



1032nd Signal Company

Service Group



Unit History

1941 – 1943

(North Africa/Tunisia Campaign)

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SPECIAL REPORT OF UNIT OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

a. From activation until receipt of overseas movement orders.

Activated on 15 February 1941, the 32nd Signal Platoon, Air Base, was assigned eleven enlisted men who were transferred from the 309th Signal Company, Air Wing, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. One enlisted man was sick in hospital, not in line of duty, and another in confinement when transferred.

Actually only a change of personnel on paper, the transfer resulted in these eleven enlisted men being attached to the 309th Signal Company, Air Wing, and performing the same duties, mainly class-room instructions which was constantly interrupted with base "clean-up" and similar details at Barksdale Field.

On about 15 April 1941, the platoon moved to New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the 309th Signal Company, Air Wing, continuing its training. The Two officers assigned to the 309th Signal Company were, Captain Louis B. Eidson, Sig-Res and Lt. Emmett A. Parrish, Sig-Res.

On 5 May 1941, Lt. William H. Dean, Sig-Res, was transferred from the Signal Office at Barksdale Field and was assigned to the platoon at New Orleans, immediately being attached to the 309th Signal Company. He proceeded to assist in the Signal Office, establishing records and routine for Signal Property which had apparently been neglected for some time.

Exact dates are not available for various incidents, but in about June 1941, personnel were transferred into the platoon to bring it to full strength of 32 enlisted men authorized at the time. Basic and advanced training schedules were prepared and followed.

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In July 1941 both officers assigned to the 309th Signal Company were placed on detached service and left the unit, not to join again. This left Lt. Dean as the only officer for both the platoon and 309th Signal Company. Personnel were being transferred in at the rate of from 5 to 10 enlisted men per week, making training a difficult problem since all were newly inducted, lacking preliminary recruit training, having poorly fitted clothing and equipment shortages, and some wholly unadapted for Signal Corps Duties.

Finally on 1 November 1941, the platoon was relieved from attached to the Company and the two units operated separately for administration, with Lt. Dean assigned to the platoon and attached to the Company as only officer. Training was both theoretical and practical with numerous weekly field problems. Separate training schedules for the platoon and company had to be submitted to 3rd Air Force Headquarters for approval, but both were identical, since one officer could not readily handle two separate training schedules.

Finally, on 26 December 1941, the 309th Signal Company, Air Wing, was transferred to Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, and considerable confusion took place in base headquarters relative to the position of Lt. Dean, then assigned to the platoon and attached to the company. Finally, it was decided to have Lt. Dean take the company to Drew Field, and the company departed New Orleans Army Air Base by truck convoy. on 26 December 1941, arriving at Drew Field on 29 December 1941. Lt. Dean returned to New Orleans by rail, arriving on 30 December 1941.

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Sometime about March 1942, the platoon was assigned to the 5th Air Support Command and 9th Air Force, and attached to the 38th Air Base Group, at New Orleans Army Air Base. A sudden flow of orders, directives, and inspections started, orders and directives being sent to the platoon three or four times, since they were sent direct by 5th ASC, 38th Air Base Group, 9th AFSC, and New Orleans Army Air Base Headquarters. Finally 5th ASC was disbanded and the platoon was again assigned to 3rd Air Force. During the period approximately 75% of authorized equipment was on hand and strength reached 96 enlisted men, with one officer. Considerable difficulty and confusion resulted when numerous orders and directives were issued, some requiring detailed reports, then revised or rescinded. With new recruits arriving almost daily, training was difficult to plan. The type personnel being assigned clearly indicated careless classification, since study of Form 20's in many cases clearly indicated qualifications suitable for another arm or service. For example, a commercial photographer, two experienced butchers, an engineering draftsman, and attorney were among those assigned. Efforts to reclassify and properly place these men were made, but disapproved by higher authority.

The early part of May, orders alerting the platoon for overseas movement were received, together with a list of T/BA equipment authorized for the move. This list covered only 60% of T/BA items, but the unit was informed that all other items would be shipped from the port. Several changes in marking instructions was issued, necessitating scraping and restenciling of all boxes twice. Finally all packing was completed at 0400 on 9 May 1942, and equipment loaded on freight cars at 0700 same date.

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On 11 May 1942, 65 enlisted men were transferred, leaving 1 officer and 32 enlisted men assigned to the platoon, as authorized by movement instructions.

b. From receipt of overseas movement orders until arrival in this theater.

On 19 May 1943, the platoon departed New Orleans, Louisiana by rail, arriving at Fort Dix, New Jersey on 21 May 1943. At Fort Dix, New Jersey, requisitions were again submitted for T/Ba shortages. Meeting for COs, S-1's, S-2's, and S-4's, were held daily, each one requiring attendance by the lone platoon officer, most meetings not applying to the unit.

At 2030 on 4 June 1942, the platoon entrained at Fort Dix, New Jersey, arriving at NYPE at 0130, 5 June 1942. After a three mile walk with full field equipment and barracks bags, and a ferry ride, the unit boarded HMS Queen Elizabeth at 0400, 5 June 1942.

From 5 June to 10 June, 1942, inclusive, the unit was aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth. The most luxurious meals possible were served in the officers' dining room, but the filthiest, non-appetizing food yet seen by this unit was served in the enlisted men's mess. The British authorities in charge aboard ship refused to allow any inspection of the kitchen by any members of the U.S. Army aboard. Garbage cans overflowing with slipp were placed next to the two containers of luke warm water for the mess kits. Finally the ship docked at Gourock, Scotland on 11 June 1943, and the platoon was taken to Atcham (near Shrewsbury) Shropshire, England, by rail.

The platoon proceeded to assist the RAF in operating communications by replacing the RAF telephone operators and working alongside the RAF teleprinter and radio operators and VHF radio mechanics. The platoon commander was told he would have to take over all signal

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activities, but with 32 enlisted men, it was impossible to replace 150 RAF personnel operating the Sector Control Operations Station. For the most part, the platoon was in training, supplementing RAF communications personnel, from 5 June 1942 to 1 August 1942.

During the latter part of July, equipment shipped by the unit from the U. S. began arriving. None of the equipment supposedly shipped from the port of embarkation arrived, and one 1½-ton truck loaded with unit T/BA items failed to arrive.

On 1 August 1942, the platoon moved to Westhampnett Air Base, near Chichester, Sussex, England, with the 31st Fighter Group. This base was being run by the RAF who moved out after 10 days. The platoon took over the RAF telephone switchboard, replacing WAAF operators, and installed telephone communications for the base headquarters operated by the 31st Fighter Group headquarters. Arrangements were made with the RAF Sector Signals Officer in Chichester to have the radio and teletype operators and radio mechanics supplement and replace his RAF personnel. The supply section was making futile attempts to secure unit equipment shortages.

On about 15 August 1942, the 38th Service Group, formerly the 38th Air Base Group, arrived at Westhampnett and set up their own base headquarters with the Fighter Group CO as base commander.

On 9 September 1942, three members of the message center section were sent on d/s to 8th Air Force Headquarters to pursue a course of instruction in codes and ciphers, returning on 19 September 1942.

On 16 September 1942, the platoon received orders and a new Table of Organization redesignating it as the 32nd Signal Company,

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Service Group. Personnel starved for ratings were promoted on 17 September 1942. Four enlisted men from the 418th Signal Company, Avn, (two radio operators, one teletypewriter operator, and one message center clerk) were transferred to the company, bringing it to full platoon strength of 1 officer and 36 enlisted men.

The first part of September 1942, instructions for packing and crating for overseas movement were received. As was the case in the move from the U. S., these orders were changed, necessitating two more changes in box markings. All signal equipment turned in by units on the base was shipped to the Company, but it had only about 40% of T/BA when it left the U. K. All vehicles authorized were taken to the docks for shipment on 10 October 1942.

On 25 September 1942, the complete Message Center Section of 5 enlisted men were placed on d/s with 12th Fighter Command to receive message center and code training. These men did not rejoin the company until 15 November 1942, although the Message Center section was badly needed much before that date.

Five enlisted men from the Chemical Warfare Section of the 38th Service Group were attached to the Company for the boat ride and the organization left Westhampnett on 22 October 1942 with the following strength:

Present Assigned:	1 Officer, 31 enlisted men.
Present attached:	5 enlisted men (CMS)
Absent Assigned :	5 enlisted men (d/s 12th Ftr Com.)

At Avonmouth Docks, England, the company, embarked on HMT Kooltan, another crowded English Vessel, serving enlisted men meals even inferior to those aboard the S.S. Queen Elizabeth. Sanitation in the kitchen was unknown, no hot water available for washing mess

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kits until five days at sea. Finally, the large convoy arrived in North Africa and the company disembarked at Arzew Docks, Algeria at 0700, on 9 November 1942.

c. From date of arrival in this theater until sixty days thereafter.

At Arzew Docks, a search was made for the beach party which supposedly was waiting for the units, but none was found. Following a rumor, the unit moved six miles to St Lew, Algeria, where it reported to XII AFSC and was told to wait in an open field.

Camping in the field with one blanked and one shelter half per man became miserable when rain poured down the nights of 9th and 10th November 1942. No one appeared to know anything concerning movements or disposition of various units. Finally, on 11 November 1942, XII AFSC headquarters ordered the unit to Tafaraoui Air Base where it arrived at 1730. Again, no one knew what it was to do, and the Signal Officer, XII AF, sent it on to La Senia Airdrome on 12th November 1942. One 3/4 ton and one 2 1/2 ton truck originally shipped by the company from England were obtained from units who stole them at the docks.

At La Senia Air Base, much wreckage was found. Telephone lines and switchboards were destroyed beyond repair, so the unit proceeded to establish field lines and set up telephones and teletypewriter communications.

Daily truck runs were made to the docks in an effort to locate equipment. Small amounts were found scattered many miles along the docks and eventually most was recovered and brought back. One unit of a field range was set up to feed the men of the company, radio

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operators acting as cooks. The five CES enlisted men were relieved from attached.

At La Senia, headquarters of XII AFSC, XII Fighter Command, 3 Fighter Groups, and the base were established, all issuing verbal instructions to the company. XII AFSC proceeded to redistribute the company's equipment and practically all major items were taken. Extreme difficulty was encountered by the one officer assigned in performing his many functions. Upon the departure of the Signal Officer, XII AFSC, the lone company officer was attached as Assistant Signal Officer of XII AFSC, acting in place of the departed Signal Officer. The five Message Center men returned from D/S late in November and immediately were put back to work.

At Lasenia, full Colonels were attempting to "pull rank" by issuing orders to the company and individual enlisted men without proper authority. The company officer, just a Captain, was continually endeavoring to have instructions coordinated and made through proper channels of command, in order to efficiently perform communications functions. Nine enlisted men were sent on d/s to Youks les Bains, the company told to follow in about a week.

Finally, at 0600 on 12 December 1942, the company left La Senia and rode by truck convoy to Oujda, French Morocco. Strength remained at one officer and 36 enlisted men assigned, nine enlisted men on D/S. At Oujda Airdrome, the company was bivouaced in pup tents and spent a cold and rainy winter there. Radio, telephone and teletype communications, and Signal Property and Message Center functions were established.

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On 26 December, 11 Air Corps enlisted men were transferred from the Hq and Hq Sq, 38th Service Group, to the company. None had communication training and several were found totally inapt for duty with the company.

On 9 January, the company was still at Oujda, French Morocco, at the following strength:

Assigned Present: 1 Officer, 37 enlisted men.

Assigned Absent: 10 enlisted men (9 on d/s, 1 sk hosp.)

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11 August - 2nd Lt Eller was transferred to HQ RASAF per Par 6, SO 152, HQ RASAF dated 24 July 1943, and departed from the detachment at 1400 hours. His transfer necessitated the sending of WO3 Kechert on D/S with the Company's detachment, which had partially moved to Service Center No. 37, at Dj Oust, Tunisia. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

12 August - Pvt Rutledge was appointed Pvt 1st per CG 7. 13 August - I/Lt Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

14 August - I/Lt Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

15 August - I/Lt Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

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19 August - I/Lt Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

20 August - I/Lt Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 30th Service Group.

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10 August - T/4Cr Kroll had a slight temperature and was placed in sick quarters.
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11 August - 2nd Lt Klier was transferred to Hq MASAF per Par 6, SO 152, Hq,

MAAF dated 24 July 1943, and departed from the detachment at 1400 hours.

His transfer necessitated the sending of MSG Kachert on D/S with the Company's detachment, which had partially moved to Service Center No. 37,

1 August. Six enlisted men from Co A, 437th Signal Bn., were relieved

from attached for rations only.

12 August - Pvt Rutledge was appointed Pvt 1st per GO 7.

2 August - At 0600, the company, less detachment of 1 Officer and 31

enlisted men at Service Center No. 6, embarked and departed Ain M'Elila,

Algeria. After traveling 200 miles, the unit arrived at Massicault Air

Field, ten miles west of Tunis, Tunisia, at 2000. The telephone line was

strung lines and installed "OMIX" switchboard, a MD-72 being used.

Massicault Air Field is about twenty miles from Carthage, which is located on the Mediterranean Sea. Since there is a beach there, one of the trucks was sent in each evening after supper for the men who cared to go swimming.

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UNIT HISTORY

1. Name of Unit: **DETACHMENT, 1032ND. SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP.**
2. Where Activated **BARKSDALE FIELD, LA., U. S. A.** Date: **25 MARCH 1941.**
3. Locations Trained: **NEW ORLEANS ARMY AIR BASE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.** from **27 APRIL 1941**, to **19 MAY 1942**
from _____ 194_, to _____ 194_
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4. Joined Service Group No. **38** at **NEW ORLEANS, LA.** Date: **20 MAY 1941.**
5. (At U.S.)
(Staging Area) **FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY** from **21 MAY 1942**, to **3 JUNE 1942**
6. Departed U.S. From **NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION** Date **4 JUNE 1942.**
7. Arrived overseas at **GUROC, SCOTLAND** Date **9 JUNE 1942.**
ARZEN, ALGERIA Date **8 NOVEMBER 1942.**
Date _____
8. What combat units were served? (Give places and dates in Chronological Sequence)
51ST. FIGHTER GROUP, ATCHAU AIR BASE, ENGLAND - 13 JUNE - 31 JULY 1942.
51ST. FIGHTER GROUP, WESTHAMPNETT AIR BASE, ENGLAND - 31 JULY - 15 AUG 1942
51ST. FIGHTER GROUP, LABENIA AIR BASE, ALGERIA - 10 NOVEMBER 1942 - 10 DECEMBER 1942.
9TH. BOMB GROUP, CHATEAUDUN, ALGERIA - 3 JUNE 1943 - 12 AUGUST 1943
16TH. FIGHTER GROUP, MARIE ST DE ZIT, TUNISIA - 14 AUGUST 1943 -
27TH. BOMB GROUP, DIEPPE, TUNISIA - 14 AUGUST 1943 --
9. Give resume of type of training received from time unit was activated until it began servicing combat units:
UNIT TRAINED IN THE FOLLOWING LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS:
(A) RADIO CODE AND REPAIR WORK.
(B) SWITCHBOARD OPERATIONS, TELEPHONE LINE AND FIELD INSTALLATIONS.
(C) MESSAGE CENTER OPERATIONS.
(D) SIGNAL CORPS SUPPLY FUNCTIONS.
(E) TELETYPE OPERATIONS AND INSTRUMENTATION.

REMARKS:

THE ABOVE DATES AND PLACES AREN'T ACCURATE. THE HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT WILL SUBMIT A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE REPORT SINCE IT HAS ALL OF THE COMPANY RECORDS IN ITS POSSESSION.

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Service Group,
Service Center #1

HISTORY AT OUJDA SERVICE CENTER, MOROCCO - 15 January to 15 February 1943.

Since 15 January additional personnel has been transferred into organization, bringing the organization to following strength:

OFFICERS

1

ENLISTED MEN

55

1st Sgt Hamric was returned to duty from hospital. Pvt Brennan, who went AWOL 17 January 1943, is in confinement this station awaiting trial by Special Court-Martial.

The Company is performing routine base duties, furnishing telephone and teletype communication, as well as Base Signal Supply.

William H. Dean
WILLIAM H. DEAN,
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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HISTORY AT OUJDA SERVICE CENTER, MOROCCO - 15 FEBRUARY TO 15 MARCH 1943

The middle of February found the 32nd Signal Company, Service Group still performing routine signal duties for Service Center No. 1, furnishing telephone and teletypewriter service, and handling base message center and signal property functions.

On 27 February 1943, the nine men who were on detached service at Youks-les-Bains, near the front lines in eastern Algeria, returned to duty with the organization.

During the first few days of March the organization moved to the area previously occupied by the 1668th Ordnance Company (MM) and erected improved living quarters. T/5th Gr. James R. Suggs and Private Ray C. Newsome were given the task of digging a latrine trench for the new area as extra duty for misconduct.

An SCR-188-A Radio Set, received by the company on 4 March, was placed in operation at 0900 on 5 March as station 15N in an emergency stand-by point-to-point net, supplementing wire communications at the Service Center.

Private Ignatius J. Mallia went AWOL on 6 March 1943, was tried by summary courts martial on 8 March, and sentenced to thirty days confinement and a forfeiture of twenty-five dollars.

At present, private Everett H. Nyberg is also in confinement awaiting trial for violations of the 61st and 85th Articles of War on 6 March 1943.

The entire company, enlisted men and officer, was restricted for the period from 7 March 1943 to 20 March 1943, inclusive. This punishment was inflicted upon the company because of privates Julius D. Parr and Ignatius J. Mallia having been taken into custody by the Military Police of Oujda, French Morocco, for misconduct.

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Personnel transferred from the 431st Signal Battalion, Construction Aviation, brought the company to the following strength for duty:

OFFICERS

1

ENLISTED MEN

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Private William A. Harrison, transferred from 1st Service Squadron, 3rd Service Group per Special Orders No. 15, Headquarters XII Air Force Service Command, dated 26 January 1943, has not yet joined this unit.

WILLIAM H. DEAN
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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HISTORY OF THE 32ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 15 APRIL TO 15 MAY 1943.

The 15 of April 1943 found the 32nd Signal Company continuing in their operation maintenance of the Telephone, Teletypewriter, Radio, Message Center, and Signal Supply, at Service Center No. 1, Oujda, French Morocco.

On 18 April, Pvt Newsome was placed in confinement for violation of the 96th Article of War.

On 20 April Pvt Jacobelli was released from confinement and returned to duty with the Message Center section, and Corp Hunter was appointed Sgt., per Company Order # 9, dated 21 April 1943. Pvt Newsome was released from confinement 22 April 1943.

On 27 April 1943 T/Sgt Kochert received orders appointing him Warrant Officer Junior Grade (temporary) per paragraph 6, Special Order No. 59, Hq NMAAF, dated 21 April 1943, effective 25 April 1943, and was assigned to the Company as Supply Officer.

1st Lt. David W. Thomas, A.C., transferred from 71st Fighter Group per paragraph 3, Special Order # 56 Hq NMAAF, joined organization 29 April 1943, and was assigned as Operations Platoon Officer.

Pvt Parr was released from confinement 7 May 1943.

On the night of Friday, 7 May, 1943, the company held a dinner party. The festivities started shortly after 2000 and lasted until about 2200, the prospect of arising at 0400 the next morning inducing most of the men to a good night's sleep. The company's cook, S/Sgt Sam W. Tanner, with S/Sgt Anthony A. Lemoine acting as interpreter, made several trips into town to purchase the food, and then prepared a delicious repast consisting of: fried chicken, French fried potatoes, spring onions, bread and butter, coffee, ice cream and doughnuts. There was no planned entertainment, but impromptu speeches, jokes and impersonations by S/Sgt Stockstill, Lt. Thomas, T/4Gr Smith, and others enlivened the affair considerably.

