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CHAPTER 1

COMMUNICATIONS DOCTRINE

1-1. GENERAL

The ability of armor units to move and shoot depends, to a large extent, on their ability to effectively communicate. The armor unit commander must rely on communications to control the elements of his command, gather information, distribute intelligence, and coordinate firepower. The preparation for every operation must include communications planning.

1-2. COMMUNICATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

The commander is personally responsible for the adequacy and proper use of the communications system within his command and for its efficient operation in the system of the next higher headquarters. The authority to establish, maintain, control, and coordinate the employment of the various means of communications within a command may be exercised by a subordinate in the name of the commander. However, the responsibility for these means cannot be delegated. The armor commander's communications responsibilities include the areas of planning, maintenance, and training.

- a. Senior to Subordinate. The commander of a higher echelon or superior unit is responsible for the establishment of communications to a lower echelon or to a subordinate unit. An attached unit is considered subordinate to the command to which it is attached with respect to placing the responsibility for communications.
- b. <u>Supporting to Supported</u>. The commander of a supporting unit is responsible for the establishment of communications to the supported unit.
- c. Reinforcing to Reinforced. A unit having a reinforcing mission is responsible for the establishment of communications to the unit being reinforced.
- d. <u>Lateral Communications</u>. Responsibility for the establishment of communications between adjacent units may be fixed by the next higher commander or may be established in the SOP. In the absence of specific orders fixing this responsibility, the commander of the unit on the left is responsible for establishing communications with the unit on the right.
- e. Restoration. Both commanders are responsible for taking immediate and aggressive action to restore disrupted communications between their units.

1-3. TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS MEANS

- a. Selection. The communications means available to armor unit commanders are radio, wire, visual, and sound, which are classified as telecommunications; and messenger, which is a physical communications means. The composition of the means in each unit depends on the personnel, equipment, and transportation provided by its table of organization and equipment and by the unit or higher echelon commander. The various means of communications have different capabilities and limitations; consequently, they are so employed that they complement each other to ensure that total dependence is not placed upon any one means. Certain means of communications are more effective than others under given circumstances. Selection of the most appropriate means is made by weighing such factors as operational urgency, installation time, transmission time, susceptibility to enemy action, reliability, and cost in resources. Command and control is jeopardized as dependence is placed on fewer means and strengthened as reliance is spread to a variety of means.
- b. Radio Communications. The most important characteristic of the radio sets used in armor units are shown in chapters 3 through 5. To be capable of operating together, radio sets must have a common or overlapping frequency range, use the same type of modulation, and transmit and receive the same type of signal. In addition, the stronger set must be kept

within the transmitting range of the weaker set. The operating ranges shown in this text are for average conditions. The actual ranges obtained may be greater or less, depending on the skill of the operators, weather, terrain, interference, and the locations from which the sets are operated. Power lines and steel structures close to a radio site reduce operating range. Radio communications are subject to natural interference (primarily AM radios), interference from other radio stations, and deliberate interference (jamming) by unfriendly forces. The reliability of radio communications depends largely on the skill of the operators.

- c. <u>Wire Communications</u>. Wire communications generally affords more security than radio. However, the security of classified information is never assured when transmitted in the clear. The decision to establish wire communications depends on the need, time available, and the capability to install and maintain the wire systems. Detailed information about the wire equipment employed by armor units is contained in chapter 8.
- d. <u>Visual</u>, Sound, and <u>Messenger Communications</u>. Visual communications are widely used within armor units. The equipment needed is simple and readily available in most situations. Emergency sound signals are used by all units. The use of messenger service becomes more significant at battalion and higher echelons. Details concerning visual, sound, and messenger communications are contained in chapter 9.

1-4. COMMUNICATIONS CHARACTERISTICS

The more important characteristics of a communications system are reliability, flexibility, speed, security, and economy.

- a. <u>Compatibility</u>. Although all of the communications system characteristics are interrelated, they are not necessarily completely compatible. Emphasis placed on one characteristic may degrade another. For example, the importance of speed may outweigh the need for security. Generally, a carefully applied balance of all the characteristics will provide an effective and efficient communications system. Emphasis placed on any one characteristic, such as the necessity for speed, will vary with the mission of the unit, the tactical situation, and the commander's judgement.
- b. Reliability and Flexibility. Reliability is the probability of a communications system performing adequately in support of the tactical mission under the expected operating conditions. It is achieved by using more than one means of communications, providing alternate routes, and maintaining a reserve of equipment. Overemphasis on economy or overcommitment of communications resources will seriously impair reliability and flexibility. A flexible communications system can readily adjust to changes in missions and tactical situations.
- c. Speed and Security. Maximum communications security is obtained by employing every safeguard consistent with operational requirements. Effective security depends on a proper balance between security controls and operational urgency. Strict security must be observed at all times in static situations. In fluid combat situations, a relaxation of security may be necessary because of operational conditions. While engaged in combat operations, the local commander may authorize transmission in the clear (plain text form); however, this action should be taken only when, in the commander's judgement, a time delay to encrypt would jeopardize his command and the information to be transmitted would not afford the enemy a tactical advantage. The commander does not permit relaxation of security measures where such action may result in the compromise of the plans of a higher commander or of a cryptographic system outside his immediate command. The use of a message precedence system and the establishment of user priorities will improve communications speed.
- d. <u>Economy</u>. The means of communications in any command exist for the primary and exclusive use of the commander and such personnel as he may designate. The use of these means is kept to the minimum consistent with the mission or objectives of the commander. One of the primary ways of ensuring communications economy is to place emphasis on the restricted use of communications systems. The application of this characteristic is

not intended to encourage a conservative attitude toward the full employment of the means available, but to discourage their use for purposes other than those for which intended. These means are provided as a tool for the commander and his staff, not as a personal convenience.

1-5. COMMUNICATIONS IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS

- a. <u>Coordination</u>. The type or means of communications employed in a tactical operation depends on the type of operation, the tactical situation, and the means available. Coordination of tactical communications, electronic warfare (EW), and other communications-electronics functions is essential to the success of tactical operations.
- b. <u>Command Post Location</u>. The command post of the unit controlling the operation should be located to facilitate communications. An improperly located command post may delay the establishment of communications at a critical time or make maintenance of effective communications impossible. The principal considerations for the command post location with respect to communications include:
 - (1) Effects of distance and terrain on wire and messenger communications.
 - (2) Necessity for wire routes to the front and rear permitting the prompt establishment of wire communications when possible.
 - (3) Effect of power lines, electrical stations, hill masses, dense woods, and distance on radio communications.
 - (4) Proximity to suitable terrain for a helipad or airfield to facilitate messenger service.
 - (5) Necessity for line-of-site locations visible only to friendly troops for use of visual and some types of radio communications.
 - (6) Routes of communications and traffic conditions. Since all communications facilities focus at the command post, roads into and out of it and the traffic to be expected on these roads influence its location. Messengers, wire teams, and command vehicles constantly use the routes of communications from the command post to subordinate and higher units. The absence of suitable communication routes causes delays and makes tactical control difficult.

