YESTERDAY IN SIGNAL CORPS HISTORY

We thank Col. Albert R. Bech, USA retired, for this picture of the US Army Signal Corps Communications Center WVD at the Federal Building of Seattle, Washington. The picture was taken shortly after WWII. The center was part of the Alaska Communications System which handled all commercial messages, including government traffic, to and from Alaska. Bech was a member of this organization in 1928. The view is of the main operating room facing east, looking down the belt conveyor system towards the terminus which is at the far end. The standard rack cabinets which hold the recorder amplifiers and control equipment are mounted against the far wall. In the large cabinet to the right of the belt conveyor terminus are the air ducts to the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Company. Teletypewriters are lined up on the left. The emergency power control panel is beside the filing cabinet in the left center of the room.