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At 0515 on 8 May 1943, this organization departed from Service Center No. 1 by motor convoy for La Senia Air Base, Algeria, arriving at La Senia Air Base at 1330 on 8 May 1943.

Corp Daly who had been on detached service at Algiers for Pasteur treatment against rabies, returned to the organization on 9 May 1943.

The company pitched pyramidal tents, and the operating sections were assigned to assist the 33rd and 65th Signal Companies, Service Group, in operating and maintaining base communications at Air Force General Depot No. 1, La Senia Airdrome, La Senia, Algeria.

The strength of the company on 15 May 1943; Officers: Present for duty...2
Warrant Officers: Present for duty...1
Enlisted Men: Present for duty.....59
In hospital..... 2
D.S., Oujda Air Base.. 4

William F. Dean
WILLIAM F. DEAN
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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HISTORY OF THE 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

15 MAY, 1943 TO 15 JUNE, 1943

On the 15th of May the 32nd Signal Company was still assisting the 33rd and 65th Signal Companies in operating and maintaining base communications at Air Force General Depot No. 1, La Senia Airdrom, La Senia, Algeria. The radio maintenance section, under the direction of Lt. Thomas, was working on the line checking and installing VHF aircraft radio equipment.

Also on 15 May T/3Gr Shively and T/4Gr McLeese returned to duty from D. S. at Service Center No. 1 and Pvt lcl Bittner returned to duty from the hospital.

Pvt Newsome was placed in confinement on 17 May for violation of the 96th article of war. Sgt Hunter went to the hospital with a high fever on the same day.

On 18 May WOJG Kochert was sent on detached service to Constantine and S/Sgt Lemoine, T/4Gr Beres and Linakis and T/5Gr Blalock, Chapman and Dodson were sent on D.S. to Algiers for instruction on aircraft radio installations. The company was redesignated 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group, per letter North African Theater of Operations, dated 13 May, 1943, with no change in authorized strength or station.

On 20 May Pvt Menichelli was sent to the hospital, returning to duty 23 May.

WOJG Kochert returned from D.S. to duty 24 May. Pvt lcl Bittner and Pvt Rutledge went to the hospital.

The following promotions were made; Sgt Elam to S/Sgt; T/5Gr Kwasniewski to Sgt; Pvt lcl Black to T/5Gr; and Privts Galloway, Menichelli and Modgling to Privts lcl, per C.O.#12, dated 25 May 1943. Pvt lcl DeSalvo and Pvt Brennan returned to duty from detached service at Service Center No. 1. T/5Gr Wirt went to hospital. On the following day 26 May, Pvt Rutledge returned to duty from the hospital.

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On 27 May Sgt Hunter returned to duty from the hospital. The Company, less motor convoy detachment, entrucked and departed La Senia Airdrome at 1530 on 27 May arriving at La Senia Rail Station 1600 where it entrained for Constantine at 1725. Pvt Jacobelli was confined at La Senia for the night of 27-28 May and he and Pvt Newsome were transferred from confinement at La Senia to confinement at Constantine as of 29 May.

On 27 May, 1st Lt. Thomas, T/Sgt Hawk, S/Sgt Kassel, Sgts Davis, Grant and Mcateer, T/4Gr Jacobs, Smith, Hedgecock, T/5Gr Krauss, Kroll, Reynolds, and Pvs lcl Shaul and Pulley were left at La Senia on detached service and departed the following day, 28 May, by truck convoy.

T/5Gr Wirt returned to duty from the hospital on 31 May.

The organization arrived at Constantine, Algeria, on 31 May, 1943.

On 2 June 1st Lt David W. Thomas, T/Sgt Hawk, Brumfield and Schmiling; S/Sgt Hicks and Kassel; T/3Gr Shively; Sgts Hunter and Kwasniewski; T/4Gr McLeese, Regan, Miller and Smith; T/5Gr Wascher and Wirt; Pvt lcl Daughtry, Menichelli and Pulley and Pvt Dahl, Guy, Kallia, Rutledge, Scheviak, Sheldon and Sutler were sent on D.S. to Air Base at Chateaudun where they took over Signal communications (including radio, teletype, message center, telephone operation, and supply) from the 1016th Signal Company, Service Group.

T/5Gr Krauss and Reynolds, Pvt lcl Hodgling and Pvt Patterson and Suggs, and Pvt lcl Browning were sent on D.S. to Air Force General Depot No 4 Telergma. The same day T/4Gr Hedgecock, T/5Gr Paddycoart, and Pvt Stanford were sent on D.S. to Chateaudun and Pvt Sheldon returned to duty from detached service.

On 5 June T/4Gr Hinton returned to duty from the hospital and was sent to detached service to Chateaudun. The following day, 6 May, Sgt Mcateer and Corp Daly went to Chateaudun on D.S. T/Sgt Johnson, T/4Gr Hedgecock and Jacoby, T/5Gr Patterson and Suggs, and Pvt lcl Browning returned to duty from D.S. at Telergma. On 9 May, T/Sgt Schmiling returned from detached service to duty.

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On 11 June, S/Sgt Horn went to the hospital. The next day T/Sgts Johnson and Schmiling and T/5Gr Beres and Linakis and T/5Gr Blalock, Chapman and Dodson returned from detached service in Algiers.

On 14 June S/Sgt Horn returned from the hospital.

On 15 June T/Sgts Johnson and Schmiling, S/Sgt Hicks and T/5Gr Krauss and Patterson returned to duty at Constantine from D.S. S/Sgt Elam, T/4Gr Beres, Linakis, T/5Gr Blalock and Chapman, Pvt 1cl Shaul, and Pvts Ryberg, Owens, Parr, Rosenauer, and Sheldon were left on detached service at Constantine while the rest of the company entrucked and departed for Ain M'lila, Algeria, arriving at 1230, distance traveled 30 miles. At the new base, T/5Gr Massi and Pvt Croushore from the 1002nd Signal Company, Service Group, and T/4Gr Shultis, T/5Gr Eldridge and Corp Hart from the 1072nd Signal Company, Service Group, were attached to this organization for duty.

The organization has set up a message center, telephone communication, and teletype service at Ain M'lila, and is assisting the maintenance of telephone trunk lines. On 15 June, the unit's strength was as follows:

Present for Duty, Ain M'lila, Algeria:	1 Officer, 1 WOJG, 21 EM assigned
Detached Service, Chateaudun, Algeria:	1 Officer, 30 Enlisted Men.
Detached Service, Constantine, Algeria:	11 Enlisted Men.
In confinement:	2 Enlisted Men.
Sick in Hospital:	1 Enlisted Man.

Total assigned: 2 Off, 1 WOJG, 65 Enlisted Men.

Total attached: 5 Enlisted Men.

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Captain, Signal Corps,
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HISTORY OF THE 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP, AT SERVICE CENTER NO. 5. 15 JUNE 1943 TO 15 JULY 1943.

On 15 June the company, with men on detached service at Chateaudun handling the base signal duties there, and an advance group at Ain M'lila, entrucked and departed Constantine at 1000 hours arriving at Service Center No. 5, Ain M'lila at 1230 hours, a distance of thirty miles. On the same day T/Sgts Johnson and Schmiling, S/Sgt Hicks and T/5Gr Krauss and Patterson returned to duty status from detached service. T/5Gr Passi and Eldridge, Corp Hart, T/4Gr Shultis, and Pvt Croushore, from 1002nd and 1072nd Signal Companies, Service Group were attached for duty. S/Sgt Elam, Pvt Nyberg, and Pvt Sheldon remained with the company supplies in Constantine, Pvs Parr and Rosenauer continued as couriers for the Message Center at 2nd Air Service Area Command, in Constantine, while T/4Gr Beres and Linakis, T/5Gr Blalock and T/5Gr Chapman remained in Constantine to assist in radio operations at Headquarters Northwest African Strategical Air Force. All of these men were attached to the 416th Signal Company, Aviation for administration and rations. The company set up signal supply, and telephone and teletype service at Service Center No. 5, and continued operations.

On 25 June Pvt 1cl Galloway was sent to the hospital and Pvt Owen returned to duty from detached service. Pvt 1cl Noe of the 1072nd Signal Company Service Group was attached to the organization for duty.

On 26 June Pvt Brennan was placed in confinement at EBS Slockade, Ouled Rhamoun, charges being preferred by 1st Lt. Thomas for a violation of the 96th Article of War - drunk and disorderly in a public place so as to bring discredit upon the military service.

On 2 July, Pvt 1cl Shaul returned from detached service to duty.

On 6 July, T/5Gr Suggs went to the hospital for treatment of an injury to his eye.

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On 9 July, Pvt 1cl Bittner was transferred to detachment of patients, 2nd Convalescent Hospital, per paragraph 2, S.O. #11, Headquarters, Service Center No. 5.

T/5Gr Suggs returned to duty from the hospital on 10 July.

On 11 July, T/5Gr Massi and Pvt Croushore (1002nd Signal Company Service Group) were released from attached. S/Sgt Sinnott (1072nd Signal Company Service Group) was released from the hospital and returned to his own unit for duty, being relieved from attached to this unit.

On 13 July, T/4Gr Jacobs went on detached service with the Headquarters Squadron of the 12th Air Force Service Command, as truck driver.

As of 15 July 1943, this organization was continuing operations of telephone and teletype, and signal supply for Service Center No. 5, with its own kitchen set up for feeding the company. Members of the organization were handling telephone, teletype, supply and radio service at Chateaudun as well as assisting with radio communication at Headquarters, Northwest African Strategical Air Force, and message center work at Headquarters, 2nd Air Service Area Command (Sp).

At the end of this period, the strength of this unit was as follows:

Company Headquarters at Service Center No. 5 (Ain M'lila) Algeria:
1 - Officer, 1 - WOJG, 21 - EM. (5 - EM attached).

Detachment at Service Center No. 6. (Chateaudun du Rhumal, Algeria):
1 - Officer, 40 - EM.

Confined at EBS Stockade (Ouled Rhamoun, Algeria):
3 - EM.

Total Strength:
Assigned: 2 - Officer.
1 - WOJG
64 - EM.
Attached: 5 - EM.

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HISTORY OF THE 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP FROM 15 JULY TO 15 AUGUST 1943.

On 15 July the 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group, was at Ain El'lila, Algeria, carrying on Teletype, Telephone, Message Center and Signal Supply duties for Service Center No. 5, servicing the 2nd Bomb Group.

16 July - T/4Gr Shultis, T/5Gr Eldridge, Cpl Hart and Pvt lcl Noe of the 1072nd Signal Company, Service Group (employed as telephone switchboard operators) were relieved from attached and returned to their organization which was alerted for movement. T/5Grds Malone, Sarakon, Irvin and Peek, (1051st Signal Company, Service Group) were attached and employed as telephone operators. T/5Gr Kaplan (1051st Signal Company, Service Group) was attached and employed as teletypewriter operator. S/Sgt Lemoine, T/4Gr Beres and Linakis, and T/5Grds Blalock and Chapman returned to duty with the company after being on D/S at Constantine operating in the radio section of II ASAD (Sp). WOJG Kochert was sent to Service Center No. 6 to take command of the detachment of this unit which was operating at Service Center No. 6, near Chateaudun du Rhonel, Algeria. WOJG Kochert replaced Lt. Thomas who was transferred to Hq. MATC per paragraph 1, SO # 118 Hq. MATC, dated 7 July 1943, and departed on 18 July 1943.

18 July - T/3Gr Shively was appointed S/Sgt., Sgts Grant and Hunter and T/4Gr Beres and McLeese, were appointed T/3Gr; T/4Gr Miller and T/5Gr. Mascher were appointed Sgt; T/5Grds Blalock, Chapman, Krauss, Kroll and Wirt were appointed T/4Grds; Pvts lcl Galloway and Menichelli, and Pvts Boyle and Sutler were appointed T/5Grds; and Pvts Dahl, Guy, Mallia, Nyberg, Scheviak and Sheldon were appointed Pvts lcl, Per CO # 3.

20 July - S/Sgt Elam, Pvts lcl Nyberg and Sheldon, and Pvts Parr and Rosenauer were relieved from attached to the 416th Signal Company, Avn,

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and were attached to the 1051st Signal Company, Service Group, per par 1, SO 118, Hq II ASAC (Sp) dated 19 July 1943. 2nd Lt. Eller was assigned to the organization for duty per Par 1, SO 184, Hq III AFSC, dated 18 July 1943, and joined detachment at Service Center No. 6 at 0900.

22 July - WOJG Kochert returned to duty with the organization.

24 July - Pvt 1cl Mallia returned to duty from Chateaudun, and Pvt 1cl Sheldon, who at the time was on D/S in Constantine, was sent to Chateaudun to replace Pvt 1cl Mallia. Both, Mallia and Sheldon are assigned to the Supply Section.

25 July - S/Sgt Hicks was placed in sick quarters with a foot infection. T/5Grds Malone and Sarakon went on pass to Constantine but failed to return at the proper time, consequently they were AWOL as of 2030, this date.

26 July - Pvt 1cl Mallia remained with the organization in Ain K'Lila only 2 days as he was again sent on D/S with the 1051st Signal Company Service Group in Constantine. The 1051st Signal Company, Service Group was replacing the 1072nd Signal Company, Service Group. T/5Gr Suggs also was sent to Constantine to report to the Signal Section at II ASAC. T/5Gr Malone who was reported as AWOL the day before, returned to duty.

27 July - T/5Gr Sarakon returned from AWOL. T/5Gr Dodson and Reynolds and Pvt 1cl Kodgling returned from Chateaudun, Reynolds and Kodgling reporting for duty as switchboard operators, and Dodson to the Message Center. T/5Grds Irvin, Kaplan, Malone, Peek and Sarakon, 1051st Signal Company, Service Group, were relieved from attached and departed about 1000. T/5Gr Suggs returned from D/S at Constantine. Pvt 1cl Mallia and Privs Parr and Rosenauer were transferred to the 1051st Signal Company, Service Group, per par 5, SO 125, Hq II ASAC (Sp), dated 26 July 1943.

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28 July - S/Sgt Elam and Pvt lcl Nyberg returned to duty with the organization. S/Sgt Hicks was released from sick quarters and returned to the organization to resume his duty as Chief Teletype Operator.

1 August - Six enlisted men from Co A, 437th Signal Bn., were relieved from attached for rations only.

2 August - At 0500, the company, less detachment of 1 Officer and 31 Enlisted Men at Service Center No. 6, entrucked and departed Ain Elila, Algeria. After traveling 280 miles, the unit arrived at Massicault Air Field, ten miles west of Tunis, Tunisia, at 2000. The telephone linemen strung lines and installed "ONYX" switchboard, a BD-72 being used.

Massicault Air Field is about twenty miles from Carthage, which is located on the Mediterranean Sea. Since there is a beach there, one of the trucks was sent in each evening after supper for the men who cared to go swimming.

5 August - T/4Gr Jacobs who had been on D/S rejoined the organization.

10 August - T/4Gr Kroll had a slight temperature and was placed in sick quarters.

11 August - 2nd Lt Eller was transferred to Hq NASAF per Par 6, SO 152, Hq, NAAF dated 24 July 1943, and departed from the detachment at 1400 hours. His transfer necessitated the sending of WOJG Kochert on D/S with the Company's detachment, which had partially moved to Service Center No. 37, at Dj Oust, Tunisia.

12 August - Pvt Rutledge was appointed Pvt lcl per CO 7.

13 August - T/4Gr Kroll was released from sick quarters and returned to duty. On the 14th of August, the company, less detachment, were preparing to leave Massicault the following day, for Kateur, Tunisia, to rejoin the 38th Service Group.

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HISTORY OF THE 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP FROM 15
AUGUST TO 15 SEPTEMBER 1943.

15 August - The company, less detachment at Service Center # 37 of 1 WOJG and 30 EM, departed Massicault Air Base, Tunisia, via Truck Convoy at 0745, arriving at Service Center # 38, Mateur, Tunisia at 0945, after traveling a distance of 35 miles. Pyramidal tents were pitched for housing of personnel, and arrangements made to provide communications for the Service Center.

16 August - After an absence of almost 3 months, this unit was once again servicing the 38th Service Group. A switchboard, TC-4 was installed and operation began this date. The Teletypewriter and radio were set up and Message Center established. S/Sgt Stockstill acted as Message Center Chief. S/Sgt Hicks remained as Chief Teletype Operator, and S/Sgt Lemoine and T/4Gr Krauss acted as Chief Radio and Switchboard operators in the absence of T/Sgt Brumfield and T/3Gr Hunter, who were still on D/S. The telephone linemen, T/Sgts Johnson and Schmiling and T/5Gr Patterson, were kept busy with the installation of the switchboard and the maintenance of its lines. The Supply section handled Signal Requisitions and 3 EM, attached from the 1057th Signal Company Service Group handled the repair of radio equipment.

T/5Gr Peddycoart (D/S) and T/5Gr Suggs were transferred to the 1051st Signal Company, Service Group, per paragraph 6, SO # 140, Hq., II ASAC (Sp), dated 12 August 1943, and departed at 1000.

24 August - Sgt Miller was appointed T/3Gr per paragraph 1, CO # 8. - Sgt Miller remained on D/S with detachment at Service Center # 37.

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26 August - Pmts Brennan, Jacobelli and Newsome who are in confinement and haven't been with the company since the latter part of May, were transferred to EBS Stockade.

31 August - T/4Gr Krauss was sent to the 114th Station Hospital in the morning and was operated on in the afternoon for appendicitis. T/5Gr Reynolds, in Krauss's absence, acted as Chief Switchboard Operator.

2 September - T/4Gr Hinton (D/S Service Center # 37) was transferred to 1051st Signal Company Service Group per paragraph 9, SC # 158, Hq., II ASAC (Sp), dated 30 August 1943, and departed the organization at 0900.

Transportation has been provided twice daily for the men to go to the Hospital to visit Krauss. For the first few days he was quite ill but soon began improving. Transportation has also been provided for any of the men desiring to go swimming at Bizerte and on a number of occasions have gone only as far as Ferryville, some 10 or 15 miles distant.

4 September - Pmts 1cl Daughtry and Pulley and Pvt Stanford who are with the detachment at Service Center # 37, and Pvt Owens were sent to Tunis, reporting to the II ASAC, for guard duty. Pvt Owens departed the organization at about 0930.

T/5Gr Patterson was appointed T/4Gr per CC # 9.

5 September - T/4Gr Patterson was sent to the 114th Station Hospital at 1300.

6 September - T/4Gr Jacobs was sent to the 114th Station Hospital at 0800. After arriving there it was reported that he had Malaria Fever.

10 September - T/5Gr Reynolds went to the 114th Station Hospital with a stomach ailment.

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WOJG Kochert, T/Sgts Brumfield and Hawk, S/Sgts Kassel and Shively, T/3Grds Hunter, McLeese and Miller, Sgts Kwasniewski, McAteer and Mascher, T/4Grds Chapman, Megan Smith and Wirt, Corp Daly, T/5Grds Menichelli and Sutler, and Pvts 1cl Dahl, Guy, Rutledge, Scheviak and Sheldon, all of whom, with the exception of WOJG Kochert, had been on D/S ever since the first part of June, returned from Service Center # 37 to duty with the company at Service Center # 38, Mateur, Tunisia, arriving 1050. Sgt Davis, transportation NCO, set up a tent for the truck dispatch office, and T/4Gr Wirt, and Pvts 1cl Scheviak and Shaul were appointed drivers for the motor vehicles. T/Sgt Brumfield resumed his responsibility as Chief Radio Operator and T/3Gr Hunter as Chief Switchboard Operator. However, due to the fact that one of the switchboard operator's (T/5Gr Reynolds) was in the hospital, T/3Gr Hunter found it necessary to place himself on the operators' schedule as relief operator. T/Sgt Hawk, S/Sgt Shively, and T/3Gr McLeese, and T/5Gr Sutler, Radio Mechanics, are converting a trailer, which the detachment had been using as a Signal Office and Orderly Room, into a Radio Repair Shop. Other members of the detachment went to work with the same sections they had been assigned prior to their departure in June.

