

N. C., has been appointed assistant supervisor signal, electrical, with headquarters at Morristown, Tenn. B. G. Webb, construction supervisor at Lexington, Ky., has been promoted to assistant supervisor, signal-electrical, at Oakdale, Tenn. E. L. Brach, inspector at Washington, D. C., has been appointed construction supervisor at Lexington. C. R. Hoffman, chief draftsman at Charlotte, has been appointed construction supervisor at the same headquarters. E. L. Hulsey has been appointed signal-electrical inspector at Washington, and M. A. Otterbourg, Jr., has been promoted to chief draftsman at Charlotte.

A. A. Scott, signal maintenance foreman of the Cincinnati division of the Chesapeake & Ohio, has been promoted to assistant signal supervisor signal construction in the system signal construction organization, with headquarters at Huntington, W. Va., succeeding R. E. Clark, appointed supervisor signal construction as noted in the January issue.

J. I. Kirsch, engineer of tests-signals, on the Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa., has been appointed superintendent telegraph and signals of the Eastern Region including lines east of Altoona, Pa., with headquarters in Philadelphia. Mr. Kirsch was born at Rosemont, Pa. on September 27, 1894, and was graduated from Villanova College in 1917 with a B.S. E.E. degree,



J. I. Kirsch

later receiving the degree of electrical engineer. In June, 1917, Mr. Kirsch entered the service of the Pennsylvania at Paoli, Pa., as a laborer, and after serving as bonus clerk and special apprentice in the telegraph and signal department he was furloughed for military service, returning as special apprentice, New York division, in July, 1919. He was subsequently appointed to the successive positions of assistant signal foreman, Atlantic division; foreman, telegraph and signals, of the Sunbury division; assistant supervisor, telegraph and signals, of the Baltimore division; signal inspector, Western region; and supervisor, telegraph and signals, of the Long Island. On August 1, 1931, Mr. Kirsch was trans-

ferred to the New York division of the Pennsylvania, and in 1937 was assigned to special duty in the office of the chief engineer. He became assistant superintendent telegraph and signals, Eastern Region, in January 1939. In March, 1944, he was promoted to superintendent, telegraph and signals, Eastern Region, and a year later was appointed engineer tests-signals.

J. M. Trissal, superintendent of communication and electrical engineer of the Illinois Central at Chicago, has been appointed assistant chief engineer. Promoted to succeed Mr. Trissal is Paul B. Burley, assistant superintendent of communication, Northern Lines, with head-



J. M. Trissal

quarters at Chicago. Mr. Trissal was born in Chicago on December 30, 1903, and received his B.S. in E.E. degree from the University of Illinois in 1925. In 1940 he obtained the professional degree of electrical engineer. His career with the



Paul B. Burley

I. C. began in 1924 as a draftsman in the signal department while he was still attending the University of Illinois. In 1926 he was transferred to the Electrical Section of the Chicago Terminal Improvement Department, then engaged on the electrification of the Chicago suburban service. He was promoted to assistant engineer in that department in 1928 and

advanced to assistant electrical engineer, fixed property, in 1930. In 1931 Mr. Trissal was further advanced to electrical engineer, fixed property, becoming superintendent of communication and electrical engineer in October, 1945.

Mr. Burley was born in Chicago on May 28, 1898, and received his B.S. in E.E. degree in 1921 from the University of Illinois. He joined the I. C. in February of that year as a computer, later becoming junior engineer of the Chicago Terminal Improvement Department. He was advanced to supervisor of electrical maintenance in 1926 on the Chicago terminal and in 1931 was made assistant engineer in the telegraph and signal department. In February, 1944, Mr. Burley was appointed electronics engineer and in August, 1945, became assistant superintendent of communication, Northern Lines.

William F. Auch, signal supervisor on the Chicago, South Shore & South Bend, with headquarters at Michigan City, Ind., has been appointed assistant signal engineer with the same headquarters. Mr. Auch was born on September 1, 1890, in Chicago, and attended the Chicago public schools. He first entered railway service in July, 1909, with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in signal construction work at Washington, Iowa. In August, 1911, Mr. Auch joined the Union



William F. Auch

Switch & Signal Company as a signalman, leaving in January, 1912, to become signalman on construction work for the Illinois Central. In May, 1912, he became affiliated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy on construction work, leaving in September, 1912, to join the Hall Signal Company as signal foreman on construction work for the Canadian Pacific. In May, 1914, Mr. Auch joined the Union Switch & Signal Company as a signalman, serving in that capacity until July, 1914, when he became signal maintainer and later signal inspector on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific. He went with the Chicago, South Shore & South Bend in December, 1929, as foreman and later general foreman,