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**Capt. Louis Winkler  
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Negro Signal Unit**

The almost 200 miles of vital telephone lines tying Allied forces together from the Normandy beaches to deep within Germany, was the work of Negro men and white officers of the 459th Signal Construction Battalion which supported General Jacob Devers' 6th Army Group.

When the 459th was activated in August, 1942, it was one of a few almost-experimental Negro signal battalions. The men were given intensive training before they came overseas to England in December, 1943, and how well they learned their lessons and how effectively they worked has been shown in the friendly competition they have had with other signal units.

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