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HEADQUARTERS 35TH SIGNAL COMPANY
35TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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Subject: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels).

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 C3, AR 345-105, the following is an after action report against the enemy, for the 35th Signal Company, during the period 1-30 April 1945.

2. At the beginning of the period the Division was participating in the operation to encircle the Rhur Valley, as a unit of XVI Corps, in the Ninth U.S. Army.

1 April 1945

The Signal Jump Team left the CP at Kreul at 0700 to install a new Division CP at Buer. A Division switch had been installed at the proposed CP location the previous day. The staff moved at 0900.

The Division Rear Echelon CP moved from Venlo, Holland to Gladbeck, Germany. The line that had been installed the previous day from the switch at Buer to the Military Government Detachment at Gladbeck was cut through from the Division Forward CP to the Rear Echelon CP and the Military Government cut in the Rear switchboard.

Two additional circuits were installed between Forward and Rear.

The 35th Quartermaster Company, 735th Ordnance Company, and the 1103rd Engineer Group moved to the vicinity of Gladbeck and were given telephone service from the Division Rear switchboard.

The 134th Infantry Regiment moved to Buer-Resse, the 137th Infantry Regiment to a location 2 KM north of Recklinghausen Sud, and the 320th Infantry Regiment to Buer Erle. Two circuits were installed to each of these units from the Division CP.

2 April 1945

The 60th Engineer Battalion moved to Westerholt, and one circuit was installed to the Division board. The 784th Tank Battalion moved to Kolonie Gertrudenau, and one circuit was installed between this unit and the 60th Engineer Battalion board.

Lines were installed to the 110th Medical Battalion, the 430th Medical Battalion, the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion, a Military Government Detachment, and the 35th Reconnaissance Troop, all located in Buer.

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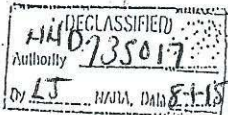
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3 April 1945

The 3464th Medium Maintenance Ordnance Company moved to Gladbeck and were given telephone service from the Rear switchboard. The 137th Infantry Regiment moved to Recklinghausen, and the existing lines to this unit were extended to their new location.

Three wire teams were dispatched to the rear areas to recover field wire.

4 April 1945

The 320th Infantry Regiment moved to Butendorf, and the two existing circuits to this unit were extended to their new location. Once again three wire teams were sent to the rear areas to recover wire, and three teams were employed in servicing the wire recovered the previous day.

5 April 1945

One circuit was installed between the 20th Field Hospital in Recklinghausen and the 137th Infantry in the same town. Three outpost lines were installed for the 35th Reconnaissance Troop.

As on the previous day, three wire teams were sent to the rear areas to recover wire, and three teams were employed in servicing wire.

6 April 1945

Recovering and servicing wire continued to occupy most of the Company's wire teams.

The 320th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 75th Infantry Division and moved from the area. A Signal Company radio team went with the 320th Infantry.

On 6 April the circuits were as shown on line route map, Appendix 1 to this report.

7 April 1945

The 79th Infantry Division moved in on the Division left flank with a command post at Butendorf. A lateral was installed to this location, and service was provided to the 84th Field Hospital in Buer.

8 April 1945

In preparation for an attack on the 9th of April, the regimental wire lines to the 134th and the 137th Infantry Regiments were repoliced and inspected. Much of the day was also spent on the maintenance of motor vehicles and equipment.

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9 April 1945

The 134th Infantry and 137th Infantry attacked at 0630. The 137th Infantry moved their CP from Recklinghausen to Recklinghausen Sud, and their lines were extended to that location.

The 137th Infantry lines ran by the CP of the 134th Infantry, reference line route map Appendix 1. The 134th and 137th lines were interchanged at this point so that the 134th would be fed over the lower route. This was done so that the lines could be extended south in preparation for a move by the 134th. Two circuits were installed from Hs. Berg through Buer Erle to the Rhein Herne Canal. Arrangements were made to have a Division wire team meet the 134th Infantry Communications Officer by 0700 the next morning at the Canal to ascertain the location of the new regimental CP.

10 April 1945

The 134th Infantry Regimental Command Post did not move as planned, and so arrangements were postponed to the following day.

11 April 1945

The Signal Jump Team left at 0700 to install a new CP at Herne and the staff followed at 0900. The 134th Infantry and the 137th Infantry moved south of the Rhine Herne Canal. The four old regimental circuits were extended to the New CP at Herne. When the Old CP at Buer was closed, three of the four old regimental circuits were cut through to the Division Rear Echelon, and the other circuit was cut through to the Military Government Detachment at Gladbeck. The 110th Medical Battalion moved to a location 1 kilometer east of Hordel, and a simplex circuit was extended to this unit from one of the 134th Infantry lines.

