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DIARY OF BRIG. GEN. W.S. RUMBUGH
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CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

October 1 Subject: Inspection Trip by General Rumbough.

General Rumbough left for a four days' trip to visit the 35th Signal Construction Battalion, the 5th Division, the Headquarters Southern Base Section, V Corps and Cheltenham.

5 Subject: Message Pick-Up and Delivery Service.

General Rumbough conferred with Col. Landon. The plan is to appoint an informal committee of Adjutant General and Signal Service officers to study the situation in London and make recommendations for speeding the pick-up and delivery service for teleprinter messages.

Subject: Lecture on Signals in the Eighth Army.

General Rumbough and Cols. Lyman and Maddocks attended lecture at Hq. Eastern Base Section on Monday evening. Brig. Carey described Signals in Eighth Army from Tripoli to end of Tunisian campaign. He emphasized absolute necessity for stock-piling poles prior to beginning of operations, great importance of signal security - ciphering messages - and necessity of training signalmen in detection and removal of mines. A very excellent lecture.

13 Subject: Inspection of Office of Strategic Services Installation.

Commanders Graveson and Morgan conducted General Rumbough and Col. Lyman on an inspection of O.S.S. activities at a location about 50 miles from London. Operation of this installation is awaiting arrival of about 160 Signal Corps troops, who are believed en route to this Theater at this time.

Subject: Conference on Signal Intelligence Personnel.

General Rumbough conferred with Gen. Sibert, ETO, and Gen. Lanahan of COSSAC on the scope of Signal Intelligence, Radio Intelligence and "Y" activities and the necessary personnel required therefor. Agreement was reached that the War Department should be asked to reconsider its cabled decision which disapproved the requested personnel for an S.I.S. Section, Hq. Group of Armies, and that it also be asked to advance the dates of shipment of the S.I.S., R.I. and "Y" personnel which were already approved and on the troop basis. It was agreed that General Rumbough should process the necessary 3 cablegrams and one letter thru Hq. SOS, and should pass them by hand to Gen. Sibert, who would undertake to see them thru Hq. ETO.

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