CHAPTER 2

PRINCIPLES OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

2-1. GENERAL

Radio is the primary means of communications within and between armor units. It provides a flexible link between the armor commander and the mobile elements of his command. The extensive use of radio in armor organizations makes it necessary for all armor personnel to have a general understanding of the capabilities, limitations, and peculiarities of radio communications.

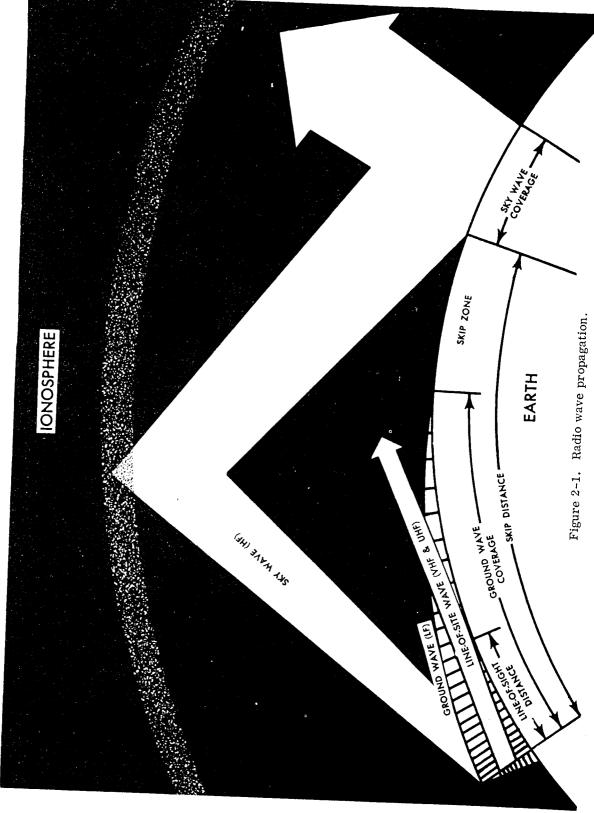
2-2. RADIO WAVE PROPAGATION

Radio signals travel from the transmitter to the receiver as electromagnetic waves. These waves move at the speed of light. Their rapid speed provides instant point-to-point communications. These electromagnetic waves, called radio waves, are grouped in eight bands according to frequency.

a. Their classification is as follows:

BAND	FREQUENCY
Very low frequency (VLF)	3-30 Kilohertz
Low frequency (LF)	30-300 kHz
Medium frequency (MF)	300-3,000 kHz
High frequency (HF)	3-30 Megahertz
Very high frequency (VHF)	30-300 MHz
Ultrahigh frequency (UHF)	300-3,000 MHz
Superhigh frequency (SHF)	3-30 Gigahertz
Extremely high frequency (EHF)	30-40 GHz

- b. There are two principal paths by which radio waves can travel from a transmitter to a receiver. One is by ground waves (fig 2-1), which travel directly from the transmitter to the receiver. The other is by sky waves, which travel up to the ionosphere and are bent downward, or refracted, back to the earth. Long distance radio transmission is achieved principally by the use of sky waves. Short distance and most UHF and upper VHF transmissions are by means of ground waves. Some forms of transmission make use of combinations of both paths. Radio waves in the VHF band and higher frequencies may be transmitted by atmospheric or ionospheric scattering. This mode of transmission is normally limited to long range, high-powered radios.
- c. Ground wave propagation refers to those types of radio transmissions that do not make use of waves that have been refracted from the ionosphere. The strength of ground waves depends on several factors, including: the transmitter power, the characteristics of the transmitting antenna, the frequency of the waves, the diffraction of the waves around the curvature of the earth, and local weather conditions. The following are the principal components of a ground wave:
 - (1) Direct (line-of-site) wave. The direct wave is that component of the wave front that travels directly from the transmitting antenna to the receiving antenna. This component is limited to the line-of-site distance between the transmitting and receiving antennas, plus the small distance added by atmospheric refraction and diffraction of the wave around the curvature of the earth. This distance can be extended by increasing the height of either the transmitting or receiving antenna (or both).



- (2) Surface wave. The surface wave follows the curvature of the earth. These waves may be compared to large sea waves breaking on shore. The distance they travel up the beach depends on the strength of the wave and the steepness of the shoreline.
- d. Surface wave propagation is the most dependable under all atmospheric conditions. At low frequencies, the surface wave extends for a considerable distance, but this distance decreases rapidly as the frequency is increased, so that any frequency above the MF band has a very limited surface wave transmission range.
- e. Figure 2-1 also shows the direct (line-of-site) wave propagation. In the VHF band and higher frequencies, it is the only practical means of obtaining reliable communications with low or medium power. Natural or man-made obstacles in the line-of-site path between the transmitting antenna and the receiving antenna will hinder transmissions.
- f. The type of propagation used for long range communications is also shown in figure 2-1. This type of propagation is known as sky wave. Sky wave propagation over great distances is made possible by the existence of ionized layers in the upper atmosphere. These layers act as a refractor to certain bands of frequencies and will cause part of the signal to bend back toward the earth and thereby be made available for reception at points beyond the horizon. Several "skips" may allow the signal to be received at distances of thousands of miles from the transmitter. The ionized layers are continually varying in contour and height, so that fading effects are experienced at the distant reception points. Also, the layers rise in daylight and descend at night, so that the skip distance changes from day to night. By using higher frequencies during daylight and lower frequencies at night, communication with a distant point may be maintained with considerable reliability. Frequencies in the HF band are used for this type of long distance communications.

2-3. RADIO FREQUENCY UTILIZATION

- a. Radio frequencies are a limited resource that must be shared by civil, government, and military users in both peace and war, and only some of these frequencies are available for each user. The internationally recognized, and hence controlled, radio frequency spectrum extends from 3 kHz to 40 GHz. Since the propagation characteristics of radio waves vary in different parts of the spectrum, not all frequencies are equally useful for the same purpose.
- b. Parts of the spectrum are in such great demand that it is virtually impossible to obtain frequencies for newly developed equipment without sacrificing existing communications channels. Competition is intense for frequencies suitable for long range communications and only international control permits operation within tolerable interference levels. The actual number of separate and distinct channels of communication available within any frequency band is constantly changing, and increasing with improvements in equipment, operating techniques, propagation prediction data, and the effectiveness of radio frequency management. The demand for radio frequencies has increased at a pace that exceeds their expanding use. New equipments and systems are constantly being developed that increase further the demand for frequencies.
- c. Detailed management is necessary in order to obtain maximum use of available frequencies. FM 24-2 and ACP 190 provide instruction, guidance, and technical information concerning the organization and responsibilities for frequency allocation and assignment.