11 September - T/4Gr Patterson after having spent 6 days in the hospital returned to full duty status at 1530. T/5Gr Reynolds was moved to the 3rd General Hospital at 1130, for observation for nervous stomach disorder. T/4Gr Krauss moved to the 3rd General Hospital to recuperate from his appendectomy.

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14 September - Company continuing normal operations at Service Center

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Strength: Present Assigned: 1 Officer
1 WOJG
49 Enlisted Men.

Present Attached: 3 Enlisted Men.

Absent Assigned: 6 Enlisted Men
(3 sk hosp; 4 d/s, at IIASAC)

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Chronological list of Major Occurrences HISTORY OF 1220 SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

32 Sig. Pl. (6-11)

This organization was originally activated as the 122nd Signal Platoon, A.B., less personnel at Barksdale Field, La., 15 February 1941, per General Order No 3, Hq. GHQ Air Force, Langley Field Va., dated 8 February 1941, under authority contained in letter AG 320.2 (12-21-40) H (Det) H-C, W.D., 31 January 1941, subject, "Constitution and Activation of Signal Corps Units", to S.A. GHQ Air Force.

4 March 1941 - Lt. Parrish attached and assumed command as of this date. Pvt. 1st Sp 4th Cl Clark (DS Ft. Monmouth), Pvt. 1st Sp 4th Cl Johnson, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Cox, Pvt. Bennett (Conf), Pvt. 1st Sp 4th Cl Galata, Pvt. Sp 6th Cl Hinton, Pvt. 1st Sp 3rd Cl Hunt, Pvt. 1st Sp 4th Cl Wilson (Sk Hosp), Pvt. Sp Sp 9th Cl Brunfield, Pvt. Sp 6th Cl Davis, Pvt. Jacobelli were assigned as a cadre to the Platoon from the 309th Signal Aviation Company, transferred per paragraph 1, S.O. # 50, Hq. A.C. Advanced Flying School, Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

The records of this organization covering the period, between 4 March 1941 and 1 May 1942, were left in a sealed box with the Commanding Officer of the New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana. During this period, however, the organization moved from Barksdale Field to the New Orleans Army Air Base and additional listed men were assigned. Lt. William E. Dean was given command of the Platoon. With members of the 309th Signal Company, Air Wing, this organization assisted in operating base communications. In April, 1941, these duties were taken over by civilian personnel, the Platoon men assisting in their training.

1942, 1 May - Pvt. Minshie, Figarra and Yantis transferred into the organization from Fort McClellan, Alabama, per S.O. # 93.

2 May - Pvt. Barnes, Blalock and Hinton were sent on Detached Service to Athens, Georgia, to attend Radio School there at the University of Georgia.

10 May - Pvt. Barnes, Blalock, and Hinton from Detached Service at Athens, Georgia.

11 May - Pvt. Anderson, Avila, Abbe, Doving, Bagley, Barnes, Minshie, Grams, Henry, Harrold, Jock, Jensen, Kaldheim, Kelly, Kimes, Lane, Larabe, McCarty, McIntire, Quinn, Stockton, Sheppard, Snider, Scully, Thompson, Vertusa, Wright, Yantis, Kirby, Adams, Albert, Armstrong, Baker, Balisiger, Barker, Graddock, Devilla, Henry, Gilmore, Gross, Haimenrich, Hannon, Joyce, Brown, McKeithen, Fyke, Robinson, Sutton, Seeger, Schuck, Thacker, Uphams, Vaughn, Williams, Young, Lawrence, (Attached A.C. Hangar), Bennett (In Confinement, Camp Wallace, Texas) and Dunlap (In Guard Hospital) released from assigned per S.O. # 112. Pvt. 1st Sp 4th Cl Hodgecock, Horn and Russell directed to Privates and rated Sp 4th Cl. Pvt. Blalock directed Sp 5th Cl and rated Sp 4th Cl. Pvt. Sp 5th Cl Hunter appointed Pvt. 1st. Pvt. Sp 1st Cl Stockstill appointed Pvt. 1 Cl. Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Lonsdale appointed Pvt. 1 Cl. Pvt. Klan, Jacobelli and Miller appointed Pvt 1 Cl. Pvt. 1 Cl Reynolds rated Sp 5th Cl. Pvt. Brown and Mallia rated Sp 5th Cl per Platoon Order # 8, 1 May.

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12 May - Pvt. 1 Cl Linakis, Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl Malone, Ptes. Sanford, Smith and Johnson, V.J. transferred to organization from Harding Field, La. per extract S.O. # 120 Hq Harding Field.

15 May - Ptes. Johnson, V.J. Sanford, Johnson, W.C., and Culbreath transferred to 309th Signal Company per paragraph 20, S.O. # 117.

19 May - On this day the 12nd Signal Platoon was attached to the 720th Ordnance Company (Avn) for rations only and was transferred to Fort Dix, N.J., for a permanent change of station by S.O. No. 121 of 17 May 1942. The organization was composed of 32 enlisted men and one officer named below 1st Lt. William H. Dunn, 2/Sgt Byrd Harris, Sgt. Clifton R. Brownfield, Sgt. Alton G. Johnson, Sgt. Carl E. Koshart, Corp. Forrest E. Davis, Corp. Robert W. Hank, Corp. Alexander L. Nichols Jr., Corp. John W. Rasmussen Jr., PFC Sp 1 Cl Ernest R. Stockstill, PFC. Sp 3rd Cl Clair L. Shively, PFC. Sp 4th Cl Anthony A. Lemaine, PFC. Sp 9th Cl William A. Hunter Jr., PFC. Sp 5th Cl Andrew A. Reynolds, PFC. James H. Jacobelli, PFC. Erick Klam, PFC. John S. Linakis, PFC. Willard G. Miller, Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl Harvey D. Grant, Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl Stephen A. Barnes, Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl Lawrence Hinton Jr., Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl Earl P. Mattoon, Pvt. Sp 3rd Cl William V. Malone, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Julius D. Parr, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Marvin L. Blalock, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Charles P. Hodgecock, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Isadore Barn, Pvt. Sp 4th Cl Clarence L. Kessel, Pvt. Sp 5th Cl Benjamin Krauss, Pvt. Sp 5th Cl Ignatius J. Mallia, Pvt. Hymen Chapman, Pvt. Barnes H. Smith, Pvt. Nathan P. Kuecher. The Platoon entrained and left New Orleans at 1700 enroute to Fort Dix, N. J.

20 May - On train enroute to Fort Dix, N. J.

21 - Arrived Fort Dix, 1400 after a trip of 1600 miles. Took station there and began preparing for overseas service. Relieved from attached to 720th Ordnance Company (Avn) and attached to 626th Quartermaster Platoon (LM) for rations only. Strength, one officer and 32 enlisted men at end of May. No changes.

1 June - Completing preparations for departure overseas.

3 June - Relieved from attached to 626th QM Platoon (LM) for rations only.

4 June - Entrained at Fort Dix, N. J., 2030, detrained at New York Port of Embarkation after traveling a distance of 75 miles. The Platoon, along with other organizations, crossed the Hudson River VIA Ferry and embarked from the New York Port of Embarkation at 0400 on the British Transport, H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. From the 9th to the 10th of June the 12nd Signal Platoon was aboard the Transport Queen Elizabeth at Sea, performing usual Transport duties such as Boat Drill, Kitchen Police, and work for the Ship's Gunboat. The vessel was escorted out of New York Harbor by a U.S. Navy Fleet and into the mouth of the River Clyde by British Warships and Royal Air Force Aircraft, but the major portion of the voyage was undertaken unescorted, due to its speed and zig-zag course.

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11 June - The ship came into the harbor at Gourock, Scotland, on 9 June but it was not until 1115 on 11 June that this organization disembarked and boarded a London, Midland, and Scotland train bound for Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England. Stops were at Carlyle and Crewe for meals. De-trained at Shrewsbury at 2200. Distance traveled: 400 miles. Re-trucked at Shrewsbury and traveled 7 miles to the Royal Air Force Station at Aachen, England, where the Platoon detrucked and was assigned to barracks originally built for the W.A.A.F. Attached to Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 19th Air Base Group, for rations only. Strength of Platoon: 12 enlisted men, 1 officer.

1 July - Aachen Air Base, Aachen, Shropshire, England, carrying on usual Post and Garrison Duties. The radio operators, radio maintenance and teletypewriter sections were working in conjunction with members of the RAF and WAAF while the telephone operators had taken over the post switchboard.

11 July - Pvt 1st Sp 1st Stickstill promoted and appointed tech 4th Gr., Pvt 1st Sp 3rd Shively promoted and appointed T/4th Gr., Pvt 1st Sp 4th Lonsdale promoted and appointed T/5th Gr., Pts Sp 3rd Grant, Burns, Hinton, Hutton, and Wilson promoted and appointed T/5th Gr., Pvt Sp 4th Parr, Blacklock, Hodgecock, Horn and Kessel promoted and appointed T/5th Gr., Pts 1st Sp 3rd Hunter and Reynolds promoted Sp 3rd. Pts. Sp 5th CI Krause and Hallin promoted Sp 5th CI by Platoon Order No. 9 dated 13 July 1942, effective 1 June 1942, per cablegram, ACO, Washington, D.C., quoted in unnumbered Memo, Hq. 8th AF, KTOUSA, dated 3 July 1942.

21 July - Pvt. 1st Jacobelli from duty to hospital. Strength during July: 11 enlisted men available for duty, one in hospital and one officer.

1 August - One officer and 11 enlisted men of this organization entrucked and departed Aachen Air Base at 0700, arriving at Barrington, England, a distance of some five miles, at 0800. Entrained and departed Barrington at 0830, arriving at Chichester, Sussex, England about 0400, after a journey of 150 miles. Entrucked at Chichester at 0430, arriving at Northampton Air Base, 2 miles distant, at 0700.

10 August - Pvt. Mascher from duty to hospital.

11 August - Pvt. Mascher from hospital to duty. Strength of Platoon during August: One officer, 11 enlisted men. One man still being in hospital.

1 September - The Platoon was again working with the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. in radio operation, radio maintenance, and teletypewriter operation, at Sector Operations, while the Telephone Operators were operating the Base Switchboard. Northampton was known as England's No. 1 fighter station and squadrons from this base formed a large part of the umbrella for the Biggame raid. Thus, in a small way through its work at Sector Operations Communications, the 12th Signal Platoon took part in this operation.

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2 September - PFC Jacobelli from absent sick to duty (Detached Service Station on 21 August 1942). To duty 2200.

7 September - T/5th Gr. Hinton and T/5th Gr. Parr reduced to Privates per Platoon Order # 10, effective 3 September 1942.

9 September - Corp. Rosenauer, Pvt. 1st Jacobelli and Pvt. Mallia from duty to detached service at 8th Air Force Hq, Widewing, Busby Park, England, (APO 887) for the purpose of studying British and American ciphers and Codes.

11 September - On this day the 32nd Signal Platoon was redesignated the 32nd Signal Company, Service Group, with an authorized strength of two officers, one Warrant Officer and 70 enlisted men.

17 September - S/Sgt Morris appointed 1st Sgt. (Temporary); Sgts. Brunfield, Johnson and Kochert appointed Tech Sgt; Corp. Hank appointed Tech Sgt.; T/4th Gr. Stockstill appointed S/Sgt.; Corp. Nicks appointed S/Sgt.; Technicians 5th Gr. Horn, Louisa and Kessel appointed S/Sgt.; T/4th Gr. Shively appointed T/3rd Gr.; Corp. Davis appointed Sgt.; T/5th Gr. Grant and Hattner appointed Sgt.; Corp. Rosenauer appointed Sgt.; Pvt. 1st Kiam appointed Sgt.; T/5th Gr. Burns and Malone appointed T/4th Gr.; Pvt 1st Miller appointed T/4th Gr.; Privts. Hinton and Smith appointed T/4th Gr.; Privts. 1st Hunter and Jacobelli appointed Corp.; Pvt. Parr appointed Corp.; Privts. 1st Reynolds and Linakis appointed T/5th Gr.; Privts. Mallia and Hatcher appointed T/5th Gr.; Privts. Chapman and Krauss appointed Pvt. 1st per Company Order # 1, dated 17 September 1942, all above grades temporary.

19 September - Sgt. Rosenauer, Corp. Jacobelli and T/5th Gr. Mallia from detached service to duty; T/4th Gr. Rutledge, Corp. Daly, T/5th Gr. Hunsicker and Pvt. 1st Dedson were transferred into the organization from the 418th Signal Company per S.O. # 50, Hq. 8th Fighter Command.

21 September - Sgt. Rosenauer, T/4th Gr. Smith, T/4th Gr. Rutledge, Corp. Jacobelli, Corp. Parr and T/5th Gr. Mallia were relieved from duty and sent on detached Service to 8th Fighter Command, Ajax, Busby Hall, Watford, England, for specialized Hag Con training.

21 September - 1st Lt. Dean left on detached service at 1500 to RAF Codes and Ciphers school at Waddington, Ipswich, England. 1st Lt. Page was attached to the organization for administration per S.O. # 27 paragraph 13, Hq. AMF station FY52. Strength of company: one officer and 36 enlisted men.

1 October - At the beginning of October the 32nd Signal Company, Service Group continued assisting the R.A.F. in operating Sector Communications at Northampton Air Base in Sussex, England.

18 October - Tech Sgt. Hank, Sgts. Davis and Hattner, and T/5th Gr. Nicks were relieved from duty and sent on detached service as drivers in a convey to a secret destination per paragraph 12, S.O. # 37, Hq. AMF station FY52.

11 October - 1st Lt. Dean returned from detached service at 2030 on 10 October and took command of the company at 2000. 1st Lt. Page was

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relieved from attached to the organization. 1st Lt. Bean received his orders appointing him Captain, Signal Corps, AEG.

13 October - T/4th Gr. Smith returned to duty from detached service where he had been taking a driver's course.

14 October - Tech Sgt. Hunt, Sgts. Davis and Matheer, and T/5th Gr. Elalock returned to duty from detached service, but were not at liberty to discuss where they had been.

20 October - Pvts. 1st Burdett, Greenberg, and Vigilante and Pvts. Spinelli and Weir were attached to this organization for rations, quarters and administration only per paragraph 7, S.O. # 45, Station F352, KTOUSA. The above mentioned men were Chemical Warfare men attached to the company for the forthcoming trip. It was on the evening of the 20th, after supper, that Capt. Bean called a formation and advised the company that we were to leave in two days on an ocean voyage. Destination was unknown even to himself, it being known only that the destination had a "Tropical Climate". Speculation ran high among the men with South America, India and Africa as the three leading possibilities for the destination.

21 October - All organization equipment was loaded at Southern Railroad Station, Chickster. The loaded freight cars were to accompany troops the next day.

22 October - Arising at 2:00 A.M. on this date, the organization had an early breakfast, extruded, and departed Westhampton, Sussex, England at 0400, arriving at Chickster at 0430. At the Southern Railway station in Chickster the company boarded a train and departed Chickster at 0530, arriving at Avonmouth Docks at 1140, a distance of about 200 miles. At 1230 the organization embarked on H.M.T. Nealtan, and, after a short journey up along the west coast of England, the Nealtan docked at Gourock, where it was to join a convoy for the ocean voyage.

24 October - Early in the morning of the 24th a large convoy of Allied ships sailed out of the mouth of the River Clyde. Among them was H.M.T. Nealtan, those aboard including the 12th Signal Company. All unit equipment, except vehicles, was aboard. Strength of company during October: One officer, 11 enlisted men. Five men still on detached service, five CWS men attached.

1 November - Still at sea aboard the H.M.T. Nealtan. There were only a few duties to perform, such as table orderly and hatch guard, with lifeboat drill and calisthenics a daily routine. Two members of the unit became sea sick, one, Tech Sgt. Brunfield, had to be hospitalized, but returned to duty a few days later. The majority of the men found their sealege within a day or so. Somewhere in the mid-atlantic the group of ships from Gourock joined another large group of Allied Vessels, forming the largest convoy the world has ever seen. It was while this organization was aboard ship that it heard the news of General Montgomery's victory over Rommel at El Alamein. Inasmuch as our destination was now known to be French North Africa, this news was greeted with loud cheers.

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8 November - Early in the morning, H.M.T. Houston dropped anchor at Arzew, off the North African Coast. All this day, Sunday, troops were taken to the beach in landing boats, while the sound of Artillery fire could be heard in the distance. Drivers Sgts. Davis and Mattoer and T/5th Gr. Blalock disembarked at about 1400 with detail to unload L-1 ship and drive the three priority vehicles of the company, one $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 6 x 6, cargo; one $3/4$ ton, 4 x 4, weapons carrier; and one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4 x 4, Recon Car. This company stayed on dock part of the night in readiness for disembarkation, eating corned beef sandwiches for supper. When it became apparent that they would not disembark that night, the men were ordered below decks to rest, the company commander maintaining contact with the commander of troops.

9 November - At 0700, the company stepped from landing boats to the docks of Arzew, Algeria. There were still a few native snipers in the hills, but most of the resistance in this area had been overcome. Sgt. Mattoer joined the unit with the $3/4$ ton, 4 x 4, weapons carrier. By marching part of the way and riding in trucks part of the way, the company reached St. Lou, Algeria, about six miles from Arzew, at 0930. There were several false air alerts during that day and at night the organization bivouacked on the ground, using the one blanket, shelter halves, and raincoat, with which each man disembarked, for shelter. Part of the telephone section, consisting of operators Corp. Hunter, T/5th Gr. Reynolds, PFC Chapman and PFC Brown and wire chief Tech Sgt. Johnson, were sent to Tafaroud Air Base to assist with telephone communications there.

11 November - S/Sgt. Lenoire was placed on detached service with rear echelon, 12th A.F., to act as French interpreter. T/5th Gr. Blalock was still on detached service with one of the Company's Jeeps as driver for the Communications Officer, 12th Fighter Command, not having rejoined the company since debarking on 8 November. Word reached the company that the French had signed an Armistice with the Allies. At 1400, after hearing this good news, the company extruded at St. Lou, Algeria, and traveled a distance of about 30 miles to Tafaroud Air Base, Algeria, arriving at 1730 and spending the night on piles of hay stacked in a hangar riddled with machine gun bullets and cannon fire. Sgt. Davis rejoined the company with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 6 x 6, cargo truck.

12 November - Left Tafaroud Air Base at 1200, arrived at La Senia Air Base, Algeria, at 1400, a distance of 10 miles.

14 November - Sgt. Rosenauer, Corp. Jacobelli, Corp. Parr, T/5th Gr. Blalock and T/5th Gr. Hallia rejoined the company, having returned from detached service. Rosenauer, Jacobelli, Parr and Hallia set up a Message Center, the telephone operators of the company took over the French Switchboard and later operated a larger British board. Three teletypewriter machines were installed and put into operation in conjunction with personnel of the 72nd Signal Company, Service Group.

15 November - S/Sgt. Lenoire returned to duty from detached service and Pvt. Reynolds was attached for administration and rations only when he became separated from his company.

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20 November - Pvt. McQuinn relieved from attached, after his organization was located for him.

