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APO 45  
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army.  
(Attn: Historical Section)

Transmitted herewith Historical Record of the 45th  
Signal Company, this command, for the month of April 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Hist Rcd, 45th Sig Co (trip)

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**CANCELLED**

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
D. C. M. [Signature] 19 March 66  
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

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45TH SIGNAL COMPANY  
APO 45 US ARMY

12 May 1945

COMPANY HISTORY  
for  
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1. Authority: (AR-345-105, as amended, and Sec. IV, Cir.34, Hq. Seventh Army, 28 November 1944).

2. Operations during the period of the 1st of April 1945 to 30 April 1945, inclusive were as follows:

On the 1st of the month we were still in the brewery at Gros Ostheim. The money was brought from the rear and the men paid. PFC's Baumbach, Fettes and Rowbotham were promoted to T/5's and six men promoted to PFC. See Annex 1.

On the 2nd we received four EM as reinforcements.

The company moved across the Main River to Lauf during heavy rain on the 3rd.

The company moved to Mernes on the 4th.

On the 5th the forward moved to Bad Burkheim. Message Center had to make a run to corps rear to get Stars and Stripes and they were old. PFC Sanches was promoted to T/5. See Annex 2.

On the 6th the company moved to the forward location and had dinner. Moved on to Gersfeld in the afternoon. The roads were slick making it hard on the vehicles. Message Center truck was returned from Ordnance with a new motor. T/5 Simpson was promoted to T/4 and PFC Fortwengler promoted to T/5. See Annex 3.

On the 8th the forward moved to Saal and the company to a nearby town Wulfershausen. Parked in the field and waited for the location to be picked.

The 9th was a warm clear day and the drivers spent the day in washing greasing and general vehicle maintenance. T/4 Fullam went to Paris on TD to take examination for OCS. Bronze Stars were awarded to T/4 Cornforth, T/5's Nicol, Joe L. Moore and Pvt. Schafer. See annex 4.

On the 10th we sent a truck convoy to the Army Dumps to get supplies. The regiments supplied some of the trucks. PFC Burns went to the US on TD as a POW guard.

On the 12th we moved to the Castle just north of Ebern. The advance group moved on to Rattelsdorf, but the company remained overnight.

On the 13th the company moved to Rattelsdorf just north of Bamberg and remained there until the city was taken. The CP was moved to Hallstadt.

On the 15th the CP moved to Eber Mannstadt.

On the 16th the company moved to Lauf and set up in nice homes. The payroll was sent up from the rear and signed. Pvt. Hickerson wrecked his truck on the way back from the dump. There was heavy air and artillery activity in the area during the night.

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On the 21st some of the men attended the flag raising ceremony in the Nurnburg stadium.

On the 22nd we moved to Weiszenburg.

On the 24th the forward moved to Laugenaltheim. The company planned to move but the area was too crowded.

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3. Following are the reports of the activities of the various sections during the month:

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Number of Trucks in company by section and type:

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Message Center	10			3
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Repair				7
Supply & Mess		2		3
Adm. and DSO	2	2	1	
Truck	1	1		4

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Radio	14	10		1
T & T	2	2	1	1
Repair				29
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Adm. & DSO	5	3	1	
Truck	3	2		12

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