2-4. THE RADIO TRANSMITTER

The transmitter generates, modulates, and radiates radio waves. A voice transmitter consists of a radio frequency generator (called an oscillator), a power amplifier for increasing its power to the desired level, a modulator for superimposing (modulating) the signal onto the radio carrier wave, and an antenna for radiating the modulated carrier. When a carrier is modulated, upper and lower sidebands are formed. Since the transmitted wave

consists of the carrier and sidebands, it covers a band of frequencies. The bandwidth for amplitude modulation is about 10 kilohertz. The bandwidth for frequency modulation is determined by the amplitude of the signal.

2-5. THE RADIO RECEIVER

Radio waves passing an antenna generate small electrical currents in the antenna that correspond in both frequency and amplitude variation to the radio waves that generated them. As these currents enter the receiver a series of amplifiers, each with selective circuits, picks out the frequency corresponding to the carrier wave from a desired station, and amplifies it until it becomes fairly strong. This carrier wave still contains the variations corresponding to the input signal, either in the form of frequency or amplitude modulation. A demodulator is used to separate the signal from the carrier. The signal is then further amplified and made to operate a loudspeaker or earphone.

2-6. ADVANTAGES OF RADIO

- a. Radio communication factilities can generally be installed rapidly. Portable and vehicular-mounted radios may be made operational in a matter of seconds.
- b. Radio is a flexible means of communications. Stations may be added to or deleted from a radio net as required. Communications by radio can be maintained while troops are mobile. It may be integrated with wire, used from ground-to-air or air-to-air, and remotely operated. It provides communications across terrain over which it may be impractical to install wire.

2-7. LIMITATIONS OF RADIO

- a. Radio, without speech security devices, is the least secure means of communications.
 It must be assumed that interception takes place every time a transmitter is operated.
- $b_{\:\raisebox{1pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$ Radio communications is subject to interference from atmospheric conditions and other electronic devices and is relatively easy to jam.

2-8. PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS OF RADIO SETS

There are several characteristics that apply to all radio sets. These characteristics outline the capabilities and limitations of radio equipment. The six principal characteristics of radio sets are:

a. Type of Set.

- (1) Portable sets. Those that can be carried by an individual and can be operated while being moved.
- (2) Transportable sets. Those that can be moved from one location to another, normally by a team of men; however, they cannot be operated while being moved.
- (3) Vehicular sets. Those normally installed in a vehicle obtaining their power from the vehicle electrical system.
- (4) General use. Those radios that may be vehicular mounted or employed in a portable or transportable mode.
- b. Type of Modulation. Modulation is the process used to vary the characteristics of the radio wave to represent a desired input signal. Although there are several types of modulation, the two commonly used in tactical voice radio sets are frequency modulation (commonly known as FM) and amplitude modulation (commonly known as AM). FM is the process of varying the frequency of a radio carrier wave in accordance with the amplitude and frequency of the transmitted signal. In AM, the process varies the amplitude of the radio carrier wave.
 - (1) Because of technical differences, two radios sets cannot net unless both sets have the same type modulation.

(2) A principal advantage of FM is that it is less subject to static or atmospheric disturbances. The principal advantage of AM is its comparatively narrow band operation that provides more operating channels within a given frequency coverage.

c. Type of Emission.

- (1) Voice. Most tactical radio sets are capable of voice emission.
- (2) Continuous wave (CW) and modulated continuous wave (MCW). These are used to transmit international Morse code by means of a key.
- (3) Frequency shift keying (FSK). Commonly known as radioteletype.
- (4) Tone.
- (5) Narrow frequency shift keying (NSK).
- d. Frequency Coverage. The lowest to highest radio operating frequencies (para (para 2-2a).
- e. Operating Range. The rated range of the radio sets are planning figures. This is the range over which we can normally expect to communicate with a high degree of reliability.

f. Power Sources.

- (1) Dry cell batteries.
- (2) Vehicular power systems.
- (3) Hand generators.
- (4) Gas engine generators.
- (5) Wet cell batteries.

CHAPTER 3

FREQUENCY MODULATED (FM) RADIO EQUIPMENT

3-1. GENERAL

Most of the current, low echelon tactical radio sets are frequency modulated (FM). The principal advantage of FM over amplitude (AM) modulation is its high degree of operational reliability. In an AM set random noise and other types of electromagnetic interference have considerable disrupting effect because they have the same characteristics as the transmitted signal. This is not the case for FM signals. The fundamental principles and theory of FM radio communications are contained in TM 11-668. The vehicular configurations of the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 series radios are not operational without the mountings, control boxes, cables, and audio accessories contained in the specific installation kits. These kits are listed in SB 11-131, Vehicular Radio Sets and Authorized Installations. Track vehicles have electrical equipment harnesses installed as part of the vehicle. The installation kits and equipment harnesses, together, provide for a complete operating radio system. Power Supply PP-2953(*)/U (para 3-5) can be used to provide the power for nonvehicular installations of the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 series radios.

3-2. AN/VRC-12 SERIES RADIOS (TM 11-5820-401-12) (Fig 3-1)

- a. <u>General</u>. The AN/VRC-12 series radios provide short range, two-way voice communications from vehicles, light aircraft, small marine craft, and communications shelter. They can be operated alone or in conjunction with intercommunication equipment. The whip antenna for the Receiver, Radio R-442(*)/VRC is a part of the installation kit.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. Retransmission capability is provided by Retransmission Cable Kit MK-456A/GRC (para 3-6). Secure voice operation is provided by Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-8. Extended operating range is provided by Antenna Equipment RC-292 (para 7-5). Homing capability is provided by Antenna Loop AT-784/PRC (para 7-10). Electrical Transient Suppressor MX-778/GRC (para 3-8) provides protection for the radio/radio-intercommunication system from voltage surges in the vehicular electrical system.
 - Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-246(*)/VRC (fig 3-2) and RT-524(*)/VRC (fig 3-3).
 - (1) General. Each of these receiver-transmitters use Mounting MT-1029/VRC. (Part of the electrical equipment harness in track vehicles.) The mounting has a connection that provides for the passage of dc power and audio and control signals between the receiver-transmitter and the associated intercommunication system. Internal circuitry on the A models are slightly different and they do not have front handle assemblies (only front guards). The RT-246 has an automatic tuning capability for 10 preset channels. This automatic tuning can be controlled from a Control, Frequency Selector C-2742/VRC (para 3-9b), or directly from the radio set. The RT-524 has only manual tuning. The RT-524 has a loudspeaker built in the front panel which the RT-246 does not have. Both use Antenna AS-1729/VRC. (Para 7-3.)
 - (2) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 30.00-75.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 920.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Number of presets: RT-246 only 10.
 - (e) Operating range: 10 miles (16 km) low power, 30 miles (48 km) high power.
 - (f) Power output: 8-10 watts low power, 35 watts high power.
 - (g) Power requirement: 22-30 volts dc; 75 watts low power, 250 watts high power.

