have been received; one of eight men on July 4 from Georgia, and two groups on October 17 and 24, consisting of 58 enrollees from Louisiana. Five local men also joined about the same time.

The work of the camp has been soil conservation work under the department of agriculture. Enrollees have been engaged in such projects as gully seeding

and sodding, erection of fences, terracing, timber thinning, gooseberry eradication, seed collection, planting of seedlings, and limestone quarrying and crushing. All the work has been done on private land of nearby farmers. At the present time enrollees are engaged in gathering tons of acorns and in planting 46,000 pine and spruce seedlings. In regard to improvement work around camp, the most important has been the building of solid walks about the camp area. Because the land is low, it has been a difficult problem to build stone walks between buildings.

Among the outstanding features of the educational program have been the classes in elementary work to teach enrollees the three R's. As many as 20 enrollees have been enrolled in these studies at one time. Classes in arts and crafts have been popular from the beginning. The class in woodwork designed and constructed the pergola between the mess and recreation halls. Other classes have been held in auto mechanics, first aid, typing, gardening, cooking, English grammar, forestry, and journalism.

Camp and community relations have been excellent.