21 November - Ptes. 1st Vigilante, Burkhardt and Greenberg, and Ptes. Spinali and Weir, were relieved from attached per paragraph 1, S.O. # 3 Hq AAF, La Senia, Algeria, and joined their unit, Hq & Hq Sq, 38th Serv Sq.

26 November - T/4th Gr. Rutledge relieved from detached service with the 418th Signal Company (Avn), 5th Fighter Command, and placed on detached service with Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 12th Fighter Command November 3, 1942 per paragraph 3 S.O. # 96 Hq. 5th Fighter Command. Strength of company at end of November: One officer and 35 men present, one on detached service. (T/4th Gr. Blalock.)

1 December - The company continued operating the telephone switchboard, message center and teletypewriter service, installing and maintaining wire circuits, and running the Base Signal Office and Supply Dump at La Senia Air Base. The unit operated its own mess in the rear of a Bullet-Ridden French Messager, in which it was bivouaced. Company Commander, Captain Penn, was appointed assistant Signal Officer, the 12th A.F.S.C., to supervise all signal activities during the absence of the Signal Officer, Col. E. I. Allen. At 1700, T/9th Gr. Hallia left duty and went ANGL.

1 December - T/5th Gr. Hallia returned to duty from ANGL as of 1230. Corp. Jacobelli and T/9th Gr. Hallia were both reduced to the grade of private per Company Order # 2. Tech Sgt. Johnson and T/4th Gr. Burns left VIA truck at 0600 for detached service at Yank les Bains, Algeria, per paragraph 3, S.O. # 12 Hq AAF.

4 December - T/3rd Gr. Shively, T/4th Gr. Smith, T/4th Gr. McLane, T/4th Gr. Hinton, Corp Parr, T/9th Gr. Hodgcock and Pvt 1st Krause boarded a plane at 1730 to join the other members of this organization on detached service at Yank les Bains.

4 December - 1st Lts. Froumore and Taylor; Tech Sgts. Cole, Stinson, Jamin; T/4th Gr. Barker, Burk, Honeycutt, and Heflinick; T/9th Gr. Bailey, Chambers, Laine and Grulke; Ptes. 1st King, Jones, Mutter, and Wood; Ptes. Houshead, Clahan, Matthews, Bradley, Kinson, Burger, Pace and Pyle on detached service from 439th Signal Battalion (Constr) Avn, were attached to the 12th Signal Company

6 December - Ptes. Pace and Pyle were relieved from attached and returned to their organization.

9 December - It was necessary for 1st Sgt. Morris to be hospitalized at the station hospital, La Senia Airdrome, Algeria, due to a foot injury sustained while playing basketball. 1st Lt. Knapp; Ptes. Pace and Pyle attached to company for duties only.

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10 December - T/5th Gr. Linkis, who was acting company cook, was appointed T/4th Gr. per company order # 3.

11 December - 1st Lt. Taylor; Pvt. Pace and Pyle were relieved from attached and returned to their unit. T/4th Gr. Rutledge was relieved from detached service with the 12th Fighter Command. Since the company was preparing to move, 1st Lts. Freeman and Knapp; T/2d Gr. Cole, Stinson, and Joplin; T/4th Gr. Barker, Dark, Honeycutt, and McKissick; T/5th Gr. Balyon, Chambers, Laine, and Grulke; Pvt. 1st King, Jones, Katter and Wood; Pvt. Moorehead, Gilham, Mathews, Bradley, Kinson and Burger were relieved from attached.

12 December - At about 0700, after having been up since 0400, this organization departed La Senia Airdrome VIA motor convey on route to Gajda, French Morocco, 147 miles away. With one stop for the noon meal, the convey reached Gajda at 1530, the men disembarked, and pitched pup tents. As a result of the move, 1st Sgt. Morris was reported from sick station hospital to absent sick La Senia Airdrome, Algeria. T/2d Gr. Kochert, S/Sgt. Horn, Sgt. Kiam, Corp. Daly, Pvt. 1st Dodson and Pvt. Mallia remained behind at La Senia to handle the transporting of the company's equipment to the new station.

13 December - T/4th Gr. Rutledge was sent to the station hospital of the Gajda Airbase (MLB-AR 35-1440) and as a result was reduced to private per company order # 4 dated 13 December 1942.

14 December - Sgt. Davis in the company's 2½ ton truck and T/2d Gr. Hank in the weapons carrier returned to La Senia on duty, to assist in transporting unit equipment to Gajda.

15 December - Sgt. Davis returned from La Senia with some of the company's equipment.

16 December - The men who were left behind, T/2d Gr. Kochert, S/Sgt. Horn, Sgt. Kiam, Corp. Daly, Pvt. 1st Dodson and Pvt. Mallia, returned to duty with the company from detached service at La Senia, VIA freight car. T/2d Gr. Hank returned with the weapons carrier and several bags of mail later in the day.

24 December - All units were alerted at about 2000 and equipped to move on 10 minutes notice.

25 December - Pvt. Rutledge returned to duty from sick (MLB). Christmas was quietly celebrated, made somewhat gloomy by the alert, but the last minute arrival of a large quantity of letters and packages boosted the morale of all. A Christmas show was staged in one of the hangars in the evening.

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26 December - Sgt. Tanner, from A.C.U., Pvt 1st Naik, Pts. De Salvo, Langtry, Owens, Shaul, Black, Stahl, Guy, Madgling and Pulley, from Hq. & Hq. Squadron, 38th Service Group, were transferred into this organization per paragraph 1 and 2, S.O. # 4, Hq. Gajda Service Center, dated 24 December 1942, and joined the company at 0900. Strength at the end of December: One officer and 37 enlisted men present for duty, 11 enlisted men having been transferred in, the 1st Sgt. still in the hospital, and 9 men on detached service at Xaux les Bains.

1 January - Still living in pup tents, maintaining a high morale despite torrential rains, hail, wind, and even some snow. The telephone operator's section was operating a 2B-14 switchboard for the base while the telephone linemen maintained and installed new circuits. Teletypewriter service to the teletypewriter exchange at V Army Hq. in Gajda, was established, by means of a simplified phantom circuit, ground return. The company's teletype operator's were operating the machine. A few days after the beginning of the month, the organization set up a Message Center and Code Room.

1 January - Capt. Dean was hospitalized in French Military Hospital, Gajda, with acute bronchitis. During the next 12 days, with S/Sgt. Stockstill acting as First Sergeant, and no officer present assigned, the company continued operations.

12 January - Pvt 1st V. E. Bittner was transferred from the 12th Replacement Pool per S.O. # 4, Hq. 12 A.F.S.C. dated 7 January, 1943, and joined the company this date, being assigned as student auto mechanic.

14 January - Pvt. I. A. Brennan and Pvt. E. H. Nyberg were both transferred from the 12th Replacement Pool per S.O. # 4, Hq. 12th A.F.S.C. Pvt. Brennan joined the organization at 1330 hours but Pvt. Nyberg did not join.

15 January - Capt. Dean returned from hospital to duty.

16 January - S/Sgt. Kern, Sgt. Davis and Pvt. Brennan went on a trip to La Senia in a 2 1/2 ton truck to procure Signal Equipment from AFGB No. 1.

17 January - S/Sgt. Kern and Sgt. Davis returned from La Senia without Pvt. Brennan, after a thorough search of La Senia was made for him. Pvt. Brennan was carried AWOL as of 1130, 17 January.

22 January - Pvt. F. H. Sheldon was transferred from the 12th Replacement Pool per paragraph 11, S.O. # 6, dated 11 January but did not join the organization.

23 January - 1/4th gr. Edwin H. Jacobs, Pts. 1st Alvin Galloway and Joseph A. Kroll were transferred from the 439th Signal Battalion (Avn) Center, per S.O. # 10, Hq. 12th A.F.S.C., dated 19 January and joined the company as linemen.

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29 January - Pvt. 1st William A. Harrison was transferred from the 1st Service Squadron, 3rd Service Group, per paragraph 2, S.O. # 12, Hq. 12th A.F.S.C., dated 26 January. He did not join, as orders were later revoked. Pvt. Brown was placed in confinement in Oran, Algeria on 28 January, pending a Court Martial for drunkenness and disorderliness. The status of Pvt. Hyberg was changed from detached service en route, not joined, to absent confinement, La Suda Air Base as of 7 January 1943.

31 January - Pvt. Stephen P. Durham was transferred from the 3rd Service Group per paragraph 9, S.O. # 9, Hq. 12th A.F.S.C., dated 21 January and joined the organization at 1400. He was assigned as company armorer. Strength of the company at the end of January: One officer and 42 men present for duty, nine men on detached service, six new men transferred in and the 1st Sgt. still in the hospital.

1 February - Still operating the base telephone and teletype service and providing personnel for base message center. Pvt. 1st Chapman, and Pvt. 1st Kruman and Pvt. Hallia appointed T/5th Gr. Corp. Parr reduced to grade of private for inefficiency, as recommended by Headquarters at Youk les Bains, per company order # 1, dated 1 February.

2 February - Pvt. 1st Raik transferred to the 68th Observation Group.

4 February - 1st Sgt. Morris returned to duty from the hospital at La Suda.

11 February - Pvt. 1st Dodson appointed T/5th Gr. and Pvt. Rutledge appointed Pvt. 1st Cl per company order # 3, dated 10 February.

20 February - Pvt. Hyberg arrived for duty from his confinement at La Suda and Pvt. Sheldon, had been transferred into the company, but had not yet joined, reported for duty.

22 February - T/5th Gr. Hallia was reduced to the grade of private per company order # 5, dated 19 February.

25 February - Pvt. Manichalli from Hq. Co., 815th Eng. Bn., was transferred to this unit per S.O. # 51, Hq. 2nd Service Area Command (Prov), but has not yet joined.

26 February - Sgt. Tanner appointed S/Sgt. (Temp.) and Pvt. Pailay and Blank appointed Pvt. 1st per Company Order # 6, dated 25 February. T/Sgt. Schilling, T/4th Gr. Regan, T/5th Gr. Paddyworth, T/5th Gr. Suggs, T/5th Gr. Wirt, Pvt 1st Patterson, Pvt 1st Browning, Pvt. Newcome, Stanford and Schevick were transferred to the organization from the 431st Signal Battalion per paragraph 2, S.O. # 54 Hq. 2nd Service Area Command (Prov) and joined. Pvt. Manichalli who had been on detached service (not joined) reported to the company for duty and was assigned to the telephone operator's section.

27 February - The men who had been on detached service at Youk les Bains, near the front lines since December, T/Sgt. Johnson, T/3rd Gr. Shively,

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T/4th Gr. McLeese, Beres, Hinton, Smith, T/5th Gr. Krauss and Hedgecock, and Pvt. Parr, returned to duty with reports of maintaining communications, including Air-Ground Radio in the face of frequent enemy air attacks. Strength of company at the end of February: One officer, 65 enlisted men. One man transferred, 12 new men joined, one man from confinement to duty, 1st Sgt. from hospital to duty, and 9 men from detached service to duty.

1 March - Operating the base telephone switchboard, maintaining and inter-telephone lines, operating teletypewriter service, and staffing the base message center. A few days after the beginning of the month, opened Radio Station 19N for the reception and transmission of emergency administrative traffic. In addition to other activities, the organization was handling all signal property functions for the service center.

6 March - Pvt. Nyberg and Pvt. Mallia went AWOL. Pvt. Mallia was apprehended and held by the Military Authorities in Oujda, French Morocco, notification being sent to the Commanding Officer the following morning.

7 March - Pvt. Nyberg returned from AWOL to duty and was placed in confinement in the base guardhouse. Pvt. Mallia was also placed in confinement. Charges were preferred against Pvt. Nyberg for being drunk on duty as base switchboard operator and AWOL, and Pvt. Mallia was charged with AWOL.

20 March - Pvt. Suttler was transferred from the M.A.A.F. Replacement Center per paragraph 22, S.O. # 31, Hq. 2nd Air Defense Wing, dated 15 March but has not joined the organization.

21 March - Pvt. Suttler joined and was assigned as a student teletypewriter operator.

25 March - Paragraph 2, S.O. # 15, 12th A.F.S.C. assigning PFC Harrison to this organization was rescinded by paragraph 7, S.O. # 53, 12th A.F.S.C. Strength at the end of March: One officer, 63 enlisted men present for duty. Three men absent in confinement.

1 April - Carrying on Signal Communications and Supply for Service Center No. 1. The radio section is now recording all traffic transmitted on the net. Pts. 1st Krall, Patterson, and Rutledge appointed T/5th Gr. Pts. Daughtry, De Salvo and Shaul were appointed Pvt 1st. The above promotions per Company Order # 7, dated 1 April.

1 April - Pvt. Boyle transferred from the M.A.A.F. Replacement Center per paragraph 4, S.O. # 5, Hq. M.A.A.F. Replacement Center and joined the unit and was assigned as teletypewriter mechanic, learning to operate.

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6 April - Pvt. Mallia was released from confinement and was assigned to duty as student supply clerk.

8 April - Corp. Daly, bitten by a stray dog, was sent to Algeria by air transport for Pasteur treatment.

9 April - Pvt. 1st Palfrey, also bitten by a dog, was sent to Algiers. Pvt. Purr placed in confinement for unlawful firing of service pistol and drunkenness in camp.

11 April - Pvt. Burton transferred from this organization to the 324th Service Group per paragraph 6, S.O. # 71, dated 27 March, Hq. 12th A.F.S.C., departed by air transport at 1330.

14 April - Pvt. Jacobelli from duty to ANOL 1730.

15 April - Pvt. Jacobelli returned from ANOL to duty at 0815, and was confined at 0845 hours this date, charges being preferred under AN-61.



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OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 1 DECEMBER
1943 TO 31 DECEMBER 1943.

Alert orders were again issued for overseas movement and packing and preparation was immediately begun and completed within 3 days. One of the new men recently transferred, has been transferred to an Ordnance Company.

The company embarked from Bizerte, Tunisia at 1000 on 11 December and were at sea for 2 days. Arriving at Bagnoli, Italy, all personnel were billeted at Staging Area No. 1, PBS, for 9 days. Departing there on 22 December 1943 this unit arrived at Lucera, Italy. A bivouac area was established and the radio station and telephone switchboard was installed. The message center also set up and began operation. Private Brennan was dropped from the company roll as an absentee and Private Kussome was transferred to Personnel Center in North Africa, awaiting transportation to the United States to be discharged under Section VIII, AR 615-360.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
Month of: December 1943. Prepared by: William M. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

1 December - Continuing servicing with the 38th Service Group, this company still remained at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

Promotions and reductions made at the beginning of the month were as follows: T/Sgt Schilling reduced to grade of Private and re-appointed T/4Gr., T/4Gr Hedgecock and Krauss promoted to Sgt., and T/5Gr Benichelli and Nyberg promoted to T/4Gr. These were made per Company Order # 15, dated 1 December 1943, effective the same date. T/4Gr Payne L. Ken, having been with the company less than a month, was relieved from assigned and transferred in grade to the 2008th Ord Maint (M) Co.

5 December - Once again alert orders for overseas movement were issued this unit and preparations began without delay. Packing of the equipment was begun, the radio station and message center ceased operations and, although the telephone switchboard remained in operation, many of the lines were discontinued.

8 December - All packing having been completed, the equipment was loaded on unit vehicles and driven to the docks to be loaded on the boat. 1st Lt. Reid and 13 drivers were placed on D/S to accompany the vehicles and equipment on the movement. The remainder of personnel moved into a building on the base awaiting for movement.

10 December - At about 0900, the company entrained and departed Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, boarding LCI # 75 at approximately 1030. Although not everyone was of the opinion the voyage was going to be a short one, all believed that it would be quite disagreeable. 40 men and their equipment were placed in a hold that would normally and comfortably accommodate 12 or 15.

S/Sgt Hicks was reduced to grade of private, broken restriction

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 1082nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
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and sent AWL on 9 December 1943.

11 December - At 1000, a convoy of some 25 or 30 ships formed and embarked from Bizerte, Tunisia. The first few hours of the voyage were very rough and by nightfall the convoy was well out "At Sea".

12 December 1943 - A large percentage of personnel aboard ship became "Sea Sick." The ship being small and the water rough, it was almost impossible, at times, to remain below deck.

13 December - Passing the Isle of Capri about 0830, the convoy was well within sight of Southern Italy. At 1430, the boat in which this company was riding, docked and disembarked at Bagnoli, Italy, just a short distance beyond Naples. No transportation being available, it was necessary to march to Staging Area No. 1, PBS, a distance of 2 or 3 miles. There, the organization, together with several others, were billeted in a large building, one of many similar structures constructed by the Italians for an Orphans' educational center. One of the buildings converted into an "American Red Cross Club", even though it wasn't nearly completed, offered an excellent place for relaxation and entertainment after a most unpleasant ocean voyage. Unfortunately, no heat was provided and the electric lights which were extinguished nightly at 1900 gave less illumination than candles would provide.

15 December - Passes were granted for the purpose of visiting Naples and Pompei, and were taken advantage of by most members of the organization. Many interesting and historical places were to be seen, especially in Pompei.

22 December - At 0900, a motor convoy, among whose passengers were the

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Month of: December 1943 Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

members of this organization, departed Bagnoli, Italy, Staging Area No. 1, PES. Adverse weather conditions (heavy rains almost the entire distance of the trip) and a very mountainous country made traveling quite difficult. After a distance of 120 miles, the convoy arrived in Lucera, Italy at 1800. All personnel were billeted for the night in a gymnasium.

23 December - The entire day was devoted to the establishment of the company's bivouac area. Pyramidal tents were pitched for housing and a large wall tent was used for the mess hall and kitchen. Lt. Reid with the detachment of 13 drivers, on D/S since 7 December, returned to duty with the company, having driven the unit motor vehicles from Staging Area No. 2, PES, Bagnoli, Italy, to Lucera.

27 December - A telephone switchboard, TC-4, was installed, using one trunk line to a small British switchboard in Lucera as its only outlet. Since the Lucera switchboard has only one line to Foggia, telephone communications will be poor. II Air Service Area Command Signal Section can offer no immediate assistance. The radio station was set up and reported into the II AFAC net on the verbal orders of Captain Dean, since no other communication channels existed. The message center section set up in base headquarters.

30 December - Private Ignatius A. Brennan, reported as AWOL on 29 November was dropped from the company roll as an absentee. Private Ray C. Newsome was transferred to Personnel Center # 2, HBE, for first available transportation to the United States, to be discharged under Section VIII, AR 615-360. Pvt Newsome departed this organization at 0730, and left the Foggia Airport via Military Aircraft for North Africa.

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy

Month of: December 1943 Prepared by: William H. Leap, Captain, Signal Corps

31 December - Operating with the following strength, the company remains at Lucera, Italy, attached to the 38th Service Group.

Officers: Present Assigned: 3

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GUILLE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM November
1943 to 30 November 1943.

Six promotions were made at the beginning of the month and one member of the organization was reduced to the grade of private. A Nissan Hut was secured for the Telephone Exchange which was erected by two members of the organization and a detail of Italian prisoners.

A radio officer, 1st Lt. Reid, joined the organization and was assigned to the Supply and Repair Platoon, and 2nd Lt. Resciniti was placed on D/S as an Italian Interpreter.

This company completed one years service in North Africa on the 8th day of this month and during the month, 9 new men were assigned to the unit.

Six enlisted men were placed on D/S to Oran for the purpose of driving motor vehicles back to this base. They returned to duty after an absence of 10 days.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Co., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

1 November - This company, servicing the 38th Service Group with Signal Communications, is still located at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

The following promotions were announced, effective this date: T/Sgt Johnson to T/Sgt, and Pvs Irl Dahl, De Salvo, Guy, Lodgling and Rutledge to T/Sgt. T/4Gr Airt was reduced to grade of private.