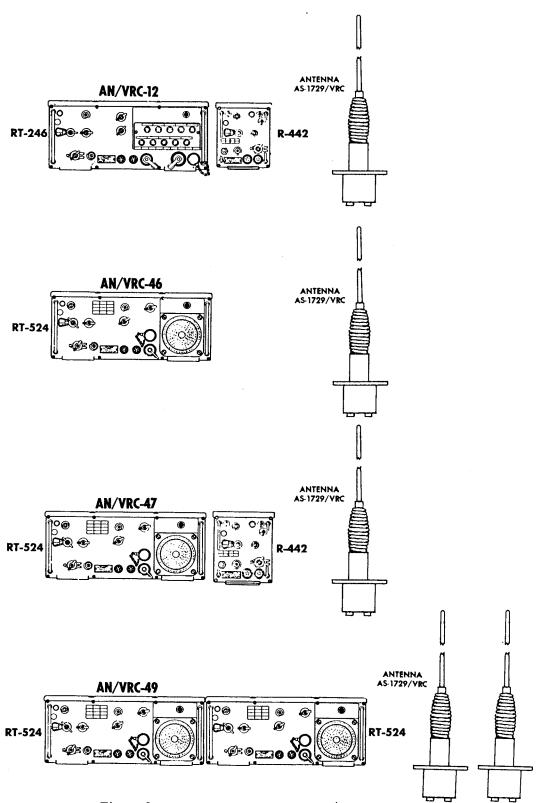


Figure 3-1. Basic components of AN/VRC-12 series radio sets used in armor units.

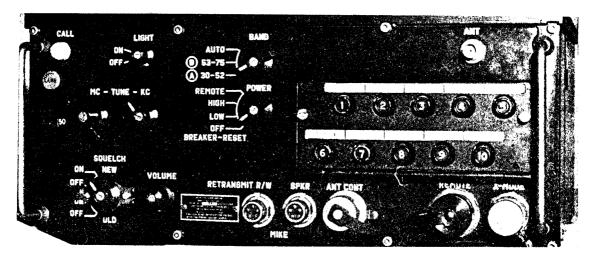


Figure 3-2. Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-246(*)/VRC.

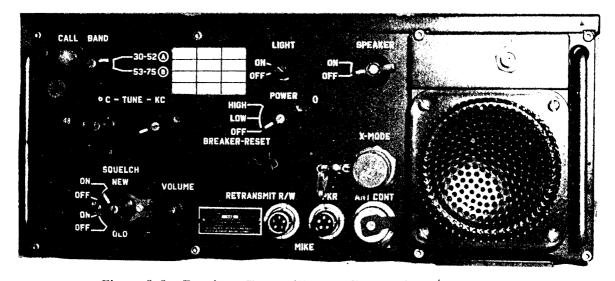


Figure 3-3. Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-524(*)/VRC.

- (h) Squelch: Noise or 150-Hz tone operated, or none.
- (i) Weight: RT-246--56.25 pounds, RT-524--51.00 pounds, Mounting--17.50 pounds.

d. Receiver, Radio R-442/VRC (fig 3-4).

(1) General. This receiver provides a monitoring capability. It is common practice for armor unit commanders to tune the receiver-transmitter to his own command net and monitor the command net of the next higher head-quarters with the R-442. It serves as an auxiliary receiver. As with the receiver-transmitters, the only differences in models are minor internal circuitry changes and lack of handle assemblies on the A models. The R-442

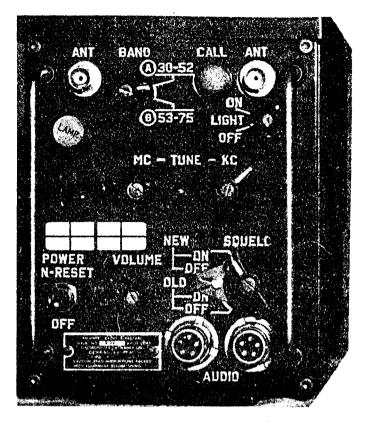


Figure 3-4. Receiver, Radio R-442/VRC.

uses Mounting MT-1898/VRC, part of the electrical equipment harness in track vehicles, to provide for passage of dc power and audio signals between the receiver and the associated intercommunication equipment. The R-442 uses a three-section whip antenna (Mast Base AB-558/GR, bottom MS-116A, middle MS-117A, top MS-118A).

- (2) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 30.00-75.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 920.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power requirement: 22-30 volts dc, 18.8 watts.
 - (e) Squelch: Noise or 150-Hz tone operated, or none.
 - (f) Weight: 18.25 pounds.

3-3. AN/PRC-77 SERIES RADIOS (TM 11-5820-667-12 and TM 11-5820-498-12) (Fig 3-5)

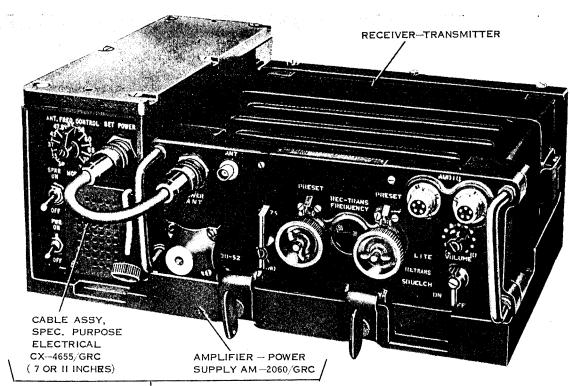
- a. <u>General</u>. The AN/PRC-77 series radios provide short range, two-way voice communications in manpack portable and vehicular configurations. They are the replacements for the AN/PRC-25 series radios. The vehicular configurations can be operated alone or in conjunction with intercommunications equipment. The basic reference manuals are: AN/PRC-77, TM 11-5820-667-12; AN/VRC-64 and AN/GRC-160, TM 11-5820-498-12.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. Retransmission capability is provided by Retransmission Cable Kit MK-456A/GRC (para 3-6). Remote operation is provided by Radio Set Control Group AN/GRA-39(*) (para 3-7), or Radio Set Control Group AN/GRA-6 when used with Cable Assembly, Special Purpose; Electrical CX-7474/U (para 4-6). Secure voice operation is provided by Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-38. Extended operating range is provided by Antenna

	AN/PRC-77	AN/VRC-64	AN/GRC-160
RT-841	1	1	1
AS-1729		1	. 1
AT-892	1		1
AT-271A	1		1
AB-591	1		1
ST-138	1		1
CW-503	1		1
H-189	1		1
OA-3633(*)/GRC		1	1

Figure 3-5. Basic components of the AN/PRC-77 series radios.

Equipment RC-292 (para 7-5) or long wire Antenna AT-984A/G (para 7-9). Homing capability is provided by Antenna Loop AT-784/PRC (para 7-10). Electrical Transient Suppressor MX-778/GRC (para 3-8) provides protection of the radio/radio-intercommunication system from voltage surges in the vehicular electrical system. Loudspeaker, Electromagnetic LS-549/PRC (para 3-10h) can be used for monitoring radio reception.

c. Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-841/PRC-77 (fig 3-6).



