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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
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THE 890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN WAS ACTIVATED AT ROBINS FIELD, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, ON 15 JANUARY 1943 BY RESTRICTED LETTER AG 320.2 (1-13-43) WAR DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH AN AUTHORIZED T/O OF 7 OFFICERS, 3 WARRANT OFFICERS AND 216 ENLISTED MEN AND WAS DESIGNATED AS A UNIT OF AIR SERVICE COMMAND.

ONE ENLISTED MAN JOINED THE UNIT ON 22 FEBRUARY 1943. 2ND LT. JOSEPH J. HONECK AND 2ND LT. PAUL L. STAIR WERE ASSIGNED AND JOINED THE UNIT ON 25 FEBRUARY 1943 PER PAR 12 SC # 46HQ. FT. MONMOUTH, N.J., DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1943. STRENGTH ON 28 FEBRUARY 1943 WAS: 2 OFFICERS - 1 ENLISTED MAN. LT HONECK ASSUMED DUTIES OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

ORIGINAL CADRE WAS OBTAINED FROM 897TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN ON 4 MARCH 1943 AND CONSISTED OF 18 ENLISTED MEN. THREE 2ND LTS., WILFRED R. ATTERBURY, VICTOR R. MAYFIELD AND ANDREW J. CHRISTENSEN WERE REASSIGNED AND JOINED UNIT ON 4 MARCH 1943 PER PAR 5 SC # 22 HQ WRADCAO DATED 3 MARCH 1943. ON 5 MARCH 1943 2ND LT HONECK WAS RELED AS COMMANDING OFFICER (PRIMARY) AND 2ND LT., ATTERBURY ASSUMED COMMAND (PRIMARY). LT. HONECK APPTD ADJUTANT (PRIMARY) 6 MARCH 1943. 13 MARCH 1943 2ND LT., MAYFIELD PR LEAVE TO DUTY ASSUMED COMMAND BY VIRTUE OF SENIORITY. STRENGTH ON 31 MARCH 1943: 5 OFFICERS - 198 ENLISTED MEN. DURING MARCH 1943 TRAINING WAS BEGUN. A.P.T. PROGRAM WAS BEGUN. A.P.T. PROGRAM AS WELL AS HIKEs AND BIVOUACS WERE MADE IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR RADIO REPAIR AND RADAR MAINTENANCE. PERSONNEL.

1 APRIL 1943 T/SGT DONOHUE WAS APPTD 1ST/SGT. 1ST LT. ATTERBURY WHO RECEIVED HIS PROMOTION ON 1 APRIL 1943 AND 2ND LT. CHRISTENSEN WERE RELED

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FR 890TH SIGNAL CO AND ASSIGNED TO SIGNAL TRAINING SECTION WRADCAO PER PAR 4 SO#48 EFFECTIVE 2 APRIL 1943. 2ND LTS ALBERT C. HERBERT AND ARTHUR B. HUDSON, TRFD FROM CAMP MURPHY, FLORIDA PER APR 8 SO#75 WAR DEPARTMENT DATED 16 MARCH 1943. ARRIVED 6 APRIL 1943 FOR DUTY. ON APRIL 16TH MARCH 2ND LT. WILLIAM WHITTINGTON JOINED UNIT HAVING TRFD FROM FT. MONMOUTH, N.J. AND JOINED., PER PAR 49 SO#102HQ. FT. MONMOUTH, N.J., 12 APRIL 1943. 17 APRIL 1943., LT. HAROLD V. PETERSON REPORTED FOR DUTY HAVING TRFD FROM LEXINGTON SIGNAL DEPOT., LEXINGTON, KY., AND JD., PER PAR 10 IX SO#90 WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON, D.C., DATED 31 MARCH 1943. 2ND LT. MAYFIELD TO D.S. SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS, ORLANDO, FLORIDA FOR 30 DAYS PERIOD;; DEPARTED 17 APRIL 1943. 2ND LT. HERBERT DESIGNATED ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER DUTY LT. MAYFIELD'S ABSENCE. 28 APRIL 1943 LT. HERBERT RECD ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER. DUTY TO D.S. ORLANDO FLORIDA AND LT HUDSON ASSUMED COMMAND. LT. HUDSON RECD FR DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER AND LT. PETERSON ASSUMED DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER. LT. HONECK DUTY TO D.S. ORLANDO, FLORIDA. ON 29 APRIL 1943 2ND LT KLUTZ TRFD FROM SIGNAL SERVICE PERPAR 15 SO#70 HQ WRADCAO AND ASSUMED COMMAND. LT. HUDSON RECD FR COMMAND. LT. PETERSON RECD COMMAND. LT. PETERSON RECD FROM DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER. LT HUDSON ASSUMED DUTY A COMPANY COMMANDER. STRENGTH 30 APRIL 1943. 8 OFFICERS-3000 ENLISTED MEN. DURING THIS PERIOD IT IS WELL TO NOTE FROM ABOVE EVIDENCE OF OVERSTRENGTH THAT WE WERE BEING DRAWN ON FROM OTHER UNITS FOR REPLACEMENTS OF ALL TYPES.

SPORTS WERE ENCOURAGED AND THE COMPANY WAS INDEED HOUD TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT.

NUMEROUS HARDENING UP ACTIVITIES WERE ENGAGED IN. LECTURES WERE GIVEN ON SUBJECTS PERTINENT TO SOLDERING AND DAILY

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SECOND PHASE TRAINING WAS GIVEN TO ALL PERSONNEL. RADIO AND RADAR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WERE ENTERED IN BASE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS. PERSONNEL WAS RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES AND RELEASED TO VARIOUS UNITS.

LT. MAYFIELD SELD FR. D.S. SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS,
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AND ASSUMED COMMAND 17 MAY 1943. LT. RUSSELL
TRFD TO SIGNAL SECTION WRAADCAC ROBINS FIELD, WARNER ROBINS
GEORGIA, PER PAR 28 SO#88 HQWRAADCAC 19 MAY 1943. 2ND LT.
HERBERT SELD FR. D.S. SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS, ORLANDO,
FLORIDA AND ASSUMED DUTIES AS RADIO D.E. ENGINEER (PRIMARY)
ON 30 MAY 1943 and 2ND LT. HONECK RETURNED FROM SAME SCHOOL,
SAME DATE AND ASSUMED DUTY AS MESS OFFICER (PRIMAR), SUPPLY
OFFICER (ADD), AND PERSONNEL OFFICER (ADD). STRENGTH 31 MAY
1943 8 OFFICERS 362 ENLISTED MEN. DURING MAY ENLISTED MEN
WERE RECEIVED FROM DET 17th SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY., CAMP
MURPHY FLORIDA.

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DURING MAY MUCH THE SAME ACTIVITIES AND INSTRUCTION WERE PURSUED AS DURING THE PROCEEDING MONTH. IN ADDITION SINCE NO SCHOOL WAS AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE & ISSUE, LECTURES ON THEORY AND PRACTICE WERE GIVEN TO PERSONNEL CONCERNED.

14 JUNE 1943., PETERSON AND WHITTINGTON WERE RELED FROM D.S. OF APPLIED TACTICS, ORLANDO, FLORIDA AND ASSUMED DUTY AS STORAGE & ISSUE OFFICER AND RADIO REPAIR RESPECTIVELY. 17 JUNE 1943 2ND LT. WHITTINGTON TRFD TO 1067TH SIGNAL CO., (SG) GREENVILLE, S.C., PER PAR 1 SO #113 WRASC DATED 17 JUNE 1943. 21 JUNE 1943 2ND LT SEELEMAN TRFD FROM SIGNAL SECTION WRASC, THIS STA, AND JOINED UNIT PER PAR 1 SO #113 WRASC DATED 17 JUNE 1943 AND ASSUMED DUTY AS RADIO D.F. ENGINEER. 22 JUNE 1943 and 2ND LT. STARR TRFD TO 1063RD SIGNAL CO., (SG) AAB VENICE, FLORIDA PER PAR 44 SO # 115 WRASC 19 JUNE 1943. MANY PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED DURING 10 KILE MARCH TO SITE AND FAULTS TOGETHER WITH SOLUTION FOR DISPENSING OF OBSTACLE WITH GREATEST DISPATCH WERE DISCUSSED. DURING NIGHT A GAS ATTACK WAS MADE AND VALUABLE INFORMATION WAS GATHERED BY EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. ON THE RETURN MARCH SIMILAR PROBLEMS WERE DEALT WITH IN A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT MANNER. CAMP WAS REACHED AT 1200 19 JUNE 1943. P.T. CLASSES WERE HELD DAILY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR AS WAS DRILL. THE OBSTACLE COURSE WAS NEGOTIATED ON AVERAGE OF THREE TIMES PER WEEK. LECTURES WERE MADE AND GIVEN ON MILITARY COURTESY, FIRE ARMS AND MANY OTHER SUBJECTS

A CLASS FOR ADMINISTRATION WAS OPENED FOR THE PERSONNEL. NEW PERSONNEL WAS ENTERED IN RESPECTIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS. SECOND PHASE TRAINING WAS CONTINUED. STRENGTH 30 JUNE 1943:
7 OFFICER* 276 ENLISTED MEN.

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2ND LT. SEELEMAN WAS RELED AS RADIO D.F. ENGINEER (PRIMARY) AND TRFD TO SIGNAL SECTION WRASC, SAME STA, PP 14 SO#123 HQ WRASC ON 2 JULY 1943. M/SGT SWORDS RELIEVED SGT DONOHUE AS 1STSGT AND ASSUMED DUTIES 5 JULY 1943. ON 7 JULY 1943 LT.KLUTTZ PROMOTED TO 1ST LT., PP 14 SO#173 22 JUNE 1943 AND WAS TRFD TO 1012TH SIGNAL COMPANY (SG) SERVICE GP TRAINING CENTER., GREEN-IVILLE, S.C., PP6 SO#129 HQ WRASC AND DEPARTED 8 JULY 1943. 2ND LT GEORGE C. BUCHER, JR. TRFD FR SIGNAL SECTION WRASC AAND JOINED 8 JULY 1943 PP 6 SO #129 HQ WRASC., ASGD ., ASGD AS RADIO D.F. ENGINEER (PRIMARY). 2ND LT GERSHON S.MILLER JOINED THE COMPANY 14 JULY 1943 FR SIGNAL SECTION WRASC PP15 SO 135 HQ WRASC DATED 14 JULY 1943 AND ASSUMED DUTY AS MESS & SUPPLY. ON 19 JULY 1943 ENTIRE COMPANY DEARTED ROBINS FIELD IN CONVOY FOR BIVOUAC AREA 20 MILES N.E. MACON GEORGIA, NATIONAL WILD LIEFE REFUGE. MADE CAMP ANDIN STALLED COMMUNICATION OF ALL TYPES. MESSAGE CENTER WAS HASTILY INSTALLED AND LINE WAS STRUNG OVER ENTIRE CAMP AREA. ALL GUARD POSTS AS WELL AS PRINTS OF STRATEGIC VALUE WERE PROVIDED. TELEPHONES. RADIO AND TELETYPE INSTAL LATION ALSO WERE MADE PROVIDING THUS THETHREE MAJOR MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS. AT 0200 20 JULY 1943 BIVOUAC WAS ATTACKED BY ENEMY GROUP FROM 891ST SIGNAL CO., ALARM WAS FIRST GIVEN WHEN ONE LINE TO POST #3 WAS SILENT. DUAL LINES WERE INSTALLED FORSUCH N EMERGENCY AND BOTH LINES WERE TESTED EBERY FISTERN MINUTES. SCOUTS WERE SENT OUT TO FIND CAUSE OF FAILURE AND FOUND LINE CUT MIDWAY BETWEEN CAMP AND POST #3. AMBUSH WAS MADE AND ENTIRE ATTACKING PARTY OF SOME TWENTY MEN WERE TAKEN WITHOUT SINGLE LOSS ON OUR SIDE. ALL QUIET AT 0300. USUAL CAMP DUTIES AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH A TWO HOUR LECTURE AND DISCUSSION OF CAMOUFLAGE

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CAMP WAS MOVED TWO MILES UNDER BLACKOUT CONDITIONS ON MORNING OF 21 JULY 1943. MOVE STARTED 0100 AND BY VIRTUE OF THE FAST ADVANCE PARTY HAD PICKED SITE AS WELL AS GUARD POSTS, WAS COMPLETELY ENCAMPED AND INTER-CAMP COMMUNICATION INSTALLED AT 0530.

A STUDY OF FOX HOLES, THEIR IMPORTANCE AND LOGICAL LOCATION WAS MADE AND DISCUSSED. EACH MAN WAS THEN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE HIMSELF ONE AND TO CAMOUFLAGE IT. LT MAYFIELD WAS PROMOTED TO 1ST LT. PP15 SO#201 WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON D.C. DATED 20 JULY 1943. COMMUNICATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED FROM BIVOUAC AREA TO ROBINS FIELD BY INSTALLATION OF DIRECT LINE BY TELEPHONE CREW ON 23 JULY 1943. USUAL CAMP DUTIES AND COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE UNTIL CAMP WAS BROKEN AT 0700 25 JULY 1943 AND COMPANY RETURNED TO ROBINS FIELD. STRENGTH 31 JULY 1944: 6 OFFICERS-338 ENLISTED MEN.

CAPT. IRVIN L. BASLER JOINED COMPANY 6 AUGUST 1943 AND ASSUMED COMMAND PP41 SO#193 HQ ASC PATTERSON FIELD, FAIRFIELD, OHIO DATED 23 JULY 1943. 1ST LT. MAYFIELD RECD AS COMMANDING AND TRFD TO SIGNAL SECTION WRASC PP5 SO#156 DATED 6 AUGUST 1943. 1ST/SGT SWORDS WAS DISCHARGED AS OF 22 AUGUST 1943 AND APTD WARRANT OFFICER PER PAR 38 SO#220 ASC HQRS PATTERSON FIELD, FAIRFIELD, OHIO DATED 19 AUGUST 1943. SGT. JACK T. HAYNES WAS APTD AND ASSUMED DUTIES AS 1ST/SGT. 2ND LT. RAYMOND F. YEOMAN F. TRFD FROM 1122ND SIGNAL COMPANY (SG) CAAB, COLUMBIA, S.C., AND JOINED UNIT 26 AUGUST 1943 PP18 SO#166 WRASC DATED 18 AUGUST 1943. 2ND LT. YEOMAN TRFD TO SIGNAL SECTION WRASC PP10#176 WRASC 30 AUGUST 1943. STRENGTH 31 AUGUST 1943: 6 OFFICERS - 235 ENLISTED MEN.

2ND LT. WILLARD G. DRYDEN - JOINED THE COMPANY 1 SEPTEMBER 1943.

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ASSIGNED FROM SIGNAL SECTION WRASC PF10 SO#16 DATED 30 AUGUST 1943. LT. HUDSON PROMOTED TO 1ST LT. PER PAR 15 SO#249 WAR DEPARTMENT 6 SEPTEMBER 1943. WO (JG) WILLIAM J. KIEWEL AND WO (JG) ADAMS JOINED 9 SEPTEMBER 1943 ASGD FROM DREW FIELD PF 16 SO#226 ASC PATTERSON FIELD, OHIO DATED 25 AUGUST 1943 and ASSUMED DUTIES AS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS. STRENGTH 30 SEPTEMBER 1943: 10 OFFICERS- 213 ENLISTED MEN.