The 134th Infantry moved to a place 2 kilometers southeast of Bochum and were fed by two circuits as usual.

The 137th Infantry moved to Laerfeld, 4 kilometers east of Bochum. Two circuits were installed to them from the Division CP at Herne. The copper lines along the railroad were rehabilitated to form a part of these circuits.

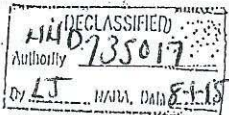
The 60th Engineer Battalion moved to Wanne-Eickel, and telephone service to them was provided by placing a phantom on two of the circuits between Division Forward and Rear Echelons.

A simplex circuit was installed on the remaining Forward to Rear Echelon trunk to service the 35th Reconnaissance Troop at Ewald.

The 784th Tank Battalion moved to Rollinghausen and were provided with telephone service by a simplex on the Military Government Detachment line, running to Gladbeck.

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12 April 1945

The 735th Ordnance Company moved to a location 2 kilometers north of Recklinghausen Sud. A circuit to them was extended from the Division CP. The 35th Quartermaster Company moved to the same town, and they were serviced by a simplex on this.

Lines were installed to the Military Government Detachments at Wanne and Gelsenkirchen from the 60th Engineer switchboard.

The Signal Jump Team left at 1300 to install a new CP at Grasleben approximately 150 miles east of the CP at Herne.

13 April 1945

The Division CP closed in at Grasleben, and the 137th Infantry Regiment moved to Everingen. One circuit was extended from the new Division CP to this unit. The remainder of the Division units were enroute at the close of this day.

Eight prisoners were captured by the Signal Jump Team at Grasleben.

14 April 1945

The 134th Infantry closed in at Bosdorf. One copper circuit was rehabilitated to them from the Division CP.

The 320th Infantry closed at Ribbensdorf, and two copper circuits were rehabilitated to give service to this unit.

The 735th Ordnance Company closed in at a location 2 kilometers east of Weferingen and were given telephone service by placing a simplex on one of the 320th Infantry lines.

The 35th Quartermaster Company closed in at Querenhorst, and a line to them was installed from the Division CP.

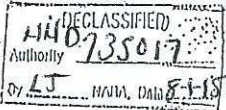
The 60th Engineer Battalion closed in at Bahrdorf, and a copper circuit was rehabilitated from this unit to the Division CP.

The 110th Medical Battalion closed in at Saalsdorf, and a copper circuit was rehabilitated to serve this unit.

The Division Rear Echelon closed in at Weferingen, and two circuits were installed to the Division CP. The Signal Jump Team moved to Burgstall to install a new CP.

At the end of the day the circuits were as shown on the line route map, Appendix 2 to this report.

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15 April 1945

The Division moved to Burgstall.

One circuit was installed to each of the following organizations: the 35th Reconnaissance Troop at Salchau, the 35th Quartermaster Company and the 735th Ordnance Company at Dolle, the 784th Tank Battalion at Blatz, the 110th Medical Battalion at Uchtdorf, and the 60th Engineer Battalion at Sanbeierdorf. Two circuits were installed to the 134th Infantry at Malwinkel and two to the 137th Infantry at Luderitz. Most of these circuits were rehabilitated copper circuits.

Work was started on the rehabilitation of two copper circuits to the Rear Echelon at Weferingen.

A dense wooded area existed in the rear section of the Division Area. It was found that a large number of enemy had been bypassed during the rapid advance and were still in the wooded section. Thirteen prisoners were captured by the Company in this area during the day, eight by motor messengers and five by wire construction personnel.

At the end of the day the circuits were as shown on the line route map, Appendix 3 to this report.

16 April 1945

The two copper circuits were completed to the Division Rear Echelon.

The 137th Infantry moved to a place $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers southwest of Bolsdorf. Two copper circuits were rehabilitated to that location.

The 3464th Ordnance Company moved to Letzlingen and one copper circuit to them was rehabilitated.

Twelve prisoners were captured by Signal Company motor messengers and 28 prisoners by the driver of a company truck enroute to the Division Railroad to pickup rations.

17 April 1945

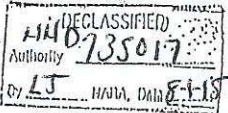
A lateral telephone line was installed to the 102nd Infantry Division CP at Bismark. Copper circuits were rehabilitated for this circuit.