2 November - To increase the efficiency of our communication system, a requisition was submitted and approved for a Nissen Hut to be used for the Telephone Exchange. With a detail of Italian Prisoners, T/Sgt Schilling and T/4Gr Hedgecock immediately began its erection. The hut was constructed around the central underground cable terminal block to eliminate long field lines between the terminal and exchange.

3 November - 1st Lt. Roy E. Reid, O-560258, Sig Co., was transferred from the 1033rd Signal Company, Service Group, and assigned to this unit per par 4, SO # 285, Hq XII AFSC, dated 27 October 1943. He joined the organization at 1530. Lt. Reid, a radio Officer, was assigned to the Supply and Repair Platoon.

5 November - 2nd Lt. Rescinski was placed on O/S with II AFSC as an Italian interpreter. HONJ Kochert was transferred to the 1078th Signal Company, Service Group per par 5, SO # 285, Hq XII AFSC, dated 27 October 1943 and departed this organization at 0715.

8 November - T/5Gr Howard R. Groff, 14177561, and Pvt Irl Richard E. Burton, 15329139, were transferred from Hq Sq, XII AFSC, and assigned to this organization per par 1, SO # 296, Hq XII AFSC, dated 7 November 1943. Groff reported to the Radio Repair Section for duty, while Burton reported to the Switchboard Operator's Section.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Co., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.
Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

This date marks the first anniversary of this Unit's landing in North Africa.

12 November - T/4Gr Payne L. Hen and Pvt 1st Roger A. Sans were transferred and joined from the 22nd Replacement Battalion Pool. Authority for their transfer was contained in paragraph 4 of SO # 95, Hq 22nd Replacement Battalion, dated 5 November 1943.

13 November - T/4Gr Linakis, T/5Gr Hodgling and Cutler, Pvs 1st Bittner and Browning, and Pvt Sirt were placed on D/S to Oran for approximately 10 days.

14 November - T/5Gr Tomoukos, Rhoads, Rosen, and Pvs Covey and Dalm were assigned to the organization and joined from the 2nd Replacement Battalion Pool.

19 November - Lt Resciniti returned from D/S and to duty with the company at 1230.

23 November - T/4Gr Linakis, T/5Gr Hodgling and Cutler, Pvs 1st Bittner and Browning, and Pvt Sirt returned from D/S at 0930.

25 November - Pvt Ignatius A. Brennan, in confinement since last June, was re-assigned to the organization and joined from the 15th Replacement Battalion.

29 November - Pvt Brennan was issued a special Privilege Pass which expired at 1200 but failed to return at the proper time, consequently was reported AWOL as of 1200, 29 November 1943.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 10th Signal Company Serv Co., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.
Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

26 November - Continuing servicing the 35th Service Group, this Company remains at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, with the following strength:

Present Assigned: 3 Officers
63 Enlisted Men

Absent Assigned: 1 Enlisted Man.
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UNIT HISTORY

1. Name of Unit: 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group
2. Where Activated Barksdale Field, Louisiana Date: 15 February 1941
3. Locations Trained: Barksdale Field, La. from 4 March 1941, to April 1941
Army Air Base
New Orleans, La. from April 1941, to 19 May 1942
from 1941, to 1941
from 1941, to 1941
from 1941, to 1941
4. Joined Service Group No. 38 at New Orleans Air Base Date: May 1942
5. (At U.S.)
(Staging Area) Fort Dix, New Jersey from 21 May 1942, to 4 June 1942
6. Departed U.S. from New York Port of Embarkation Date: 4 June 1942
7. Arrived overseas at Gourock, Scotland Date: 11 June 1943
Arzew, French North Africa Date: 8 November 1942
8. What combat units were served? (Give places and dates in Chronological Sequence)

31st Fighter Group from 11 June 1942 to 12 December 1942, at bases in England, and at La Senia Air Base, La Senia, Algeria. 68th Observation Group and 319th Bomb Group from December 1942 to May 1943, at Oujda Air Base, Oujda, French Morocco. 97th Bomb Group at Chateaudun Air Base, Chateaudun, Algeria, and 2nd Bomb Group at Ain M'lila, Algeria and Massicault Air Base, Massicault, Tunisia from May 1943 to August 1943. Presently Serving 1st Fighter Group and 325th Fighter Groups at Mateur, Tunisia; and 14th Fighter Group and 97th Bomb Group at Service Center No. 37, Tunisia.

9. Give resume of type of training received from time unit was activated until it began servicing combat units:

Training in individual sections to which assigned. About 30% of men attended Signal Schools at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and at Chicago, Illinois. Base Signal Functions at the following bases: Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana; Atcham Air Base, Atcham, England; Westhamphett, England; La Senia Air Base, La Senia, Algeria; Oujda Air Base, Oujda, French Morocco; Chateaudun Air Base, Chateaudun, Algeria; Ain M'lila Air Base, Ain M'lila, Algeria; Massicault Air Base, Massicault, Tunisia; Air Base at Service Center 37, Tunisia; and Air Base at Service Center 38, Mateur, Tunisia. This unit also had a detachment at Youks-Les-Bains, Algeria, from December, to March 1943, during actual combat operations.

REMARKS:


WILLIAM H. DEAN
Captain, Signal Corps
Commanding, 1032nd Sig Co, SG.

UNIT HISTORY

1. Name of Unit: 103rd Signal Company, Service Group
2. Where Activated: Barkdale Field, Louisiana Date: 15 February 1943
3. Locations Trained: Barkdale Field, La. from 1 March 1943 to April 1943
Army Air Base New Orleans, La. from April 1943 to 19 May 1943
from 1943 to 1943
from 1943 to 1943
from 1943 to 1943
4. Joined Service Group No. 38 at New Orleans Air Base Date: May 1943
5. (At U.S. (Staging Area) Fort Dix, New Jersey from 21 May 1943 to 4 June 1943)
6. Departed U.S. from New York Port of Embarkation Date: 4 June 1943
7. Arrived overseas at Gourock, Scotland Date: 11 June 1943
8. What combat units were served? (Give places and dates in chronological sequence)
31st Fighter Group from 11 June 1943 to 15 December 1943, at bases in England, and at La Senia Air Base, La Senia, Algeria. 68th Observation Group and 31st Bomb Group from December 1943 to May 1943, at Oudja Air Base, Oudja, French Morocco. 97th Bomb Group at Chateaudun Air Base, Chateaudun, Algeria, and 32nd Bomb Group at Ain M'illa, Algeria and Massicault Air Base, Massicault, Tunisia from May 1943 to August 1943. Presently serving 1st Fighter Group and 32nd Fighter Group at Matruh, Tunisia; and 14th Fighter Group and 97th Bomb Group at Service Center No. 37, Tunisia.
9. Give resume of type of training received from time unit was activated until it began servicing combat units:
Training in individual sections to which assigned. About 30% of men attended Signal Schools at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and at Chicago, Illinois. Base Signal Functions at the following bases: Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana; Atcham Air Base, Atcham, England; Westhampton, England; La Senia Air Base, La Senia, Algeria; Oudja Air Base, Oudja, French Morocco; Chateaudun Air Base, Chateaudun, Algeria; Ain M'illa Air Base, Ain M'illa, Algeria; Massicault Air Base, Massicault, Tunisia; Air Base at Service Center 37, Tunisia; and Air Base at Service Center 38, Matruh, Tunisia. This unit also had a detachment at Yonka-les-Bains, Algeria, from December to March 1943, during actual combat operations.

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OUTLINE HISTORY. 1052ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 15

OCTOBER 1943 to 31 OCTOBER 1943.

All packing and necessary arrangements have been completed for the overseas movement anticipated.

Two promotions were announced and two men were sent on D/S to Oren. A new man was assigned to the unit from the 1051st Signal Company Service Group.

The men spent most of their spare time improving the bivouac area. A new mess hall was built, crushed rock was obtained for tent floors and walks, and wooden floors are being constructed for most of the tents.

The Radio Station moved to another room in the base headquarters building, to separate it from the message center.

One member of the organization, in confinement since last June was re-assigned to this unit from Air Force General Depot No. 1.

Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia

Month of: October, 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

18 October - The company is still carrying on Signal Communications for Service Center No. 38, at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, with Teletype, Radio, Telephone, and Message Center operation, and Signal Property and Radio Repair Activities.

Although packing and other preparations for the overseas movement anticipated have been completed, it seems as if the unit might remain here for an indefinite period of time.

T/5Gr Black was promoted to T/4Gr and Pvt 1cl Nyberg was promoted to T/5Gr. T/5Gr Reynolds and Pvt 1cl Shaul were sent to Oran via Air Transport for the purpose of bringing back 2 3/4-Ton Trucks.

19 October - T/5Gr Masson was assigned to this unit from the 1061st Signal Company Service Group and joined at 1530. Having had experience as a Message Center Clerk, Masson reported to S/Sgt Stockstill, Message Center Chief, for duty.

22 October - T/5Gr Reynolds and Pvt 1cl Shaul returned from Oran at 2200, with two 3/4-Ton trucks which were turned over to group headquarters.

During the past week, the entire organization worked quite diligently improving its bivouac area. A larger and more convenient shower was constructed and, although practically every member of the company assisted in its structure, S/Sgt Lemoine deserves much of the credit, since his ideas and plans guided its progress. A large wall tent was set up adjoining the kitchen to be used for the Mess hall. Having procured lumber, T/4Gr Hedgecock and Kroll began at once building tables and screening the tent. Being wired for electric lights, it was quite appropriate for a day room. Magazines were obtained and it offered a suitable place for the men to read and write letters.

Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 1052nd Sig Co., Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia

Month of: October 1945. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

In as much as the company was going for all-out improvement, a floor for the Orderly Room was built by T/Sgt Schilling, T/4Gr Hedgecock, and T/6Gr Nyberg. It added much to the appearance of the Orderly Room as an office, to say nothing of the extra comfort it afforded, especially with the rainy season approaching. Glass window panes were taken from an old trailer which the detachment had obtained while on D/S, which made very nice tops for the desks. T/4Gr Hedgecock used a larger piece of the glass to make a door for the Orderly Room Tent.

With all the improvements made in the area, the morale of the entire organization has increased considerably.

23 October - The Radio Repair Section started working with the 1st Sub Depot on the field, handling inspection and repair of Radio equipment in Aircraft turned in for repair.

24 October - Being over crowded in the operations room at base headquarters, another room was made available in the same building for the Radio Station. Due to the fact that traffic is so slight at the present time and can easily be handled by the other operators, S/Sgt Lemoine, Assistant chief, began working with the Radio mechanics, assisting them in their repair work.

27 October - Private Newsome, who has been in confinement since last June was re-assigned to this unit from Air Force General Depot No. 1, and joined the organization at 0945.

Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 1032nd Sig Co., Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia

Month of: October 1943. Prepared BY: William H. Lean, Captain, Signal Corps

31 October - Company continuing normal operations at Service Center

No. 38.

Strength: Present Assigned: 2 Officers
1 WOJG
54 Enlisted Men

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UNIT HISTORY

1. Name of Unit: DETACHMENT, 1032ND. SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP.
2. Where Activated BARKSDALE FIELD, LA., U. S. A. Date: 25 MARCH 1941.
3. Locations Trained: NEW ORLEANS ARMY AIR BASE,
NEW ORLEANS, LA. from 27 APRIL 1941, to 19 MAY 1942
from 194, to 194
from 194, to 194
from 194, to 194
from 194, to 194
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from 194, to 194
4. Joined Service Group No. 38 at NEW ORLEANS, LA. Date: 20 MAY 1941.
5. (At U.S.)
(Staging Area) FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY from 21 MAY 1942, to 3 JUNE 1942
6. Departed U.S. from NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION Date 4 JUNE 1942.
7. Arrived overseas at GURGO, SCOTLAND Date 9 JUNE 1942.
ARZEW, ALGERIA Date 5 NOVEMBER 1942.
Date
8. What combat units were served? (Give places and dates in Chronological Sequence)
31ST. FIGHTER GROUP, ATCHAF AIR BASE, ENGLAND - 13 JUNE - 31 JULY 1942.
31ST. FIGHTER GROUP, WESTHALPNETT AIR BASE, ENGLAND - 31 JULY - 15 AUG 1942
31ST. FIGHTER GROUP, LASANIA AIR BASE, ALGERIA - 10 NOVEMBER 1942 -
10 DECEMBER 1942.
97TH. BOMB GROUP, CHATEAUDUN, ALGERIA - 5 JUNE 1943 - 12 AUGUST 1943
14TH. FIGHTER GROUP, MARIE ST DE ZIT, TUNISIA - 14 AUGUST 1943 -
97TH. BOMB GROUP, DIEPPIENE, TUNISIANA - 14 AUGUST 1943 --
9. Give resume of type of training received from time unit was activated until it began servicing combat units:
UNIT TRAINED IN THE FOLLOWING LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS:
(A) RADIO CODE AND REPAIR WORK.
(B) SWITCHBOARD OPERATIONS, TELEPHONE LINE AND FIELD INSTALLATIONS.
(C) MESSAGE CENTER OPERATIONS.
(D) SIGNAL CORPS SUPPLY FUNCTIONS.
(E) TELETYPE OPERATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

REMARKS:

THE ABOVE DATES AND PLACES AREN'T ACCURATE. THE HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT WILL SUBMIT A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE REPORT SINCE IT HAS ALL OF THE COMPANY RECORDS IN ITS POSSESSION.

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INTRODUCTION

On 11 September 1942, at Westhampnett Airdrome, Chichester, Sussex, England, the 32nd Signal Platoon, Air Base, was redesignated the 32nd Signal Company, Service Group, by authority contained in letter, Headquarters, VIII Air Force, ETOUSA. The organization, with a strength of thirty two (32) Enlisted men and one (1) Officer, was at that time attached to the 38th Service Group, servicing the 31st Fighter Group and performing all communication duties for the Westhampnett Airdrome. Subsequent instructions received from Headquarters, VIII Air Force directed that no additional personnel would be requested to bring the organization to company strength. However, four (4) enlisted men were transferred from 418th Signal Company, Avn. Promotions of enlisted personnel of the organization were made, effective 17 September, copy orders attached, and 1st Lieut. William H. Dean, O-365639, Company Commander, was commissioned Captain, 8 October.

In compliance with paragraph 12, SO 47, Headquarters, Army Air Force Station F352, dated 20 October, copy attached, this organization - a highly disciplined, well trained Platoon - , together with Units listed in above mentioned special orders, entrained at 0530 hours, 22 October on the Southern Railway, at Chichester, bound for a secret destination. Captain Dean served as Train Commander. The train arrived at Avonmouth, England, at 1140 hours of same date, and the troops were transferred to H.M.T. MOOLTAN at 1330 hours.

The MOOLTAN sailed from Avonmouth at 0200 hours, 23 October, and after a short but rough coastwise trip reached the port of Gourock, Scotland, where she took her place in the largest ship convoy of history. At approximately midnight, 26 October, H.M.T. MOOLTAN weighed anchor, and the convoy sailed from the British Isles, destination - secret.

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The thirteen day journey which followed, taking an indirect and zig-zagging course, was uneventful. No enemy vessels or aircraft were encountered, and the sea was comparatively smooth. Cases of sea-sickness were surprisingly scarce, but one member of this organization was hospitalized for a few days until he could get his "sea legs". Duties aboard ship consisted mainly of an exercise period and a boat drill daily. Speculation and rumors regarding our destination were rife until 2 November, at which time each man was issued an information booklet dealing with the North African countries of French Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. On or about the same date a special news bulletin was read to all on board, describing the overwhelming defeat of Rommel's Afrika Korps at El Alamein, by the British Army.

On 7 November the convoy entered the Mediterranean Sea and it was realized the journey was nearing an end. Members of the expedition awoke on the morning of 8 November to find the boats at anchor outside the port of Arzew, Algeria. After one or two "false starts" members of the 32nd Signal Company disembarked by landing craft at 0700 hours, 9 November, 1942. Upon landing, Corp. Marvin L. Blalock, 34117168, and the unit's "jeep" was commandeered by Lt. Col. Mundel of the 12th Fighter Command, and did not rejoin the unit until 15 November. Sgt Forrest E. Davis Jr., 14017378, was engaged in the dangerous task of hauling aviation gasoline, before hostilities ceased, to Tafaraoui Airdrome, which was being used as a tactical base by the 31st Fighter Group. S/Sgt Anthony A. Lemoine, 14014876, because of his ability to converse fluently in the French language, was immediately put to work as an interpreter by the Rear Echelon, XII Air Force. The message center section was also attached to the Headquarters, XII Air Force. The remaining members of the organization departed by truck and afoot for the town of Saint Leu, a distance of six miles from the port of Arzew. Dinner the first day ashore was composed of American canned rations, which tasted exceptionally

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good after the questionable cuisine that had been experienced on His Majesty's Transport. The company bivouacked in trenches and foxholes that night, and the next day, 10 November, the telephone section and wire chief were sent ahead to Tafaraoui air base to establish communications. On 11 November, Armistice Day, while waiting for transportation, the unit heard the news of a new Armistice, an armistice between the American and French forces in North Africa. At 1400 hours, in a truck convoy preceded by a tank unit, the company left Saint Leu for Tafaraoui, completing the thirty mile ride at 1730 hours. That night the unit slept in a hangar and the following day, 12 November, departed by truck to La Senia Airdrome, a distance of ten miles, arriving at 1430 hours of same date.

HISTORY AT LA SENIA AIRDROME, LA SENIA, ALGERIA

At La Senia the unit took up the task of restoring to usefulness the communication system with the help of French workmen. On 15 November the message center section rejoined the unit and a base message center was set up by them. Teletype and telephone communication was established and the company's supply section functioned as a base signal supply dump for a time. The unit was then servicing the 31st Fighter Group, 52nd Fighter Group, 12th Fighter Command, and the 12th Air Force Service Command. Captain Dean was appointed assistant signal officer of the 12th Air Force Service Command by SO 52 of same headquarters (copy attached) and assumed the duties of this position during the absence of the signal Officer, Colonel Allen.

The 32nd Signal Company, Serv Gp, was then transferred from the 12th Fighter Command to the 12 Air Force Service Command by SO 2, Hq, 12th AFSC, dated 16 November, 1942, (copy attached). The unit at this time was living in one side of a French hangar and had set up a field range in the back of the hangar. Corp John S. Linakis, 32087648, took over as cook and during the remainder of the stay

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at La Senia the menu often included steaks and hamburgers. On Thanksgiving Day the company was served a turkey dinner with most of the trimmings. On 4 December nine men of the unit were sent on detached service with members of the 38th Service Group to service tactical units at an air base located at Youks-Les-Bains, Algeria. 1st Sgt Byrd Hamric, 6992214, was hospitalized 9 December in the La Senia station hospital for treatment to a broken bone in one foot sustained while playing basketball.

HISTORY AT OUJDA SERVICE CENTER, MOROCCO


At 0700 hours, 12 December, in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 8, SO 2, Hq, XII AFSC, (copy attached), the unit departed La Senia by truck convoy for Oujda Air Base, Morocco, a distance of 147 miles. The company arrived at approximately 1600 hours on the same day and set up a "tent city", where it is located at present writing. In spite of inclement weather, including torrential rains, hail storms, and snow, the unit has set up teletype and telephone communications, and is operating a Base Message Center (with Code Room). Captain Dean was hospitalized at the French Military Hospital, Oujda, 4 January, 1943, for a severe cold and returned to duty 14 January. Since arriving at Oujda Air Base, fourteen (14) enlisted men have been transferred in, (copy orders attached), bringing the organization to following strengths:

OFFICERS

1

ENLISTED MEN

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WILLIAM H. DEAN,
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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**OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 15
OCTOBER 1943 to 31 OCTOBER 1943.**

All packing and necessary arrangements have been completed for the overseas movement anticipated.

