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35TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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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 September, is submitted.

2. From September 2 to September 8, inclusive, the Division was located at Rosnay L'Hopital with a mission of protecting the South flank of the Third U.S. Army over a 150 mile front. The following units were located at the listed wire mile distances from the Division Command Post:

Division Switch	21 Miles
134th Infantry Regiment	46 Miles
320th Infantry Regiment	50 Miles
Task Force "S"	51 Miles
35th Div Rear Echelon	28 Miles
6th Cavalry Group	52 Miles
110th Medical Battalion	10 Miles
735th Ordnance and 35th	7 Miles.
Quartermaster Companies	

A large percentage of the circuits used to communicate with the above headquarters were rehabilitated, existing, telephone lines. Telephone repeaters were used and calls were placed from the 134th Infantry Regiment to the 320th Infantry Regiment, a distance of 96 miles, without any talking difficulties. A Battalion of the 137th Infantry Regiment was located in the vicinity of Orleans and communication with that unit was maintained by means of Signal Company SCR-193 radio.

3. On the 9th of September the Division was relieved by XV Corps and assigned a front in the Nancy sector. Wire was installed to the new Division CP 12 miles south-west of Nancy to help coordinate the move.

4. On the morning of 11 September the Division crossed the Moselle River. The Signal Company installed a switching central near Ceintrey from which lines were run to regiments and bridgeheads and subsequently across the river. The Division CP moved across the river on September 15. Some difficulty was encountered in maintaining wire lines due to the pontoon bridges being removed after telephone circuits had been run and the wire crews could not cross the river where they originally laid the lines. All river crossings for wires were made by overhead spans well away from the vehicle crossings.

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5. On 18 September the first indication of enemy tapping on our wire lines was encountered. An enemy posing as an officer of the Division gave misleading information concerning enemy movements. At another location two days later, enemy field wire was found tapped to one of our regimental circuits.

6. On 25th of September the Division moved to Amance and was given a defensive mission. As the situation was defensive a more elaborate wire system was installed. Two circuits were installed to each regiment. In addition a switch was installed with two additional circuits to each regiment and four trunks back to Division CP. Due to this alternate routing plan, heavy artillery fire was encountered both at the Division Command Post and in forward areas, without causing communication to be interrupted. The wire circuits were installed along different routes and well overhead. Wire was run across country to avoid towns and where there was open terrain the wire was plowed under ground by use of a special wire plow made by the company. Each team serving an infantry regiment is equipped with a wire plow.

7. Lateral circuits were installed to the 80th Division on the left by rehabilitating existing railroad circuits along the west bank of the Moselle River.

8. Radio communication was maintained throughout the period as an emergency means of communication but little call was made on this agency since the continuity of wire communication was very nearly uninterrupted. Many valuable point to point radio contacts were used during the period, however, that helped good liaison between the Division and other large units that appeared on our flanks for short periods of time.

9. There were no casualties during the period.

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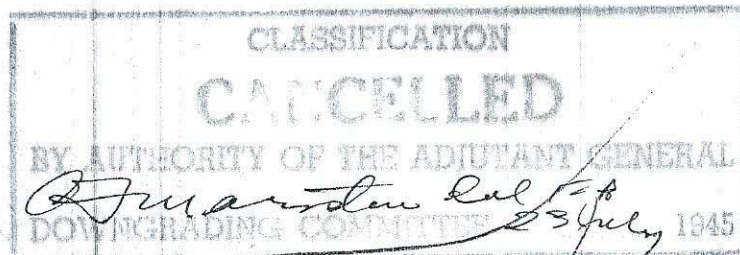
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TO: Commanding General, XII Corps, APO 312, U S Army

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