

National Control 1950 - 1957

From “The Hole” to “The Hut”

“The Hole” remained in operation for some time after the war and it wasn’t until “The Hut” commenced operation on 6 July 1950 that “The Hole” was finally able to cease operation on 12 December 1950. The equipment was transferred gradually between the above two dates.

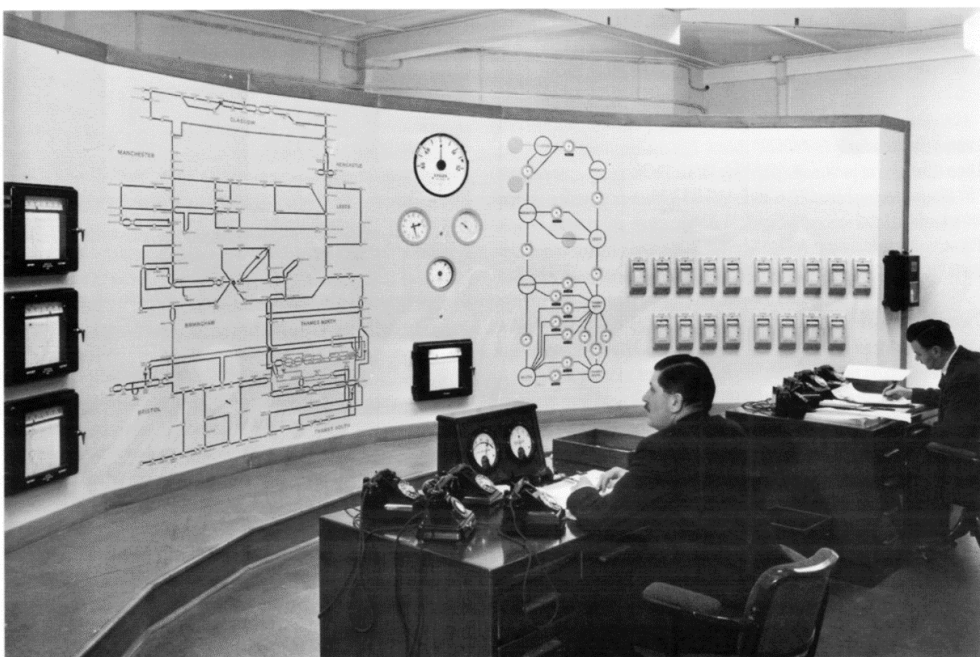
“The Hut” was a set of prefabricated buildings located in a flattened Paternoster Square. The term was coined before the buildings were erected and despite their very substantial construction the name stuck





At this point in the evolution of Control Rooms, Thames North and Thames South were separated. Both Area Control Rooms were located on the ground floor of the two-story end of the building with National Control located above, on the first floor. For a period, the telecoms equipment was still located down The Hole driving the metering and indications in The Hut. The ATM wall diagram was once again relocated, this time into The Hut.

National Control in The Hut:



The engineer on the left was known as "The Colonel"