Two promotions were announced and two men were sent on D/S to Oran. A new man was assigned to the unit from the 1051st Signal Company Service Group.

The men spent most of their spare time improving the bivouac area. A new mess hall was built, crushed rock was obtained for tent floors and walks, and wooden floors are being constructed for most of the tents.

The Radio Station moved to another room in the base headquarters building, to separate it from the message center.

One member of the organization, in confinement since last June was re-assigned to this unit from Air Force General Depot No. 1.

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OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 1 November
1943 to 30 November 1943.

Six promotions were made at the beginning of the month and one member of the organization was reduced to the grade of private. A Nissen Hut was secured for the Telephone Exchange which was erected by two members of the organization and a detail of Italian Prisoners.

A radio officer, 1st Lt. Reid, joined the organization and was assigned to the Supply and Repair Platoon, and 2nd Lt. Resciniti was placed on D/S as an Italian Interpreter.

This company completed one years service in North Africa on the 8th day of this month and during the month, 9 new men were assigned to the unit.

Six enlisted men were placed on D/S to Oran for the purpose of driving motor vehicles back to this base. They returned to duty after an absence of 10 days.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

1 November - This company, servicing the 38th Service Group with Signal Communications, is still located at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

The following promotions were announced, effective this date: T/Sgt Johnson to M/Sgt, and Pvts 1cl Dahl, De Salvo, Guy, Modgling and Rutledge to T/5Gr. T/4Gr Wirt was reduced to grade of private.

2 November - To increase the efficiency of our communication system, a requisition was submitted and approved for a Nissen Hut to be used for the Telephone Exchange. With a detail of Italian Prisoners, T/Sgt Schmilg and T/4Gr Hedgecock immediately began its erection. The hut was constructed around the central underground cable terminal block to eliminate long field lines between the terminal and exchange.

3 November - 1st Lt. Roy E. M. Reid, O-560258, Sig C., was transferred from the 1033rd Signal Company, Service Group, and assigned to this unit per par 4, SO # 285, Hq XII AFSC, dated 27 October 1943. He joined the organization at 1530. Lt. Reid, a radio Officer, was assigned to the Supply and Repair Platoon.

5 November - 2nd Lt. Resciniti was placed on D/S with II ASAC as an Italian interpreter. WOJG Kochert was transferred to the 1078th Signal Company, Service Group per par 5, SO # 285, Hq XII AFSC, dated 27 October 1943 and departed this organization at 0715.

8 November - T/5Gr Howard R. Groff, 14177561, and Pvt. 1cl Richard K. Burton, 15329139, were transferred from Hq Sq, XII AFSC, and assigned to this organization per par 1, SO # 296, Hq XII AFSC, dated 7 November 1943. Groff reported to the Radio Repair Section for duty, while Burton reported to the Switchboard Operator's Section.

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Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

This date marks the first anniversary of this Unit's landing in North Africa.

12 November - T/4Gr Wayne L. Neu and Pvt 1cl Roger J. Sans were transferred and joined from the 22nd Replacement Battalion Pool. Authority for their transfer was contained in paragraph 4 of SO # 95, Hq 22nd Replacement Battalion, dated 5 November 1943.

13 November - T/4Gr Linakis, T/5Gr Modgling and Sutler, Pvs 1cl Bittner and Browning, and Pvt Wirt were placed on D/S to Oran for approximately 10 days.

14 November - T/5Gr Domonkos, Rhoads, Rosen, and Pvs Covey and Dahm were assigned to the organization and joined from the 22nd Replacement Battalion Pool.

19 November - Lt Resciniti returned from D/S and to duty with the company at 1230.

23 November - T/4Gr Linakis, T/5Gr Modgling and Sutler, Pvs 1cl Bittner and Browning, and Pvt Wirt returned from D/S at 0930.

25 November - Pvt Ignatius A. Brennan, in confinement since last June, was re-assigned to the organization and joined from the 19th Replacement Battalion.

29 November - Pvt Brennan was issued a Special Privilege Pass which expired at 1200 but failed to return at the proper time, consequently was reported AWOL as of 1200, 29 November 1943.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

Month of: November 1943. Prepared by: William h. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

30 November - Continuing servicing the 38th Service Group, this Company remains at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, with the following strength:

Present Assigned: 3 Officers
63 Enlisted Men

Absent Assigned : 1 Enlisted Man.
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Month of: December 1943. Prepared by: William E. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

1 December - Continuing servicing with the 38th Service Group, this company still remained at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia.

Promotions and reductions made at the beginning of the month were as follows: T/Sgt Schniling reduced to grade of Private and re-appointed T/4Gr., T/4Gr Hedgecock and Krauss promoted to Sgt., and T/5Gr Menichelli and Nyberg promoted to T/4Gr. These were made per Company Order # 15, dated 1 December 1943, effective the same date. T/4Gr Wayne L. Neu, having been with the company less than a month, was relieved from assigned and transferred in grade to the 2008th Ord Maint (M) Co.

5 December - Once again alert orders for overseas movement were issued this unit and preparations began without delay. Packing of the equipment was begun, the radio station and message center ceased operations and, although the telephone switchboard remained in operation, many of the lines were discontinued.

8 December - All packing having been completed, the equipment was loaded on unit vehicles and driven to the docks to be loaded on the boat. 1st Lt. Reid and 13 drivers were placed on D/S to accompany the vehicles and equipment on the movement. The remainder of personnel moved into a building on the base awaiting for movement.

10 December - At about 0900, the company entrucked and departed Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, boarding LCI # 75 at approximately 1030. Although not everyone was of the opinion the voyage was going to be a short one, all believed that it would be quite disagreeable. 40 men and their equipment were placed in a hold that would normally and comfortably accommodate 12 or 15.

S/Sgt Hicks was reduced to grade of private, having broken restriction

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
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and gone AWOL on 9 December 1943.

11 December - At 1000, a convoy of some 25 or 30 ships formed and embarked from Bizerte, Tunisia. The first few hours of the voyage were very rough and by nightfall the convoy was well out "At Sea".

12 December 1943 - A large percentage of personnel aboard ship became "Sea Sick." The ship being small and the water rough, it was almost impossible, at times, to remain below deck.

13 December - Passing the Isle of Capri about 0830, the convoy was well within sight of Southern Italy. At 1430, the boat in which this company was riding, docked and disembarked at Bagnoli, Italy, just a short distance beyond Naples. No transportation being available, it was necessary to march to Staging Area No. 1, PBS, a distance of 2 or 3 miles. There, the organization, together with several others, were billeted in a large building, one of many similar structures constructed by the Italians for an Orphans' educational center. One of the buildings converted into an "American Red Cross Club", even though it wasn't nearly completed, offered an excellent place for relaxation and entertainment after a most unpleasant ocean voyage. Unfortunately, no heat was provided and the electric lights which were extinguished nightly at 1900 gave less illumination than candles would provide.

15 December - Passes were granted for the purpose of visiting Naples and Pompei, and were taken advantage of by most members of the organization. Many interesting and historical places were to be seen, especially in Pompei.

22 December - At 0900, a motor convoy, among whose passengers were the

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
Month of: December 1943 Prepared by: William E. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

members of this organization, departed Bagnoli, Italy, Staging Area No. 1, PBS. Adverse weather conditions (heavy rains almost the entire distance of the trip) and a very mountainous country made traveling quite difficult. After a distance of 120 miles, the convoy arrived in Lucera, Italy at 1800. All personnel were billeted for the night in a gymnasium.

23 December - The entire day was devoted to the establishment of the company's bivouac area. Pyramidal tents were pitched for housing and a large wall tent was used for the mess hall and kitchen. Lt. Reid with the detachment of 13 drivers, on D/S since 7 December, returned to duty with the company, having driven the unit motor vehicles from Staging Area No. 2, PBS, Bagnoli, Italy, to Lucera.

27 December - A telephone switchboard, TC-4, was installed, using one trunk line to a small British switchboard in Lucera as its only outlet. Since the Lucera switchboard has only one line to Foggia, telephone communications will be poor. II Air Service Area Command Signal Section can offer no immediate assistance. The radio station was set up and reported into the II ASAC net on the verbal orders of Captain Dean, since no other communication channels existed. The message center section set up in base headquarters.

30 December - Private Ignatius A. Brennan, reported as AWOL on 29 November was dropped from the company roll as an absentee. Private Ray C. Newsome was transferred to Personnel Center #2, MBS, for first available transportation to the United States, to be discharged under Section VIII, AR 615-360. Pvt Newsome departed this organization at 0730, and left the Foggia Airport via Military Aircraft for North Africa.

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy

Month of: December 1943 Prepared by: William E. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

31 December - Operating with the following strength, the company remains at Lucera, Italy, attached to the 38th Service Group.

Officers: Present Assigned: 3

EV : Present Assigned: 61

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OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 1 JANUARY
1944 TO 31 JANUARY 1944.

One officer was transferred from the company at the beginning of the month. The unit moved out of pyramidal tents into a building in town. Two offices next door were used for the orderly room and Signal Office and the Signal Property Office.

Five enlisted men were transferred from the company as a cadre for forming new units in this theater. One member of the organization was sent home under the "Rotation" policy initiated last August.

Nine men were placed on D/S, six of them as guards and the other three reported to Signal Section XV AFSC for instruction in high speed radio operation.

Four new men were transferred into the company as replacements for the Cadre furnished.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
Month of: January 1944. Prepared by: William E. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

1 January - Still located in Lucera, Italy, this company continues servicing units of the 38th Service Group.

2 January - 2nd Lt. Armando Fesciniti received orders transferring him to the 1150th Signal Company Service Group. Even though Lt. Fesciniti has been with this unit just over three months, his transfer will be a great loss, since he had won the respect and admiration of both the officers and enlisted men.

3 January - The company moved out of pyramidal tents into a building in town. Three large rooms provided space for sleeping quarters. It was, nevertheless, a bit crowded but offered a great advantage over tents in as much as it was dry and easy to heat. Directly next door were two adjoining offices. One was used for the company orderly room and Signal Office, and the Signal Property moved their office into the other.

8 January - Pvt 1cl Bittner was relieved from assigned and transferred to the Signal Company Cadre, XV AFSC, pending orders for assignment to his new company. Bittner is the first of five men to be transferred from this company for the purpose of forming new units in this theater.

14 January - T/4Gr Linakis, T/5Gr Boyle, De Salvo, Groff and Sutler and Pvt 1cl Scheviak were placed on D/S at 0630. They were to work with the Quartermaster guarding rations on the train to Bari.

16 January - M/Sgt Johnson was reduced to Pvt and re-appointed T/Sgt at his own request.

17 January - T/5Gr De Salvo and Groff and Pvt 1cl Scheviak returned from D/S at 1030.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp. Lucera, Italy
Month of: January 1944. Prepared by: William h. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

18 January - T/4Gr Linakis, & T/5Gr Boyle and Sutler returned from D/S at 1030.

22 January - T/4Gr Nyberg was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. Sgt McAteer & T/4Gr Regan and Schmiling were transferred from this company to the 1152nd Signal Company, Service Group. The 1152nd Signal Company is being activated and is located at this station.

24 January - Orders were issued transferring Pvt Wirt to the 875th Signal Company Dep (AVN). T/4Gr Chapman and Kroll were placed on D/S in Bari with the Signal Section, IV AFSC for instruction as high speed radio operators.

25 January - T/Sgt Johnson was transferred in grade to Personnel Center # 1, ABS and departed this organization at 0700 to proceed by air from Foggia Airport to Casablanca, North Africa pending orders for transportation to the United States. Sgt Johnson is being sent to the States under the "Rotation" Policy initiated last August and is the first member of this company to receive orders for return.

28 January - T/4Gr Nyberg was released from the hospital and returned to duty at 1130.

29 January - T/3Gr Beres was placed on D/S as Radio Instructor with Signal Section, IV AFSC. T/Sgt Crippin, Sgt Ross, T/5Gr Lemmon, and Pvt Wickstrom were assigned to this unit from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C. Crippin Lemmon reported to the Telephone Lineman Section for duty, Ross to the Teletypewriter Section, and Wickstrom began working in the Message Center.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp. Lucera, Italy

Month of: January 1944. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

31 January - At the end of the month this company is operating with the following strength:

Present Assigned: 2 Officers 56 EM

Absent Assigned : 3 EM

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OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 1 FEBRUARY
1944 to 29 FEBRUARY 1944

More promotions were made at the beginning of the month. A basketball league was initiated within the group and this company entered a team of 7 players.

Several new men have been transferred into the company, most of which are radio repairmen. 3 Switchboard operators were placed on D/S with XV AFSC and one man was sent to North Africa for Radar Instruction.

A 1st Lt. was assigned to the unit but is only a transfer on paper as he will be assigned another unit as soon as he has completed D/S which he is now on.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary. 1032nd Signal Company., Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy
Month of; February 1944. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

1 February - Remaining at Lucera, Italy, this company continues servicing the 38th Service Group and its units with Radio and Telephone Communications.

Promotions were made at the beginning of the month to include the following: T/Sgt Hawk to M/Sgt; S/Sgts Horn and Shively to T/Sgt; T/3Gr Miller to S/Sgt; T/5Gr Groff and Rutledge to Sgt; Prts 1cl Sans, Shaul and Schewisk to T/5Gr; and Prts Burton, Covey and Dahm to Pvt 1cl. T/4Gr Jacobs was reduced to Pvt. These were made per Company Order # 3, dated 1 February 1944 and effective the same date.

2 February - Pvt Jacobs was relieved from duty and sent to the 61st Station Hospital.

7 February - A basketball league was initiated within the group and this company having some very good players entered its team composed of 1st Sgt Hamric, M/Sgt Hawk, T/Sgt Brumfield, S/Sgt Kassel, T/3Gr McLeese, T/4Gr Patterson and T/5Gr Boyle.

8 February - Captain Dean, the commanding officer, having been ill for the past few days was sent to the 61st Station Hospital. Sgt Henry A. Tuohy, 12146273, was assigned to the organization and joined from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C. Sgt Tuohy was sent to this unit classified as a "Repeaterman" MOS 187. The current T/C authorizes no such specialty and Tuohy was assigned to the Telephone Lineman Section.

11 February - Captain Dean returned to duty from the hospital at 1230.

12 February - Pvt Jacobs, sent to the 61st Station Hospital on 2 February, was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital.

13 February - Pvt William W. Pievley, 37380488, was assigned to the organization and joined from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C. Pvt

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Rievley's MOS classified him as a switchboard operator, consequently he was assigned to that section in this unit and reported to the chief operator for duty.

14 February - Pvt 1cl Covey, one of the cooks, and Pvt Wickstrom, a new man in the company were both relieved from duty and sent to the 61st Station Hospital. The medical officers were of the opinion that Covey may have a slight case of Malaria.

16 February - In a telephone conversation from Captain Sommerville, Signal Section, XV AFSC, he informed the commanding Officer that they were short switchboard operators and requested that this organization furnish 3 to be placed on D/S for approximately 30 days. T/4Gr Menichelli and T/5Gr Guy and Modgling were selected and left at 0730 for Bari.

18 February - T/Sgt Shively was relieved from duty and placed on D/S with XV AFSC. Shively reported in Bari awaiting transportation by air for North Africa to attend school in Radar Instruction.

19 February - T/Sgt Lewis Keplinger, 31314122, T/5Gr Leo E. DuBose, 14091426, and Pvt Kenneth R. Ahlstrom, 37565342, were assigned to this unit from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C. Keplinger and DuBose, calssified as Telephone Lineman reported to S/Sgt Kassel for duty and Ahlstrom to the Message center.

21 February - Sgt Tuohy, assigned to this unit 8 February, was placed on D/S with 416th Signal Company in Bari. Pvt Wickstrom returned from the hospital for duty at 0930.

23 February - T/4Gr Ieland W. Lake, 35226402, and Pvt Leonard L. Pruitt, 19208031, were assigned to this company and joined from Personnel

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Lucera, Italy

Month of: February 1944. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

Replacement Center # 7-C. Lake, a telephone lineman, and Pruitt was classified as switchboard operator. Pvt 1cl Covey was released from the hospital and returned to duty at 1230.

24 February - T/5Gr Herley D. Cron, 15313312, and Myron A. McMillan, 17063967, and Pmts 1cl Vaito P. Harju, 36652836, Kenneth Mortimer, 16124093, and Kevin J. Murphy, 16101384, were assigned and joined from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C. All were radio repairmen except Harju and he, being classified as a switchboard, reported to that section for duty. T/4Gr Kroll, on D/S since 28 January, returned to duty at 1730. He has been attending school in the instruction of Radio Operation.

26 February - Corp. Gordon T. Granert, 36742116, was assigned and joined from Personnel Replacement Center # 7-C.

28 February - 1st Lt. Stanley H. Herzoff, O-1636783, was assigned from the 1051st Signal Company Service Group and immediately placed on D/S with XV AFSC. This transfer is merely on paper as Lt. Herzoff did not report to this unit and he will be assigned to another organization as soon as he has completed D/S.

29 February - At the end of the month this company was operating with the following strength:

Officers: Present Assigned 2
Absent Assigned 1

EM : Present Assigned 64
Absent Assigned 7

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SUBJECT: Historical Record.

1. Unit history of the 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group for the period 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944 inclusive.

b. Changes in organization:

(2) None

(3) None

c. Strength: Commissioned & Enlisted.

(a) 3 Officers; 71 ~~MI~~

(b) 3 Officers: 63 EA.

d. Status - Same.

e. Movements: The entire unit moved from Lucera, Italy to Torremaggiore, Italy on 8 March 1944, via Motor Transportation, a distance of about 20 miles.

f. Campaigns - "one"

g. Operations; Much assistance has been given the 341st Signal Company in the installation of telephone lines. 2 of our switchboard operators were placed on D/S to operate the Switching Central for the 5th Wing in Foggia. Our teletypewriter mechanic was sent to Africa for a 6 week course in maintenance. 2 radio operators on D/S at XV Air Force Service Command returned to duty.

During the month 13 new men were transferred into the company and one man was transferred out.

i. Losses in action - none

j. Members who have distinguished themselves - None

WILLIAM R. BUFORD
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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OUTLINE HISTORY: 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, FROM 1 APRIL
TO 30 APRIL 1944.

Several telephone and teletypewriter lines were completed during the month. Company and Service Center Signal installations were inspected by officers of the 80th Signal Inspection Company. A VHF training schedule was drawn up and approved, and instruction for radio repairmen of P-51 Fighter groups was begun.

This company still has 3 men on d/s with XV AFSC and 2 men operating boards for the 5th Wing in Foggia.

An official letter was received acknowledging approval of Message Center Chief and Chief Radio Operator for return to the United States to form new Bombardment Groups.

3 men were transferred from the unit, 1 on rotation, 1 for return to the United States for assignment to new Bomb Group, and one was transferred to another company in this theater.

The company area has been greatly improved with sides built on all the tents. The mess hall, too, has been enlarged and painted inside.

One new man was transferred into the organization and assigned to the Motor transportation section for duty.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy

Month of: April 1944 Prepared BY: WILLIAM H. DEAN, Captain, Signal Corps.

1 April - No change has been made in location by this company. It still remains with the 38th Service Group at Torremaggiore, Italy.

3 April - 1st Lt. Herzoff, an officer assigned to this unit in February, was relieved from d/s with XV AFSC and placed on d/s with the 875th Signal Depot Co.

