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HEADQUARTERS 35TH SIGNAL COMPANY
35TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 35 U.S. ARMY

Jan 45

6 February 1945

Subject: Action Against Enemy, Report After

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 C3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 35th Signal Company covering the period 1-31 January 1945.

2. At the beginning of the period the Division CP was located at Arsdorf, Luxembourg, and its mission was to keep the enemy from cutting the Bastogne-Arlon road and then to drive forward in a NE direction. The front resembled an arc of a circle around a pocket of enemy with the Division and one regimental CP on one side and two regimental CP's on the other.

January 1, 1945

Two field wire circuits were run from a switch established at Perle, Luxembourg, to the Division Rear Echelon located at Arlon, Belgium. A EE-89 Repeater was installed in each of these lines and a phantom circuit was wired on these to give a third circuit. The 35th Quartermaster Company, located at Guirsch, Belgium, and the 47th Ordnance MM Company, located at Bonnert, Belgium, were removed from the switch at Perle and run to the Rear Echelon board. A EE-89 Repeater was installed in the Quartermaster line. Two regiments were fed out of the switch and one direct from the Division CP switchboard.

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January 2, 1945

Four circuits were extended from the Division CP through Boulaide where the 320th Infantry CP was located to a position just in rear of the front line. These lines were to be used for the Division axis in case of a move forward. The 6th Cavalry Group was attached to the Division, put in reserve, and a line was run to their CP at Tintange, Belgium by placing a simplex on the 137th Infantry Regiment line that ran along the Bastogne-Arlon Highway, N4.

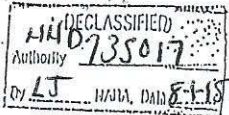
January 3, 1945

A lateral was installed to the 6th Armored Division located at Cobreville by running wire east to Highway N4 and putting a phantom on the 134th Infantry lines back to the switch. A repeater was installed in the line between the 735th Ordnance Company and the switch.

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January 4, 1945

Five circuits of open copper were rehabilitated from the Division CP to the switch at Perle. This gave a total of 8 circuits between the CP and switch. The 145th Engineer Battalion moved to Lannen and a line was run from this location to the switch.

January 5, 1945

Trouble developed on the phantom and simplex circuits due to the heavy snow. All terminal strips were cleared of snow and covered with canvas. The 6th Cavalry Group line was taken off the simplex circuit and run directly to the Division CP. Also the 6th Armored Division line was removed from the phantom circuit and run direct to the 134th Infantry CP.

January 6, 1945

All wire lines were dressed up as some wire was weighted down badly due to the heavy snow fall.

January 7, 1945

The Signal Jump Team went to Strainchamps, Belgium and installed a new Division CP in preparation for a move the following day. Twelve field wire circuits were installed from Strainchamps to Highway N4 in preparation for a cut over to the new CP. This construction was put on lance poles and the field wires cabled.

January 8, 1945

The 90th Infantry Division took over the area occupied by the 320th Infantry, and this regiment was attached to the 6th Armored Division. The Division CP moved to Strainchamps. The 60th Engineer Battalion and 35th Reconnaissance Troop remained in the old location over night and were spliced through to the switch.

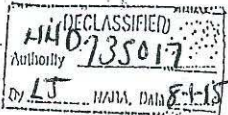
January 9, 1945

Lines were installed to the 60th Engineer Battalion at Hotte and the 35th Reconnaissance Troop at Hollange. These circuits were run from the Division CP.

January 10, 1945

Reconnoitered copper lines along railroad north and south from Division CP with the idea of developing a new Division wire axis.

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January 11, 1945

Rehabilitated one copper line along railroad from Division CP to 4th Armored Division CP at Bodange. Rehabilitated four copper circuits from Division CP to Mortelange. These circuits were cut in to the field wire circuits along N4 to the switch. The ends of the field wire that extended up N4 to the Division CP were run to the 188th Engineer Battalion, 320th Infantry, and CIC all located in Mortelange.

January 12, 1945

320th Infantry Regiment moved to a location about one mile south of Bastogne. A field wire line was installed to this location.

January 13, 1945

The 6th Cavalry Group had been relieved from attachment to the Division and their line was used as a lateral to the 90th Infantry Division.

January 14, 1945

The 320th Infantry Regiment moved approximately 2 miles east of Bastogne, and their field wire circuit was extended to that location.

January 15, 1945

All lines were repoliced as they were weighted down due to heavy snow.

January 16, 1945

The 134th Infantry Regiment was to relieve the 320th Infantry, and the old 320th circuits were extended to the 134th new CP.

January 17, 1945

Picked up all terminal strips and spliced lines through in preparation for a move.

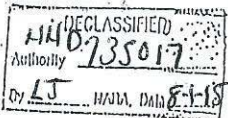
January 18, 1945

Jump team moved out at 0600A to set up CP and install wire net in Metz, France. A heavy snow and wind storm developed in afternoon and crews were busy on wire maintenance.

January 19, 1945

Moved to Metz, France, worked on completion of wire installation at that location. Went on radio silence when leaving the Bastogne area.

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January 20-21, 1945

Maintenance of trucks and signal equipment.

January 22, 1945

Trucks were loaded and plans made for a move the following morning to Seventh U.S. Army zone.

January 23, 1945

Jump team left Metz at 0600A and installed CP at Bourdonnay, France. Company and CP moved down in afternoon.

January 24, 1945

Jump team left at 0600A and installed CP and communication system at Tieffenbach, France. Company and CP moved in afternoon. Radio silence lifted.

January 25-28, 1945

Maintenance of communication system in a defensive situation.

January 29, 1945

Jump team left at 1400A to install CP and communication system in Ekkelrude, Holland, in Ninth U.S. Army zone. Jump team was enroute throughout the night and arrived at destination about 1000A, January 30, 1945. The Division went on radio silence.

January 30, 1945

The jump team installed CP and communication system at Ekkelrude, Holland. Company left Tieffenbach at 1100A and drove to Hacrorx, France and stopped for the night.

January 31, 1945

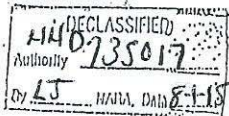
Division CP and Signal Company closed in at Ekkelrude, Holland about 2230A. Lines had already been installed by the jump team and subordinate units of the Division connected.

3. a. There were no Signal Company personnel killed in action during the month of January.

b. PFC Roy W. Riser, 38312843, was slightly wounded due to enemy action.

c. There were no men missing in action.

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d. The Signal Company was awarded the Meritorious Service Plaque for meritorious service from July 10, 1944 to January 10, 1945. It was the first award of this kind made to a unit of this Division.

e. Major Walter K. Langley, O-313981, and WOJG Patrick J. Shane, W-2121925, were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

f. There were no prisoners captured during this month.

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