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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45 U S ARMY

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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 45th Signal Company, this command, for the period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945.

For the Commanding General:

Emil P Navta

EMIL P NAVTA
WOJG USA
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Hist Rcd 45th Sig Co (Trip)
w/Supporting Documents

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COMPANY HISTORY
for
JANUARY 1945

1. Authority: (AR 345-105, as amended, and Sec. IV, Cir. 34, Hq. Seventh Army, 28 Nov. 1944.
2. Operations during the period of 1st of January to 31 January 1945, inclusive, are as follows:

The New Year began with a good turkey dinner. The day was marked by considerable snowfall. There were numerous promotions including fifty seven from Private to Private First Class. See Annex No. 1. Good Conduct Medals were awarded to fifteen of the men. See Annex No. 2.

On the 2nd the wire sections installed switches at Muhlhausen and Reichthoffen in preparation for changes in the wire situation.

The company moved to Neuwiller on the 3rd and installed a switch in preparation for the division CP moving back. The company personnel were located in houses as near together as possible. CP installations were made at Muhlhausen and the division CP moved there. It was decided to leave the installations at Muhlhausen and a Switchboard team under Sgt. Johnson moved to Neuwiller and set up a switching central. During this period one of our radio teams was involved in the following action: T/4 Cornforth, T/4 Schafer, T/5 Moore and T/5 Nicol provided continuous radio communication between Hdqts. 1st Bn. 313th Infantry Regiment and Division Hdqts. in face of small arms, mortar and artillery fire from January 1 to January 4, 1945. When an enemy patrol entered the Bn. CP they destroyed their S.O.I. material and code machine before seeking safety. T/5 Nicol was captured with a M-209 converter in his possession. He succeeded in concealing the converter and later made his escape with it in his possession. T/5 Moore was wounded in the back during the action.

On January 5th the division CP moved to Ingwiller. The teams at Neuwiller made the installations at Ingwiller, and the teams that closed at Muhlhausen moved to Neuwiller. Sgt. Goodwin was in an accident but no damage was done. The large number of attached units made the laying and maintenance of wire a huge problem. The shortage of wire caused a system of wire rationing to be established. The trips made to the supply dumps by our signal supply section were long and tiresome due to the long distance to the rear that the dumps had moved to, and the fact that we had to furnish supplies for the new units coming into the sector without their supply units. A platoon of the 269th Signal Co. (colored) was attached to the company to help in the recovery of wire. Heavy snow fell during this period.

On the 7th the Signal Supply and Repair section moved to Ingwiller, in order to be nearer to the units they serve.

On the night of 7-8th our installations at Ingwiller were heavily shelled. No casualties to personnel, but some of the vehicles receive damage. Heavy snow fell during the entire day. A switching central established at Woerth to service the units on our right. Colored troops picked up wire.

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On the 11th we received the order awarding Sgt. Duke and PFC Henshall the Bronze Star Medal. See Annex 3. All allied currency in the 100, 500 and 1000 denominations were taken up to be exchanged for Franc notes printed in France.

On the 12th the money was exchanged and reissued. The order awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Clark was received. See Annex 4.

On the 15th the switch at Woerth was closed. The countryside was well covered with snow.

Captain Clark was promoted to Major on the 16th. See Annex #5.

On January 17th, there was a movie "See Here Pvt. Hargrove", shown at Ingwiller for the Signal and Headquarters companies.

On the 18th there was a show by Charlie Mack and the Thunderbirds at Ingwiller for the Signal and Headquarters companies on the 18th. The temperature moderated and the snow all melted for the first time since the first of the month.

There was another show for the Signal and Headquarters companies at Ingwiller on the 19th. A large amount of mail was received for the first time in several days.

On the 20th the detachment of the 269th Signal company returned to their parent organization. The advance group moved to La Petite Pierre and set up normal CP installations. The remainder of the company moved to Petersbach. The move was made in the afternoon during the heaviest snowstorm of the year. The towns were crowded and it was difficult to find places for all of the men. It was late before everyone was settled. T/5 McKenzie turned his peep over into a ditch near Ingwiller but was uninjured. A PX ration of beer, candy, etc. was drawn and distributed. 6 reinforcements were received.

On the 21st the installations at Ingwiller were closed and the men moved either to La Petite Pierre or to Petersbach. McKenzie's peep was recovered and repaired. A switching central was installed at Petersbach.

There was a heavy snowfall on the 22nd and all vehicles had difficulty due to the slick roads. A number of vehicles stopped on the road because the gas lines were freezing.