ON 8 OCTOBER 1943 DURING P.T. TRAINING CAPT. BASLER FEEL AND INJURED HIS FOOT AND WAS CONFINED TO HOSPITAL. LTS HONECK AND HERBERT PROMOTED TO RANK OF 1ST LTS., PF15 SO#287 WAR DEPARTMENT DATED 14 OCTOBER 1943. ON 20 OCTOBER 1943 CAPT ALBERT E. BOEHM JOINED AND ASSUMED DUTIES OF COMMAND OFFICE, ASGD FR. 1007TH SIGNAL COMPANY PF33 SO#218 WRASC DATED 18 OCTOBER 1943. CAPT BASLER, WELD CAUSE OF BROKEN FOOT IN PREVIOUS ACCIDENT. CAPT. BASLER WAS ASGD TO SIGNAL SECTION WRASC, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA.

DURING OCTOBER 1943 COMPANY DEVOTED FOUR HOURS A DAY TO P. TRAINING. OBSTACLE COURSE WAS RUN ONCE EACH DAY. ALL TECHNICAL MEN WERE ATTENDING BASE SCHOOLS. 10 MILE HIKE WERE MADE EACH WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY. ON 3 OCTOBER 1943 entire company DEPARTED FOR BIVOUAC AREA, HOUSTON LAKE, GEORGIA., TEN MILES DISTANT. PLANE FROM BASE WERE ARRANGED TO STRAFE COMPANY ENROUTE. VALUABLE EXPERIENCE WAS GAINED. GAS WAS ENCOUNTERED DURING ARRIVAL OF MARCH. ON ARRIVAL CAMP WAS QUICKLEY MADE AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE INSTALLED. SITE WAS SITUATED SO THAT ONE SIDE WAS PROTECTED BY LAKE AND ONE SIDE BY HILL. AT 1000 ALARM WAS GIVEN THAT ENEMY WAS SIGHTED MOVING ACROSS LAKE AND SOON AFTER ENEMY WAS SEEN APPROACHING FROM ANOTHER QUARTER. A SHORT BATTLE ENSUED WITH ATTACKING FORCE BEING CAPTURED

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CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WERE LIGHT. AT 1130 THE GAS ALARM WAS SOUNDED. CAMP WAS BROKEN AT 0230 MORNING OF 4 OCTOBER 1943 AND MOVED OUT UNDER BLACKOUT CONDITIONS AND BASE REACHED AT 0800.

P.O.M. INSPECTION WAS HELD. ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WERE INTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF QUALIFIED FOR RESPECTIVE JOBS AND COMPANY WAS PASSED. COMPANY DEPARTED ROBINS FIELD, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA 26 OCTOBER 1943 0545 BY RAIL FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION PH15/160 HQ WRASO WARNER ROBINS, GA., DATED 21 AUGUST 1943. ARRIVAL AT STAGING AREA CAMP KILMER, N.J. 27 OCTOBER 1943 AT 2000 STRENGTH 31 OCTOBER 1943: 10 OFFICERS - 216 ENLISTED MEN.

WE HAD PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF ALL COMPANY EQUIPMENT AND MEN AND COMPANY WAS PASSED FOR OVERSEAS DUTY 3 NOVEMBER 1943. LT BUCHER AND WO ADAMS TO D.S. TYPE AS LOADING. THE COMPANY DEPARTED CP. KILMER N.J. AT 1730 14 NOVEMBER 1943 AND HEADED FOR RENDEVOUS WITH CONVOY. VOYAGE WAS UNEVENTFUL AS FAR AS COMBAT OR ATTACKS WERE CONCERNED. LAND WAS FIRST SIGHTED ON MORNING OF 16 NOVEMBER 1943. CONVOY WAS FLYING SOUTHWARD IN THE NORTH CHANNEL NEAR THE FIRTH OF CLYDE, SEVERAL OF THE SHIPS, OF WHICH ONE WAS OURS LEFT THE CONVOY AND ENTERED TO DROP ANCHOR AT THE PORT OF SCURROCK, SCOTLAND. THE COMPANY DISSEMBARKED FROM US TRANSPORT FREDERICK LYKES 17 NOVEMBER 1943 AT SCURROCK, SCOTLAND AND ENTRAINED. ARRIVED AT SMETHWICK, STAFFS, ENGLAND 0020 18 NOVEMBER 1943, FOR DUTY AT STATION AAF-522, MAJOR HEARTZ, COMMANDING. THE COMPANY STARTED FULFILLING ITS MISSION IN THE ETC AT THIS STATION. ON 24 NOVEMBER 1943 TWO DETACHMENTS WERE SENT OUT: DET "A" LT. HERBERT COMMANDING & RADIO OFFICER 2ND LT BUCHER WITH 70 ENLISTED MEN WERE SENT TO AAF-590 FOR OPERATION SUPPLY DEPOT. AND 4 EM WERE SENT TO RAF#3 RADIO SCHOOL FOR A COURSE

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IN BRITISH RADIO PROCEDURE. COMPANY STRENGTH 30 NOVEMBER 1943: 10 OFFICERS AND 216 ENLISTED MEN.

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1943 WAS UNEVENTFUL, THE COMPANY PERFORMED ITS MISSION AND USUAL WAR TIME DUTIES ON STATION AAF-522. 9 DECEMBER 1943. LT. BICHER AND 10 ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO BADA WARRINGTON. 31 DECEMBER 1943 COMPANY STRENGTH: 9 OFFICERS AND 206 ENLISTED MEN.

THE 15TH JANUARY 1944 DET "A" AND "B" JOINED COMPANY AT AAF-522 AND ON 17 JANUARY 1944 COMPANY DEPARTED AAF 522 ON PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION BY MOTOR CONVOY AND RAIL FOR AAF 802 AT 0800 AND ARRIVED AT AAF 802, 0800 18 JANUARY 1944 AND STARTED OPERATION. 24 JANUARY 1944 CAPT. PAYNE REID CAPT. BOEHM OF COMMAND, CAPT BOEHM BEING APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ALSO ON THIS DATE LT. WALKER AND 10 ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED FROM 317TH STA COMP SQ AAF 803 PB3 SO#22 HQ IX AFBADA DATED 22 JANUARY 1944 AND PLACED ON DS AAF-803. 31 JANUARY 1944 CAPT. PAYNE WAS REID FROM COMMAND AND CAPT BOEHM ASSUMED COMMAND PFSO#30 HQ IX AFBADA DATED 30 JANUARY 1944. STRENGTH 31 JANUARY 1944 10 OFFICERS- 216 ENLISTED MEN.

4 FEBRUARY 1944 THE UNIT WAS ASSIGNED TO IX AFBADA EFFECTIVE 26 JANUARY 1944 PFI SO#15 DATED 28 JANUARY 1944. 2 FEBRUARY 1944 2ND LT. MC KIBBEN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT AND PLACED ON INDEFINITE TD AAF-158. 9 FEBRUARY 1944- 1 ENLISTED MAN WAS TRANSFERRED TO DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS 5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL PFS SO#31 HQ AAF 802 DATED 7 FEBRUARY 1944. 28 FEBRUARY 1944- 1 ENLISTED MAN JOINED THE COMPANY INCREASING STRENGTH TO: 11 OFFICERS AND 217 ENLISTED MEN.

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(MARCH - 1944)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: NEGATIVE.
- (2) STRENGTH: 8 OFFICERS, 3 W.O. AND 221 E.M.
- (3) MOVEMENT: NEGATIVE.
- (4) CASUALTIES: T/SGT GRANT TRFD TO DET OF PATIENTS,
5TH GEN HOSP, APO 519 BECAUSE OF ILLNESS-
16 MARCH 1944.
CPL WEIMAN TRFD TO DET OF PATIENTS,
5TH GEN HOSP, APO 519 BECAUSE OF ILLNESS-
5 MARCH 1944.
- (5) DECORATIONS: NEGATIVE.

THIS MONTH MARKED COMPLETION OF PRACTICALLY ALL PROJECTS THE COMPANY WAS ENGAGED IN. THE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD WAS IN COMPLETE OPERATION SERVICING 92 INSTALLATIONS. TWO MAIN TRUNKS WERE TIED TO WILTON, TWO THRU SALISBURY, TWO CARRIES TO BOURNEMOUTH, TWO TRUNKS TO SOUTHWEST CENTRAL WERE IN SERVICE. THIRTY MILES OF FIELD WIRE AND SIX MILES OF FIELD CABLE WERE IN OPERATION. TELETYPES WERE ALSO IN COMPLETE OPERATION. RADIO OPERATION WAS COMPLETED, ALSO OPERATING HERE AND AT FILTON. THIS SECTION UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LT. HONECK. A RADIO CENTRAL TOWER WAS INSTALLED AT OATLAND HILLS BY LT. HERBERT AND HIS CREW OF MEN AND SET IN OPERATION. THE BRITISH RADAR SECTION WAS MOVED FROM AAF 158 TO THIS STATION UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF W/O SWORDS. 75 VEHICLES AND NEARLY 100 LOADS OF EQUIPMENT WERE MOVED. TEC 5 SPITZER AND TEC 5 SCHALLER WERE TRFD FROM 908TH SIG DEP CO., TO THIS COMPANY TO CONTINUE IN THIS RADAR SECTION. LT. MC KIBBEN

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ALSO WAS TRFD FROM 908TH AND ARRIVED HERE FROM TD FOR DUTY ON 18 MARCH 1944. GROUPS OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WENT TO AND FROM TD DURING THE MONTH FOR INSTRUCTION IN RADAR, WIRE AND SUPPLY. THE STORAGE AND ISSUE SECTION WAS COMPLETED AND IN OPERATION UNDER SUPERVISION OF LT. PETERSON. MAIN SHIPMENTS WERE CHRYSTALS. T/SGT IRWIN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED A NEW CHRYSTAL CHECKER, LOWERING PERCENTAGE OF REJECTIONS FROM 60 % TO 5 %. OFFICES AND BINS WERE BUILT TO FIT BED OF 6 X 6 TRUCK FOR COMPLETE MOBILITY. TRANSFER OF STOCK WAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM AAF 522. RADIO REPAIR SECTION WAS SET UP AND PUT IN OPERATION UNDER SUPERVISION OF LT. HERBERT. A WOODEN HUT WAS CONSTRUCTED AND 20 FT OF TABLE SPACE WAS BUILT. GENERAL REPAIR SECTION UNDER SUPERVISION OF MR. SWORDS WAS LIKEWISE CONSTRUCTED AND MACHINES WERE INSTALLED, ENABLING ANY TYPE OF REPAIR TO BE SPEEDILY MADE. THE COMPANY AREA WAS MOVED FROM THE ORIGINAL AREA TO AN AREA KNOWN AS TIFFONT PARK ABOUT A MILE DISTANT. PYRAMIDAL TENTS WERE PITCHED AND DETAILS WERE ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTING WALKS AND GENERALLY IMPOROVING AREA. EACH MAN WAS REQUIRED TO DIG A FOX HOLE FOR PROTECTION. VOLLEY BALL NETS WERE PUT UP AND AN ATHLETIC FIELD WAS CLEARED FOR BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL. IT WAS ALSO USED FOR CALISTEHNIGS AND DRILL. TWO ENLISTED MEN, CPL WEIMAN AND T/SGT GRANT WERE TRFD TO DET OF PATIENTS, 5TH GEN HOSPITAL, APO 519. THREE E.M. PVTS RICKARD, FENN AND LEVITE WERE ASGD AND JD FROM 16TH RCD. TEC 5 SCOTT AND S/SGT VASTINE WERE ASGD AND JD FROM 13TH RCD. CPL PFEIFER WAS TRFD TO HQ BADA. APO NUMBER WAS CHANGED FROM 638 TO 149.

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
AAF-802, APO 149, U.S. ARMY

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DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1944 SEVERAL TRIPS WERE MADE BY (11) OFFICER AND (12) TWELVE ENLISTED MEN TO STA 158 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING DRIVE AWAY BRITISH VEHICLES TO THIS STATION.

GROUPS OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WENT TO AND FROM TD DURING THE MONTH FOR INSTRUCTION IN RADAR, WIRE AND SUPPLY.

1 MARCH '44 T/5 SPITZER AND SCHALLER WAS TRFD FR 908TH SIGNAL COMPANY.

5 MARCH '44 CPL WEIMAN WAS TRFD TO DET OF PATIENTS, 5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, APO 519.

16 MARCH '44 T/SGT GRANT WAS TRFD TO DET OF PATIENTS, 5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, APO 519.

18 MARCH '44 LT. MCKIBBEN REPORTED FOR DUTY FROM TD AT AAF-158.

18 MARCH '44 PVTS RICKARD, FENN AND LEVITE WAS ASGD AND JD FROM 16TH RCD.

22 MARCH '44 CPL PFEIFER TRFD TO HQ. BADA.

25 MARCH '44 T/5 SCOTT WAS ASGD AND JD FROM 13TH RCD.

28 MARCH '44 S/SGT VASTINE ASGD AND JD FROM 13TH RCD.

APO NUMBER WAS CHANGED FROM 638 TO 149.

31 MARCH '44: COMPANY STRENGTH: 8 OFFICERS - 3 WO - 221 EM.

890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - HISTORY)

(APRIL - 1944)

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- (1) ORGANIZATION: T/O REORGANIZED FROM; 8 OFFICERS, 3 W.O., 216 EM. TO; 9 OFFICERS, 1 W.O., 214 EM PER SEC II PAR 1 GO#16 HQ IX ASC DATED 29 JAN '44 EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY '44. (NOT REPORTED ON PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS)
- (2) STRENGTH: 8 OFFICERS, 3 W.O. AND 189 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT: NEGATIVE.
- (4) CASUALTIES: PVT. MASTERSON TRFD TO DET PATIENTS, 96TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, BECAUSE OF ILLNESS 26 APRIL 1944.
- (5) DECORATIONS: NEGATIVE.

THIS MONTH INITIATED THE ACTION OF BUILDING, PAINTING, AND MARKING OF PACKING CASES FOR ALL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. MUCH WORK WAS DONE ON MOTOR VEHICLES:- INSTALLING BLACK-OUT LIGHTS, MARKING SIZE AND CLASSIFICATION.

GROUPS OF OFFICERS AND EM WENT TO AND FROM TD CONCERNING MATTERS OF SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATION.

TEC 3 MC ELHANEY COMPLETED SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL INSTRUCTION AT THE EASTERN BASE SECTION TRAINING CENTER.

THE COMPANY T/O WAS REORGANIZED FROM 8 OFFICERS, 3 W.O., AND 216 EM TO 9 OFFICERS, 1 W.O., AND 214 EM.

PVT1CL HEELY ASGD AND JD FROM 879TH SIGNAL COMPANY 19 APRIL 1944.

LT. WALKER AND 32 EM ON TD AT AAF 803 WERE DESIGNATED DET "A" 890TH SIGNAL COMPANY AND WERE DROPPED FROM THE PARENT

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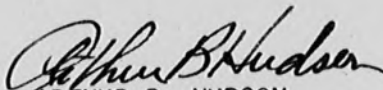
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MORNING REPORT 20 APRIL 1944 PER SO#106 HQ IX AF BADA DATED
18 APRIL 1944.

LT. SHOOTER ASGD FR 13TH RCD AND JD PP5 SO#79 HQ 13TH
RCD DATED 20 APRIL 1944.

PVT. MASTERSON TRFD TO DET PATIENTS, 96TH GENERAL HOSPITAL,
26 APRIL 1944, DUE TO ILLNESS.

