

FOURTH SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY,  
Fort Jay, New York.

July 8, 1940.

SUBJECT: History of Organization.

TO : Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C.,  
(through: Sig O, 2d C.A.).

1. In compliance with letter, War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C., dated June 15, 1940, file OCSIGO, 314.7, Subject, "History of Organization", the following history of this organization is hereby submitted:

a. The Fourth Signal Service Company was organized as Company "G", Signal Corps, under authority of Circular Number 3, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, dated July 5, 1899, at Fort Meyer, Virginia. The Headquarters of Company "G", was transferred to Fort Trumbull, Connecticut, on January 16, 1904. The Headquarters left Fort Trumbull, February 8, 1904 and arrived at Fort Wood, N.Y., February 12, 1904. At this time the authorized strength was two Officers and forty Enlisted Men.

b. In February 1904 parts of the organization were stationed at most of the posts of the Department of the East. Following are listed the posts at which units of the organization were stationed in July, 1905:

Fort Preble, Me.	Grand Falls, Mont.	Fort Hancock, N.J.
Fort Moultrie, S.C.	Plattsburg Bks, N.Y.	Fort Porter, N.Y.
Washington, Bks, D.C.	Fort Williams Me.	Fort Meyer, Va.
Washington, D.C.	Fort Barrancas, Fla.	Fort Washington, Md.
Governors Is., N.Y.	Cableboat Cyrus W. Field	Cumberland, Wis.
New York City, N.Y.	Atlanta, Ga.	Presidio, S.F. Cal.
Fort Totten, N.Y.	Fort Wright, N.Y.	War College, Wash, D.C.
Fort McHenry, Md.	Camp Thomas Ga.	Fort Howard Md.
Fort Strong, Mass.	Scranton, Pa.	Key West Bks, Fla.
Fort Schuyler, N.Y.	San Juan, P.R.	Fort Adams, R.I.
Fortress Monroe, Va.	Fort Hamilton, N.Y.	England.
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.	Fort DuPont, Del	Fort Dade, Fla.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y.	Fort Terry, N.Y.	Fort Slocum, N.Y.

c. General Orders Number 61, War Department, dated November 11, 1916, directed that Company "G", be abolished and from it Depot Company "H", was formed.

d. General Orders Number 18, War Department, dated February 14, 1918, abolished Depot Company "H", and provided for the formation of the Fourth Service Company.

e. The Headquarters of the Company was moved from Fort Wood, N.Y. to Fort Jay, N.Y., about September, 1922.

f. General Orders Number 5, War Department, dated March 23, 1925, directed the change of the designation of the Fourth Service Company to the Fourth Signal Service Company.

g. This Company has never been on field service. It's duties in peace and in war have always been in connection with the communication systems, at permanent stations. The Headquarters of the Company remaining at it's permanent station. Among the important peace time activities in which the unit has been engaged are the following:

(1) A detail of men was sent to the First International Aviation Meet, which was held at Garden City, Long Island, N.Y., from September 21 to October 2, 1911. Details have also been to various electrical and radio shows held in New York City.

(2) In 1914 most of the trained personnel were sent to the Mexican Border, not as a unit but as specialists in various other organizations. The Government submarine cables in Boston Harbor, in New York Harbor, and for practically all Eastern Coast Defences were installed by members of the Company, utilizing first the Cable Ship, "Cyrus W. Field", and later the Cable Ship, "Joseph Henry", the latter ship still being in use. At the present time no members of the Company are on submarine cable work. When the Company first came to Fort Wood and for some time thereafter it's personnel operated the power house at that post and maintained the electric light system supplying electric current for the Statue of Liberty. A wireless telegraph net was operated by members of the Company as early as 1904. One station being at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., and the other at Fort H.G. Wright, N.Y.

h. The present authorized strength of the organization is one Officer, and one hundred ninety Enlisted Men.

i. The following are the posts and stations at which members of this Company are on duty at the present time:

Fort Jay, N.Y.	Fort Wadsworth, N.Y.	Schenectady Gen Dep, N.Y.
Governors Is., N.Y.	Fort Wood, N.Y.	USAT "American Legion".
Federal Bldg, N.Y.	Delaware Ord Dep, N.J.	USAT "CHATEAU THIERRY".
Fort Dix, N.J.	Madison Bks, N.Y.	USAT "HUNTER LEGETT".
Fort DuPont, Del.	Miller Fld, N.Y.	USAT "LIBERTY".
Fort Hamilton, N.Y.	Mitchel Fld, N.Y.	USAT "LUDINGTON".
Fort Monmouth, N.J.	NYPE, Bklyn, N.Y.	USAT "REPUBLIC".
Fort Niagara, N.Y.	Plattsburg Bks, N.Y.	USAT "ST MIHIEL".
Fort Ontario, N.Y.	Picatinny Ars, N.J.	
Fort Slocum, N.Y.	Raritan Ars, N.J.	

j. In addition to the station listed above the Company has a construction crew which takes care of all new installations and repairs of communications systems throughout the Second Corps Area.

k. This organization furnishes personnel to administer the Signal Supply Services required by the increased and expanded Air Corps, at Mitchel Field, N.Y.

l. During the First Army Maneuvers, held at Plattsburg, N.Y., during the summer of 1939, this organization maintained and operated a Signal Supply Depot, for the First Army, and Corps Radio Nets.

m. At the present time personnel from this organization are at Canton, N.Y., with other advance units of the components participating in the scheduled Army Maneuvers to be held this summer, operating and maintaining, the Administrative Radio, 1st Army, and a Signal Supply Depot. By August it is expected that twelve specialists from this organization will be participating in the First Army Maneuvers.

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