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SIGNAL CORPS PATENT BOARD

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MEETING NO. 25

1. The Board met at 10:00 A.M., February 7, 1939, in Room 3435, Munitions Building. All members were present.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following inventions and to make recommendations for their disposition:

a. A "Device for Authenticating or Testing Messages Dealing with the Transfer of Funds by Telegraph" by Mr. William F. Friedman.

b. An "Automatic Tuning System" by Mr. Albert B. Martin, Jr.

c. A "Portable Power Ringer for Field Telephone Switchboards" by Technical Sergeant George Blake, Company A, 51st Signal Battalion.

3. The Board finds:

a. That the inventions listed in Pars. 2 a. and 2 b. above have insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patent by the War Department.

b. That the invention listed in Par. 2 c. above has some military value but is not considered to be patentable owing to the lack of any new or novel features. The invention consists merely of an assembly of standard commercial parts arranged to function as a portable ringing device. Two prior instances were cited by members of the Board where similar arrangements of equipment were used by the 11th Signal Company in 1929 and 1st Signal Troop in 1932 for the purpose of providing portable field ringing devices.

4. The Board recommends:

a. That the inventions listed in Pars. 2 a. and 2 b. above be returned to the inventors with the information that these inventions are considered to be of insufficient military value to warrant prosecution of patents by the War Department, but that there is no objection to the inventors applying for patent at their own expense.

b. That the invention listed in Par. 2 c. above be returned to the inventor with information as to the reasons why the invention is considered not to be patentable, and that the inventor be commended for his interest in the matter.

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