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Members of a Signal Battalion string telephone cable beside bombed bridge. This is the type of work for which the Army needed civilian volunteers

Bell System Cable Splicers Flown to Europe

"SEND thirty cable splicers immediately"... that was the gist of an urgent request from the Army shortly after the Normandy break-through.

The men were needed for building communications lines behind the retreating Nazis. Signal Corps forces already there were doing a great job but they needed help — and quick!

Many telephone men volunteered for this emergency over-

seas duty. A number were selected, granted leaves of absence, given physical examinations and flown across the Atlantic.

There are 59,000 Bell men and women in uniform. Practically all the Bell System manufacturing facilities are on war work. That's the way we know you'd want it to be — even though it means waiting for home telephones.

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