MUCH TIME AND MATERIAL WAS UTILIZED DURING THIS MONTH
TO BETTER CONDITION THE COMPANY AREA IN TIFFONT PARK AREA.


ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C
COMPANY COMMANDER

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DETACHMENT "A" 890TH SIG CO DEP AVN
BASE AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY DEPOT
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APC 149, U.S. Army
30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX AFSC, Attn: Hist. Br. P & S Div., Info thru
Commanding Officer, Ninth AF BADA, AAF 801, APC 149, U.S. Army.

Detachment "A" of the 890th Signal Company Depot (Aviation) officially came into being on 20 April 1944 by GO 9, as amended by GO 11, both Hq Ninth AF BADA, and personnel derived as per SO 106, Hq Ninth AF BADA.

Prior to that time it was a group at Station 803 composed of EM from the 890th Sig. Co. who were here on TD.

Since the opening of this Station the men here have operated all the necessary communication facilities. Originally, in the early days of this Station's existence, eleven EM and one Officer were sent here on Secret Orders from the 892nd Sig. Co. Dep. (Avn.). When the 892nd Sig. Co. changed location - six of the original EM stayed on and three more EM were added. The other EM went on with the 892nd Sig. Co. At the present time the Detachment has a strength of thirty-two EM and one Officer. Of those men, five EM and one Officer are of the original group. The remaining EM are the three EM added from the 892nd Sig. Co. and twenty-four from the 890th Sig. Co. Whatever may have been their parent organization, all of the men are now part of the 890th Sig Co; doing their utmost to co-operate with the war effort, and shall continue to do such.

At the present time the detachment is operating the Station Radio Station, Message Center, "Crypt room", Telephone switchboard, and Teletypewriter. It is also running those necessary telephone lines on the Station so that business may proceed smoothly and speedily. In the new camp area it has strung telephone lines and maintained them until the GPO puts in the permanent equipment. Lines have also been strung, when necessary, to the neighboring RAF 'drome.

All the communication equipment on the aircraft which flow through the Station's Assembly Line is another of the Detachment's duties. All the necessary installation work is done in the hangars. When the planes leave the assembly line they are tested for serviceability. In those cases where defects are found the necessary repairs are made to put the equipment into proper working order. We are proud of our record: NO SHIP HAS EVER LEFT THIS STATION WITHOUT ALL OF ITS RADIO EQUIPMENT IN PROPER WORKING ORDER.

The Detachment also operates a Radio Repair and Signal Supply Shop. It is here that all Radio Repair work is done. It is also the storage place for the Station's Signal Supplies. After hours the EM of the Detachment spend quite a bit of their time there, tinkering with their own ideas and repairing fellow G.I.'s radio equipment. This is all done on the men's own time, without any additional compensation. Only parts purchased from local radio dealers are used in the repair of non-G.I. equipment.

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The Detachment has a softball team in the Station League. It has made a very fine record for itself and the men are quite proud of it. We have played three games. All of which we have won. "That is only the beginning". We shall continue in the same paths of glory.

Louis M. Walker

LOUIS M. WALKER
2nd Lt., SC
Detachment Commander

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IX AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

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AGO 696, US Army
5 February 1944.

MEMORANDUM)

NO 20-10)

ORGANIZATION

HISTORICAL OFFICERS AND UNIT HISTORIES

(This memorandum supercedes memorandum 20-10, dated 5 December 1943)

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force 22 November 1943, File 314.7, Subject: "Official and Popular Histories of the Ninth Air Force and its Echelons", a Historical Branch is established in the Plans & Statistics Division of this Headquarters.

2. In compliance with this directive, commanders of all units of this Command will immediately designate a qualified officer, who will in addition to his other duties serve as Historical Officer for his Unit. The name of the Historical Officer will be submitted to this Headquarters. The Historical Officer will be furnished with the personnel and facilities necessary for the accomplishment of this mission.

3. The duties of the Historical Officer are:

a. To prepare a "Unit History" which will be an official historical record of his Unit.

(1) Record and describe the major trends and development of the Unit and its problems with the solutions adopted therefor.

(2) Record original strength, increases or decreases in strength, changes in organization, movements and locale of the Unit.

b. Act as a source of reference as to events and chronological data concerning the Unit.

4. The Historical Officer will observe the following instructions in compiling his Unit History:

a. The initial installment will include:

(1) Original designation of the Unit and subsequent changes of designation.

(2) Date, place, and authority of activation and organization.

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- (3) Sources from which personnel were obtained (original cadre and later fillers)
- (4) Aresume of its movements from activation until arrival in ETO.

b. In the initial installment and on the first page of each subsequent monthly installment, entries will be made under each of the following "Headings". Where no action has occurred to occasion an entry the word "negative" should be entered.

- (1) Organization: (e.g. changes in organization effected by new T/O's or other means)
- (2) Strength: (on the last day of the month)
- (3) Movement: (date of arrival at and departure from each station occupied in ETO. Stations will be named.)
- (4) Casualties: (losses from natural causes, accident, loss in action, killed, wounded, missing or prisoner - by name; with identification of place (or mission), circumstances and date.)
- (5) Decorations: (awards to and decorations of members of the Unit).

c. The balance of each installment of the "Unit History" will consist of a secret narrative account of the part played in the war effort by the subject unit. A clear concise style is essential.

d. In general the content of the "Unit History" will relate only to the organization immediately concerned. A higher echelon will not consolidate or repeat the histories of its components. In the case of AADA, BADA, 13th RCD, Air Transport Wing, and 9th Trk Regts, the history will be that of the Headquarters and not subordinate units.

e. Where possible statements which appear in the Unit History will be substantiated by reference (in parentheses in the body of the text) to supporting documents. Copies of such supporting documents will be attached to the Unit History. The contents of each document will not be copied into the narrative.

f. Basic statistical and technical information included in routine reports will not be included in the Unit History.

g. Significant details of station life will be included in the Unit History (E.G. festivities, original songs, ceremonies.)

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of Commanders and of key personnel

1. Historical Officers of AADA, BADA, 13th RCD, Air Transport Wing, and CM trk Regts, will not include in their Unit Histories, routine reports which are consolidated at higher levels. They will, however, supplement which reports by explanation of the significant facts concerning individual actions taken and furnish an account of the purposes of actions taken or directed. It may not be possible to state the policy which led to an action or mission at the time when the story is first included in an installment of the Unit History. However such essential details will be furnished at the earliest possible moment, reference being made in the installment in which they appear to the action or mission to which they are related.

2. Where subjects of special interest are involved historical Officers will supplement the Unit History with memoranda on such subjects (e.g. a problem encountered in the field and the means developed for its solution).

3. Biographical sketches of distinguished personnel will be included in, or appended to the Unit History.

4. Photographs, both official and unofficial, of places, events and personnel will be included in the Unit History. Each photograph will be identified by a caption written on a separate piece of paper, pasted to the back of the lower edge of the photograph and folded over its face in such fashion that the caption can be read.

5. Unit Histories will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention "Historical Branch", Plans and Statistics Division, in installments. Each installment will cover the period of a calendar month and will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters by the 15th day of the month next succeeding. They will be submitted in duplicate and be forwarded through channels for information only. A third copy will be retained in the file of each unit.

6. No records, charts, correspondence, journals or other materials deemed of historical interest will be destroyed until the Historical Officer has examined them. If he determines them to be worth preservation they will either be included in the Unit History Branch, Plans & Statistics Division, this Headquarters for disposition.

By command of Brigadier General BORUM;

A TRUE COPY:

OFFICIAL:

/s/W.J. Walsh Major, AGD
/t/W.J. WALSH Asst Adj Gen.
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NEAL J. O'BRIEN
Colonel, AGD,
Actg Chief of Adm.

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 802

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AFPO 149, U S Army
31 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit Histories.

TO : All Unit Historical Officers, AAF Station 802.

1. There is attached to this communication "A True Copy" of Memorandum No. 20-10, dated 5 February 1944 from Headquarters XX Air Force Service Command, for your guidance.

2. Unit Histories will be made up in five copies; four copies forwarded to this Headquarters and one copy retained in the Unit's file. All Unit Historical Officers will use standard 8 x 10 1/2 inch letter size stationary, the original being bond and remaining four copies are second sheet grade. Pages will be numbered at the bottom and continuously from month to month. The Unit Histories will be marked "SECRET" at the bottom of the page.

3. The histories will begin as of 1 February 1944. Histories for the months of February and March will be due at this Headquarters on or before 8 April 1944.

4. It is recommended that a rough draft first be prepared; then proof read, corrected, and typed in final form.

By order of Lt. Colonel SHIVELY;

FRANK H. TOMKIES,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer,
AAF Station 802.

HEADQUARTERS
BASE AIR FORCE
NINTH AIR FORCE BADA

AFO 149, U S Army.
15 April 1944.

file.
SUBJECT: April Installment of Unit Histories, AAF Station 802.

TO : Commanding Officer, 890th Signal Company Depot, (Avn)
Attention Historical Officer, WOJG Lyle H. Adam.

1. Next unit installment for history will be due to the base historical officer by 5th of May 1944. The previous installment for the month of March was received late. This should not reoccur for the future installments. On the designation of a new unit historical officer the commanding officer will promptly notify this headquarters of his name, rank and branch of service.

2. It is suggested that Unit Historian reread Memorandum 20-10 dated 5 February 1944 from IX Air Force Service Command together with letter of transmittal dated 31 March 1944, from station 801 base historian, both of which should be in unit file. Provisions of these directions were not followed in the initial installment.

3. In all future installment the unit historian officer will at the end of installment sign or type his name, rank, organization and designation as unit historian.

4. A letter of transmittal may accompany each installment. It is preferred that unit histories eliminate having the letter form, of Subject and To the historian at the top of beginning page. It is preferable that a heading such as, "---Unit Histories for---months 194---", be adopted and used consistently from month to month.

a. Installments received and show that they were done hastily without giving enough thought and attention.

b. While on whole they were acceptable under circumstances, it is expected they will be marked improvement in the future.

c. It is the plan of the base historian to shortly take a series of official pictures of each organization which will be added to, and give improvement of the unit histories. It is suggested that unit historian make a tentative list of subjects which he would like to have photograph. When photographs are ready the unit historian will be notified.

By Order of Lt. Colonel SHIVELY:

Frank H. Tomkies
FRANK H TOMKIES
Captain, AC,
Historical Officer.

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SIC-890-H1 (C)
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890th Signal Company Depot, Avon
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45th Air Depot Group

SIG-890-H1
15 Jan 43
26 Apr 45

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AFO 149, U. S. Army
26 April 1945

Subject: Unit History Information.

To : Commanding General, IX Air Force Service Command, U. S. Army.

Att : Commanding Officer, 7th Historical Unit.

1. Unit Activated - 15 January 1943 at Robins Field, Warner Robins, Georgia.

2. Movement:

Robins Field, Ga.	to	Camp Kilmer, N.J.	26 Oct 1943
Camp Kilmer, N.J.	to	Smethwick, Staffs, England	
Departed Kilmer - 4 Nov 43		Arrived Smethwick - 18 Nov 43.	
Smethwick, Staffs	to	Baverstock, Wilts, England	17 Jan 44.
Baverstock, Wilts	to	Grove, Berks, England	23 June 44.
Grove, Berks	to	Chartres, France	22 Oct 44.
Chartres, France	to	Valenciennes, France	18 Jan 45.
Valenciennes, France	to	Frankfort, Germany	
		Hanau, 3rd S, WM-852670	20 Apr 45.

3. Unit has always been designated 890th Signal Co., Depot Avn.

4. Commanding Officers from time of activation:

Wilferd R. Atterbury	2nd Lt. SC	01634975	15 Jan 43 to 13 Mar 43.
Victor R. Mayfield	2nd Lt. SC	0448274	13 Mar 43 to 6 Aug 43.
Irvin L. Basler	Capt. SC	0373195	6 Aug 43 to 20 Oct 43.
Albert E. Boehm	Major SC	0476617	20 Oct 43 to Present.

For the Commanding Officer:

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Capt., Sig C
Company Commander

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(MAY - 1944)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: UNIT RELIEVED FROM IX AF BADA, ASSIGNED TO 1 AADA IX AFSC 0001 17 MAY 1944 PP1 GO#72 HQ IX ASC.
- (2) STRENGTH: 8 OFFICERS, 3 W.O. AND 220 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT: NEGATIVE.
- (4) CASUALTIES: T/5 BROWN TRFD TO DET PATIENTS, 5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, BECAUSE OF BROKEN ARM 3 MAY 1944.
- (5) DECORATIONS: NEGATIVE.

DURING THIS MONTH, (IN ADDITION TO HANDLING AND MAINTAINING ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND THE STORAGE & ISSUE OF ALL SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES), THE COMPANY OPERATED A COMPLETE AND EXTENSIVE ON THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE 879TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN WITH THE PURPOSE IN VIEW OF THE 879TH TAKING OVER OPERATIONS ON THIS BASE.

THE MOTOR POOL SECTION PAINTED, MARKED, AND REPAIRED AND SERVICED VEHICLES ASSIGNED THIS UNIT. TRUCKS AND DRIVERS MADE NUMEROUS TRIPS HAULING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FROM OTHER BASES.

THE UNIT HAVING BEEN ALERTED FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT 12 MAY 1944 IT BECAME NECESSARY FOR SUPPLY PERSONNEL TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT PREPARING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR SHIPMENT. MARKING, PAINTING, WEIGHING AND CHECKING CUBAGES AND LOADS FOR THE MOVEMENT PLAN WAS COMPLETED. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT OF ENLISTED MEN WAS CHECKED AND SHORT AND DAMAGED ARTICLES WERE REPLACED.

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SPECIAL CARRIER EQUIPMENT CREW, ON D.S. AT BOURNEMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION LINES IN THAT AREA, RETURNED TO THIS UNIT.

ORDER WAS RECEIVED 17 MAY 1944 RELIEVING UNIT FROM IX AF BADA AND RE-ASSIGNMENT TO 1 AADA IX AFSC.

DUE TO A CHANGE IN PLANS THIS UNIT WAS REMOVED FROM THE ALERTED STATUS AS OF 0001 23 MAY 1944 PER SECRET LTR HQ IX AFSC.

TWO STORAGE AND ISSUE TEAMS OF 5 EM EACH WERE PLACED ON INDEFINITE TD WITH AREAS IN SOUTHAMPTON AND DORCHESTER.

LT. HONECK WAS RELIEVED AS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER BY LT. CLARK OF THE 879TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN, WHICH TOOK OVER BASE COMMUNICATIONS. THE MAJORITY OF THIS UNIT'S COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL WERE ASSIGNED TEMPORARILY TO THE STORAGE AND ISSUE SECTION FOR WORK AT THE PRESENT TIME.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C
COMPANY COMMANDER

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HEADQUARTERS
DETACHMENT "A" 890TH SIG TO BDE, AVN
BASE AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY DEPT
AAF STATION 803

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AFPO 142, U.S. Army
31 May 1 44

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX AFSC, Attn: Hist. Br. P & S Div., Info thru
Commanding Officers Ninth AF 1st AADA, AAF 401, APO 142, U.S. Army.

Nothing of any great interest happened this month. Things went along very much according to schedule. There were a few cases of misunderstanding and friction, but these were ironed out with little difficulty.

Those men at the Signal Center performed their jobs with their usual skill. All their various functions were done efficiently and accurately. Message Center, "Crypt Room", Telephone Switchboard, and the Teletypewriter all operated smoothly.