On the 24th the SSO issued six sets of council books and a number of other recreation supplies.

On the 25th two of the last reinforcements received were transferred to the 157th Infantry as radio operators.

On the 28th we ran through the plan for defense of the area in case of enemy attack. A schedule was drawn up for men under 31 years of age to report to the 120th Medical Bn. for examination to determine their fitness for reconversion training for infantry reinforcements.

We received two reinforcements on the 29th.

On the 30th the first 30 men reported to hospital for physical examinations. Certain sizes of overshoes and Pacs were turned in for use by the infantry until the shortage is made up.

Following is a record of men going to and from the hospital during the month: Cpl. Gilmer duty to hosp. Jan. 4. T/5 Stout hosp. to duty. Jan. 5. PFC Boyle duty to hosp. Jan. 9. PFC Loudin duty to hosp. Jan. 19. PFC Loudin hosp. to duty Jan. 26. Cpl. Gilmer hosp. to duty Jan. 29. Pvt. Matusik duty to hosp. Jan. 30.

Following is a roster of reinforcements received during the month.

Pvt. Francisco Aguilar	39712548	Pvt. William F. Buttner	32813120
Pvt. Aldo C. Fedon	33687155	Pvt. Theodore W. Gerey	33074937
Pvt. Frank Giardina	32824192	Pvt. Frank Giardina	32824192
Pvt. Joseph P. Matusik	12136189	PFC Frank Shartz	327855 3
PFC Colgate V. Fish	31365575	Pvt. Kenneth R. Jackson	39320063
Pvt. Willard L. Hancock	35073726	Pvt. Jay Butler	36696843
Pvt. Robert M. Gibson	39412741	Pvt. N.L. Fortwengler	35070898
PFC John R. Fowler	42065512	PFC Felix A. Cizewski	36336554

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

SIGNAL SUPPLY & REPAIR:

ITEMS ISSUED:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Axle, RL-27-A	ea.	33
Battery, BA-2	ea.	144
Battery, BA-23	ea.	223
Battery, BA-27	ea.	216
Battery, BA-30	ea.	32000
Battery, BA-37	ea.	1504
Battery, BA-38	ea.	1388
Battery, BA-39	ea.	907
Battery, BA-40	ea.	1201
Battery, BA-41	ea.	70
Battery, BA-43	ea.	118
Battery, BA-46	ea.	1
Battery, BA-48	ea.	18
Battery, BA-70	ea.	1429
Case, CS-79	ea.	4
Chest, BC-5	ea.	1
Climbers, LC-8	pr.	1
Coil, C-161	ea.	14
Converter, M-209	ea.	7
Cord, CD-190	ea.	9
Crystal Holder, FT-241	ea.	64
Crystal Holder, FT-243	ea.	4
Dynamotor, DM-34	ea.	13
Flashlight, TL-122-A	ea.	85
Ground Stake, GP-16	ea.	65
Handset, TS-10	ea.	13
Dynamotor, DM-35	ea.	4
Head & Chest HS-19	ea.	5
Holder, M-167	ea.	1
Knife, TL-29	ea.	2
Lamp, LM-19	ea.	180
Lamp, LM-35-A	ea.	110
Lance Pole, PO-2	ea.	10
Loudspeaker, LS-3	ea.	1
Mast Base, MP-48	ea.	13
Mast Section, MS-49	ea.	3
Mast Section, MS-50	ea.	45
Mast Section, MS-51	ea.	54
Mast Section, MS-52	ea.	6
Mast Section, MS-53	ea.	54
Mine Detector, SCR-625	ea.	1
Pliers, TL-13	ea.	10
Power Unit, PE-75	ea.	2
Power Supply, PE-97	ea.	1
Pouch, CS-34	ea.	254
Radio Set, SCR-284	ea.	2
Radio Set, SCR-300	ea.	26
Radio Set, SCR-506	ea.	1
Radio Set, SCR-536	ea.	78
Radio Set, SCR-600	ea.	5
Radio Set, SCR-610	ea.	25

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ITEMS ISSUED, CONT'D.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Repeater, EE-89	ea.	1
Receiver, BC-603	ea.	2
Receiver, BC-683	ea.	1
Reel Unit, RL-26	ea.	1
Reel Unit, RL-31	ea.	3
Reel Unit, RL-39	ea.	45
Swbd. BD-71	ea.	8
Swbd. BD-72	ea.	10
Tape, TL-83	RL.	783
Tape, T L-94	RL.	5
Telephone, EE-8	ea.	175
Test Set, IE-17	ea.	1
Transiever, BC-659	ea.	1
Transmitter, BC-604	ea.	1
Wire, W-110	Mile	1139
Wire, W-130	Mile	191
Wire, W-143	KM	50
Wire, W-71	lb.	6

