

## Columbus Interlocking Towers

### 1950s view

<b>CUD</b>	Columbus Union Depot Co.	<b>NYC</b>	New York Central Railroad
<b>CUS</b>	Columbus Union Station	<b>N&amp;W</b>	Norfolk & Western Railroad
<b>B&amp;O</b>	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad	<b>PRR</b>	Pennsylvania Railroad
<b>C&amp;O</b>	Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad	<b>T&amp;OC</b>	Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad

#### East of Columbus Union Station

Name	Telegraph Call Letters	Location From CUS	Staffing	Remarks
Summit Station	SI	Eastside	B&O	PRR-B&O (Newark Division) Main Line crossovers
East Columbus	NY	Eastside	B&O	PRR-B&O (Newark Division)/ NYC (T&OC line from Truro) crossing
Alum Creek	AC	Eastside	B&O	East end of PRR yard B
Cleveland Ave	RA	Eastside	B&O	West end of PRR Yard B
Neilston	JA	Eastside	PRR	PRR (CA&C line)/N&W north of US Tower
US Tower	US	Just East of CUS	B&O	West end of the PRR-B&O Newark Division - Included an operator and train director. Controlled eastside of CUS, as well as the Columbus Union Depot Co. (COD) Switch tenders at 4 <sup>th</sup> St. , 3rd St. and High St. via loud speakers.

#### West of Columbus Union Station

High Street Tower	HS	Just West of CUS	PRR	Junction of PRR's Little Miami and Bradford lines. Also controlled a switch tender at Dennison Ave.
LM Cabin/Scioto	LM/SC	Westside	C&O	C&O/PRR( Little Miami line)/NYC (T&OC line) crossing Plant provided by the NYC(T&OC).
BO crossing	GN	Westside	B&O	B&O/PRR (little Miami Line)/NYC (T&OC line) crossing
Miami Crossing	MI	Westside	NYC (Big Four)	NYC (Big Four line)/PRR (little Miami line) crossing

<b>HV Cabin/ Olentangy</b>	<b>HV</b>	<b>Westside</b>	<b>NYC (Big Four)</b>	<b>C&amp;O/</b> NYC (Big Four line)- <b>B&amp;O/PRR (Bradford line)</b> crossing
<b>Mounds</b>	<b>MU</b>	<b>West side</b>	<b>PRR</b>	<b>PRR (Bradford line)/</b> NYC (T&OC line) crossing
<b>Grandview</b>	<b>BJ</b>	<b>Westside</b>	<b>NYC (T&amp;OC)</b>	NYC (Big Four line)/NYC (T&OC line)crossing

### North of Columbus Union Station

<b>Worthington</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>North side</b>	<b>PRR</b>	NYC (Big Four line)/ <b>PRR (Sandusky line)</b> crossing
<b>Fields Ave.</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>North side</b>	<b>PRR</b>	<b>West end of Grogan yard</b>
<b>CW Tower</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>North side</b>	<b>N&amp;W</b>	<b>East end of Grogan Yard – West end of Pennor Yard /PRR (CA&amp;C line)</b> crossing
<b>JO Tower</b>	<b>JO</b>	<b>North side</b>	<b>N&amp;W</b>	Controlled the east end of Joyce Ave Yard and the entrance to Pennor Yard. Located on west embankment just north of bridge over PRR/B&O tracks.
<b>Big Four Yard Office</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Just North of CUS</b>	<b>NYC (Big Four)</b>	An operator controlled the Big Four single to double track interlock at Fifth Ave and via loud speakers the switch tender at the east end of the Big Four Yard (DX) and the switch tender west of CUS (Neil Ave.).

### South of Columbus Union Station

<b>Bannon</b>	<b>XY</b>	<b>Southside</b>	<b>N&amp;W</b>	<b>N&amp;W/</b> NYC (T&OC line) crossing
<b>Valley Crossing</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>Southside</b>	<b>N&amp;W</b>	<b>C&amp;O (Hocking valley line)/N&amp;W</b> crossing
<b>HX Cabin</b>	<b>HX</b>	<b>Southside</b>	<b>C&amp;O</b>	East End of <b>Parsons Yard</b> . Opened when Valley Crossing closed. Located in the Mosel building
<b>Parsons</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Southside</b>	<b>C&amp;O</b>	West end of Parsons Yard
<b>Frankfort St.</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>Southside</b>	<b>NYC (T&amp;OC)</b>	<b>C&amp;O/</b> NYC (T&OC line) interchange East end of Mound St Yard
<b>Steelton</b>		<b>Southside</b>	<b>NYC (T&amp;OC)</b>	Near Lockbourne Road Double track to single track
<b>Truro</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>Southeast Side</b>	<b>NYC (T&amp;OC)</b>	NYC (T&OC lines) Junction (Agency not a tower)

## Dispatcher Locations

Name	Telegraph Call Letters	Location	Staffing	
<b>Union Station</b>		<b>Union Station &amp; Chillicothe</b>	<b>B&amp;O</b>	Union Station – C&N Division Chillicothe – Ohio Midland
<b>Spahr Building</b>		<b>Columbus</b>	<b>C&amp;O</b>	Spahr Building, 50 E. Broad St.
<b>West Broad St.</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>T&amp;OC – Columbus Big Four – Springfield</b>	<b>NYC</b>	T&OC – 370 West Broad street, second floor of the Freight house, control Toledo to Corning. Charleston, WV controlled south of Corning. Office included dispatcher, operator & wire chief Big Four - Springfield, Ohio controlled Cleveland to Cincinnati and Galion to Indianapolis
<b>Portsmouth</b>		<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>N&amp;W</b>	Some dispatching may have been done from CW tower at one time.
<b>Union Station</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Columbus</b>	<b>PRR</b>	Columbus Union Station

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