On the "line", more specifically the aircraft assembly line, the radio and repair mechanics performed their functions well. This month brought a few new planes, models which none of the men had ever worked on previously, but they had little difficulty in adapting themselves to their new tasks. There were the other types of fighter planes also in production. The men here have really learned a great deal about aircraft communications, knowledge which they hope will find additional use on some other front at some time in the future.

About the middle of the month the Detachment was put on the "Alert". At that time we started breaking down our repair shop and building boxes for shipment. Those supplies which weren't required immediately were sent back to the parent company. Our test benches were broken down, and only those tools and equipment which were vitally needed remained here. Everything else was shipped out. All this was done to facilitate a rapid movement, if such were necessary.

We are still attempting to maintain our basic policy: "What no ship leave here without all of its communication equipment functionally perfect." There were only two cases where we had to deviate from our policy, and in those cases it was utterly impossible to obtain the necessary spare parts for replacements. Those planes did leave with sufficient equipment working properly, which could be used for communication if the emergency arose, while in flight to the next Station.

Louis M. Walker

LOUIS M. WALKER
2nd Lt., SC
Detachment Commander

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(JUNE - 1944)

- History*
- (1) ORGANIZATION: ASGD TO 45TH AIR DEPOT GROUP AAF 519
1ST AADA PER SEC II PAR 1 GO#95 HQ IX
AFSC 30 JUNE 1944.
 - (2) STRENGTH: 11 OFFICERS - 3 W.O. AND 217 EM INCLUDING
DETS A, B, C & D.
 - (3) MOVEMENT: COMPANY MOVED FROM AAF 802 TO AAF 519 PER
SECRET LTR FILE 370.5 HQ IX-AFSC 23 JUNE '44.
 - (4) CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE.
 - (5) DECORATIONS: NEGATIVE.

THE UNIT CONTINUED, THIS MONTH, WITH THE ON THE JOB
TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE 879TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN WHICH
TAKES OVER OPERATIONS AT AAF 802.

DURING THIS MONTH THE MOTOR POOL SECTION UNDER THE DIRECTION
OF LT. DRYDEN MADE NUMEROUS TRIPS DELIVERING AND PICKING UP
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AT OTHER BASES.

FIVE EM WENT TO TD AT UXBRIDGE FOR 15 DAYS AS A RADIO
REPAIR TEAM.

TEC 5 SCHWARTZ WAS TRFD TO 1040TH SIGNAL CO., SERV GP
AT AAF 484 & DEPARTED 6TH JUNE.

CPL DONALD E. WEIMAN FORMERLY OF THIS UNIT, HAVING BEEN
TRFD TO HOSPITAL IN MARCH, WAS REASSIGNED FROM SQ "C" 13TH RCD
& JD 8TH JUNE.

FOUR EM ON TD AT MARSHALLING AREAS WERE RETURNED TO DUTY
LEAVING TWO SUPPLY TEAMS OF THREE EM EACH ON DUTY IN THOSE
AREAS.

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CAPT. ALBERT E. BOEHM WAS DESIGNATED BASE SIGNAL OFFICER
AAF 802 RELIEVING MAJOR PAYNE OF THE 879TH SIGNAL CO., DEPOT AVN.

THE RADAR TEAMS UNDER MR. ADAMS AND MR. KIEWEL, ATCHD TO
6TH TAD, WERE DESIGNATED DETS "B" & "C" 15TH JUNE.

PVT. DALE G. HARRIS WAS TRFD TO DET "B" 312TH DEP SUP
AAF 802 & DEPARTED 16TH JUNE.

10 EM OF DET "A" UNDER LT. WALKER AT AAF 803 WERE REASSIGNED
TO THE COMPANY 17TH JUNE.

CAPT. ALBERT E. BOEHM WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR PPS 50/167
HQ ETOUSA 15 JUNE.

LT. HERBERT, MR. SWORDS AND 32 EM, DESIGNATED AS THE
890TH SIGNAL CO., DEPOT AVN, MOVED TO AAF 519 23 JUNE PER
SECRET LTR FILE 370.5 HQ IX AFSC 23 JUNE 1944.

1ST LTS WARD AND STONE ASGD FROM 879TH SIGNAL CO., DEPOT
AVN & JD AND WERE ASGD TO DET B AND C.

T/5-AHL AND PVTS 1CL THOMPSON AND LAMM WENT TO TD AT
AAF 472 AS TELETYPE OPERATORS 24TH JUNE.

PVT1CL DIMARINO WENT FROM DY TO CONFINEMENT IN POST
STOCKADE AAF 802 PENDING TRIAL 23 JUNE.

TEC 5 DEVINE WENT FROM DUTY TO TD WITH DET A AT AAF 803
26 JUNE.

1ST LT. SHOOTER AND 40 EM ASGD FR DET "D" & JD 29 JUNE.

1ST LT. HONECK AND 18 EM ASGD FR DET "D" & JD 30 JUNE.

ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C
UNIT HISTORIAN.

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UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

Detachment "A" of 890th Signal Co. Dep. Avn., has been carrying on their regular duties at AAF 803. This consists of the operation of teletype, message center, telephone switch board and radio maintenance.

The radio station SCR 599 was removed from operation and sent to AAF 519. The operators have been operating as courier and teletype relief.

There were 10 men radio mechanics sent back to parent organization and one T/S Whysman, transferred to 51 Station Comp. station AAF 561. One VHF line maintenance man has been disconnecting field phones and GPO telephones that have not been in operation on this base. All equipment belonging to Det. "A" Tech. 3 supply except a few necessary items was packed for overseas shipment and sent back to parent organization T/Sgt. Milton Mayer was sent to Det. "A" on TD. T/S James F. Devine was sent to Det. "A" on TD. T/Sgt. Mayer was relieved of TD and returned to 890th Sig. Co Dep. Avn. AAF 803. A new Acting First Sgt., Sgt. Murray was appointed. Radio maintenance has been working in their prescribed work and also repairing movie projectors, radios, etc. for special service.

Louis M. Walker

LOUIS M. WALKER
1st Lt., SC
Detachment Commander

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(JULY - 1944)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: NEGATIVE.
- (2) STRENGTH : 11 OFFICERS, 2 W.O., AND 218 EM
(INCLUDING DETACHMENTS "B" AND "C").
- (3) MOVEMENT : NEGATIVE.
- (4) CASUALTIES : NEGATIVE.
- (5) DECORATIONS : NEGATIVE.

DURING THIS MONTH ALL SECTIONS WORKED IN FULL COOPERATION WITH 896TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN AND GRADUALLY TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF THE STATION SIGNAL ACTIVITIES WITH THE PURPOSE IN VIEW OF COMPLETELY RELIEVING THE 896TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN.

DETACHMENT "A" CONSISTING OF LT. WALKER AND 20 ENLISTED MEN AT AAF 803 REJOINED THE ORGANIZATION 7 JULY 1944.

TEC 5 BROWN FORMERLY OF THIS UNIT, HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS 5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL DUE TO INJURIES 3 MAY 1944, WAS ASSIGNED AND JOINED FROM REPLACEMENT POOL 13TH RCD 7 JULY 1944.

DURING THE MONTH OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN MADE NUMEROUS TRIPS TO OTHER STATIONS PICKING UP AND DELIVERING SIGNAL SUPPLIES AND TRANSACTING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO SIGNAL OPERATIONS IN THIS THEATER.

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TEC 5 MAHAN (648) ASSIGNED AND JOINED FROM 1038TH SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROOP 12 JULY 1944.

PFC CORN (097) ASSIGNED AND JOINED FROM 896TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN 12 JULY 1944.

PFC COSTELLO (405) WAS TRANSFERRED TO 1070TH SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROOP AND DEPARTED 13 JULY 1944.

PVT AGEE (650) WAS TRANSFERRED TO 320TH SIGNAL COMPANY WING AND DEPARTED 13 JULY 1944.

PVT LEVY (WHILE ON TD AT AAF 472) WAS TRANSFERRED TO 876TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN 13 JULY 1944.

LT. MCKIBBEN AND TEC 5'S SCHALLER AND SPITZER PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY WITH AAF 802 13 JULY 1944 TO HANDLE MATTERS PERTAINING TO SIGNAL SUPPLIES ON THAT BASE.

SGT CHAPMAN, TEC 5 GOLDBERG, JACKSON AND PFC GILES AND PVTS JIRKA AND KRUSE WENT FROM DUTY TO ABSENT SICK, IN 158TH GENERAL HOSPITAL APO 519, AS RESULT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT OCCURRING BETWEEN SALISBURY AND AAF 802 WHILE RETURNING TO STATION ON NIGHT LIBERTY RUN 11 JULY 1944.

PVT JIRKA RETURNED TO DUTY FROM HOSPITAL 17 JULY 1944.

PFC GILES RETURNED TO DUTY FROM HOSPITAL 18 JULY 1944.

19 ENLISTED MEN 37TH MEDICAL SUPPLY PLATOON WAS ATTACHED FOR RATIONS 19 JULY 1944.

PVT EDELSTEIN (835) WAS TRANSFERRED TO 876TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN AND DEPARTED 20 JULY 1944.

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ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C.
UNIT HISTORIAN

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HEADQUARTERS
890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVIATION
CAMP PATRICK HENRY, VIRGINIA

26 DECEMBER 45

SUBJECT: LIST OF CONTENTS. (RECORD MATERIAL)

TO : ORGANIZATION RECORDS BRANCH, OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT
GENERAL.

1. HISTORY OF UNIT COMPILED BY ITSELF.

Bill J. Harris
Capt. C. A. C. for
GEORGE E. BRUGGEMAN,
CAPT., SIGNAL CORPS,
COMMANDING.

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(AUGUST - 1944)

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: SECRET :
: AUTH: CO, 3RD TAD :
: DATE: 11 SEPT 1944 :
: INIT: *DBH* :
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- (1) ORGANIZATION: T/O REORGANIZED TO 9 OFFICERS, 1 W.O.,
AND 179 EM PER SEC II PAR 1 GO#122 HQ.,
NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
11 AUGUST 1944.
UNIT ALERTED PER PAR 1 ALERT ORDER #66
HQ NINTH AIR FORCE 22 AUGUST 1944.
- (2) STRENGTH: 10 OFFICERS, 2 W.O., AND 225 EM (INCLUDING
DETACHMENTS "B" AND "C").
- (3) MOVEMENTS: NEGATIVE
- (4) CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE
- (5) DECORATIONS: NEGATIVE

THE COMPANY CONTINUED FULL SIGNAL OPERATIONS ON THIS
STATION WITH THE AID OF VARIOUS ENLISTED MEN FROM THE 896TH
SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN.

PFC HOLDER WENT FROM DUTY TO ABSENT SICK IN 306TH STATION
HOSPITAL AND RETURNED TO DUTY 3 AUGUST 1944.

TEC 5 GOLDBERG, ABSENT SICK IN 158TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
APO 519 AS RESULT OF VEHICLE ACCIDENT, RETURNED TO DUTY
4 AUGUST 1944.

OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN MADE MANY TRIPS, DURING THE
MONTH, TO OTHER STATIONS PERTAINING TO SIGNAL ACTIVITIES,
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

TEC 5 CLARE TRFD TO 876TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN AND
DEPARTED 8 AUGUST 1944.

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TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN COMPRISING A WIRE CREW MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO OTHER STATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING COMMUNICATION LINES AND TO SALVAGE WIRE AND EQUIPMENT.

LT. SHOOTER TRFD TO 13TH REPLACEMENT CONTROL DEPOT STATION 433 AND DEPARTED 11 AUGUST 1944.

TEC 5 LASSERS ASSIGNED FROM 876TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN AND JOINED 11 AUGUST 1944.

S SGT SCHNEIDER, SGT SAVULAK, PFC GAMM AND PVT DONALDSON ASSIGNED FROM 1038TH SIGNAL COMPANY SERVICE GROUP AND JOINED 11 AUGUST 1944.

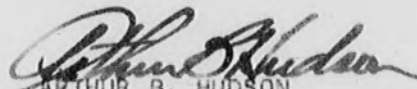
LT. POTTS ASSIGNED FROM 323RD STATION COMPLIMENT SQUADRON AND JOINED 12 AUGUST 1944.

W.O. (JG) ADAMS FORMERLY OF THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ASSIGNED AND JOINED FROM THE 876TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN 13 AUGUST 1944.

PFC SCHNEIDER AND PVT BOXER WENT TO DS WITH 900TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN, EUROPEAN CONTINENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING A CRYSTAL BANK 29 AUGUST 1944.

AIR RAID ALERT FROM 2231 HRS TO 2240 HRS 29 AUGUST 1944.

LT. HUDSON, FINANCE AGENT OFFICER, PAID COMMAND 31 AUGUST 1944.


ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C
UNIT HISTORIAN

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN

(UNIT - - - HISTORY)

(SEPTEMBER - 1944)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: T/O amended to include VHF Installation and Maintenance Team consisting of one (1) Officer and Fourteen (14) Enlisted Men per GO#142 Hq IX Air Force Service Command 7 September 1944.
- (2) STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 2 W.O., and 199 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENTS: Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES: Sgt Chapman and Pvt Kruse Abs Sk, LD in 158th General Hospital due to injuries in motor accident 11 July 1944, were transferred to detachment of patients 4124 U.S. Army Hospital Plant APO 519.
- (5) DECORATIONS: 40 Enlisted Men Awarded Good Conduct Medal.

During the month of September 1944 the 890th Signal Co., Depot Avn had complete charge of operating communications on this station and the responsibility for handling of Signal supplies and equipment.

40 Enlisted Men were awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Drivers and trucks of the motor section made numerous trips to and from other bases delivering and picking-up signal equipment and supplies, motor section also serviced, checked and delivered British Radar Trucks to AAF 802 and AAF 169.

Sgt. Chapman (abs sk, LD in 158th Gen Hosp) was transferred to detachment of patients 4124 U.S. Army Hospital Plant APO 519, 30 August 1944.

T Sgt Ronk, Sgt Clark, Pfc Roberts and Privs Goldblatt, Sancho and Pierce transferred to 918th Signal Co., Depot Avn 4 September 1944.

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Cpl Maile, Tec 5 Lessers, Pfc Ferrara and Pmts Bono and Di Marino transferred to 919th Signal Co., Depot Avn 4 September 1944.

Re-organization of T/O from 9 officers, 1 W.O. and 214 EM to 9 officers, 1 W.O. and 179 EM was completed 1 September 1944.

Pvt. Kruse (abs sk, LD 158th General Hospital) was transferred to detachment of patients 4124 U.S. Army Hospital Plant APO 519 4 September 1944.

T/O was amended 7 September 1944 to include a VHF Installation and Maintenance Team consisting of one (1) officer and fourteen (14) enlisted men.

2nd Lt. Cox assigned and joined from the 13th Replacement Control Depot as officer of the VHF Team.

Detachments B & C consisting of two (2) officers and ten (10) enlisted men were transferred to the 925th Signal Co., Depot Avn 11 September 1944.

Cpl Richardson and Tec 5 Weiner transferred to 1020th Signal Co., Service Group 14 September 1944. Pvt. Lashbaugh transferred to 1052nd Signal Co., Service Group 14 September 1944.

Tec 5 Jackson (abs sk, LD 158th General Hospital APO 519 due to injuries received in motor vehicle accident 11 July 1944) returned to duty 16 September 1944.

