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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 1-31 May 1945.

2. At the beginning of the period the Division was carrying out the mission of governing and occupying approximately 500 square miles in the vicinity of Hannover. The Division CP was located in Dohren, a subdivision of Hannover.

1 May 1945

One field wire circuit was installed to the 241st Medical Battalion and one to the 505th Military Police Company. Both of these units were located in the vicinity of Hannover.

2 May 1945

Cable pairs were tested through from the Kirchrode Repeater Station to Hildesheim and found to be in good condition. Lines were installed using field wire from Military Government Teams RB 117 and SK 122, in Hildesheim to the terminals of this underground cable. The two circuits were connected by jumpers on the frame in the Kirchrode Repeater Station to the Steintor Telephone Central in Hannover. They were cross connected at this location to a cable going to the Bismarck Exchange located in the southern part of Hannover. The circuits were connected to another cable at this location that terminated near the Division CP. They were connected from this terminal to the switchboard by using field wire placed well overhead.

Fourteen circuits were made good from the Division board to the Steintor Telephone Central by installing field wire to the cable terminal near the CP, then through cable to Steintor via Bismarck.

One circuit was installed to the SK 123 Military Government Detachment and one to Displaced Persons Team Number 13, both located in Hameln. This was accomplished by using underground cable from Hameln to Springe where it was connected by jumpers on the frame to a cable going to the Steintor Exchange in Hannover. Cross connections were made at this location to two of the spare circuits to the Division board.

A circuit was installed from the Division Rear Echelon board to the Ordnance Enemy Equipment Collecting Point about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Rear Echelon. This circuit was installed with field wire.

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3 May 1945

The 137th Infantry Regiment at Munder was being served by copper circuits along the railroad. Since it was known that the railway operations battalion would probably take these circuits over, two new circuits were installed to this unit by using underground cable from the Steintor Exchange at Hannover to Springe and to Munder. These two circuits were cut through to the Division over two of the spare circuits.

Ninth U.S. Army had a switch in the Steintor Exchange, and one circuit was cut through to Division using another of the spare circuits.

4 May 1945

Reconnaissance disclosed that there was a cable from the Steintor Station to a terminal box near the Division Rear Echelon in the southeastern part of Hannover. Fourteen circuits were run from this terminal board to the Rear switchboard. It was decided, as far as practicable, to run all Military Government lines to the Rear Echelon switchboard.

5 May 1945

A line was installed between Displaced Persons Team Number 15, 1 kilometer north of Volksen, and the Division Rear Echelon. The line consisted of field wire to Volksen, where it was connected to an underground cable going to Springe. At Springe it was cross connected to the cable going to the Post Office in Hannover, where it was connected to the cable going to Rear Echelon.

A circuit was installed to Displaced Persons Team Number 3 located at Rodenberg. The circuit went through underground cable to Haste, where it was connected to an open copper lead to Wunstore. From Wunstore, it was connected to underground cable to the Post Office in Hannover, where it was connected to the cable going to Rear Echelon.

6 May 1945

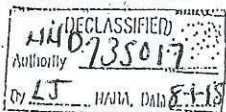
A circuit was installed from Displaced Persons Team Number 1 at Harsum to Division Rear Echelon. This circuit was in underground cable and ran from Harsum to Hildesheim, Kirchrode, Steintor at Hannover and to Division Rear.

A circuit was installed from Displaced Persons Team Number 29 located at Lehrte to the Division Rear Echelon. This circuit was in open copper to Burgdorf, where it was connected to underground cable going to Rear Echelon via the Post Office in Hannover.

A circuit was connected, through cable, from Ninth Army Switch in the Steintor Exchange in Hannover to Division Rear.

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7 and 8 May 1945

Picked up and serviced field wire. Installed two field wire circuits to crossroad 1½ kilometers west of Hemmingen, where it was connected to open copper. The copper was rehabilitated south of Elze, where the Division Artillery was to set up their CP.

9 May 1945

Division Artillery moved their CP to Elze. The two circuits made good the previous day were extended to the switchboard.

A circuit was installed from the Division Rear Echelon to the Allied Prisoner of War Enclosure at Bemerode. This circuit was installed by running field wire from the Prisoner of War Enclosure at Bemerode to the Kirchrode Repeater Station, where it was connected to underground cable to Rear Echelon via Steintor and the Post Office in Hannover.

10 May 1945

A circuit was installed from Displaced Persons Team Number 26 near Vinnhorst to Rear Echelon. This was accomplished by a combination of field wire and underground cable to the Steintor Station in Hannover, where it was cross connected through underground cable to the Division Rear board.

The phone at the 241st Medical Battalion was taken over by the 242nd Medical Battalion, and it was removed from the Forward board and cut through to Division Rear.

Made reconnaissance to find a way to get communication with the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Lamspringe.

11 May 1945

The copper circuits to the 137th Infantry Regiment along the railroad were changed from the track side to the field side of the pole so that the railway operating battalion could take over the track side of the line.

A circuit was installed to the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Lamspringe. This was done by using the cable to Bad Salzdettfurth via Steintor, Kirchrode, and Hildesheim. A copper circuit was rehabilitated between Bad Salzdettfurth and Lamspringe.

12 May 1945

Established an enemy equipment dump about 2 kilometers north of Division Rear. A telephone was installed to this unit working from the Rear Echelon switchboard.

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13 and 14 May 1945

No new lines installed. On May 14 the lines were as shown on Line
Route Map Appendix 1 and Circuit Diagram Appendix 2.

