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Subject: Report of Action.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.
Through Commanding General, 35th Inf Div

1. In compliance with C-3, Par 10, AR 345-105, the following report of action against the enemy by the 35th Signal Company, during the month of October, is submitted.

2. Throughout the period the Division CP was located at Amance. The Division was given a mission to defend and hold its present front.

3. Telephone service was maintained with all Division special and attached units over a network of approximately 175 wire miles. Continuous uninterrupted telephone service was maintained with all regiments. There was a period of thirty minutes during which it was necessary to route calls to one regiment through a lateral line from another regiment. It was possible to reach any regiment by any one of three routes. This was particularly valuable during two or three heavy enemy artillery concentrations. On several different occasions a German Railway Gun of 280-mm calibre knocked out trunk circuits. At some time during the month every trunk circuit, including the lines to Rear Echelon were knocked out by shell fire at least once and some, many more times than this. Once the lines to two regiments were put out of service at the regimental end and as soon as they were fixed were cut by shrapnel, at the Division CP end, from shells that fell a mile from the Division CP.

4. Several additional lines were installed in connection with the bombing of the dam of Lake de Lindre on 12 October. The bombing of the dam caused a rise in the Seille River across the Division sector. Telephones were installed at bridges located at Attiloncourt, Brin, and Manhoue to assist the engineers in reporting water levels and the MP's in coordinating traffic control. The 60th Engineer Battalion moved an advance CP across the Seille River to the village of Aboncourt and wire was installed to this location.

5. To enable the 35th Reconnaissance Troop to get their information back with a minimum use of radio, wire was installed to three outpost positions, one in each regimental sector. Wire was also installed from the Division CP to the Reconnaissance Troop CP.

6. a. Considerable quantities of field wire were recovered during the period and very little new wire was drawn from the depot. Wire teams were sent up to one hundred miles to the rear to recover wire that was left during the rapid advance of the Division. To help in the service of

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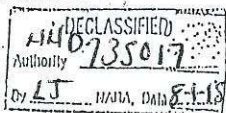
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this wire, devices were made up to test the insulation electrically by use of a 6 volt battery and a spark coil.

b. Zones of pickup of old wire were assigned to the regiments and Field Artillery Battalions and each unit conducted similar activities in its assigned area.

7. Radio communication was maintained as an emergency means of communication but little call was made on this agency since the continuity of wire communication did not deem it necessary.

8. Since the Division was not on the move, the cryptographic equipment was moved from a 2½ ton truck to a small room in the basement of Division Headquarters building. A special door was built for the room. This enabled better working conditions for the code clerks and provided more protection for the guards and equipment.

9. Repair and replacement of defective signal equipment was concentrated on during this period.

10. There were no casualties during the period.

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