The line crew completed installation of field wire line (about 13 miles) from 1st to 14th Fighter Group. The New Haven line was also completed thereby giving a direct line from Grocery (switchboard at this Service Center) to 351st Service Group. Lts. Amend and Copening of the 86th Signal Inspection Company inspected company and Service Center Signal installations at this base. Captain Somerville and WO Lassberg from XV AFSC spent the afternoon with the two Signal Companies here, discussing various topics such as Message Center procedure, telephone line shortage, etc.

4 April - A VHF training schedule was drawn up and approved by the Commanding Officer. This schedule is designed for 3 to 4 days training in the instruction of SCR-622 for radio repairmen of new P-51 Fighter Groups.

3 line crews are to be made available, 1 from each of the two Signal Companies and one from the Wing Signal Section. The purpose of the line crews will be to handle numerous lines, now the joint responsibility of the Wing and Service Group Signal Sections.

5 April - Tec 5 Dahl, on d/s with the 5th Wing was replaced by Pvt Pruitt and returned to duty at 1100 hours.

9 April - Tec 5 Hicks was relieved from duty and placed in arrest in quarters, awaiting charges being preferred for a Court Martial.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy

Month of: April 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM H. DEAN, Captain, Signal Corps.

11 April - The Griffin Teletypewriter line has been completed and is now in operation. This line will be quite beneficial as it will speed up considerably, the traffic to and from XV AFSC. Although still slow, the traffic in the Radio Station has increased quite favorably.

The official letter was received acknowledging approval of Message Center Chief, S/Sgt Stockstill, and Chief Radio Operator, T/Sgt Clifton R. Brumfield for return to the United States and assignment to new Very Heavy Bombardment Groups. Stockstill is to return in June and Brumfield in September of this year.

12 April - Tec 4 Blalock, on pass en route to Bari was injured in an automobile accident and was taken to the 71st British General Hospital. He was, however, transferred the next day to the 55th Station Hospital in Foggia and after the Commanding Officer and 2 or 3 of the enlisted men visited him, it was learned that the injury was nothing serious and would most likely return to duty within the next few days.

15 April - A teletype line to the 300th Wing Switchboard was completed enabling the Service Center teletypewriter to contact the various Fighter Groups from its own machine.

Tec 5 Sheldon was sent to the 4th Field Hospital. He had been in sick quarters for the past 3 days and it is believed he may have a slight case of malaria. Tec 4 Blalock returned to duty at 1100 hours.

17 April - Orders were received on S/Sgt Lemoine whose name was submitted last October for rotation. He was transferred to Personnel Center No. 5, PBS awaiting transportation for return to the United States. Lemoine was well liked and respected by every member of this organization and his absence will be greatly felt. Always highly efficient and dependable in his work, a replacement for him

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Month of: April 1944 Prepared By: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

will be quite difficult.

19 April - Pvt 1cl Harju was replaced at the 5th Wing by Tec 3 Dahl and he returned to duty with the company at 1130 hours.

22 April - Some difficulty has been experienced with the 31st Fighter Group line. It is hoped however, that this will be eliminated as soon as a 5-pair rubber cable has been completed.

23 April - The bivouac area is being considerably improved in this unit. Parts of various boxes and crates have been procured from different Fighter Groups to build up the sides of the tents, raising them from 2 to 4 feet. This affords more room and adds to the appearance of the area in as much as they will all be uniform. With the recent increase in personnel it has been necessary to enlarge the mess hall. More parts for the Mess Hut were obtained, lengthening it by 10 or 12 feet.

24 April - Corporal Arthur A. Sjoström, 39176350, was transferred to the company and after an interview by the Commanding Officer, was assigned for duty to the Motor Transportation Section.

25 April - Pvt Rievley was relieved from assigned and transferred to the 43rd Service Group. Rievley departed this organization at 0630.

30 April - S/Sgt Stockstill who was to have left this organization in June for return to the United States to be assigned to a new Bombardment Group, received orders from Hq., XV Air Force, transferring him to Air Service Command Replacement Depot, Daniels Field, Augusta, Georgia. Naturally he is grateful for the opportunity he has been given and considered himself quite fortunate in that he is to travel by air, the entire trip.

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group, Forremaggiore, Italy

Month of: April 1944 Prepared By: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps.

Sgt Stockstill, intellectual, and possessing an exceptionally good sense of humor was very popular in this unit as well as others in and including the 38th Service Group. He had gained the confidence and respect of both the old and new men alike. It is needless to say he will be missed by every member of this organization, especially by the men in the message center, in which section he was chief.

At the end of the month, the company was operating with the following strength:

Officers: Present Assigned 2
Absent assigned 1

Enlisted Men: Present Assigned: 73
Arrest in Quarters 1
Absent Assigned 7
Total 81

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HEADQUARTERS
1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP
Service Center # 38
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3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian.
(Through Channels)

1. Unit History of the 1032nd Signal Company Service Group for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944 inclusive.

- a. The present designation of the unit is 1032nd Signal Company Service Group, assigned to the 38th Service Group.
- b. Changes in Organization:
 - (1) None
 - (2) None
 - (3) 1st Lt. Roy E. M. Reid became C.O. vice Captain William H. Dean, 15 May 1944, SO # 56, Headquarters, 38th Service Group.
- c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted.
 - (a) 2 officers, 82 enlisted men.
 - (d) 1 officer, 85 enlisted men.
- d. Stations - same.
- e. Movements - none.
- f. Campaigns - none.
- g. Operations: Pvt Brennan, AMOL since last November finally returned to the organization at 1830 on 5 May 1944. Charges were preferred against him the next day. The Radio Repair Section has received a large number of sets from AFAD # 53. The men are eager to get any repair work available so that they may be trained on different type sets. Seven men were transferred into the company during the month and two were transferred out. The organization lost its C.O. who was sent home on rotation. An "Anniversary Party" is being planned for the night of June 3rd, at which time we will have completed 2 years overseas.
- h. Commanding Officers in important operations - None.
- i. Losses in action - None.
- j. Members who have distinguished themselves - None

2. Enclosed is the War Diary for this unit for the period 1 May to 31 May 1944 inclusive.

Roy E. M. Reid
ROY E. M. REID
1st Lt., Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month of: May 1944 Prepared By: ROY E. M. REID, 1st Lt., Signal Corps.

No change has occurred in the location of this unit since last month.

1 May - Pvt 1cl Leo Shuman, 31275378, was assigned and joined from the 19th Replacement Battalion. Classified as Radio Mechanic, he reported to M/Sgt Hawk, Radio Repair Section Chief, for duty.

Trial by Special Court Martial released Tec 5 Hicks from arrest in quarters and was returned to duty. His sentence however, places him in confinement to the company area for a period of 3 months and a fine of \$40.00 a month for a like period.

Captain Spesha of the 435th Signal Construction Battalion called, requesting information on cables he is to run. A 5-pair rubber covered cable from Grocery to Nightmare and 2 spiral four cables from Grocery to New Market.

2 May - The line from Grocery to Griffin is out due to trouble in New Bari-Poggia subterranean cable, the 431st Signal Construction Battalion is working on it however and it is believed the trouble will be eliminated in a day or so.

3 May - Paragraph 3 of Special Orders # 4b, issued by Headquarters, 38th Service Group, dated 1 May 1944, promoted the following men in this organization: Sgt Wascher to S/Sgt., Tec 5 Boyle and Sutler to Tec 4, and Pvs 1cl Burton and Dahm to Tec 5. Tec 4 Boyle who has been attending a Teletype Maintenance Course with the 6660th Signal Company in Oran for the past six weeks returned to duty at 1800 hours.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month of: May 1944 Prepared By: ROY E. M. REID, 1st Lt., Signal Corps.

Lts Amend and Copening of the 875th Signal Inspection Detachment made verbal report of their inspection of communications at Fighter Groups. They informed the C.O. that all Fighter Groups were well pleased with service from this Signal Set-Up, receiving better service than they have previously been getting.

An inspection of small arms in this unit was made and all were found to be in good condition, in spite of a very unfavorable and untrue report sent to the Commanding Officer of the 38th Service Group, by 1st Lt. Robert Carek, Armament Officer of the 1650th Ordnance S & M Company. The company, nevertheless, is still short arms for 5 men but the Ordnance Department states that they have been unable to procure same due to a shortage of weapons in this theater.

5 May - Pvt Brennan, who has been AWOL since last November when this company was still in North Africa, returned to the organization at 1830. He was immediately placed in arrest in quarters.

6 May - Charges were preferred against Pvt. Brennan. Pvt 1cl Harju replaced Pvt Pruitt, on D/S at the 5th Wing Switchboard.

7 May - T/Sgt Keplinger was transferred in grade to the 485th Bomb Group and departed this organization at 0900 hours. Pvt Brennan was released from arrest in quarters and taken to the AAF Area Command Stockade and placed in confinement awaiting trial by Court Martial.

10 May - Captain Sommerville, Signal Section of XV Air Force Service Command, has repeatedly promised the return of our 3 telephone operators who have been on D/S there since 16 February. In a telephone conversation

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Month of: May 1944 Prepared By: ROY E. M. REID, 1st Lt., Signal Corps.

with Captain Sommerville by the C.O. a few days ago he gave the same evasive alibi for their not having returned but stated definitely that he would send them back on the 10th. These operators are badly needed here and an attempt was made to contact Captain Sommerville, as for their not being returned today, but he was not in.

Our radio repair section has a large number of sets for repair from AFAD # 53 and work on them is nearing completion. We hunt up any radio repair work available in order to train our repairmen on different type sets, other than those normally serviced by this unit.

11 May - T/Sgt Thurman C. Johnston, 39132253, was transferred in as Wire Chief. This makes the third Wire Chief received as replacement on T/Sgt Alton G. Johnson who has been returned to the United States on rotation.

13 May - Sgt Robert J. Mann, 33236627, Cpl Harold W. Manstedt, 37469550, Pmts 1cl David A. Huber, 33623749, and Vincent J. Logio, 32912507, and Pvt William C. Pearsall, 39120054, were transferred into the organization per Special Order # 131, Headquarters, XV Air Force Service Command. Mann and Pearsall were assigned to the Radio Repair Section, Manstedt and Huber as Radio Operators, and Logio, Teletype Mechanic.

Tec 5 Sheldon, in the hospital for the past 4 weeks returned to duty at 1530.

15 May - This company, today, lost its Commanding Officer, Captain William H. Dean, and another enlisted man, Tec 5 Andrew A. Reynolds. Both are returning to the United States on rotation. Captain Dean had been the Commanding Officer of this organization since its activation in April 1941 at New

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month or: May 1944 Prepared by: ROY E. M. REID, 1st Lt., Signal Corps.

Orleans, Louisiana, when at that time it was just a Signal Platoon with 32 enlisted men. Reynolds joined in July of 1941. He and Captain Dean left at 0900 for Bari for rail transportation to Naples. Naturally all the men are sorry to see them go since most of the men have been together for the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, but are happy for them and the opportunity they have been given. 1st Lt. Reid, our supply and repair officer, assumed command.

17 May - Tec 5 Dahl and Pvt 1cl Harju, both on D/S with the 5th Wing in Foggia returned to duty at 1330.

23 May - Tec 4 Black was reduced to Pvt and re-appointed Tec 5. Authority for the reduction and re-appointment was contained in Special Orders # 61, Headquarters, 38th Service Group, dated 21 May 1944.

Plans are being made for an "Anniversary Party" for the unit to be held in Lucera on the night of June 3rd, at which time we will have completed 2 years overseas service.

24 May - Pvt 1cl Huber, with the organization just 11 days, was transferred. He was sent from the states for assignment to the 1051st Signal Company Service Group and was transferred to this unit by mistake.

25 May - Tec 5 Black was transferred in grade of Pvt to the 1135th Quartermaster Company Service Group. No travel was involved since the 1135th is also a unit of the 38th Service Group.

26 May - Tec 4 Rosen was placed on D/S with the 18th Air Depot Group for approximately 5 days and departed at 1330. He is to attend a school on Radar Equipment. We are not at the present time servicing such equipment but in this War anything can happen. We also like to have our Radio Re-

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Month of: May 1944 Prepared by: ROY E. M. REID, 1st Lt., Signal Corps.

pairmen trained in all lines of radio, thus enhancing their value to the Army and their own future.

30 May - Tec 4 Rosen having completed his course in Radar Equipment, returned to duty with the organization at 1600 hours.

At the end of the month, this company is operating with the following strength;

Officers: Present Assigned: 1
Absent Assigned: 1

Enlisted Men: Present Assigned: 81
Absent Assigned: 3
In Confinement : 1
Total : 85

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HEADQUARTERS
1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP
Service Center # 38
APO - 520

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1 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian.
(Thru Channels.)

1. Unit History of the 1032nd Signal Company Service Group for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944 inclusive.

a. The present designation of the unit is 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group, assigned to the 38th Service Group.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) None

(2) None

(3) Captain William L. Buford became C.O. vice 1st Lt. Roy E. H. Reid, 12 June 1944, SO #153, Hq., 2nd Repl Bn., Personnel Repl Center 7-D.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted.

(a) 2 Officers, 65 enlisted men.

(d) 2 Officers, 63 enlisted men.

d. Stations - Same.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations: A new officers was transferred in to replace the Commanding Officer who was sent home last month on rotation. The Unit held a party celebrating its 2nd anniversary overseas. The three switchboard operators on d/s with the IV AFSC since last February were returned to duty. 2 more men received orders for return to the United States on rotation.

A new Day Room has been built, in which is a very nice bar. Open each evening, it offers the men a place to drink in their own area. One night a week it is reserved for "News Discussion" periods.

One man was transferred from the company to the 26th General Hospital and one new man was transferred into the unit during the month.

h. Commanding Officers in important operations - None.

i. Losses in action - None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves - None.

2. Enclosed is the War Diary for this unit for the period 1 June to 30 June 1944 inclusive.

William L. Buford
WILLIAM L. BUFORD
Captain, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy
Month of: June 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM E. BUNOID, Captain, Signal Corps.

1 June - Special Orders No. 70, Headquarters, 38th Service Group, contained authority for the following promotions: Tec 3 Beres, Grant and McLeese to S/Sgt., Sgt Groff to Tec 3, Tec 4 Domonkos to Sgt., Tec 5 Lemmon and Sans to Tec 4, Pvt 1cl Harju, Glade, Covey and Pvts Keller, Warnock and Pruitt to Tec 5, and Pvts Daub, Freedman, Sorrells, Feinstein, Kirschner and Waters to Pvs 1cl.

2 June - Tec 5 Sheldon was returned to the 4th Field Hospital at 0800.

Lt. Reid and S/Sgt Grant were placed on D/S to Bari to attend the trial by Court-Martial of Pvt Brennan. He was given 5 years hard labor and a dishonorable discharge. While in Bari Lt. Reid checked with the Signal Section at XV Air Force Service Command on spare parts and plans for modification of VHF sets in aircraft.

3 June - A party celebrating 2 years overseas service for this unit was held in Lucera. An orchestra composed of various members of units at this Base, furnished the music. Refreshments of Wine, cold fruit juices, sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served. Invitations had been printed about a week before and were given to girls in Lucera, the majority of whom worked for AGOT. Italian civilians did a splendid job of decorating and lighting the gym. The entire evening was a very enjoyable one and every one said they had a very good time.

7 June - In a telephone conversation with Major Matthews at XV AFSC, he informed the Commanding Officer that a 2nd Lt. was being assigned to the company and should report for duty within a week or 10 days.

8 June - Our three switchboard operators, Tec 4 Menichelli, and Tec 5 Guy and Modgling who have on D/S with the XV AFSC since last February, were finally

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month of: June 1944. Prepared By: WILLIAM R. BUFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

returned to duty with the organization. Their return will be a great help to the Telephone Section as they are badly needed here.

9 June - Lt. Reid conferred with Lt. Cherna of the 1152nd Signal Company in regards to obtaining spare parts for VHF sets. We have quite a few sets which we can't get parts for because Depot # 53 will not issue them to us.

From the 1000th Signal Company it is learned that innumerable spare parts are available on the other side of the country but will not be issued to us.

10 June - Sgt Hedgecock and Tec 5 Keller, working in conjunction with Sgt Davis our Motor Transportation WCO, made two large electric fans for our Mess Hall. It is a very great improvement..

11 June - Test benches for modification of VHF sets were set up in the Radio Repair Shop. Work has begun on these sets and is increasing each day.

13 June - A new officer, Captain William R. Buford, C-360971 was transferred into the company from the 22nd Replacement Battalion. Captain Buford is replacing Captain Dean who was sent home last month on rotation and is now the Commanding Officer.

15 June - Two more men from the unit received orders sending them home on rotation, E/Sgt Hawk and S/Sgt Kassel. Both men were with the organization before coming overseas and they will be missed by the entire company.

16 June - Tec 5 Sheldon who was sent to the 4th Field Hospital on the 2nd of June was transferred from this organization to the 26th General Hospital.

20 June - 1st Lt. Herzoff, assigned to this company last February but has been on D/S, was transferred to the 875th Signal Company, Depot. Tec 5 Dean C. Applebee, 39317619, was transferred in from the 1152nd Signal Company.

21 June - A Nissen Hut was erected for a new Day Room. Italian civilians

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Month of: June 1944. Prepared By: WILLIAM R. BUSTELL, Captain, Signal Corps.

laid a brick floor, part of which was covered with cement and the front was built up with brick, leaving enough space for a screen door and two screen windows on either side. The hut is also used for a club and bar. It is open almost every night with the exception of one night in each week, at which time the day room is reserved for "News Discussions" and "Orientation Classes." These meetings are very informative and are well attended. Each man has the opportunity of expressing his opinion on the various subjects, each week of course being a different one, thereby broadening ones outlook and viewpoint on World Affairs.

For the majority of the men in this organization having been overseas over 2 years, it is safe to say that the morale of the entire unit is exceptionally high. Besides having our own day room and bar, other recreation facilities include soft ball and base ball, this company playing in the National League. Movies are shown 3 or 4 times a week besides USO shows which are presented quite frequently. With all the above mentioned types of diversion, one's week is fairly well filled.

25 June - Tec 4 Richard L. Collins, 14014041 was attached to this organization from the 1149th Signal Company, Service Group, for duty as Radio Operator.

26 June - Tec 4 Rosen and Pvt 1cl Murphy were placed on D/S with Headquarters, 41st Air Depot Group for instruction in Radio Repair.

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month of: June 1944. PREPARED BY: WILLIAM R. BURCED, Captain, Signal Corps.

30 June - At the end of the month, this company is operating with the following strength;

OFFICERS:	Present assigned	2
EM	: Present assigned	60
	Present Unasgd	1
	Absent Assigned	2
	In confinement	1
	Total	<u>84</u>

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HEADQUARTERS
1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP
Service Center # 36
APO - 520

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1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian.
(Through Channels.)

1. Unit History of the 1032nd Signal Company Service Group for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944 inclusive.

a. The present designation of the unit is 1032nd Signal Company, Service Group, assigned to the 36th Service Group.

b. Changes in Organization.

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) No change.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted.

- (a) 2 Officers, 85 enlisted men.
- (d) 2 Officers, 79 enlisted men.

d. Stations - same.

e. Movements - none.

f. Campaigns - none.

g. Operations: Three more men have gone home on rotation. One man for the month of July, one for the month of August and the third is being sent to the states to form a cadre for a bombardment group. During the month 3 men have attended Radar and Radio Maintenance School and one man attended a course of instruction in Radar Supply. Modification of SCR 522's continues, some days the men doing 60 sets. The soft ball team is at the top of the league with 7 wins and 0 losses. Other recreational facilities include horse shoe pitching, an acting bar and movies 3 times a week and stage shows occasionally.

h. Commanding Officers in important operations - none.

i. Losses in action - none.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves - none.

