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HEADQUARTERS 35TH SIGNAL COMPANY
35TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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Subject: Report of Operations.

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 a report of operations for the 35th Signal Company, during the period 1-30 June 1945.

2. At the beginning of the period the Division was occupying but not governing in the vicinity of Recklinghausen and making provisions to turn the area over to the British forces so as to move to a new sector near Koblenz. The advance signal detachment was in the Koblenz Area installing a Division CP at Maria Laach and a Division communication system throughout the area to be occupied. A SCR-193 Radio at Recklinghausen was used to communicate with the advance detachment at Maria Laach. A large volume of traffic was handled over this net. Flat top antennas were used, and they furnished reliable 24 hour communications.

3. On June 2 the Division moved to the Koblenz area, relieving the 66th Infantry Division and locating the Division CP at Maria Laach. Their mission was to occupy and govern.

4. Commercial facilities in the Koblenz area were found to be badly damaged but due to the extended distances between units, in the 100 mile long Division area, it was necessary to rehabilitate these so as to secure satisfactory talking channels.

5. One of the most difficult lines to maintain was the one to the Division Artillery, who were located at Sobernheim. A spiral-four cable left in by the unit that previously occupied the area was used initially. This cable was 66 miles in length and had been installed for a long period of time. It developed numerous troubles, so it was decided to abandon part of the run and to reconstruct the line to serve Simmern Switch. To serve the Division Artillery, copper circuits from Boppard to Sobernheim were rebuilt and connected to the Division CP by underground cable. This underground cable also had to be repaired before being used. Some German labor as well as Signal Company personnel was used in rehabilitating these lines. German Military Carrier TFB1 and TFB2 was employed between Boppard and Sobernheim to give two extra talking circuits to Division Artillery. This carrier was operated until the commercial power in the City of Boppard became intermittent. Rather than operate this equipment on storage batteries it was removed and EE-89 Repeaters were installed in the physical circuits.

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to get communication in to the nearest board. It was desired to have these detachments connected to one central switchboard so that Military Government communication will not be disrupted when the Division moves from the area.

7. In addition to the switchboards at the Division Forward and Rear, the Signal Company operated switches at Koblenz and Andernach. Also for one week, 45 men were furnished to the XXIII Corps to assist in handling Corps communications.

8. The circuit diagram on the 11th of June is as shown in Appendix 1, and the circuits in service as of 18 June were as shown on line route map, Appendix 2. On the 30th of June approximately 800 miles of commercial communication lines had been rehabilitated and were in use by the Division.

9. Only two evidences of sabotage were noted during the period. On the 24th of June, someone removed the cover from a German terminal strip on the Division Artillery lines near Laubach and shorted the line with wire, then put the cover back on the strip. On the 29th of June, someone opened a connector on the spiral-four going to Simmern Switch. A repair crew put the connector back together, but three days later someone cut out the connector with an axe and removed it. This happened in a wooded area 5 kilometers northwest of Laubach.

10. A 250 watt FM radio at the Division CP was operated by the Signal Company in the Fifteenth U.S. Army Police Radio Net. Forty-five mobile radio sets in the Division area were also in this net. They were operated by Division personnel. Complete radio coverage of the Division with this FM net was achieved.

11. There was no teletype service between Division and XXIII Corps, and all traffic normally handled by this agency was handled by radio.

12. First Lieutenant Orrin J. Richards Jr O-1643272, Master Sergeant Norman Mario 20720368, Master Sergeant Thomas F. Hirons 37001877, and Staff Sergeant Bernard R. Kunze 37002734 were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

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Appendix 1 - Circuit Diagram effective 11 June 1945.
 Appendix 2 - Line Route Map effective 18 June 1945.

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