Lt. Hudson, W Sgt Bate and Tec 4 McNamara attended a three (3) day Army Orientation Course in London 19 - 20 - and 21st September 1944.

Pfc Schneider and Pvt Boxer on DS with Crystal Bank on Far Shore returned to duty 23 September 1944.

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Lt. Peterson went from duty to absent sick, LD, non-battle in 306th General Hospital APO 510 for appendicitis 29 September 1944.

M Sgt Irvin, Tec 3 Graham and Walther went on DS to AAF 102 for two (2) weeks radio school 24 September 1944.

Tec 5 Goforth went to DS on Far Shore with 155th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron for special repair work 28 September 1944.

Major Boehm made trip to Far Shore Operations pertaining to Signal activities 30 September 1944.

Lt. Hudson, Finance Agent Officer, mid command 30 September 1944.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
1ST LT SIG C
COMPANY COMMANDER

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DETROIT AVN

(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)

(OCTOBER - 1944)

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- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 2 W.O. and 198 E.N.
- (3) MOVEMENT: Unit Moved from AAF-519 to Strip A-40, European Continent, 23 October 1944 per VOGG EX Air Force Service Command.
- (4) Casualties: Pvt. Morris Kruger - 38206769 (who was transferred to this organization while absent sick in hospital) transferred, due to sickness, to detachment of patients hospital unknown per par 3 (3) Cir 69 Hq ETOUSA, 1 October 1944.
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative.

During the month of October 1944 in addition to signal activities the unit sections spent much time preparing packing case, packing lists, etc., in order to make the company mobile for movement.

1 October 1944 Pvt. Kruger (abs, sk, LD, non-battle) was transferred to the detachment of patients, hospital unknown, in compliance with par 3 (3) circular 69 Headquarters ETOUSA.

A wire crew consisting of six (6) enlisted men spent two (2) days at AAF station 164 removing and salvaging wire and signal equipment installed at that station.

Lt. Peterson returned to duty from the 306th station hospital 13 October 1944.

Lt. Voss, Lt. Honeck, Mr. Kiewel and forty-one (41) EM carrying an advanced communications party went from AAF-519 to DS with 1st Advanced Air Depot Area, European Continent, Strip A-40 16 October 1944.

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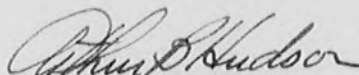
2 Officers, 1 W.O. and 44 EM of the unit departed AAP-519 by motor convoy at 0345 hours enroute to strip A-40, European Continent, arrived strip A-40, European Continent, for permanent change of station at 0500 hours 23 October 1944.

2 Officers, and 103 EM the remainder of the unit on duty at AAP-519 departed AAP-519 by air at 1335 hours for strip A-40, European Continent, arrived strip A-40 for permanent change of station at 1500 hours 23 October 1944.

Lt. Hudson, the company commander, was appointed captain per per 11 30 289 Headquarters IX Air Force dated 15 October 1944.

Unit set up quarters and operations in Signal-Ordnance Compound. Took over operation of the mess hall, feeding unit and 95 EM attached.

31 October 1944. Organization continued clean up program of area and installation and Repair, Storage and Issue, Communications and other duties of a Signal Depot Avn Company.


ARTHUR E. HUDSON
Capt., Sig C
Historical Officer

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
 (UNIT - - - - HISTORY)
 (DECEMBER - 1944)

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 Date: 3 Jan 45
 Init: *[Signature]*

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 2 W.O., and 197 E. M.
- (3) MOVEMENT: Negative
- (4) CASUALTIES: Negative
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative

T Sgt Mortimer asgd and joined from the 433rd Signal Construction Bn.,
 1 December 1944.

Tec 4 Walter V. Collins went AWOL 1 December 1944.

Tec 5 Spitzer and Schaller, on DS at the 4th Air Base Depot, were
 transferred to the 879th Signal Co., Depot Avn, 2 December 1944.

Tec 3 Graham, Tec 3 Ziebell, Cpl Ceccarelli and Tec 5 Bates spent
 7 days temporary duty at A-42 installing radio equipment in a German Bomber
 for which they received special commendation from AI TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
 SECTION, HQ, ASC-USSTAF (MAIN) APO 633 signed by Harold E. Watson, Colonel,
 A.C. Office of Technical Services.

Lt. McKibben on DS at 4th Air Base Depot was transferred to the 879th
 Signal Co., Depot Avn, 3 December 1944.

Pfc Joel Gern spent 21 days temporary duty with Hq Com Z in Paris attending
 Radio Carrier School.

Several of the EM from this unit made trips with 45th Air Depot Group Convoy
 for the purpose of securing coal for the group.

Enlisted Men of the 2004th Ordnance completed a satisfactory inspection
 of all weapons of this unit. The unit CW officer and NCO's inspected all gas
 mask and each man tested his mask by use of the gas chamber.

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Sgt John Savulak, having spent 30 months overseas was transferred to the Casual Pool 70th Replacement Depot for return to the zone of the interior.

Tec 4 Walter V. Collins returned from AWOL 10 December 1944 and was given a Special Courts Martial 20 December 1944 resulting in his being reduced to the grade of private and given 60 days restriction to the post.

Capt. Jefferson King was asgd from 896th Signal Co., Depot AVN and placed on DS with 1st Advanced Air Depot Area as Signal Supply Coordinator 15 December 1944.

The Company gave a Xmas party for a group of French Orphans, arranged through special services, 25 December 1944.

Tec 5 John W. Bullock was admitted to the 38th Station Hospital, APO 574, with a broken foot caused from a fall on the icy pavement 28 December 1944.

Captain Hudson, finance agent, payed the command 31 December 1944.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Capt. Sig C
Unit Historian

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPT AVN
(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)
(DECEMBER - 1944)

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: Date: 5 Dec 44 :
: UNIT: *CDH* :
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- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH : 3 Officers, 2 W.O. and 200 E.M.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative.
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative.

Due to the absence of M.P. guard squadrons on this base it was necessary for the unit to form the guard for the Signal-Ordnance Compound and also to furnish three (3) guards daily to the 45th Air Depot Group Provost Marshall's office for guard duty at the air strip.

The special service department has been quite active making arrangements for E.M. to visit French families and also securing motion pictures to be shown in the gymnasium two and three nights a week. A basketball league has been formed and each unit and department is represented playing regular scheduled games. A tournament schedule has been drawn up and play will decide the championship of the 45th Air Depot Group.

The fuel problem has been solved thru the construction of a power circle saw and the use of prisoners of war to haul and cut wood for the mess hall and the barracks.

The unit observed a two day restriction 28th and 29th on order of the Loire base section in order to make a check on AWOL's.

Paris passes have been granted to the unit on the basis of 10 per day or 3% of the personnel.

1st Edward B. Isenro was assigned and joined from IX Air Force Service Command 17 Nov 44.

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Pvt Cecil M. Aufderheide asgl and joined from the 896th Signal Company Depot Avn 16 Nov 1944.

Lt. Mc Kibben, on DS at 4th Air Base Depot in charge of the British Radar Equipment Warehouse, was promoted to 1st Lt., per par 13 SO 289 Hq IX Air Force.

The motor pool section under Lt. Dryden has made many trips to other stations for the purpose of delivering and picking-up signal supplies and equipment.

Capt. Hudson, finance agent, payed RM of this organization 30 Nov 1944.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Capt. Sig C
Historical Officer

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEFOT AVN
(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)
(JANUARY - 1945)

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: Date: 3 Feb 45 :
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- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 2 W.O., and 197 MM.
- (3) MOVEMENT: Unit Moved Strip A-40 to Strip A-83 per Secret Ltr.,
Hq. IX Air Force Service Command, dated 13 Jan 45.
- (4) CASUALTIES: Negative
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative

T Sgt Mortimer went before a board of officers at the 39th General Hospital for examination to determine whether or not he be given a GDD or be retained in the service. The board of officers recommended that he be retained in the service 7 Jan 45.

Captain Hudson and twenty-three (23) enlisted men departed Strip A-40 enroute to Strip A-83 8 Jan 45 as advance movement party, arrived Strip A-83 8 Jan 45. Temporary communications through Goucho were installed by using French and U.S. Army lines. Much trouble was encountered with both teletype and telephone circuits, however, service was maintained.

Complete movement of the unit was completed 18 Jan 45 and communications section installed complete communication system with excellent service.

A wire crew consisting of eight (8) enlisted men remain at Strip A-40 for the purpose of removing lines and handling matters pertaining to communications and supply.

The organization set up general repair, radio repair, storage and issue and communications sections and continue this month at full operations at Strip A-83.

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Tec 4 Hitchcock was injured while unloading supplies from a train at the railhead, and entered the 56th Field Hospital for treatment 26 Jan 45.

Captain Hudson, Finance Agent Officer for the Unit, paid the command
31 Jan 45.

ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Captain Sig C
Historical Officer

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
 (UNIT - - - - HISTORY)
 (FEBRUARY - 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH : 8 Officers, 2 W.O., and 192 MM.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative.
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative.

The initial call for men to be transferred to the ground forces was filled with a quota of eight (8) men 3 February 1945, including: Tec 4 Kovacic, Tec 5 Blyth and Pfc's Boxer, Perlstein, Cline, Jirka, Stokes and Isernio.

Pfc Curnow returned from temporary duty at 1st Advanced Air Depot Area 3 February 1945.

Tec 4 Hitchcock, absent sick in 56th Field Hospital from injuries received in fall from freight car while unloading supplies, returned to duty 8 February 1945.

During this month Radio Repair Section, under Lt. Herbert, conducted a Radio School for men from other organizations and General Repair Section, under Mr. Swords, held school for Engine Repair for men from various Signal and Bomb Groups.

Lt. Voss was transferred to the 461st Signal Bn., and departed 16 February 1945.

Groups of men from the Radio Section attended Radio School at 42nd Wing Training Detachment.

Lt. Dryden and five (5) enlisted men made a trip to Thil, France to secure captured enemy equipment for use in General Repair Section. (Lathes, Milling Machines, etc.).

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Lt. Cox and T Sgt Hrebec departed for twenty-four (24) days temporary duty at Radio School No. 1 RAF Station Cranwell, England for the purpose of studying VHF 24 February 1945.

Sgt. Selway formerly of this organization was reassigned fr Hq & Hq Sq 45th ADG and joined 26 February 1945.

Captain Hudson, Class A Finance Agent, paid the command 28 February 1945.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Captain Sig C
Historical Officer

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
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- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH : 8 Officers, 2 W.O., and 184 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative.
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative.

During the month of March the General Repair Section, under the direction of Mr. Swords, continued to conduct school in installation and repair of engines (power units). Men from various groups have attended this school for periods of seven (7) days.

Tec 4 Bartlett from 303rd Signal Co., Wing attended a ten (10) day Cryptography class conducted by 890th Signal Co., Message Center.

Lts. Cox and Dryden were promoted to 1st Lt fr 2nd Lt per par 4 SO 60 Hq Ninth Air Force 1 March 1945.

Tec 5 Jameson and Pfc Rigney and Schrader were transferred to the 6th Tactical Comm. Sq., 6 March 1945.

Eight (8) men were transferred to the Reinforcement Depot; Sgt Brennan; Tec 5 Bullock and Thompson; Pfc Aufderheide, Davis, McGuire, Medeiros and Adrian 10 March 1945.

Lt. Cox and T Sgt Hrebec completed a course in VHF in England and returned to duty 17 March 1945.

S Sgt Henderson (Limited Asgmt Replacement) was assigned and joined 11 March 1945.

Tec 4 Lazio (Limited Asgmt Replacement) was assigned and joined 13 March 1945.

Pvt Ross (Limited Asgmt Replacement) was assigned and joined 22 March 1945.

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Pfc Davis (Limited Asgmt Replacement) was assigned and joined 23 March 1945.

The second quota of replacements for the month departed 26 March 1945
Tec 4 Pratt; Tec 5 Mahan; Pfc Unger, Easterling, Hagen and Pvt Donaldson.

Pvt Dolan (Limited Asgmt Replacement) was assigned and joined 26 March 1945.

The Brussels and Paris passes were made available to the men of this organization on a percentage basis and seven (7) days leaves are being granted men to go to England.

Capt. Hudson departed for England on seven (7) days leave 24 March 1945.

The Company was inspected by IX Air Force Service Command Inspectors and received an excellent rating, with special commendation to Supply and Armorer personnel for excellent condition of Supply and excellent condition of arms and ammunition. The Company Library also received special attention and comment from inspectors as one of the best they had seen.

Mr. Kiewel, Class A Agent, paid the command 31 March 1945.

William J. Kiewel
WILLIAM J. KIEWEL
WO (jg) USA
Historical Officer

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890th SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT - - HISTORY)
(APRIL-1945)

SECRET
AUTH: CO. 45th ADG
DATE: 4 May 1945
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- (1) ORGANIZATION : Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH : 9 officers, 2 W.O., and 189 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Unit moved Strip A-83 to Y-91. M-850710 per Secret Ltr.,
Hq. IX Air Force Service Command, dated 7 April 1945.
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative.
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative.

During this month the unit continued its normal activities at A-83, operating and maintaining all communications, the radio repair shop, signal storage & issue section and general repair section. The school in the general repair section on installation and repair of power units continued to function under the direct supervision of Mr. Swords. Lt. Romeck's communications section kept the lines up in good shape. Lt. Herbert's section continued their splendid work of radio repair and Lt. Peterson's section never let him down and kept up their high standard of efficiency as always in the past. Storage & issue was ordered to dispose of all surplus equipment and this was done with the minimal delay.

Movement orders were received and all organizational equipment was packed and crated for transport to new station in what is considered record time.

An advance party of one (1) WO and twenty four (24) EM departed for new station 12 April 1945. Movement was completed by air and motor transport between 12 and 20 April. In the movement thirteen (13) planes transported seventy five thousand (75,000) pounds of equipment and three hundred and ten thousand (310,000) pounds of equipment was hauled by truck. Seven (7) EM were left at A-83 to complete the job of removing remaining communication

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equipment and lines of Spiral Four cable.

Upon arrival at new station work was begun at once to set up communications and this work was very efficiently handled by Lt. Monack's men so that in a very short time all work was fully completed. Work shops, motor pool and mess hall were also set up and living quarters were improved, electric lights installed and things began to look better almost overnight. A company library was put into operation and is now in full swing.

Pfc Derself (limited assignment) was assigned and joined 3 April.

Lt. Cox placed on DS with IX AFSC 5 April for indefinite period.

Cpl Caldwell and Pfc Beck departed for England for 7 days leave on 6 April and returned 21 April.

Tec 5 Bates returned from 7 days leave in England on 7 April.

Pfc Estes, Pvt Dowd, Pvt Doucette and Pvt Greel (limited assignment) were assigned and joined on 7 April.

Capt. HUDSON and Cpl Gskowski returned from 7 days leave in England on 9 April.

Pfc G.W. Frezer, Pfc Rice, Pfc Hatton, Pvt Eddy and Pvt Reinfelder (limited assignment) assigned and joined 9 April.

Cpl Norton and Pvt Hanson (limited assignment) assigned and joined 10 Apr.

T Sgt Mortimer and Tec 4 Whitfield departed for 7 days leave in England on 10 April and returned 26 April.

Tec 4 Maycock returned from 7 day leave in England on 13 April.

Tec 4 Bartlett, Tec 4 Hitchcock, Tec 4 Mock, Cpl Linshan, Pfc Abramczyk and Pfc Devos were transferred to 12th Reinforcement Depot on 16 April.