AMPLIFIER — POWER SUPPLY GROUP OA — 3633/GRC

Figure 3-6. Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-841/PRC-77 and Amplifier, Power Supply Group OA-3633/GRC or OA-3633A/GRC with receiver-transmitter installed.

- (1) General. The RT-841 receiver-transmitter is housed in a watertight case with an attached Battery Box CY-2562/PRC-25.
- (2) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: Low band --30.00-52.95 MHz. High band 53.00-75.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 920.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Number of presets: 2.
 - (e) Operating range: 3 miles (4.8 km) with AT-892/PRC-25, 5 miles (8 km) with AT-271A/PRC, 12 miles (19.2 km) with RC-292, 17 miles (28.0 km) with AT-984/G.
 - (f) Power output: 1.5-4.0 watts; 12.5-15 volts dc, 11.7 watts.
 - (g) Power requirement: Battery operated BA-386/PRC-25, BA-4386/U or BA-398/U (Arctic). Nominal battery life 30 hours with BA-386/PRC-25 and 60 hours with BA-4386/U. Vehicular, 24 volt dc.
 - (h) Squelch: Noise and 150-Hz tone operated.
 - (i) Weight: 13 pounds (without battery).
- d. Antennas. Vehicular configurations use Antenna AS-1729/VRC (para 7-3). For dismounted operation, either the Antenna AT-892/PRC-25 or Antenna AT-271A/PRC can be used.
 - (1) Antenna AT-892/PRC-25 (fig 3-7).



Figure 3-7. Antenna AT-892/PRC-25.

The AT-892/PRC-25 is a 1-section, 3-foot, whip antenna. A spring at its base allows the antenna to be placed in a vertical position no matter what the position of the receiver-transmitter. It is constructed of steel tape and can be folded for storage.

(2) Antenna AT-271A/PRC (fig 3-8).

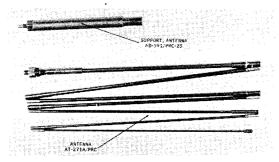


Figure 3-8. Antenna AT-271A/PRC.

The AT-271A/PRC is a 6-section, tubular, folding whip antenna. A stainless steel, plastic-covered cable (or braided plastic cord) under spring tension is threaded through the sections to keep them together when assembled for operation and prevent their separation or loss when disassembled. Spring tension is provided by a spiral spring in the base section. An antenna top cap installed on the tip of the antenna provides protection for personnel. As a base it uses a rigid, tubular support, Antenna AB-591/PRC-25.

e. Harness, Electrical Equipment ST-138/PRC-25 (fig 3-9).

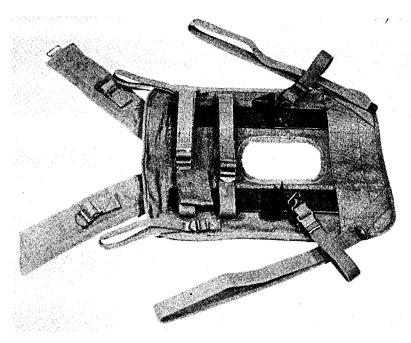


Figure 3-9. Harness, Electrical Equipment ST-138/PRC-25.

The ST-138/PRC-25 harness is a cotton duck back pack. It is used to secure the receiver-transmitter so that it can be carried on the operator's back.

f. Bag, Cotton Duck CW-503/PRC-25 (fig 3-10).

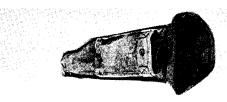


Figure 3-10. Bag, Cotton Duck CW-503/PRC-25.

The CW-503/PRC-25 bag is a sectionalized canvas carrying case used to store the two whip antennas and the handset.

- 3-4. RECEIVER SET, RADIO AN/PRR-9 (Fig 3-11) AND TRANSMITTER SET, RADIO AN/PRT-4 (Fig 3-12) (TM 11-5820-549-12)
- a. General. The AN/PRR-9 receiver and AN/PRT-4 transmitter are employed together to provide one-way voice or audio tone communications. Both the transmitter and receiver have a lanyard, a harness slide, and an integral antenna (AS-1998(*)/PRR-9 flexible, 18-inch, stainless steel whip for the receiver, and AS-1999/PRT-4 collapsible, 24-inch, tubular whip for the transmitter). In addition, the receiver has a Headset, Electrical H-264/PRR-9 that can be worn in the ear to improve reception in noisy areas. Indicator, Channel Alignment ID-1189/PR (d below) is used to align and check both the receiver and transmitter.

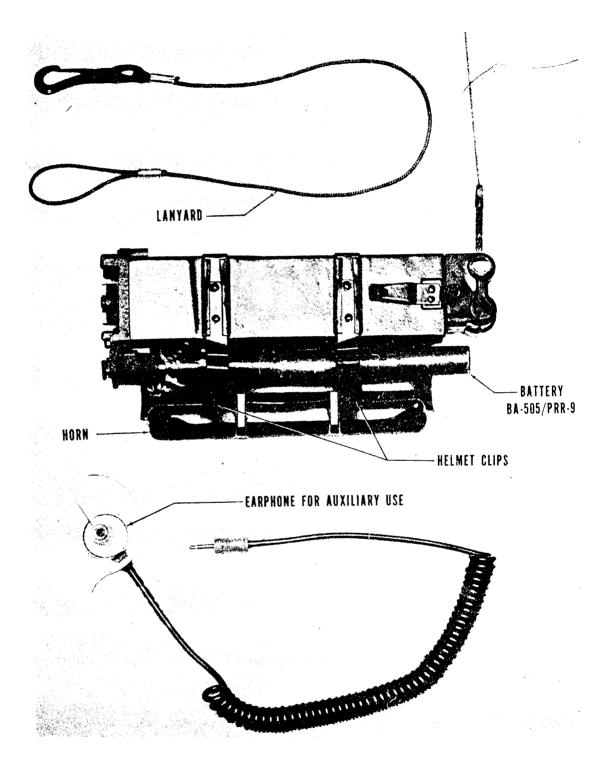


Figure 3-11. Receiver Set, Radio AN/PRR-9.

