THE BELL-SHAPED DISTRIBUTION
OF UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
IN THE GREAT WAR

ABSTRACT

American Telephone & Telegraph, with its corporate partners that comprised the Bell System, commenced transcontinental telephone service in the United States in 1915, and then prepared to install a modern system in the European Theater of War for a prospective American Expeditionary Force. Over the course of the last year of the Great War this corporate planning was successful, helping to win the war and then leaving post-war France with a modern telephone system. The papers of a Bell-trained Signal Corps supervising engineer dramatize these achievements.