

# **George Sabin Gibbs map collection.**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George Sabin Gibbs map collection.

**Span Dates:** 1903-1907

**Call No.:** G5701 coll .S65 Hughes

**Creator:** Gibbs, George Sabin, 1875-1947.

**Extent:** 7 maps : some colored ; various sizes ; 1 folder

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** George Sabin Gibbs served as Chief Signal Officer of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I and supervised the completion of the Washington-Alaska cable. The collection consists of seven printed maps of communications lines and military installations in the United States and Cuba from 1903 to 1907.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Gibbs, George Sabin, 1875-1947.

### Organizations

United States. Army. Signal Corps.

### Subjects

Communications--Army--1903-1907

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The materials were originally part of the George Sabin Gibbs papers and were transferred by the Manuscript Division.

### Processing History

The collection was arranged and described by Ryan Moore in 2016.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright of the George Sabin Gibbs map collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The George Sabin Gibbs map collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Geography & Map Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### Biographical Note

George Sabin Gibbs held the rank of Major General in the U.S. Signals Corps. He was born in Harlan, Iowa in 1875 and died in Coral Gables, Florida in 1947.

He began his military career in 1898 as a private and was attached to the Signal Corps during the Spanish American War and took part in the quelling of the Philippine Insurrection.

Commissioned First Lieutenant, he conducted surveys for the construction of telegraph lines in Alaska; he conducted similar work in Cuba during the Cuban Pacification.

During WWI, he was promoted to Assistant Chief Signal Officer for the American Expeditionary Forces and received the Distinguished Service Medal for his participation in the Marne and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

In 1928, he was promoted to Major General and became Chief Signal Officer, a position he held until retiring in 1931.

Following retirement from the military, he accepted the position of Vice President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, President of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, among others.

### **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, George Sabin Gibbs map collection, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of seven printed maps of communications lines and military installations in the United States and Cuba from 1903 to 1907.

## **Arrangement of the Collection**

The collection is organized into a single series

- [Series I](#) Maps of communications lines and military installations in the United States and Cuba from 1903 to 1907.

## Description of Series

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*Series*

Maps of communications lines and military installations in the United States and Cuba from 1903 to 1907.

# Container List

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**Maps of communications lines and military installations in the United States and Cuba from 1903 to 1907.**

- ITEM 1                    Map of the Yukon Country Showing U.S. Military Telegraph Lines in Western Alaska 1903  
                                 1:200,000  
                                 1st Lt. George S. Gibbs  
                                 Photostat
- ITEM 2                    U.S. Signal Corps Telegraph and Cable System in Alaska and U.S. Cables and Canadian Line  
                                 Connecting with the United States 1904  
                                 Brigadier General A.W. Greely  
                                 Includes legend
- ITEM 3                    Map of Land-Grant and Bond-Aided Railroads of the United States 1907  
                                 Quarter Master General, U.S.A.  
                                 Shows railroads and links to military bases and barracks
- ITEM 4                    Map of Fort Levenworth, Kas. And Vicinity 1907  
                                 Commandant Infantry and Cavalry School
- ITEM 5                    Map of the Maneuver Grounds of the Iowa National Guard 1907  
                                 D.H. Boughton Major 11th Cavalry
- ITEM 6                    Map of Cuba Showing Lines of Information 1907  
                                 General Thomas Barry  
                                 Army of Cuban Pacification
- ITEM 7                    Country Between Leon Springs Military Reservation and Fort Sam Houston, Texas 1910  
                                 1st Lt. S.T. Mackall