2. Enclosed is the War Diary for this unit for the period 1 July to 31 July inclusive.

William R. Buford
WILLIAM R. BUFORD
Captain, Signal Corps,
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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv. Co., Torre S. Agnello, Italy
Month of: July 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM L. BRUMFIELD, Captain, Signal Corps.

2 July - A check was made on the Wire Chief's maintenance book and it was discovered that "Nightmare" and the 34th Service Squadron were having a number of open and shorted lines. In order to eliminate some of the difficulty, several of the lines are being re-routed.

3 July - Pvt Brennan, tried by General Court Martial under the 81st A.M. on 2 June was relieved from assignment to this unit and transferred to the XV Air Force Stockade, per General Court Martial Order # 21.

Lt. Lehnre, communications officer for the 82nd Hunter Group was contacted and modifications of Teletype machines and power units PB-75 were discussed.

4 July - T/Sgt Brumfield was relieved from duty and sent to the 4th Field Hospital.

The circuit from "Grocery" to the two emergency fields that are going in north of Termoli were located.

5 July - Lt. Reid drove north of Termoli to visit the site of the two new fields in that area. A telephone circuit has been made available through the British system.

6 July - Tec 4 Sans was placed on D/S with the 1133rd Signal Company to attend a Radar Supply School.

Verbal orders were received that Tec 3 Hunter, submitted for rotation for July was being relieved from assignment and would be transferred on the 8th. Orders were also received on T/Sgt Brumfield to the effect that he was being transferred on the 9th. Brumfield is one of the two men chosen

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Month of: July 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM A. BRUMFIELD, Captain, Signal Corps.

from this company as communications chief for return to the United States to form a cadre for a Very Heavy Bombardment Group. He was to have been transferred in September but it seems that they are being sent to the states much sooner than expected in as much as S/Sgt Stockstill returned about 2 months prior to the time the original order stated he would leave. Upon receipt of the orders on Brumfield, he was released from the hospital in order to make necessary arrangements.

7 July - A farewell party was given for T/Sgt Brumfield and Tec 3 Hunter.

Drinks were served from the bar and 3 pieces of the Group Orchestra furnished some very entertaining music together with several of the boys singing, dancing, telling stories jokes etc. Both of the men have been with the company since July 1941. Brumfield was chief radio operator and Hunter chief Switchboard operator. Naturally they were quite enthused about getting to go home, especially after having been overseas over 25 months although they were a bit reluctant about leaving their organization, having gained much popularity and many friends not only in this unit but the 35th Service Group as well. They will be missed. Of the original strength of 32 men who came overseas together, only 17 of them are left. Gradually being transferred, it is safe to assume that by the end of the year a larger portion of the old men will be gone.

3 July - Tec 3 Hunter was relieved from assignment and transferred to Personnel Center # 8, PBS. Tec 4 Sans having completed his course in Radar Supply instruction returned to duty at 2000.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Agnaire, Italy.

Month of: July 1944 Prepared BY: WILLIAM E. RUFLAND, Captain, Signal Corps.

9 July - T/Sgt Brumfield was relieved from assignment and transferred to the 19th Replacement Battalion.

Each Sunday a truck is available for the men to go swimming on the Adriatic Coast. On an average, some 10 or 15 men take advantage of the opportunity and it has proven to be quite a "Morale Booster".

14 July - Tec 4 Sutler was transferred in grade to the 1152nd Signal Company to replace a man sent home on rotation. No travel was involved in as much as the 1152nd Signal Company is a unit of the 36th Service Group also.

Captain Black and the Commanding Officer visited the Signal Office in Vasto to check on British circuits being used by the 367th Service Squadron and target range. A switchboard D-72 has been installed there. Three radio teams are making modifications on 522's at the 1st, 14th and 31st Fighter Groups. It is anticipated that this will be completed in approximately 2 weeks.

15 July - Major Berhily made a visit from the Signal Depot in Foggia. Minor supply problems were discussed and several points were clarified regarding Signal Supply of the 1000th Signal Company.

16 July - Tec 4 Rosen returned from D/S with Sq., 41st Air Depot Group. He had been attending an instruction course in Radio and Radar maintenance. The new modification being made on the SCR 522 radio is proceeding much faster than was expected. Our men have proven themselves capable of doing 50 sets a day. The depot contends that 12 or 15 sets a day is a good days work for them.

19 July - Pvt 1st Mortimer was placed on D/S with Sq., 41st Air Depot Group for Radio and Radar maintenance instruction. This week all the men have gone to the firing range to fire 15 rounds on the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun.

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary 1082nd Signal Company, Serv Gp., Torre Maggiore, Italy.

Month of: July 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM L. BURROD, Captain, Signal Corps.

The Commanding Officer offered a prize of \$5.00 for the highest score. It was a tie between Tec 4 Lomonkos and Tec 5 Tanner, both making 108.

21 July - Accompanied by Major Berhily, a visit was made to the 52nd Fighter Group and 1000th Signal Company. Information was obtained on switchboards, supply, and radio modifications.

23 July - Lt. Reid was placed on L/S with Hq., XV Air Force Service Command for approximately 30 days and left for Bari at 0600/

25 July - a phone was installed at the 43rd Medical Detachment. It works through a British board and does not talk as very well, but there is no way of improving it so it will be necessary for the detachment to depend on courier to a great extent.

26 July - The unit soft ball team is doing exceptionally well in the new league, proving their ability to play together, a contributing factor for real team-work and coordination. So far, they have had 7 wins and 0 losses. The game with the biggest score was with the officers of the 38th Service Group with a score of 27 to 0. In all probability however, the closest and most exciting game was with the 1736th QM Co. At the last half of the 7th inning, the score was 4 to 3 in favor of the 1736th, with the 1082nd coming to bat. Sgt Kwasniewski was walked to 1st base, stealing 2nd and 3rd on the next two throws. Pvt 1cl Logio knocked an in-field letting safe to first, bringing Sgt Kwasniewski in for a tying score. Sgt Arauss made the next hit and was safe on first. In an endeavor to steal 2nd base on the next throw, the pitcher made a wild throw thereby bringing Logio in for the winning run with a score of 5 to 4.

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Sheet No. 5 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Co., Torre Maggiore, Italy
Month of: July 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM E. BIRD, Captain, Signal Corps.

Besides soft ball, several of the men participate in horse shoe pitching. An acting bar has also been constructed in the company area. Two poles set in the ground about 6 feet deep and 4 or 5 feet apart has an iron rod through either of the poles about 6 feet high. All the area in and around has been dug out and filled with sand. This has proven a great pass-time with some of the men, each one trying to out-do the other with various sorts of stunts.

27 July - Drove to Bari with Lt. Chernaau to attend a Signal Property meeting.

28 July - Rec'd Sheldon, who, last month was transferred to The Detachment of Patients, 28th General Hospital was re-assigned to this organization and reported for duty at 1800.

31 July - Orders were received on Rec'd Lyberg transferring him to Personnel Center W 6, PES, for transshipment to the United States on rotation. Of all the men who have gone home, he, perhaps was the most excited about it. Lyberg has been with the organization since early last year, having joined in North Africa. He has proven to be a very good soldier, quite capable of the job he is performing, and always highly dependable. His absence from the company will be felt by all the men.

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Sheet No. 6 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Co., Torre Maggiore, Italy

Month of: July 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM L. BUFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

At the end of the month, this company is operating with the following strength:

OFFICERS:	Present	Assigned	1
	Absent	Assigned	1

EN	:	Present	Assigned	79
		Absent	Assigned	2
		Present	unassigned	1

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Month of: Aug. 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM L. BURNED, Captain, Signal Corps.

1 August - High tension power lines have been causing interference with the reception of radio messages. A new site has been picked for the radio station.

2 August - The use of a British open wire circuit from the rest camp to Vasto has been requested. The XV Air Force Service Command is arranged for the release of the line.

3 August - The radio station has been moved to an improved tent in the new location. Reception of messages is now satisfactory.

4 August - The power, telephone and radio lines which supply the company area have been rewired for more efficient operation and a neater appearance.

Changes are being made on Power Units for the Photo Lab and Headquarters power. A 9.4KVA generator is to be obtained by trading the 6.3KVA now being used.

5 August - Captain Black and Captain Buford visited the 1000th Signal Company and unofficially inspected their Radio Repair Shop, which is almost completed. It is being built of belly tank crates and is quite practical.

6 August - Captain Leacon and Lt. Ginn visited from the Communications Section of the XV Air Force Service Command in Bari. Radio and wire communications for future operations were discussed.

7 August - Captain Buford flew to Ancona Air Base to survey the location of a Radio Station to be installed. This new station will be located near the 367th Service Squadron Headquarters. Operators are to be furnished by the 1000th Signal Company and Lt. Harris will go to Ancona to install

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Month of: Aug. 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM E. BURFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

the equipment.

8 August - The 300th Wing has requested two men to work in their Message Center. Arrangements have been made to send the men over.

The Radio Station at Ancona reported into the net at about 0800 hours today.

9 August - Lt. Ray from the 1000th Signal Company visited the Company Area, Radio Repair Shop and Signal Property Office.

A proposed modification was tried on the SCR-522 VHF set but was found to be not successful.

10 August - In an accidental fire, the cause of which is undetermined, two of the motor pool tents burned down. With the exception of a slight burn on the hand which Tec. 5 Shaul suffered while rescuing some things from the blaze, no one was injured. Some Government equipment was lost in the fire.

11 August - Captain Burford flew to Ancona again to check on the SCR-299 installed at the 367th Service Squadron there. Due to bad weather, the plane was unable to land.

12 August - The line section has constructed a shelter for the housing of the company's Power Units and Generators.

13 August - First Sergeant Asmund of the 328th Signal Wing Company visited the company to check on signal communications for future wing operations.

15 August - Pvt's 1st Mortimer and Murphy returned from Radar School.

16 August - The softball team won a tough game from the 94th Service Squadron by a score of 4 to 3.

18 August - Captain Burford drove to Bari to confer with Major Somerville

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp, Torre Maggiore, Italy
Month of: August 1944 Prepared By: WILLIAM E. BUFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

at the XV Air Force Service Command. Lt. Heid visited the company in the afternoon.

19 August - Captain Deacon, Radio Officer, XV Air Force Service Command, gave permission for the modification on SC-522 VHF to be tested at the 31st Fighter Group.

22 August - Captain Buford attended a meeting at Base Headquarters of Staff Officers and Unit Commanders. Two new houses have been constructed in the company area from belly tank crates and another of stone is under construction.

23 August - This was an eventful day for many of the men in the company. A drawing was held in the dayroom shortly after dinner and the names of nine of the eligible men were drawn to go home on rotation. Arrangements are being made to fill the position vacancies with personnel in the company.

24 August - Arrangements have been made to divide the Signal Property, Radio Supplies and Telephone Equipment between the 1152nd Signal Company Service Group and the 1032nd Signal Company Service Group in anticipation of the separation of the two companies.

Winterizing of tents is being done where possible.

25 August - The nine men who are to go home on rotation were sent to Rome in one of the company's vehicles so that they would have a change of seeing the Eternal City before returning to the United States.

26 August - Captain Mack and Captain Buford traveled to the XV Air Force Service Command to confer with the Signal Officer there.

27 August - In preparation for winter, several houses of stone and belly tank crates are being constructed in the area. It is planned that all the

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Month or: August 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM E. BUFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

men will eventually be able to construct houses that will be suitable for inclement weather. Plans are also being made to build a wooden orderly room.

28 August - Driver's permits were issued to six men who have qualified as drivers.

In almost all cases, men are being trained to fill the vacancies which will occur when the nine fortunate men leave on rotation.

29 August - Captain Buford attended a meeting of Commanding Officers in Headquarters Building at 1100 hours.

30 August - Copies of the General Orders have been posted in various conspicuous places about the area and efforts are being made to familiarize all personnel with these orders.

The nine men who are going home on rotation returned from their trip to Rome where they had an enjoyable time.

31 August - A Classification Team from the XV Air Force inspected the company records, interviewed men and recommended a few changes in MDS Classification numbers.

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Sheet No. 5 War Diary 1032nd Signal Company, Serv Gp, Torre Maggiore, Italy
Month of: August 1944 Prepared by: WILLIAM A. BUFORD, Captain, Signal Corps.

At the end of the month, this company is operating with the following strength:

OFFICERS:	Present assigned	1
	absent assigned	1
EM	Present assigned	78
	absent assigned	4

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HISTORY OF THE 1032ND SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP FROM 15 SEPTEMBER to 15 OCTOBER 1943.

15 September - The company, less 4 men on D/S with II ASAC in Tunis, Tunisia, and 3 men sick in the hospital, was still carrying on Signal Communications and Signal Supply activities for the 33th Service Group, at Mateur, Tunisia.

16 September - Pvt Owens, on D/S with II ASAC in Tunis, was transferred to the 311th QM Plat (Trk) (Avn) (Sep) and joined that organization at 1500. The 311th QM was also a unit serving the 33th Service Group at Mateur.

Arrangements were being made preparatory for movement to Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, about 20 miles distant, and T/4Gr Blalock, Patterson and Regan and T/5Gr Venichelli were sent as an advanced echelon. Patterson and Regan as telephone linemen and Blalock and Venichelli as switchboard operators.

17 September - Due to lack of transportation facilities, it was necessary to make several trips to Sidi Ahmed during the day moving the equipment; T/Sgt Johnson, Sgt Davis and T/4Gr Moll and Mirt being the drivers. All Signal Communications operated by the company were discontinued, effective this date.

18 September - Three 2 1/2-ton trucks were obtained from the 311th QM for moving the remainder of the equipment which was completed at 1130. At 1150, all personnel departed Mateur via Motor Transport arriving at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia at 1230. Pyramidal tents had been pitched the day before for the housing of personnel. The company set up their own mess; S/Sgt Tanner, Mess Sergeant, and T/5Gr Black and Galloway, cooks.

Operation of the Radio Station, Teletypewriter, and Telephone Switchboard

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were taken over immediately by our operators, in connection with the opening of a Message Center. With comparatively few lines to the switchboard, the telephone linemen, without any delay, began installing phones for the various units on the base. The demand for telephones was greater than there were lines available, consequently a number of organizations were denied the privilege of such.

As before, the supply section continued handling requisitions of signal equipment. With the arrival of the Company at Sidi Ahmed, T/4Gr Blalock, Patterson and Regan and T/5Gr Benicelli, reported as on D/S, 16 September, returned to duty with the organization at 1230. T/4Gr Blalock was relieved from the switchboard and resumed his duty as Radio Operator.

19 September - T/5Gr Reynolds having spent 9 days in the hospital, returned to duty at 1645. Reynolds had previously been a switchboard operator but upon his return was re-assigned to the Motor Transportation Section.

20 September - T/4Gr Jacobs, admitted to the 114th Station Hospital on 9 September returned to duty at 1700.

22 September - 2nd Lt. Armando Resciniti was assigned to this unit per VCCG, AFSC and joined the organization at 1100, as Operations Platoon Officer.

23 September - T/4Gr Krauss, in the hospital since 31 August was transferred to Detachment of Patients, 3rd General Hospital.

24 September - The Unit was alerted for another movement and preparation began at once; re-packing, re-painting and re-stenciling boxes etc., being necessary, as this move was, from all indications, to be by boat.

25 September - On the night of this date, a dance was held in Tunis at the Oriental Palace for members of this organization. The services of

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a Civilian Orchestra were procured, and about 35 local French girls were invited. The 3 MI on D/S were present and former members of the Organization recently transferred, were also invited.

S/Sgt Hicks and Paner devoted much time during the week making necessary arrangements. Refreshments of sandwiches and beer were served, and wine was available at the bar.

The 311th CI furnished transportation and left Sidi Ahmed for Tunis at 1815. From various remarks and comments, the evening was enjoyed exceptionally well.

1 October - During the past week a great deal of work and time was devoted; preparing for the forthcoming trip. As previously stated, this move was to be by water and all boxes of equipment had to be re-painted and re-stenciled.

2 October - T/5Gr Boyle was sent to the 53rd Station Hospital with a fever. Pvts 1cl Daughtry and Miller and Pvt Stanford on D/S with II ASAC in Tunis were assigned and transferred in grade to Hq Sq., II ASAC (Sp), per par 16, SO # 133, Hq II ASAC (Sp), dated 29 September 1943.

5 October - Pvt 1cl Sheldon was promoted to T/5Gr per SO # 10.

5 October - T/5Gr Boyle returned to fully duty status with the company at 1600.

13 October - T/4Gr Krauss, who on the 13th of September was transferred to Detachment of Patients, 3rd General Hospital, was re-assigned to this organization and reported for duty at 1130.

T/5Gr Black and Pvt 1cl Nyberg both received promotions; Black to T/4Gr and Nyberg to T/5Gr per SO # 12.

14 October - Company continuing operations at Service Center No. 33.

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1 WJG
52 Enlisted men.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 1032nd Signal Company Serv Gp., Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia
Month of: October, 1943. Prepared by: William H. Dean, Captain, Signal Corps

15 October - The company is still carrying on Signal Communications for Service Center No. 38, at Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, with Teletype, Radio, Telephone, and Message Center operation, and Signal Property and Radio Repair Activities.

Although packing and other preparations for the overseas movement anticipated have been completed, it seems as if the unit might remain here for an indefinite period of time.

T/5Gr Black was promoted to T/4Gr and Pvt 1st Nyberg was promoted to T/5Gr. T/5Gr Reynolds and Pvt 1st Shaul were sent to Oran via Air Transport for the purpose of bringing back 2 3/4-Ton Trucks.

19 October - T/5Gr Masson was assigned to this unit from the 1061st Signal Company Service Group and joined at 1530. Having had experience as a Message Center Clerk, Masson reported to S/Sgt Stockstill, Message Center Chief, for duty.

22 October - T/5Gr Reynolds and Pvt 1st Shaul returned from Oran at 2200, with two 3/4-Ton trucks which were turned over to group headquarters.

During the past week, the entire organization worked quite diligently improving its bivouac area. A larger and more convenient shower was constructed and, although practically every member of the company assisted in its structure, S/Sgt Lemoine deserves much of the credit, since his ideas and plans guided its progress. A large wall tent was set up adjoining the kitchen to be used for the Mess Hall. Having procured lumber, T/4Gr Hedgecock and Kroll began at once building tables and screening the tent. Being wired for electric lights, it was quite appropriate for a day room. Magazines were obtained and it offered a suitable place for the men to read and write letters.

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In as much as the company was going for all-out improvement, a floor for the Orderly Room was built by T/Sgt Schmiling, T/4Gr Hedgecock, and T/5Gr Nyberg. It added much to the appearance of the Orderly Room as an office, to say nothing of the extra comfort it afforded, especially with the rainy season approaching. Glass window panes were taken from an old trailer which the detachment had obtained while on D/S, which made very nice tops for the desks. T/4Gr Hedgecock used a larger piece of the glass to make a door for the Orderly Room Tent.

With all the improvements made in the area, the morale of the entire organization has increased considerably.

23 October - The Radio Repair Section started working with the 1st Sub Depot on the Field, handling inspection and repair of Radio Equipment in Aircraft turned in for repair.

24 October - Being over crowded in the operations room at base headquarters, another room was made available in the same building for the Radio Station. Due to the fact that traffic is so slight at the present time and can easily be handled by the other operators, S/Sgt Lemoine, assistant chief, began working with the Radio Mechanics, assisting them in their repair work.

27 October - Private Newsome, who has been in confinement since last June was re-assigned to this unit from Air Force General Depot No. 1, and joined the organization at 0945.

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31 October - Company continuing normal operations at Service Center

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Strength: Present Assigned: 2 Officers
1 WOJG
54 Enlisted Men

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