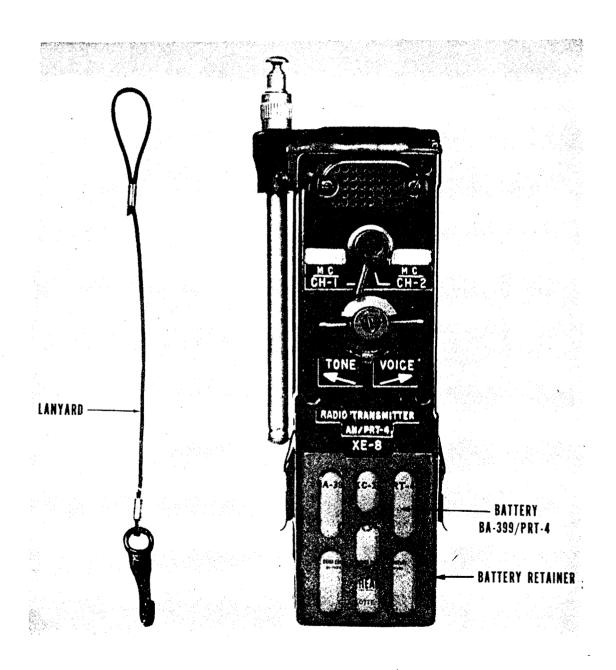


Figure 3-12. Transmitter Set, Radio AN/PRT-4.

- b. <u>Utilization</u>. The AN/PRR-9 receiver is designed for quick attachment and use on the standard helmet. It may also be used when carried in a shirt pocket or clipped to a harness. The AN/PRT-4 transmitter is hand-held when operated. When not in use, it may be clipped to a pocket or belt. The lanyards are used to help prevent loss. For arctic operation three additional accessories are used: Harness, Electrical Equipment ST-153/PRR-9, for carrying the receiver over a covered helmet, and two battery extender cables (Cable Assembly, Special Purpose, Electrical CX-11990/PRR-9 and CS-11991/PRT-4) that permit the batteries to be carried inside the operator's clothing.
 - c. / Technical Characteristics.
 - (1) Frequency range: 47-57 MHz.
 - (2) Number of channels. Transmitter 2; 110 separate crystals for transmitter and receiver.
 - (3) Channel spacing: Less than 1.0 MHz for transmitter, 100 kHz between crystals.
 - (4) Operating range: Channel 1, 1 mile (1.6 km), channel 2, 0.3 mile (0.5 km).
 - (5) Power output: Channel 1, 450 milliwatts, channel 2, 50-250 milliwatts.
 - (6) Power requirement: Battery operated: Receiver, BA-505/U; Transmitter, BA-399/U.
 - (7) Squelch: None, or 150-Hz tone operated.
 - (8) Weight w/batteries and accessories: Receiver, 10.55 ounces; Transmitter, 17.85 ounces.
 - d. Indicator, Channel Alignment ID-1189/PR (TM 11-6625-937-12) (Fig 3-13).

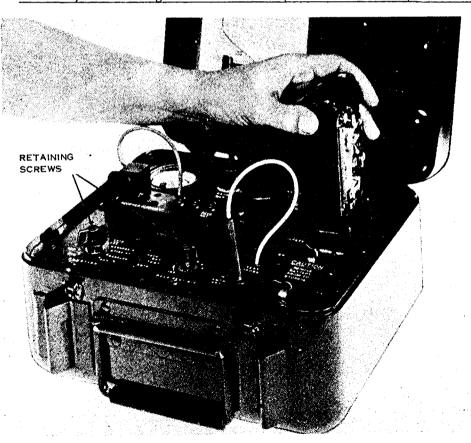


Figure 3-13. Indicator, Channel Alignment ID-1189/PR.

- (1) General. The ID-1189/PR is an alignment and battery test instrument used with the AN/PRR-9 receiver and AN/PRT-4 transmitter. In addition to the basic test set, the set includes (inside the cover of the case): a 3/8-inch blade screwdriver, 1/4-inch blade alignment tool, 17-inch whip antenna, and 2 instruction plates.
- (2) Utilization. Batteries are placed in receptacles on the face of the test instrument. Their condition is indicated by a green (good)--yellow (marginal)--red (bad) meter scale. The test instrument's internal battery can be tested in the same way. The electronic assemblies of the AN/PRR-9 receiver and AN/PRT-4 transmitter also mount in receptacles so that adjustment and test points are accessible.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Power requirement: Battery operated, BA-399/U.
 - (b) Weight: 14.5 pounds.
- 3-5. POWER SUPPLY PP-2953(*)/U (TM 11-6130-233-12) (Fig 3-14)

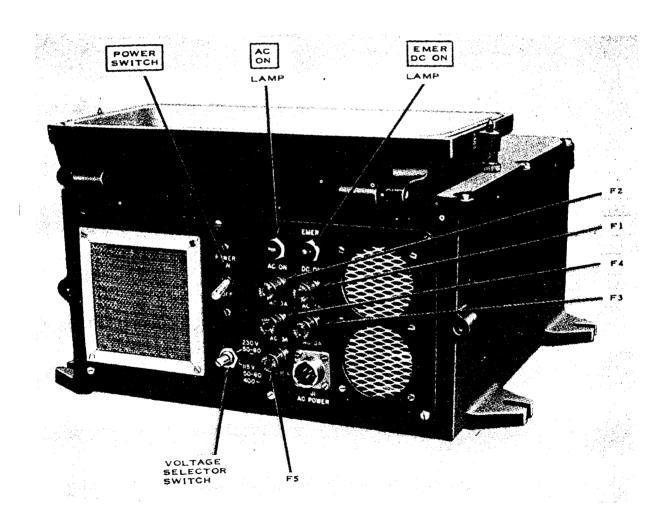


Figure 3-14. Power Supply PP-2953(*)/U.

- a. <u>General</u>. The PP-2953(*)/U power supply is used to provide a source of regulated dc power for fixed station operation or bench testing of the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 series of radios (two Amplifier, Power Supply Groups OA-3633/GRC may be operated from one PP-2953(*)/U). There is only one component in addition to the main unit, Cable Assembly, Power, Electrical CX-4524/U, a 15-foot ac power cord. All power supply models are basically the same except that the B model uses circuit breakers instead of fuses.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. In addition to the 15-foot power cord, 2 other cables are required that are not components of the power supply: Cable Assembly, Power, Electrical CX-4720/VRC (10-foot) and CX-4721/VRC (3-foot).
 - c. Technical Characteristics.
 - (1) Power output: 22.7-27.7 volts dc. 277 watts.
 - (2) Power requirement: 115 volts, 50-60 Hz; 115 volts, 400 Hz or 230 volts, 50-60 Hz.
 - (3) Weight: 40 pounds.
- 3-6. RETRANSMISSION CABLE KIT MK-456A/GRC (TM 11-5995-202-15) (Fig 3-15)

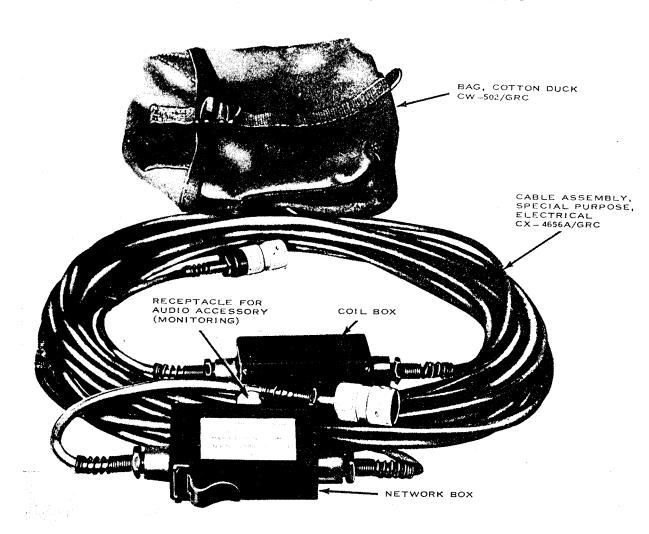


Figure 3-15. Retransmission Cable Kit MK-456A/GRC.