Tec 4 Jacobs returned from TD in England on 19 April.

T Sgt Dearick was transferred to Detachment of Patients, 197th General Hospital on 19 April.

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Pfc Newton left for 7 day leave in England on 22 April.

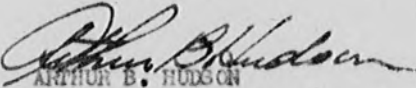
Lt. EDWARD J. MURRAY was assigned and welcomed into the company on 26 Apr.

Five (5) EM, part of a Disarmament Team, went to Breunghen, Ger. 24 Apr and returned after completion of mission.

A Disarmament Team with Mr. Swords in charge, left for Altenbaum, Ger. and returned 29 April.

Another team headed by Lt. Herbert left for Altenritte, Ger. and returned on 29 April.

Capt. Hudson, Class A Agent, paid the members of the command on 30 April.


ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Capt., Signal Corps
Company Commander

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
 (UNIT - - - HISTORY)
 (MAY - - 1945)

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 : Date: 4 June 45 :
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- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH : 9 Officers, 2 W.O., and 187 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Negative
- (4) CASUALTIES : Pvts Dowd, Robert G. and Reinfelder, George J. trfd to Det. Patients 4315 U.S. Army Hospital Plant, APO 887 due to sickness.
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative

The month of May, the organization continued communications for the 45th Air Depot Group, however, the greater percentage of the unit ceased operation as a Signal Depot and turned toward disarmament program under the 1st Air Disarmament Wing. The officers and men comprising teams of one (1) officer and five (5) men, each team taking a assigned target, surveying property and equipment and making reports to proper authorities.

The unit has been granting a limited number of leaves to officers and men for the purpose of visiting the U S Riviera Recreational Area and also have continued leaves to the U.K. The group arranged a center in Valenciennes, France for each man to have one 48 hour pass per month.

The Company transferred 80 men to the 919th, 896th, 877th and 895th Signal Company Depot Avn under the re-deployment program, however, they were replaced by men with like MOS numbers from those organizations.

Tec 4 Peter A. Bianchi was transferred to the 134th Reinforcement Bn, for return to the zone of interior for discharge under the over 42 years of age plan 26 May 45.

Lt. Peterson suffering from an old appendicitis operation performed several months ago in England again entered the Hospital for treatment at the 180th General Hospital 25 May 1945.

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Tec 5 John H. Ahl while on courier run was enjured in a motor vehicle accident and entered the 80th Field Hospital at Luxenburg, 25 May 1945.

ASR cards and physical profiles were completed for the organization and entered in the service records.

Captain Hudson, class A Finance Agent, paid the unit 31 May 1945.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Captain Sig C
Historical Officer

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT - - - HISTORY)
(JUNE - - 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Table of Organization amended to delete VHF Installation and Maintenance Type "P" Team of one (1) officer and fourteen (14) EM effective 0001 22 June 1945 per GO 77 Hq IX Air Force Service Command.
- (2) STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 2 W.O., and 182 EM.
- (3) MOVEMENT: Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES: Tec 5 Joseph F. McMahon trfd to Det of Patients 4388 U S Army Hosp Plant, due to broken arm.
Pfc Russell G. Rice trfd to Det. Of Patients 4315 US Army Hosp Plant, due to sickness.
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative.

The unit continued disarmament program, groups of eight (8) to twenty (20) enlisted men and one (1) officer were assigned targets of factories, warehouses and dumps handling signal and air force equipment and materials. Surveys and inventories were made and recommendations as to disposition made to higher headquarters.

Having completed the greater percentage of surveys and inventories on targets, the teams turned to a destruction program. Equipment not desired by the U S Government and that could be used for the rebuilding of a war machine in Germany was completely destroyed.

The communications section continued operation of Radio, Teletype, Telephone and Message Center for the 45th Air Depot Group.

The general repair section continued to maintain power units and minor repairs for the group.

This organization furnished three (3) men to the group provost marshal for M.P. duty and four (4) men to the group fire marshal to act as fire fighters.

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Company supply maintained a running clean-up program; packing, crating and oiling stoves and other housekeeping and T/O equipment.

All men of the unit have been granted a 48 hour pass to the pass center in Valenciennes, France, set up by the 45th Air Depot Group. The usual monthly quota of furloughs to England and the Riviera were granted.

Cpl Thomas J. Keane was transferred to the 134th Reinforcement Bn, for return to the Zone of Interior., 3 June 1945.

Tec 5 Clinton Hanes was transferred to the 134th Reinforcement Bn, for return to the Zone of Interior., 9 June 1945.

Tec 5 John W. Bullock formerly of this unit was reassigned from the 70th Reinforcement Depot., 20 June 1945.

Lt. Albert C. Herbert, finance agent for the month of June 1945, paid the command 30 June 1945.

For the Historical Officer:

Albert C. Herbert
ALBERT C. HERBERT
1st Lt., Sig C
Actg Company Commander

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT - - - HISTORY)
(JULY - - 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.
- (2) STRENGTH: 7 Officers, 2 W.O., and 176 M.
- (3) MOVEMENT: Negative.
- (4) CASUALTIES: Negative.
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative.

The unit continued to operate communications for the 45th Air Depot Group and at the same time furnish the 7th Air Depot Group with a line crew and signal warehouse crew.

In addition to signal operations of the Group the following details were handled for the Group: One (1) man as legal clerk for courts and boards office. One (1) electrician to post utilities. One (1) clerk to transportation office. Three (3) men to the H.Q. Squadron as post guards. Four (4) men to post firefighter platoon. Five (5) men daily to supervise and guard civilian laborer on post oleo pump details. Two (2) men assigned to work in post exchange. Other details were furnished on call from Group Headquarters.

Captain King transferred to Hq 3 Hq Squadron IX Air Force Service Command 18 July 45.

Lt. Cox transferred to 372nd Air Service Group 27 July 1945.

The unit received alert orders 21 July 1945 for redeployment. Records were inspected by IX Air Force Service Command RMI Inspector. All clothing of personnel marked and excess clothing and equipment turned in to supply branches. 2/0 and 2/8 equipment was all marked and packed for shipment. Signal Supplies and Equipment turned over to 890th Signal Company Depot Avn at Y-91. The unit scheduled for assembly area 28 August 1945 for September

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shipment, however, message received from IX Air Force Service Command rescheduled alert orders and placed unit on reserve for shipment in November 1945.

The company resumed operations 30 July 1945 with linemen, radio-repairmen and communications and signal supply personnel working with the 920th Signal Company Depot Avn.

31 July 1945 Captain Hudson, Finance Agent, paid command.

ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Captain Sig C
Historical Officer.

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT - - - - HISTORY)
(AUGUST - - - 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH : 7 officers, 2 W.O.s, and 135 MM.
- (3) MOVEMENT : Unit moved from 3 miles South of Hamm, Germany, WM-052670 to Y-91 Hamm, Germany, H-079830, moved a distance of 5 miles, 6 August 1945.
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative
- (5) DEFECTIONS : Negative

The organization moved from Hamm, Germany, 3 miles south WM-052670 Nord de Guerre to Strip Y-91 Hamm, Germany, H-079830 Nord de Guerre. Unit consisting of 7 officers, 2 W.O.s, and 135 enlisted men departed Hamm by motor transport at 0800 hours 6 August 1945 enroute to Strip Y-91 a distance of five (5) miles, arriving at Y-91 at 0830 hours 6 August 1945 for permanent change of station.

The organization ceased operations as a Signal Company Depot Avn 31 July 1945, however, personnel of the unit continues to operate the communications for "CALAMUS", 7th Air Depot Group. Since the Company ceased operations, personnel have been assigned to the 920th Signal Co., Depot Avn for operation of communications and signal supply activities for the 45th Air Depot Group.

24 August 1945 the entire linehaul crew (230) personnel were transferred to the 920th Signal Company Depot Avn.

During the month the unit was awarded the Bronze Service Star for battle participation, campaign "REINFORCED HINTER", per USARF Letter AG 200.6 Op M, dated 6 July 1945.

This month soon all men with adjusted rating scores of B3 and above transferred to the 22nd Mobile R A R Sq for the purpose of being returned

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to the Zone of the Interior for discharge.

The Group continued to give 48 hour passes to leave center in Valenciennes, France and at the same time have given the unit a very liberal quota of furloughs to France, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In order to keep morale at a high standard and increase the comforts of living, Lt. Barry, Mess Officer, has installed and operated a Superior Mess, with the use of civilian K. I.'s and equipment secured through quartermaster. The mess is operated with table service and the elimination of mess kits and the washing of utensils by the men, this is highly satisfactory to all concerned and has done much to keep the personnel in good spirit.

Many men have entered into the I & B program and with special interest in physics, photography and music.

31 August 1945 Captain Hudson, Class A Finance Agent, paid command.

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON
Captain 3d C
Historical Officer.

890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT-----HIS TORY)
(SEPTEMBER-----1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH: 1 Officer--1 S.M. 8 sept 30, 1945
- (3) MOVEMENT: None
- (4) CASUALTIES: Negative
- (5) DECORATIONS: Negative

On the 14th day of September 1945 the 890th and 920th Signal Companies Depot Avn exchanged personnel and records, with the 920th Sig Company assuming normal operating duties that had been performed by former 920th personnel. A complete change over was assumed within the following week with Lt Joseph A. Gaffery assuming command of the 890th Sig Co. This transfer of personnel and records came about in order to make the 890th Sig Co available for transfer to the Assembly Area with one (1) Off. and (1) one S.M. The transfer of all the remaining personnel after the distinctive changeover, was completed by the 14th of Sept at which time Lt. Robert T. Carter and 1st Sgt Joseph P. Fikany were the sole remaining personnel.

Since the 19th of September this organization has been on 24 hour alert for shipment to the Assembly Area Command for shipment to the ZI.

Robert T. Carter
ROBERT T CARTER
1st Lt Sig C
Historical Officer

890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT HISTORY)
(OCTOBER 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: Negative
- (2) STRENGTH : 1 Officer - - 1 Enlisted Man 31 Oct, 1945
- (3) MOVEMENT : None
- (4) CASUALTIES : Negative
- (5) DECORATIONS : Negative

On the 5th day of October F Sgt Joseph Fikany was trfd to Det "A" 1587 QM Bn Avn at Strip A-71 and T Sgt William D Newsome was asgd and jd. Captain Arthur B. Hudson was attached unassigned (For command Purposes Only) on the 26th of October, vice 1st Lt Robert T. Carter who was reld fr assignment and asgd to Det "A" 1587th QM Bn Mol Avn. 2nd Lt Edward J. Murry came back from temporary duty in France and was assigned to the 920th Signal Company Depot Avn on the 31st of October.

Movement Orders were received from Headquarters US Forces, European Theater. Authority is letter received Hq USFET (Fear) AG 370.5 OCT-AGO (265) Subject: "Movement Orders, Shipment RE 7421, dated 11 October 1945.

GEORGE E. BRUGGEMAN
Captain, Sig Cco
Historical Officer

890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
(UNIT _____ HISTORY)
(NOVEMBER _____ 1945)

- (1) ORGANIZATION: NEGATIVE
- (2) STRENGTH : 6 OFFICERS - 254 ENLISTED MEN
AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 1945
- (3) MOVEMENT : 3 MILES FROM A-71 HANAU, GERMANY
TO WOLFGANG, GERMANY
- (4) CASUALTIES : NEGATIVE
- (5) DECORATIONS : NEGATIVE

AS PER PAR 14, SO 295 HQ, 45TH ADG, 2D LT EDWARD J. MURRY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THIS ORGANIZATION. CAPT GEORGE E. BRUGGEMAN AND 1ST LT CLAUDE E. GLASER WERE ASSIGNED AND JOINED THIS ORGANIZATION AS PER PAR 19 SO 291, HQ, IX AFSC. ON 6 NOVEMBER 1945 AS PER PAR 3, SO 301, HQ, 45TH ADG, CAPT ARTHUR B. HUDSON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 890TH SIG CO DEP AVN SINCE ITS INCEPTION, WAS RELIEVED FROM "ATTACHED" TO THIS ORGANIZATION, CAPT GEORGE E. BRUGGEMAN THEN ASSUMING COMMAND. ON 12 NOVEMBER 1945 63 MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 14, SO 306 HQ, 45TH ADG DATED 10 NOVEMBER 1945. THESE MEN WERE PLACED ON INDEFINITE DS WITH THEIR PARENT UNIT. PER PAR 7, SO 315, HQ, IXAFSC DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1945, 175 MEN WERE ASSIGNED.

ON 26 NOVEMBER 1945, MAJOR HARRY A. WALKER, WAS ASSIGNED AND RELIEVED FROM THIS ORGANIZATION.

CAPT HARRY G. HECKER ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 7, SO 323 , HQ, IXAFSC DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1945, JOINED 27 NOVEMBER 1945.

CAPT JAMES B. WELCH ASSIGNED TO THIS UNIT PER PAR 11, SO 322 HQ, 45TH ADG DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1945, JOINED 30 NOVEMBER 1945.

1ST LT OTHA K. MARTIN ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 11, SO 322 HQ, 45TH ADG DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1945, JOINED ON THE SAME DATE.

SGT ARTHUR R. WRIGHT DEPARTED FOR POE LE HAVRE, FRANCE PER PAR 20, SO 323 HQ, 45TH ADG DATED 1 DECEMBER 1945.

APPENDED IS A LIST OF ENLISTED MEN WHO JOINED THIS ORGANIZATION DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1945.

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DURING THE MONTH THIS ORGANIZATION WAS OCCUPIED PREPARING FOR RETURN TO THE ZONE OF THE INTERIOR. ISSUE AND MARKING OF CLOTHING, PREPARATION OF ALL THE VITAL RECORDS AND ROSTERS, AND INCREASED PRE OCCUPATION WITH THE EXIGENCIES OF POM, WERE THE ALL IMPORTANT DETAILS OF THIS MONTH'S WORK.

ON THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER THE 890TH SIGNAL CO DEP AVN HAVING FULFILLED ITS MISSION IN THE ETO WAS AWAITING THE JOURNEY TO MARSEILLES AND EVENTUAL RETURN TO THE STATES.

George E. Bruggeman
GEORGE E. BRUGGEMAN,
CAPTAIN, SIGNAL CORPS,
HISTORICAL OFFICER.