ITEMS REPAIRED BY DIVISION SIGNAL REPAIR SECTION:

RADIO SETS & RELATED EQUIPMENT:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Radio Set, SCR-193	ea.	17
Radio Set, SCR-245	ea.	6
Radio Set, SCR-284	ea.	26
Radio Set, SCR-300	ea.	10
Radio Set, SCR-399	ea.	2
Radio Set, SCR-506	ea.	3
Radio Set, SCR-508	ea.	34
Radio Set, SCR-510	ea.	13
Radio Set, SCR-536	ea.	42
Radio Set, SCR-593	ea.	3
Radio Set, SCR-608	ea.	16
Radio Set, SCR-610	ea.	40
Mine Detector, SCR-625	ea.	9
Special Service Set	ea.	1

RELATED EQUIPMENT

Amplifier	ea.	1
Antennas	ea.	11
Cords and Cables	ea.	6
Dynamotors	ea.	7
Handsets	ea.	61
Headset,	ea.	4
Meters	ea.	2
Microphones,	ea.	32
Speakers,	ea.	1

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TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, CONT'D.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Swbd. BD-71	ea.	12
Swbd. BD-72	ea.	2
Swbd. BD-96	ea.	1
Swbd. Units EE-2	ea.	15
Telephone, EE-2	ea.	67
Head & Chest Set, HS-19	ea.	4
Rectifier, RA-87	ea.	1
Remote Control, RM-29	ea.	3
Handset, TS-10	ea.	24

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Climbers, LC-6	ea.	1
Convertor, M-209	ea.	4
Motion Picture Projector	ea.	1
Reel Unit, RL-39	ea.	5

TRUCK SECTION

NUMBER OF TRUCKS IN COMPANY BY SECTION AND TYPE:

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>1-1/2</u>	<u>2-1/2</u>
Construction	10	4	2	1
Message Center	10			3
Radio	5	5		1
T & T	1	2	2	1
Repair				7
Supply and Mess		2		3
Adm. and DSO	2	2	1	
Truck	1			4

TRUCKS DAMAGED AND REPAIRED:

Construction	63	9		2
Message Center	57			3
Radio	14	7		1
T & T	3	4	2	4
Repair				35
Supply and Mess		9		7
Adm. and DSO	4	2	1	
Truck	3	2		6

RADIO SECTION

Average Daily Stations in Net:

Corps Net:	4
Division Operational Net:	5
Average Daily Messages Transmitted:	
Corps Net:	3
Division Operational Net:	35
Average Daily Messages Received:	
Corps Net:	1.68
Division Operational Net:	.32

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Average Daily dispatches processed : 554
 Total number of messages processed: 17,811

	<u>M-134</u>	<u>M-209</u>	<u>Other</u>
Total number of messages enciphered:	38	2	0
Total number of messages deciphered:	87	0	0

Average number of groups per cryptographed messages: 116
 Total number of miles covered by messengers: 14,395

Messages Out: 9,511
 Messages In: 8,302

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SECTION:

Switchboards maintained: One BD-96 at each location.
 Average line circuits operated: 25
 Average trunks operated: 14
 Average long locals operated: 5
 Average locals operated: 22
 TELETYPE: Unit connected with: VI Corps (To higher headquarters)
 Number of messages: 1,125
 Transmitted: 607
 Received: 518

CONSTRUCTION PLATOON

Number of miles field wire expended: 198 miles.
 Daily average wire maintained: 80.4 miles
 Total field wire recovered: 72 miles.
 Total cases of trouble: 196 miles.
 Enemy action: 30
 Other causes: 166

Percent of time out of communication:

157th Inf. Regt.	0.9 %
179th Inf. Regt.	4.0 %
180th Inf. Regt.	4.8 %
Div. Arty.	0.2 %
120th Engrs. Bn.	1.0 %
120th Med. Bn.	0.0 %
All others	0.4 %

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel figures:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
Daily Average strength:	12	269
Daily average in hospital:	0	1
Wounded in action:	0	0
Missing in action:	0	0

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ADMINISTRATION, CO 'D.

