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Welcome back, and thanks for your continuing interest. Here is the second installment of our tribute to all the sacrifices made by your Union Brothers and Sisters in an effort to make it possible for all working people to have a voice and live and raise their families in comfort and without fear.

### **1918 – 1923: World War I – The Government Takes Control of the Telephone System**

**During World War I, under a Presidential order on July 22, 1918, the telephone and telegraph system was placed under the control of the federal government and Postmaster General Albert S. Burelson. In 1919, Burelson was faced with a strike by the IBEW that virtually tied up phone service in New England and threatened to become nationwide. In an attempt to end the strike, Burelson issued a government bulletin acknowledging the right of workers to bargain through committees “chosen by them, to act for them.”**

As always, please share this email with any interested members and encourage them to contact the Local with up-to-date contact information so we can reach as many as possible. We can be reached via email at [mobilize4340@aol.com](mailto:mobilize4340@aol.com) or by telephone at 216-635-4340.

We are striving to make available as many opportunities as possible for you as members to get involved and make a difference, now and for our children, grandchildren and future generations. Keep an eye on the website and take advantage of a chance to make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and watch for more of our CWA History installments. Also, this will be an important year for all of us in CWA, so frequent updates will be headed your way.

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