HEADQUARTERS
890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT (AVN)

PERSONNEL ROSTER

1.	Vaughan, Burney J.	1st/Sgt	39263825
2.	Alto, Elmer A.	M Sgt	31219350
3.	Fisher, Harrion W.	M Sgt	33092745
4.	Kyzer, Ervie L.	M Sgt	38108570
5.	Parker, Newton B.	M Sgt	32838425
6.	Richardson, Roy A.	M Sgt	38371053
7.	Satterthwaite, Clifton	M Sgt	37193467
8.	Clifford, Henry E.	T Sgt	19141974
9.	Cooper, Joseph N., Jr	T Sgt	34664296
10.	Houge, Lowell W.	T Sgt	16156445
11.	Kalisz, Bernard S.	T Sgt	31343366
12.	Lester, Carl J.	T Sgt	38406732
13.	Newsome, William D.	T Sgt	39826937
14.	Andreoli, Leo J.	S Sgt	32910819
15.	Campanello, Stephen R	S Sgt	35543986
16.	Campbell, Joseph A.	S Sgt	33428564
17.	Casillo, Joseph A.	S Sgt	31121642
18.	Ceresia, Frank J.	S Sgt	37618632
19.	Chance, Everett W.	S Sgt	33469522
20.	Coogan, John L.	S Sgt	42022186
21.	Crownover, James E, Jr	S Sgt	38513135
22.	Cuzick, Joseph C.	S Sgt	17031010
23.	Denslow, Merrill T, Jr	S Sgt	33490978
24.	Dwelly, Kenneth S.	S Sgt	35473651
25.	Gall, Daniel J.	S Sgt	32630692
26.	Griffith, Charles G.	S Sgt	31114958
27.	Heath, Harold F., Jr	S Sgt	32726096
28.	Hoisington, John E.	S Sgt	36523512
29.	Hover, Wilbur F.	S Sgt	35545136
30.	Jewell, Paul D.	S Sgt	36445030
31.	Kitchen, William A.	S Sgt	35282375
32.	Kolibaba, Robert L.	S Sgt	39330892
33.	Kroier, Thomas	S Sgt	38406272
34.	LaCroix, Maurice J.	S Sgt	31367839

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep (Avn) (Cont'd).

35.	Marder, Samuel	S Sgt	32692703
36.	McGill, James F.	S Sgt	33668748
37.	Mulder, Eugene C.	S Sgt	37483599
38.	Newcomer, Walter D., Jr	S Sgt	39562318
39.	Nickell, Robert P.	S Sgt	35264501
40.	Peel, Neon S.	S Sgt	34683941
41.	Prescott, Glen N.	S Sgt	38338167
42.	Sager, Frederick J.	S Sgt	32713232
43.	Seelhorst, Carl F.	S Sgt	33668679
44.	Selpe, John C.	S Sgt	32300666
45.	Sibilsky, Herbert C.	S Sgt	16104502
46.	Vandegrift, Jack B.	S Sgt	35225089
47.	Vitale, John L.	S Sgt	33683068
48.	Weber, Hubert F.	S Sgt	36244181
49.	Westervelt, Richard J.	S Sgt	32604895
50.	Wuennenberg, Harold A.	S Sgt	37409427
51.	Ziman, Richard J.	S Sgt	37531665
52.	Ryan, Leo C.	Tec 3	17058954
53.	Anderson, Wallace T.	Sgt	31213900
54.	Anoweck, Kazmer	Sgt	33718935
55.	Batz, Clarence L.	Sgt	35307916
56.	Barnett, Orlen B.	Sgt	39127848
57.	Barton, Malcolm J.	Sgt	16087762
58.	Bedigrew, Cecil E.	Sgt	17128846
59.	Buchanan, Edgar L.	Sgt	37231158
60.	Busch, John T.	Sgt	32244320
61.	Button, Clifford A.	Sgt	33033732
62.	Carrano, James J.	Sgt	36675213
63.	Clark, William A.	Sgt	35633940
64.	Collins, Merrild L.	Sgt	37195252
65.	Connolly, Francis P.	Sgt	32354097
66.	Dicus, George H.	Sgt	34700627
67.	Dudziak, Joseph L.	Sgt	37176348
68.	Faleide, Norman H.	Sgt	36216059
69.	Franken, Henry A.	Sgt	37470154

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep (Avn) (Cont'd)

70.	GiGuere, George V.	Sgt	31265849
71.	Gloeckler, Daniel	Sgt	39694647
72.	Hensley, Eugene W.	Sgt	39464122
73.	Iannucci, Dante V.	Sgt	32717104
74.	Johannsen, Leonard R.	Sgt	37703715
75.	Jones, William N.	Sgt	31420816
76.	Kaufman, Elliot B.	Sgt	13043307
77.	Kendall, Kennie, Jr	Sgt	34374512
78.	Kennedy, William H.	Sgt	31283934
79.	Knapke, Carl J.	Sgt	35228799
80.	Kneller, Max	Sgt	31421331
81.	Kuhns, Howard H.	Sgt	33240597
82.	Lepisto, Edward U.	Sgt	36408678
83.	Lilek, Paul J.	Sgt	36740660
84.	Lockhart, Archie A.	Sgt	38149722
85.	Maillet, Mack P.	Sgt	38263458
86.	Marris, Sherrill F.	Sgt	32935209
87.	Martin, William C.	Sgt	15118101
88.	McDonald, John H.	Sgt	32604754
89.	McGough, Emmett J.	Sgt	37446498
90.	Mills, Murrey L., Jr.	Sgt	14095665
91.	Morgan, Kenneth W.	Sgt	38444197
92.	Morrill, Leroy K.	Sgt	31089021
93.	Mukofsky, Louis	Sgt	32400741
94.	Nagy, Charles K. II	Sgt	35628470
95.	Newcome, Robert A.	Sgt	34195893
96.	Oliver, Alfred R., Jr.	Sgt	15107261
97.	Oxton, Ralph E.	Sgt	31217600
98.	Pettofrezzo, Michael V.	Sgt	32608057
99.	Ray, William L.	Sgt	39686470
100.	Reho, Zigmond G., Jr.	Sgt	35530269
101.	Shaw, John W.	Sgt	33289140
102.	Smith, J. H.	Sgt	18076343
103.	Smith, Leon B.	Sgt	31101141
104.	Sperling, Leonard J.	Sgt	35307379
105.	Stinson, Edward J.	Sgt	33315963

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep (Avn) (Cont'd).

106.	Taliani, Arthur E.	Sgt	32373361
107.	Timm, Arthur W.	Sgt	32566009
108.	Trimble, James E.	Sgt	33415439
109.	Troup, David L.	Sgt	39701981
110.	Tulka, Richard J.	Sgt	12155632
111.	Wallace, Hugh B.	Sgt	34356733
112.	Wallace, Lester C.	Sgt	38237089
113.	Watson, Cecil O.	Sgt	38406128
114.	Williams, Francis P.	Sgt	33606207
115.	Wright, Arthur R.	Sgt	32617900
116.	Bennett, Charles A.	Tec 4	14105497
117.	Brady, Patrick L.	Tec 4	37230482
118.	Chalnick, Nathan	Tec 4	36561340
119.	Francis, Robert R.	Tec 4	35741748
120.	Gribble, Frank A., Jr.	Tec 4	34602523
121.	Howe, Donald F.	Tec 4	11106346
122.	Lisell, Edner R.	Tec 4	37318778
123.	Pieczenski, Joseph R.	Tec 4	15374745
124.	Ritchie, Norman J.	Tec 4	11044746
125.	Trask, Robert P., Jr.	Tec 4	11117505
126.	Walker, Wilford R.	Tec 4	39916917
127.	Zewe, James E.	Tec 4	33428295
128.	Ament, Roy L.	Cpl	13089247
129.	Anderson, Robert L.	Cpl	36482253
130.	Best, Clarence A.	Cpl	35537654
131.	Bowen, Allen T.	Cpl	34392539
132.	Buck, Leonard A.	Cpl	39330322
133.	Cooper, William B.	Cpl	36653814
134.	Cozart, Andrew J., Jr.	Cpl	34508819
135.	Di Falco, Charles	Cpl	32869829
136.	Ellis, John W.	Cpl	31294212
137.	Frakes, Charles E.	Cpl	35148585
138.	Gaviglio, Donald J.	Cpl	36457334
139.	Groneman, Edward A.	Cpl	36724537
140.	Harford, Wilbert G., Jr.	Cpl	33671167

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep Avn, (Cont'd)

141.	Haynes, Sherman L.	Cpl	35654165
142.	Johnson, Howard R.	Cpl	39614339
143.	Krasnevich, John	Cpl	33279973
144.	Kreiser, Larl E.	Cpl	33236074
145.	Lambert, Stephen G., Jr	Cpl	33128660
146.	Lane, James D.	Cpl	34900806
147.	LaPlante, Joseph A.	Cpl	31298429
148.	Manutti, Alfred J.	Cpl	32755791
149.	McElroy, Peter J.	Cpl	33383618
150.	McGee, Robert W.	Cpl	34762303
151.	McGrath, Gerald W.	Cpl	17155127
152.	Mellon, Vincent L.	Cpl	16075152
153.	Meniketti, Tesco	Cpl	39104731
154.	Munroe, Bernard B.	Cpl	39540908
155.	Murszewski, Edward J.	Cpl	32478057
156.	Nixon, Glendon E.	Cpl	33561692
157.	Paretti, Frank J., Jr.	Cpl	36577251
158.	Parrish, James W.	Cpl	35258444
159.	Peckerman, Edwin	Cpl	12218467
160.	Pinzur, Jerome	Cpl	12061548
161.	Ponico, James H.	Cpl	32864194
162.	Pyanowski, John F., Jr	Cpl	15099443
163.	Ray, William G.	Cpl	17166545
164.	Roberts, Jerald G.	Cpl	39320405
165.	Schmickel, Raymond J.	Cpl	32630373
166.	Smith, Edgar L.	Cpl	34904516
167.	Thimler, Arthur	Cpl	39029129
168.	Trujillo, Efrain H.	Cpl	38124926
169.	Tucker, Julius M., Jr.	Cpl	34829168
170.	Veno, Richard R.	Cpl	31269098
171.	Wedegis, Anthony J.	Cpl	32573503
172.	Weghorst, William P.	Cpl	18073080
173.	Weibel, Raymond A.	Cpl	33271658
174.	Wendt, Ralph F.	Cpl	37123755
175.	Wilbanks, W. P., Jr.	Cpl	14045988

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep Avn (Cont'd)

176.	Anderson, Herbert H.	Tec 5	35097309
177.	Angelo, George L.	Tec 5	32477117
178.	Axon, Gordon R.	Tec 5	35359560
179.	Bachmann, Ellsworth L.	Tec 5	39254936
180.	Ballard, Richard T.	Tec 5	19145226
181.	Belvin, Rudolph V.	Tec 5	33524930
182.	Brockman, John W.	Tec 5	39840351
183.	Bross, Howard A.	Tec 5	30289592
184.	Cataldo, Frank	Tec 5	12128356
185.	Chambers, William C.	Tec 5	32399269
186.	Dubeau, Arthur J.	Tec 5	31385991
187.	Epple, John A.	Tec 5	33201665
188.	Green, Robert Z.	Tec 5	39262478
189.	Grenham, William J.	Tec 5	32616889
190.	Landon, Nelson L.	Tec 5	33564540
191.	McGinnis, William F.	Tec 5	36437697
192.	Rice, Fred L.	Tec 5	32297769
193.	Sanchick, Edwin L.	Tec 5	12184169
194.	Williams, Trevor	Tec 5	12171090
195.	Yokeley, Raymond V.	Tec 5	34430051
196.	Baker, William H.	Pfc	34507674
197.	Bridge, Gregory L.	Pfc	33294603
198.	Bumpass, Henry, Jr.	Pfc	32534694
199.	Charitonchick, Joseph E.	Pfc	33598454
200.	Christopher, Paul	Pfc	36721016
201.	Cramer, Richard R.	Pfc	15353747
202.	Crocchiolo, Anthony P.	Pfc	32725181
203.	Cunefare, Murray	Pfc	33236686
204.	Engstrom, Adolph W., Jr.	Pfc	39210373
205.	Farthing, Donald C.	Pfc	35676082
206.	Feazel, Mina E.	Pfc	38329169
207.	Garcia, Joe H.	Pfc	39559748
208.	Graser, George A.	Pfc	36556264
209.	Greenstone, Jerome L.	Pfc	39558706
210.	Hailstone, Frederick H, Jr	Pfc	33428279
211.	Harnist, John W.	Pfc	35683626

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep Avn, (Cont'd).

212.	Haskins, Delmar C.	Pfc	16085570
213.	Hay, Hubert W.	Pfc	35093311
214.	Highfield, Paul M.	Pfc	38470394
215.	Hise, Raymond L., Jr	Pfc	38371883
216.	Johnson, John C.	Pfc	39694904
217.	Kaba, John, Jr.	Pfc	33410684
218.	Katlowitz, Irwin	Pfc	32728666
219.	Kessel, Thomas W.	Pfc	32763206
220.	Kreps, Franklin L.	Pfc	33682712
221.	Ieno, Carroll J.	Pfc	31071294
222.	Louks, Arthur H.	Pfc	36598357
223.	MacDougall, Raymond J.	Pfc	31376199
224.	Magnone, James J.	Pfc	35598350
225.	Mathes, Andrew T.	Pfc	34421592
226.	McGurk, Jack B.	Pfc	38440723
227.	Paulson, Norman C.	Pfc	37121583
228.	Pluger, Ernest	Pfc	36182916
229.	Price, Alan B.	Pfc	33565873
230.	Richards, Robert W.	Pfc	17090402
231.	Root, Dennis A.	Pfc	12172050
232.	Roth, Paul D.	Pfc	33887599
233.	Rushworth, Harold F.	Pfc	19115486
234.	Saleeby, Edmond N.	Pfc	34644158
235.	Schultz, Gustave	Pfc	32884698
236.	Seckerson, Lloyd M.	Pfc	17109271
237.	Sieber, Charles W.	Pfc	37541126
238.	Smith, Raymond W.	Pfc	16087405
239.	Sole, Dale I.	Pfc	35745342
240.	Taylor, Merton L.	Pfc	35522525
241.	Wandner, Burton G.	Pfc	12201511
242.	Wiederkehr, Dallas C.	Pfc	38142662
243.	Wise, John	Pfc	36973792
244.	Worchick, Michael	Pfc	33370668
245.	Campbell, Fred, Jr.	Pvt	39699213
246.	English, Mike	Pvt	39682423

Personnel Roster, 890th Sig Co Dep Avn, (Cont'd).

247.	Lewis, William A.	Pvt	12061211
248.	Litnianski, William	Pvt	36564876
249.	Marion, Clinton J.	Pvt	42005538
250.	Olexa, George C.	Pvt	36082132
251.	Salzeman, Hymen	Pvt	32254738
252.	Stodder, Walter H.	Pvt	32794404
253.	Watson, Leonard J.	Pvt	35790700
254.	Wilson, Eugene O.	Pvt	33123220

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APC 149, U S Army,
25 October 1944.

MEMORANDUM)

NO. 20-10)

ORGANIZATION

HISTORICAL OFFICERS AND UNIT HISTORIES

(This Memorandum supersedes Memorandum 20-10,
Hq, IX Air Force Sv Comd, 5 February 1944).

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 22 November 1943, file 314.7, subject: "Official and Popular Histories of the Ninth Air Force and its Echelons", a Historical Branch is established in the Intelligence Section of this Headquarters.

2. Commanders of all units of this Command will have designated a qualified officer, who will in addition to his other duties serve as Historical Officer for his unit. The Historical Officer will be furnished with personnel and facilities necessary for the accomplishment of his mission.

a. The name of the Historical Officer will be submitted to this Headquarters.

3. The duties of the Historical Officer are:

a. To prepare a "Unit History" which will be an official historical record of his unit.

(1) Record and describe the major trends and development of the Unit and its problems, with the solutions adopted therefor.

(2) Record original strength, increases or decreases in strength, changes in organization, movements and locale of the units.

b. Act as a source of reference as to events and chronological data concerning the unit.

4. The Historical Officer will observe the following instructions in compiling his Unit History:

a. The initial installment will include:

(1) Original designation of the unit and subsequent changes of designation.

(2) Date, place, and authority of activation and organization.

(3) Sources from which personnel were obtained (original cadre and later fillers).