15 May 1945

The Signal Officer went in a L5 Liaison Plane to the new Division area,
near Recklinghausen and Munster, to look over existing commercial communication
facilities.

16 May 1945

The signal jump team left for Recklinghausen to install a Division CP
and communication system.

17 May 1945

The 735th Ordnance Company moved to Werne, and the 35th Quartermaster
Company moved to Bockum. The Division Artillery moved to Uebbenhagen. All
of the Military Government and Displaced Persons teams were cut in the 84th
Division board, as the 84th Infantry Division was to relieve the 35th Division.

18 May 1945

The 134th Infantry Regiment moved to Wadersloh, and a copper circuit
was rehabilitated to Beckum and run into the XVI Corps board.

The 137th Infantry Regiment moved to a location 5 kilometers southeast
of Recklinghausen, and two circuits were installed with field wire from the
new CP at Recklinghausen.

19 May 1945

The 320th Infantry moved to Hilstrup. The Division CP moved to
Recklinghausen.

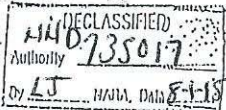
Underground cable was secured from Recklinghausen to Munster, via
Dortmund and Wiedenbruck. At Munster these circuits were extended to 320th
Infantry by field wire.

The circuit from the 134th Infantry to XVI Corps was spliced through
underground cable to the CP at Recklinghausen.

A switch was installed in Ludinghausen.

Five circuits were secured in an underground cable from Recklinghausen
to Datteln. Two field wire circuits were installed and a copper circuit
rehabilitated between Datteln and the switch at Ludinghausen. It was planned
to put German carrier equipment at the switch and CP to give two extra talking

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circuits. The carrier would not work over the underground cable so the carrier was moved from Recklinghausen to Datteln and connected to the copper circuit. The two extra circuits were then brought from the carrier through the underground cable to the CP. This gave a total of five circuits to the switch at Ludinghausen as follows: Two field wire, one copper, and two carrier circuits between Ludinghausen and Datteln where they went in underground cable to the CP at Recklinghausen.

The 735th Ordnance Company was run through underground cable to the XVI Corps board and the 35th Quartermaster Company and 35th Division Artillery over a combination of field wire and copper to the switch at Ludinghausen.

20 May 1945

A German cable containing two circuits was installed between Recklinghausen and Datteln.

A circuit between 735th Ordnance Company and the switch was installed by using field wire and rehabilitated copper.

21 May 1945

Installed a circuit from 320th Infantry to the switch by using underground cable from Munster to Lunen and copper from Lunen to the switch.

22 May 1945

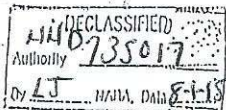
The circuit installed the previous day did not talk efficiently because the losses in the line were high due to the distance involved. This difficulty was overcome by installing a repeater at Munster and one at Lunen. Two pairs were secured in the cable and a EE-99 Repeater was installed at Lunen connected as a four wire two wire repeater. The four wire side of the repeater was connected to the four terminals in the underground cable and the copper lead was connected to the two wire side. A similar connection was made at the Munster end of the cable using a German commercial repeater. This worked satisfactory and made a good talking circuit.

A line was installed to the 60th Engineer Battalion at Waltrop. This was accomplished by installing field wire to Datteln from Waltrop and connecting it to the German cable going to Recklinghausen.

23 May 1945

Two new circuits were installed to the 320th Infantry. This was accomplished by rehabilitating copper from the 320th Infantry at Hilstrup to Ascheberg and extending these circuits to the switch at Ludinghausen by use of field wire. A EE-89 Repeater was installed in each of these lines.

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24 and 25 May 1945

Picked up and serviced field wire.

26 May 1945

Put EE-89 Repeaters in lines between 35th Quartermaster Company and 735th Ordnance Company and switch. The Line Route Map as of 26 May is as shown in Appendix 3.

27 May 1945

134th Infantry moved to a new area new Koblenz. A high $\frac{1}{2}$ wave antenna was installed at the CP at Recklinghausen. By using this antenna with a SCR-193, communication was maintained with the 134th Infantry.

The 60th Engineer Battalion moved from Waltrop to Wadersloh and took over the telephone circuits abandoned by the 134th Infantry Regiment.

28 May 1945

Division Signal Officer went to the Koblenz area to check communication facilities where the Division was to move and relieve the 66th Division, in Fifteenth Army, XXIII Corps.

29 May 1945

Division Signal Officer made signal reconnaissance of new area. The area was large for a Division being about 100 miles long and on both sides of the Rhine River.

30 May 1945

Signal jump team went to Maria Laach to install a Division CP and communication circuits for units moving to the new area.

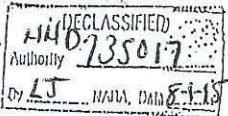
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A number of radio messages were cleared between the CP at Recklinghausen and the new location at Maria Laach using SCR-193. Reliable twenty-four hour radio communication was maintained between the old and new CP locations for a period of five days. The good antenna erected at Recklinghausen contributed considerably to this performance.

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

b. There were no men wounded by enemy action.

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c. There were no men missing in action.

d. First Lieutenant Everett E. Missman, O-1641591, Technical Sergeant William C. Sloop, 37005307, and Technician Grade 3 Arthur L. Rosenthal; 32427825, were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

e. There were no prisoners captured during the month.

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- Appendix 1 - Line Route Map effective 14 May 1945.
- Appendix 2 - Circuit Diagram effective 16 May 1945.
- Appendix 3 - Line Route Map effective 26 May 1945.

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