Following is a roster of the officers of this organization and the Division Signal Office during January 1945, with assignments:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Lt.Col.	Henry J. Hort,	O-265593	Div.Signal Officer.
Major	Sam J. Clark,	O-347955	Ass't.Div.Signal Off.
Captain	William A. Moore,	O-465554	Commanding Officer
1st Lt.	LeRoy J.Brandt,	O-1637430	Supply Officer.
1st Lt.	Wm. J. O'Meara,	O-1646471	Message Center Off.
1st Lt.	Kenneth F. Tacey,	O-1638461	Radio Officer
2nd Lt.	James P.Clark	O-2055288	Construction Off.
2nd Lt.	Walter J.Haley, Jr.	O-1647065	Signal Repair Off.
2nd Lt.	Merlin D. Paris,	O-1998646	Ass't.Const.Off.
WOJG	Harry C. Fletcher,	W-2130721	Ass't. Message Cent.Off.
WOJG	Kenneth G.Gardner,	W-2130722	Motor Officer
WOJG	Thomas A. McLean,	W-2130720	Tel. & Tel.Off.

On the last day of the month (January 31, 1945) the company is in bivouac at Petersbach, France.

William A. Moore
 WILLIAM A. MOORE,
 Captain SC,
 Commanding.

See Annex 1 to 5 incl.

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Annex No. 1.

45TH SIGNAL COMPANY
APO 45 US ARMY

1 January 1945

E X T R A C TCOMPANY ORDER
NO. 1.2. The following promotions in grade are made effective this
date:

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE THREE:

T/4	George F. Huether	32204699
T/4	William L. Madden	32211993

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE FOUR:

T/5	Preston N. Chase	31110593
T/5	Steve Kusen	32219201
T/5	Harold E. Smith	37192045

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE FIVE:

PFC	Ellsworth O. Budewig	38092813
Pvt.	Earnest C. Meldazis	33623915
PFC.	George A. Rassias	31107957
Pvt.	John R. Ridg e	36484755

/s/ WILLIAM A. MOORE
/t/ WILLIAM A. MOORE
Captain SC,
Commanding.

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Annex No.2.

45TH SIGNAL COMPANY
APO 45 US ARMY

1 January 1945

COMPANY ORDER
NO.2.

1. The following are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

T/4	Alex Okolotowicz	31248984
T/5	Joseph F. Hasson	32758135
T/5	Robert L. Hight	37458415
T/5	Earnest C. Meldazis	33623915
T/5	Joe L. Moore	34438675
T/5	William R. Potts	39319720
PFC	William H. Archer	32679963
PFC	Dave C. Curtis	32748290
PFC	Robert H. Haines	37472105
PFC	Charles J. Henshall	32753658
PFC	Adam J. Kielb	35066573
PFC	Dale H. Smith	37191699
PFC	George W. Subler	35617496
PFC	Sam F. Sumner	14192344
PFC	Charles E. Welling	35094983

/s/ WILLIAM A. MOORE,
/t/ WILLIAM A. MOORE,
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Annex No. 3.

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

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New York, New York
6 January 1945

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 6)II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

CHARLIE E DUKE 38016140, Signal Corps, Sergeant, 45th Signal Company, for meritorious service in combat on 10 September 1944 near Romain, France. Entered military service from Eufaula, Oklahoma.

CHARLES J. HENSHALL 32753658, Signal Corps, Private, 45th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 14 December 1943 to 27 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Westville, New Jersey.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

KENNETH G WICKHAM
Col GSC
CofS

A T R U E E X T R A C T C O P Y

William A. Moore
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Annex No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

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APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
13 January 1945

E X T R A C T

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 15)III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

SAM J. CLARK 0347955, Signal Corps, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Signal Company, for heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1943 near Presenzano, Italy. During an enemy artillery barrage, a bursting shell killed one and seriously wounded three enlisted men and hurled Captain Clark from his shelter. Although suffering from shock and working under continuous artillery fire, Captain Clark administered first aid to the three injured men, placed them in slit trenches, and later directed their evacuation. He did not seek medical attention for himself until the enemy shell fire had subsided and he had assured himself that all his men had received proper care. Entered the military service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Col GSC
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

16 January 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 16)E X T R A C T

1. O listed below are temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS, w/rank from date of this order :

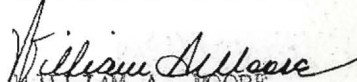
CAPT TO MAJ

SAM J. CLARK, 0347955, Sig O

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Captain SO,
Commanding