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- (4) A resume of its movements from activation until arrival in the European Theater of Operations.

b. In the initial installment and on the first page of each subsequent monthly installment, entries will be made under each of the following "Headings": Where no action has occurred to occasion an entry the word "negative" should be entered.

- (1) Organization: (e.g., changes in organization effected by new I/C's or other means).
- (2) Strength: (On the last day of the month)
- (3) Movement: (Date of arrival at and departure from each station occupied in the European Theater of Operations. Stations will be named).
- (4) Casualties: (Losses from natural causes, accident; Lost in action, killed, wounded, missing or prisoner, by name, with identification of place (or mission), circumstances and date).
- (5) Decorations: (Awards to and decorations of members of the unit).

c. The balance of each installment of the "Unit History" will consist of a secret narrative account of the part played in the war effort by the subject unit. A clear concise style is essential.

d. In general the content of the "Unit History" will relate only to the organization immediately concerned. A higher echelon will not consolidate or repeat the histories of its components. In the case of the Advanced Air Depot Areas, Separate Groups, Separate Battalions, and other Separate Units, the history will be that of the Headquarters and not subordinate units.

e. Where possible statements which appear in the "Unit History" will be substantiated by reference (in parenthesis in the body of the text) to supporting documents. Copies of such supporting documents will be attached to the "Unit History". The contents of each document will not be copied into the narrative.

f. Basic statistical and technical information included in routine reports will not be included in the "Unit History".

g. Significant details of station life will be included in the Unit History (e.g., activities, original orders, ceremonies).

h. Historical Officers of the Advanced Air Depot Areas, Separate Groups, Separate Battalions, and other Separate Units, will include administrative detail (e.g., the assignment and reassignment of units within the echelon) in their "Unit History", together with a record of the announcement of transfer of commanders and of key personnel.

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1. Historical Officers of the Advanced Air Depot Areas, Separate Groups, Separate Battalions, and other Separate Units, will not include in their "Unit History" routine reports which are consolidated at higher levels. They will, however, supplement such reports by explanation of the significant facts concerning individual actions taken and furnish an account of the purpose of action taken or directed. It may not be possible to state the policy which led to an action or mission at the time when the story is first included in an installment of the "Unit History". However, such essential details will be furnished at the earliest possible moment, reference being made in the installment in which they appear to the action or mission to which they are related.

j. Where subjects of special interest are involved, Historical Officers will supplement the "Unit History" with memoranda on such subjects (e.g., a problem encountered in the field and the means developed for its solution).

k. Biographical sketches of distinguished personnel will be included in, or appended to the "Unit History".

l. Photographs, both official and unofficial, of places, events and personnel, will be included in the "Unit History". Each photograph will be identified by a caption written on a separate piece of paper, pasted to the back of the lower edge of the photograph and folded over its face in such fashion that the caption can be read.

5. Unit Histories will be forwarded through channels to this Headquarters, Attention: "Historical Branch", Intelligence Section, in installments. Each installment will cover the period of a calendar month and will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters by the 10th day of the month next succeeding. They will be submitted in duplicate and be forwarded through channels for information only. A third copy will be retained in the file of each unit.

6. No records, charts, correspondence, journals or other materials deemed of historical interest will be destroyed until the Historical Officer has examined them. If he determines them to be worth preservation they will either be included in the "Unit History" as supplementary documents or be forwarded to the Historical Branch, Intelligence Section, this Headquarters, for disposition.

7. The provisions of AR 380-5 will be observed in the handling of Unit Histories and their supporting documents.

By command of Brigadier General WOOD:

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APO 871, U.S. Army.

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Recommendations and Suggestions
on Contents and Preparation
of Historical Reports.

1. Attention is invited to the requirements of A.R. 345-103 and Change 3 thereto (Historical Records and Histories of Organizations) and to paragraph 24 b (11) A.R. 210-10 (Post Diaries). Reports submitted in compliance with instructions issued from time to time by higher headquarters do not, of course, replace those required by regulations.

2. A good history is not merely a record of personnel changes or even a list of events but will give a true picture of the operations and activities of a command, presented generally in narrative form, showing what was done, why it was done, who did it, and the results achieved. It should be supported by copies of important documents and pertinent references to authority for actions. It should include the following items:

- a. Activation of the establishment, with copies of orders.
- b. Geographical location of the establishment.
- c. Boundaries of the establishment and list of subordinate organizations at the time of activation with changes as they occur. (Maps should be included as appendices).
- d. Purpose of the establishment, policies of operations with changes.
- e. Initial absorption of the activities of older establishments and subsequent changes in the scope of operations.
- f. Initial organization of personnel and subsequent changes. (Organization charts, tabulations and rosters should be included in appendices to show the status of the organization from time to time.)
- g. Names of commanding officers with short biographical notes.
- h. Initial facilities, quarters, messes, with changes in status.
- i. Help rendered by the British and other agencies.
- j. Tasks undertaken and accomplished, as number of troops served and quantities of supplies and equipment handled. Details of participation in operations under specific plans are especially desired. Difficulties met and overcome or not overcome, and mistakes made should receive as much emphasis as accomplishments. The part played by subordinate establishments and organizations should be included. Appropriate photographs, charts, and statistical tables should be appended to supplement the narrative report where desirable.
- k. Technical developments and improvements, and special methods developed.
- l. Awards and citations of members of the command.
- m. Activities such as recreation, schools, special ceremonies.
- n. Results of important inspections, with special emphasis on accomplishments of mission and status of morale.
- o. The date any establishment closed with statement of the disposition of personnel, facilities, and supplies, and copies of authority for closing.

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3. It is expected that historical reports from all districts and stations of the U.K. Base to reach Headquarters, U.K. Base, in duplicate, will be submitted about 15 October 1944, covering the period between the submission of the last report (if any) and 30 September. The following rules are suggested in preparing the report:

- a. Double space and type on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
- b. Use the past tense and write clearly. Any special literary merit is not necessary.
- c. Do not abbreviate.
- d. In mentioning individuals give full name, rank, and serial number.
- e. In citing orders list specific numbers, date and headquarters.
- f. Take special care to insure accuracy of dates and statistics.
- g. Authenticate statements by giving the source in footnotes or other suitable manner.
- h. Inclose copies of important supporting papers.
- i. Classify as secret.
- j. Show clearly the person or persons preparing the report.
- k. Include a table of contents if the length of the report requires it.
- l. Bind or staple the report.

4. It is believed that no special form or outline for the report need be prescribed. Outline of items suggested for inclusion in a history as given in Paragraph 1 could be adapted to meet the needs. Southern Base Section prescribed a form believed to be satisfactory. Copies of manuscripts prepared to meet branch requirements with additional notes or covering memoranda may be satisfactory. (It is requested that at least one copy of each manuscript intended for inclusion in branch histories be inclosed if it is not used as part of the report itself.)

5. Reports from Districts should cover the activities of various staff departments of the District Headquarters. Reports from stations should cover the activities of various sections and include reports on the units assigned to the station.

6. Current reports of many stations will not, of course, be concerned with activation and original organization. On the other hand, many reports should properly cover a period of time prior to the activation of the U.K. Base and Districts.

7. Some illustrations and pictures included in a report may properly be omitted from the second copy as not being available in duplicate.

8. It is recommended that all historians collect data from day to day rather than wait until a report is requested to gather material for it.

J. H. MOORE,
Lt. Col., GAC,
U.K. Base Historian.

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890TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN
45th Air Depot Group
Strip A-40

: AUTH: CO, 45 ADG :
: DATE: 8 January 1945 :
: INIT: *AK* :

APD 149, U. S. Army,
8 January 1945 .

SUBJECT: SPECIAL UNIT REPORT.

TO : Commanding Officer, 45th Air Depot Group, APD 149, U. S. Army.

In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 8, Hq. 45th Air Depot Group dated 20 December 1944, the following report is submitted:

1. Due to the nature of organization of this unit, the following report of activities will be broken down into the accomplishments of each section.

A. Radio Maintenance Section

1- Gee Maintenance school was conducted for the EM of this organization and of the Air Service Command at AAF 590, AAF 802 and Strip A-40 by M Sgt Frank C. Irwin.

2- Installations of radio equipment in aircraft were made at AAF 590, AAF 803, AAF 519 and Strip A-40. Gee installations were made in One Hundred Ninth (190) aircraft in a period of ten (10) weeks at AAF 519. Prototype installations were made for AN/APN-13 and Antenna systems were installed for SCR-269, SCR-522, SCR-274N and SCR-695 in ferried aircraft to adapt them for service in the European Theatre of Operations at AAF 803. Operational checks were made in all aircraft arriving at AAF 803 and all aircraft assigned to Signal modification at AAF 519.

3- Electrical facilities were installed at AAF 802 & Strip A-40.

4- Radio Equipment in Control Towers at Oatland Hill and Strip A-40 was installed by this section.

5- A Crystal checker was designed and constructed at AAF 802. 372,633 crystals were checked for activity and 1,863 Crystals were repaired.

6- This section has installed and maintained Public Address Systems for Special activities at AAF 802, AAF 803, AAF 519 and Strip A-40.

7- At the time of the Normandy Invasion, EM of this section assisted in the maintenance of Radio equipment at Ninth AAF Headquarters. They checked radio equipment and instructed troops in the operation and use of SCR-609 in the Marshalling Areas.

8- Radio equipment was installed in Portable units for use as portable control towers by the IX Air Service Command on the Continent. Six (6) of these units were constructed.

9- A Mine Detector was constructed for the 333rd Engineers for their use in advanced areas on the Continent.

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B. Depot Signal Operations Section

1- The most outstanding performance of exemplary duty in this section was shown at AAF 802. The unusual devotion to duty by every and all personnel in building a Signal Center out of a bare Nissen Hut, in many cases improvisation, due to dire shortages of building material and tools, and upon completion, enlarging the Signal Center to include three (3) Nissen Huts was by far the most outstanding and unusual example of accomplishment above and beyond the call of duty. The unprecedented traffic load of 1000 to 1200 messages per day was handled without error and without loss of efficiency.

2- The unvarying high standard of discipline displayed by the Lineman and Telephone & Teletype installers has been of infinite value in speedily establishing every installation regardless of weather or working conditions, and is highly commendable.

C. Signal Equipment Maintenance Section

1- From 15 January 1944 to 23 June 1944 this section operated and maintained power units for Signal operations, convoyed and maintained British Radar Trucks at AAF 802. Organized wire clean up party for abandoned stations. Operating with admirable efficiency. In this operation, the team salvaged or repaired over 300 miles of field wire and cable.

2- From 23 June 1944 until 31 December 1944 maintained and constructed all wire installations for 3rd TAD.

3- Installed and repaired all 3rd TAD Teletypewriter machines.

D. Signal Supply Section

1- While this Company was stationed at AAF 802 from 17 January 1944 to 4 July 1944, this section set up and maintained a Signal Supply Depot, Base Air Depot (Base Signal Supply Depot) for service to the entire Ninth Air Force.

2- Personnel of this section gave instruction and training to personnel of the newly activated 579th Signal Company Depot Avn in the operation of a Signal Supply Depot.

3- While stationed at AAF 802, this section, organized, set up and maintained the Ninth Air Force Crystal Bank for storage and issue of all crystals used by the entire Ninth Air Force. Approximately 800,000 crystals were handled and approximately every crystal was tested for activity by the Radio Maintenance section of this Organization.

4- The issue of British Radar Equipment for the entire Ninth Air Force was the responsibility of the Base Signal Supply Depot operated by this section.

5- Prior to D-Day, this section selected the various Signal items which were to form the components for the pack ups for the advance units of the Ninth Air Force, and in addition the pieces of British Radar equipment, making shipment of over eighty (80) tons of this equipment which was readily available to units upon arrival on the continent.

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5- For several weeks prior to D-Day, there were two 5-man teams of Enlisted Personnel on duty at two of the major marshalling areas for the purpose of issuing further necessary equipment to units passing through the marshalling areas on their way to the continent.

6- Prior to departure from AAF-802 to AAF-519, the complete stock of Signal equipment had been cleared from AAF-802. The entire Ninth Air Force Crystal Bank approximating 600,000 crystals was moved to AAF-519 without impeding the normal issue of crystals.

7- While stationed at AAF 519, UK, the entire Ninth Air Force Crystal Bank was moved to the Continent by aircraft. Two Enlisted Personnel from this section accompanied the Crystal Bank for the purposes of setting it into operation and instruction of new personnel in its operation and maintenance.

8- Since its arrival on the Continent on or about 24 October 1944, this section has set up, maintained and operated the Signal Supply Depot for the Base Signal Control Depot.

2. The following equipment has been built by EM of this organization for the purpose of greater efficiency and as time saving devices.

A. Machine Shop Trailer

1- Due to the extra work the machinists were required to turn out, more working space was needed. A trailer shop was constructed which can be attached to the Machine Shop truck.

B. Portable Instrument Repair Kit.

C. Combination Magnet charger and Demagnetizer.

D. Impulse Puller.

1- The Impulse Puller for magnetoes, made up from odd parts, is a screw type puller with specially shaped fingers for the job.

E. Coil and Condensor Checker.

F. Circular Glass Cutter.

G. Portable Milliampere Load Box

H. Hoisting Boom.

I. Crystal Checker.

3. A Radio and Radar school has been in held for personnel of the 890th Signal Company Depot Avn by M SGT Frank C. Irwin for approximately six (6) months. This school has been held during the EM's free time and has not been compulsory. A large percentage of this command attend these classes.

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4. This organization has received many excellent reports of inspections from Higher Headquarters on the appearance of the organization as to records, quarters and operation activities of each section. These reports are possible through a high standard of discipline, moral and military courtesy. *Outstanding and operation directed to duty*

5. Cases of Venereal Disease

Jan 1944	0
Feb	0
March	0
April	1
May	1
June	0
July	1
Aug	1
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0
TOTAL	4

6. Number of EM ANOL

Jan 1944	0
Feb	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	1
TOTAL	1

7. Convictions by Summary, Special or General Court Martial

Jan 1944	0
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	0
June	0
Jul	1 (Special)
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	1
TOTAL	2

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8. Punishments under 104 Article of War

Jan 1944	0
Feb	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	1
Dec	0
TOTAL	<u>1</u>

Arthur B. Hudson
ARTHUR B. HUDSON,
CAPTAIN, S.C.,
Company Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 802

APO 635 U.S. Army.
21 June 1944.

Askby
SUBJECT: History Check Sheet.

TO: Commanding Officer, 890th Signal Co. Depot (Avn).
Attention Historical Officer, 1st Lt. Arthur B. Hudson.

1. The next History Installment will be due
5th July 1944.
2. The following is a check list of various
comments that arise from month to month. The follow-
ing will be used in making up your months report.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
a. Was your last history installment forwarded on the specified time?	X		
b. Has all of your preceding copies been numbered correctly?		X	
c. Was your unit history papers marked <u>SECRET</u> on top and bottom of the page?	X		
d. Have all the provisions of 380-5 been complied with?	X		
e. Were the past unit histories forwarded to this headquarters in quadruplicate?	X		
f. Did you cover all heading such as <u>Strength</u> and <u>Casualties</u> etc?	X		
g. Have all of your typed copies been signed by each unit history officer?	X		
h. Was the memorandum 20-10 dated 5 February 1944, read and checked before last installment was forwarded to this headquarters?	X		
i. Was a rough draft made first and then the proper corrections made accordingly?	X		

Frank H. Tomkies
FRANK H. TOMKIES
Captain AC,
Historical Officer,
AAF Station 802.