18 April 1945

A reconnaissance was made for a new CP at Tangerhutte.

Nine prisoners were captured by motor messengers while going through the wooded section in the Division rear area, previously referred to.

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19 April 1945

The Signal Jump Team left at 1300 to install a new CP at Tangerhutte.

Two prisoners were captured on this date.

20 April 1945

The Division CP moved to Tangerhutte at 0900. The circuits through Tangerhutte were cut in the new CP and spliced through at the old CP, giving two circuits to the Rear Echelon, one to the 60th Engineer Battalion, one to the 110th Medical Battalion, and one to the 784th Tank Battalion.

The 735th Ordnance Company and 3464th Medium Maintenance Ordnance Company moved to a location 2 kilometers east of Tangerhutte, and a line was installed from the Division CP to them.

One circuit was installed to the Allied PW Camp at Weissewart.

The Military Government Detachment at Gardelegen were serviced by a simplex circuit on one of the Rear Echelon lines.

Some captured German carrier equipment was put in operation giving two additional circuits to Rear Echelon.

At the end of the day the circuits were as shown on the line route map, Appendix 4 to this report.

21 April 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company moved to Tangerhutte. The 735th Ordnance Company moved to Mahlwinkel, and both were given telephone service from the Division board.

The 320th Infantry Regiment returned to the Division and moved to Mahlpfuhl and were given two circuits from the Division CP. One battalion of the 320th Infantry was sent to Weferingen to protect the Rear Echelon installations, and two circuits were installed from this unit to the Rear Echelon Board.

Twenty-four prisoners and two U.S. Army trucks being used by the Germans were captured by a Division wire team in the wooded area 6 kilometers northeast of Rear Echelon.

Two additional prisoners were captured by another wire team.

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22 April 1945

A circuit was installed from the Rear Echelon board to a Military Government Detachment at Grasleben.

The 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion moved to Tangerhutte, and a circuit was installed from the Division CP to them.

23 April 1945

Recovered all field wire circuits that were not in use. Two prisoners were captured during the day.

24 April 1945

An advance party including the Division Signal Officer went to Hannover, Germany to select a new Division CP. A radio team went with this party and furnished communication back to Division through the Special Purpose Net. For the next few days excellent radio contact was had between all Division units on the move.

25 April 1945

The Signal Jump Team left at 0830 to install a new CP at Hannover.

26 April 1945

The Division Artillery was scheduled to remain in Tangerhutte so a Signal Company radio team with an SCR-193 remained behind to furnish communication from them to the Division at Hannover.

27 April 1945

The Division CP, the 320th Infantry, the 60th Engineer Battalion, the 784th Tank Battalion, and the Quartermaster and Ordnance Companies moved to Hannover leaving the Division Artillery, the 134th Infantry, the 137th Infantry and the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Tangerhutte.

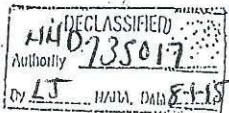
Two circuits were installed from the Division CP at Hannover to the 320th Infantry at Rethen.

Circuits were also installed to the 735th Ordnance Company at Pattensen, 784th Tank Battalion at Immensen, the 35th Quartermaster Company at Burgdorf, the 60th Engineer Battalion at Hannover, and to the Rear Echelon in Hannover.

28 April 1945

The 137th Infantry Regiment moved to Munder, and the 134th Infantry Regiment moved to Eldagsen. Two circuits were installed to each of these units by rehabilitating existing copper lines.

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29 and 30 April 1945

More copper circuits were rehabilitated to replace some of the field wire circuits previously installed.

SCR-193 Radios furnished good communication with Division Artillery at Tangerhutte. A relay station was sent out to be used if conditions should so require. Messenger service was maintained with Artillery by use of Liaison Planes.

3. a. There were no Signal Company men killed in action during the month of April.

b. There were no men wounded by enemy action.

c. There were no men missing in action.

d. Captain Daniel C. Nolan III, O-364695, Chief Warrant Officer Roy I. Morrison, W-2112039, and Sergeant Knux A. Erickson, 37002657, were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

e. There were 100 prisoners captured during the month.

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- Appendix 1 - Line Route Map effective 6 April 45.
- Appendix 2 - Line Route Map effective 14 April 45.
- Appendix 3 - Line Route Map effective 15 April 45.
- Appendix 4 - Line Route Map effective 20 April 45.

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