

The final chapter of Civil War telegraphic history is vividly illustrated on these last three pages. The U.S. Military Telegraph Commission remained in the former Confederate States for a brief period following the war.

American Telegraph Company (South)
Under Control of and Supervision of
United States Military Telegraph

July 21, 1865

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO. (South)
UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF
United States Military Telegraph.

Mr J. M. Mackenzie
173. Coming St

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, (South)
UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF
United States Military Telegraph.

By Telegraph from Columbia
Dated 21 July 1865.
To Alexander Gordon
173 Coming St

Will be down by Sunday
train S.C.R.R meet
me

Henry
12475 R

This message form and envelope illustrate that the American Telegraph Company had regained its offices. The United States Military Telegraph is emphasized.

Colombia, South Carolina - by wire - Charleston, North Carolina - hand delivery

12 words / 75 cents

American Telegraph Company

Southern District

Under control of U. S. Military Telegraph

July 25, 1865

THE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

Terms and Conditions on which Messages are Received by these Companies for Transmission.

The public are notified that in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message, and while these Companies will as heretofore use every precaution to insure correctness, they will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message, nor will they be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of un-repeated messages, from whatever cause they may arise, nor the delays arising from interruptions in the workings of their Telegraphs, nor for any mistakes or omissions of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by these Companies for transmission subject to the above conditions.

J. R. DOWELL, Gen'l Sup't, Richmond, Va.

W. S. MORRIS, Pres't, Richmond, Va.

Received at _____ 1865 at _____ o'clock, _____ minutes.

By telegraph from *Augusta 25* To *Capt A A Buck*
Amiens Ga

In your monthly inspection report for July there are seven absent Commissioned officers not accounted for by name send complete list of absent Commissioned officers immediately by Command of Maj Genl Studeman
Char Grant

32/
PK
99

American Telegraph Company,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,

UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH

Capt A A Buck
Inspector
Amiens Ga

Sent only 4 days later, the envelope on this and the next page state virtually the same words, BUT the emphasis is reversed.

The above telegram requested an accounting of seven absent commissioned Confederate officers. It was written on a left-over form of the Southern Telegraph Companies and enclosed in a newly printed American Telegraph Company envelope which by this time had recovered nominal control of its southern routes.