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Grover R. Smith was inducted into the U.S. Army Signal Corp on April 8, 1942 as a Private and served overseas from February 15, 1943 to November 20, 1945. Following Signal Corp school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Grover sailed on the USS West Point to Wellington, New Zealand. From there he sailed to Bombay, India and on to Cairo, Egypt where he served with the British 8th Army. Grover's Signal Corp battalion wired the communications for the Mena House Conference attended by President Franklin Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin.

From Egypt, Grover and the crew went to Scotland, Wales and England before landing on Omaha Beach after D-Day. Grover was at the St. Nazaire Pocket in France when the war in Europe ended in May, 1945. Returning to the United States on the USS Montclaire, Grover was discharged at Camp Grant, Illinois in 1945.

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