- a. General. The MK-456A/GRC can be used between receiver-transmitters of the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 series of radios. It consists of a 50-foot Cable Assembly, Special Purpose, Electrical CX-4656A/GRC with a canvas storage bag, Cotton Duck CW-502/PRC.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. Radios that are set up for retransmission are separated by the full length of the special purpose cable to **reduce** interference. Both sets must be operated in a squelch mode. The special purpose cable has a receptacle for connecting an audio accessory to monitor the circuit.
- 3-7. RADIO SET CONTROL GROUP AN/GRA-39(*) (TM 11-5820-477-12) (Fig 3-16)

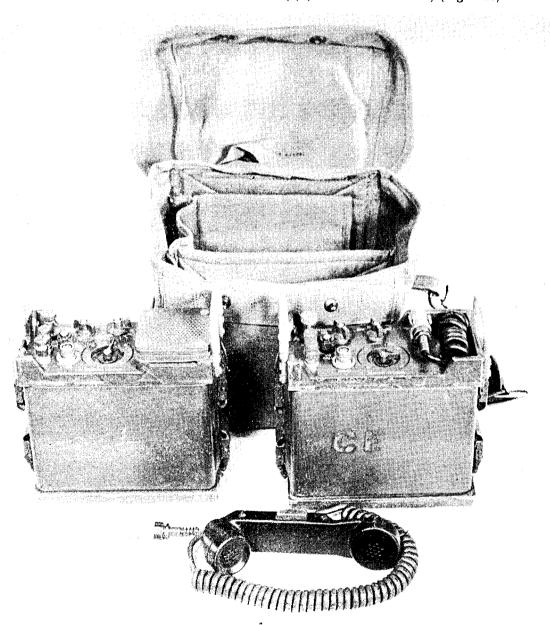


Figure 3-16. Radio Set Control Group AN/GRA-39(*).

- a. General. The AN/GRA-39(*) control group is used to provide remote operation of the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 series of radios from a distance of up to 2 miles (3.2 kilometers). It has two major components: Control, Radio Set C-2328/GRA-39 (remote unit) and C-2329/GRA-39 (local unit). In addition, it has a Handset H-189/GR, a Carrying Bag, Cotton Duck CW-598/GRA-39, and 2 carrying slings. The A model has a call lamp on the front panel of the remote and local units. The control group also provides telephone communications between the local and remote units.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. The local unit is connected to the audio or speaker receptacle on the receiver-transmitter. Field Wire WD-1/TT may be used to interconnect the local and remote units. The remote unit has a loudspeaker. The control group can also be used in conjunction with an SB-22/PT switchboard to provide a radio-wire integration capability.
 - c. Technical Characteristics.
 - (1) Power requirement: Both units are battery operated by six BA-30 batteries (6.6-9.0 volts).
 - (2) Battery life: Remote unit--24 hours, local unit--72 hours.
 - (3) Weight: Remote unit--11.0 pounds, local unit--10.25 pounds, carrying bag--2.13 pounds. Total 23.38 pounds.
- 3-8. ELECTRICAL TRANSIENT SUPPRESSOR MX-778/GRC (TM 11-5915-223-12) (Fig 3-17)

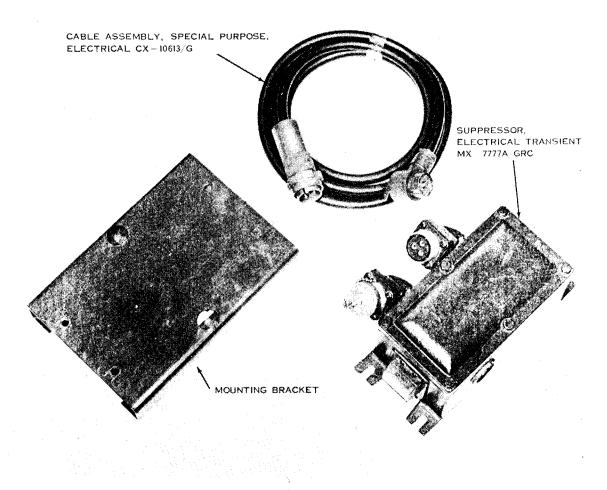


Figure 3-17. Electrical Transient Suppressor MX-778/GRC.

- a. <u>General</u>. The MX-778/GRC suppressor prevents the high voltage electrical transients (spikes) or transposed voltage in a dc power system from being applied to transistorized radios, such as the AN/VRC-12, AN/PRC-77, and AN/GRC-106 series of radios. It has three basic components: Suppressor, Electrical Transient MX-7777A/GRC; Cable Assembly, Special Purpose, Electrical CX-10613/G; and a mounting bracket.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. The suppressor is normally installed in a vehicle between the dc electrical power system and the transistorized radio(s). More than 1 radio may be connected as long as the total load does not exceed 1,400 watts. It has only one control, an ON-OFF switch for the circuit breakers.
 - c. Technical Characteristics.
 - (1) Power output: 22-28 volts dc (same as input voltage), 1,400 watts.
 - (2) Power requirement: 22-28 volts dc, vehicular electrical power system.
 - (3) Weight: Suppressor--10.0 pounds, accessories (approx)--7.1 pounds. Total 17.1 pounds.

3-9. INTERCOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

a. Intercommunication Set AN/VIC-1(V) (TM 11-5830-340-12) (figs 3-18 and 3-19).

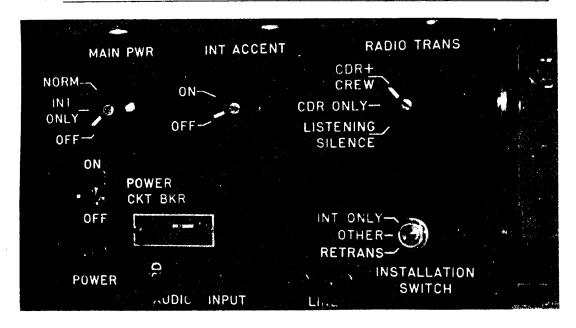


Figure 3-18. Amplifier, Audio Frequency AM-1780/VRC.

