

Holger Ohlin in Memoriam

The announcement of Holger Ohlin's death on Friday the 17th of August did not come entirely unexpectedly to those who had followed his stubborn struggle against illness during his closing months. The will to win was strong in him to the last.

Holger Ohlin's lifework was devoted almost entirely to L M Ericsson. He entered the company's service as Head of the Treasury Department in 1928, and in 1931 was appointed Vice President and Head of Central Sales. During the troublesome period for the company that followed on the Kreuger crash, great demands were placed on his knowledge and experience; and then, as in the difficult work of reconstruction in the subsequent years, his abilities and intelligence were a great asset to the company. In conjunction with the reorganization of the management in 1940 he was appointed Chief Financial Officer, being the first holder of this appointment. From 1954 to 1961 he held the powers and responsibilities also of Executive Vice President.

Holger Ohlin held degrees in economics and law, a combination which proved to be of great value to him. He also had a wide knowledge of languages, which meant that he could devote considerable attention to the foreign problems of the company, both those of an economic and financial nature and those concerned purely with business management. He devoted special interest to the Italian section of the Group, where the problems have been many and difficult. His efforts were acknowledged in the award of the Order of Knight Commander of Merito Italiano, a distinction on which he rightly placed great value.

Despite the heavy load of work involved in his Ericsson appointments—he was also member of a number of boards within the Group—he found time for various public assignments, in the conduct of which his sagacity and sound knowledge were highly appreciated. When Holger Ohlin retired on pension last year at the age of 65, we in the management of the company hoped that we might continue to draw on his fund of experience for a long time to come. He himself looked forward to a period which would give him the freedom to devote his time to many



questions outside his previous sphere of work. But fate decreed otherwise.

Holger Ohlin, the able, versatile and always helpful administrator, the confident, cheerful and kindly Scanian, is no more. Among those who mourn his departure are the many thousands of Ericsson employees who join with me in a word of warm gratitude to our friend for what he has meant to us all.

Sven Ture Åberg

120 British Railway Signal Engineers Visit L M Ericsson

The Institution of Railway Signal Engineers (IRSE) celebrated its half-centenary in 1962. The annual visit paid by the Institution to railway signalling plants and manufacturers inside or outside the British Isles was this year made to Sweden, where the State Railways and L M Ericsson had the pleasure of cooperating in the arrangements for the IRSE Golden Jubilee Convention.

The party arrived in Stockholm on May 9 and immediately proceeded to the Midsommarkransen offices of L M Ericsson, where they were welcomed by the president, Sven T. Åberg. The group was able to study L M Ericsson's products in the Exhibition Room and to make a quick tour of the factory.

In the days that followed, IRSE visited the Stockholm Central Station, where the State Railways demonstrated the relay interlocking

plant at present under construction there, for which L M Ericsson had arranged a model of the track diagram to be used in the new plant. The State Railways had also arranged a display of the signalling equipment they employ—principally of Ericsson make.

IRSE thereafter visited the Ånge C.T.C. plant, the largest in Europe, also delivered by L M Ericsson.

Ericsson C.T.C. for Spanish Railways

Cia Española Ericsson and L M Ericsson have received orders from the Spanish Railways, RENFE, for C.T.C. equipment on the Valencia-Sagunto line, the southernmost section of the Valencia-Barcelona line. Cia Española Ericsson is to supply relay interlockings for the seven remote-controlled stations, and blocks between them, and L M Ericsson is to supply the remote control equipments.

Five of the seven stations have two main tracks and the other two stations three main tracks. The line is single track, 20 miles in length, and normally carries 50 trains a day.

The C.T.C. system will be of standard Ericsson type with keyboard operation and a semicircular, sectional track diagram carrying indication lamps only. The plant is to be in operation by 1963.

Spain will be the eleventh country to which L M Ericsson has supplied C.T.C. equipment.

51,720 Kronor in Annual LME Grants

The Telefonaktiebolaget L M Ericsson Foundation for the Promotion of Electrotechnical Research has made grants amounting to 16,000 Kronor from the year's funds to eight persons.

The company's Foundation for Travel and Other Educational Grants has awarded 35,720 Kronor to 25 employees of the Ericsson Group and to 5 employees of the Swedish Telecommunications Administration.