(1) General. The AN/VIC-1(V) intercommunication set provides voice communications between 2 to 5 vehicle crew members. It is used in those vehicles that do not have an intercommunication system as part of a radio set. It consists of two major components: a Control, Intercommunication Set C-2298/VRC is installed for each crew member who is to use the radio equipment (in a tank it is installed at each crew position except the driver's), and an Amplifier, Audio Frequency AM-1780/VRC, which amplifies the voice signals and controls their distribution throughout the system. Installation kits provided for specific vehicles may include other control boxes and audio accessories that are used in conjunction with the AN/VIC-1(V) intercommunication set. In addition, Cable Assembly, Special Purpose Electrical CX-4720/VRC is used to connect the vehicular power supply to the amplifier and one CX-4723/VRC is used to connect the amplifier to each control box.

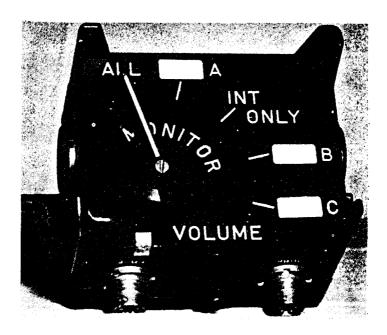


Figure 3-19. Control, Intercommunication Set C-2298/VRC.

(2) Utilization. The AM-1780/VRC amplifier is the main function box for the intercommunication system. It has controls for both power and amplification. The AM-1780/VRC provides corrections between the amplifier and the crew member's audio accessories. It has a volume control and a radio/intercommunication selector switch. Installation is in accordance with the following technical manuals:

Vehicle	Technical manual
M113, M113A1	11-2300-355-15-7
M60	11-2300-361-15-4
M 60A 1	11-2300-361-15-2
	11-2300-361-15-3
M551	11-2300-360-15-1
AVLB (M6A1 chassis)	11-2300-361-15-1

The intercommunication set may be used for nonvehicular installations when the correct dc power source is available. It has two line binding posts that may be used to connect a remotely located telephone or switchboard into the vehicular intercommunication system.

- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - Power requirement: 24-volt dc vehicular electrical power supply. Power output: Amplifier 1 watt.
 - Weight: Amplifier -- 7.9 pounds. Control box -- 2.5 pounds.
- b. Control, Frequency Selector C-2742/VRC (TM 11-5820-401-12) (fig 3-20).
 - (1) General. The C-2742/VRC frequency selector is used with the RT-246(*)/VRC to provide remote automatic selection of the 10 preset frequencies. It can also control the input and high and low transmission power. It is a component of a vehicle installation kit.
 - (2) Utilization. The frequency selector is connected to the receiver-transmitter and may be connected to another frequency selector. In a tank installation, it is located at both the tank commander's and loader's positions.

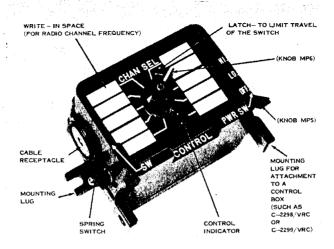


Figure 3-20. Control, Frequency Selector C-2742/VRC.

c. Control, Intercommunication Set C-2297/VRC (fig 3-21).

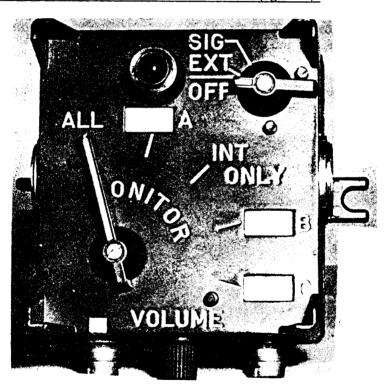


Figure 3-21. Control, Intercommunication Set C-2297/VRC.

- (1) General. The C-2297/VRC control provides connections between the radio and the audio accessories of a vehicle crew member. It also controls the operation of Control, Intercommunication Set C-2296/VRC (d below).
- (2) Utilization. The C-2297/VRC control serves the same purpose as the C-2298/VRC (a above). In addition, it is connected to and controls (ON, OFF, and SIGNAL) the external control box. It is installed in the driver's position in a tank or M551.

d. Control, Intercommunication Set C-2296/VRC (fig 3-22).

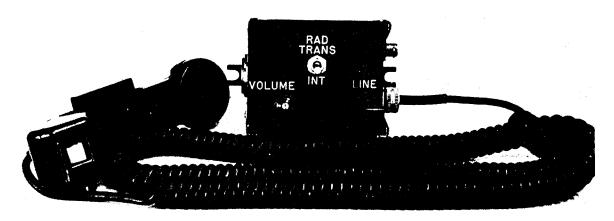


Figure 3-22. Control, Intercommunication Set C-2296/VRC.

- (1) General. The C-2296/VRC control provides communication between the crew and personnel outside a vehicle, and it also permits personnel outside the vehicle to operate the vehicular radio system. In addition to the control box, it has a Handset H-207/VRC.
- (2) Utilization. Using the handset, a person outside a vehicle can communicate with the crew or operate over the vehicular radio set. A pair of line binding posts provide the capability of connecting the vehicular intercommunication system into a remotely located telephone or switchboard.
- e. Control, Radio Set C-2299/VRC (fig 3-23).

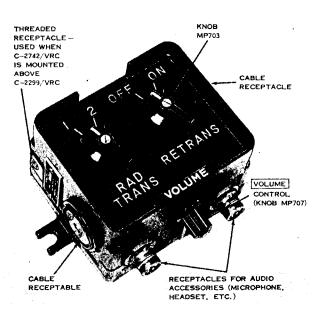


Figure 3-23. Control, Radio Set C-2299/VRC.

- (1) General. The C-2299/VRC control is used in the AN/VRC-49 radio configuration to enable the two receiver-transmitters to perform automatic retransmission of signals at a relay site. In some installations it is provided as a convenient connector for audio accessories to control one receiver-transmitter.
- (2) Utilization. Retransmission is selected by an ON-OFF switch. In the OFF position, either of the receiver-transmitters can be operated by an audio accessory by using the 1-2 selection switch.

3-10. AUDIO ACCESSORIES

Most of the audio accessories are provided as components of the vehicular installation kits. All of them have five-pin connectors.

a. Headset H-140A/U (TM 11-5965-260-15P) (fig 3-24).



Figure 3-24. Headset H-140A/U.

The H-140A/U headset consists of a pair of earphones mounted on a spring steel, headband assembly. The H-251/U headset is similar to the H-140A/U and they can be used interchangeably.

b. Microphone, Dynamic M80 (*)/U (TM 11-5965-268-50), (fig 3-25). The M80(*)/U is a noise-cancelling microphone with a push-to-talk switch and a

5-foot retractile cord. It can be connected to either the intercommunication or the radio circuits.



Figure 3-25. Microphone, Dynamic M80(*)/U.

c. Handset H-189/GR (TM 11-5965-280-15) (fig 3-26). The H-189/GR is a watertight handset that replaces the H-138(*)/U. It has a 6-foot retractile cord. A clip on the back permits it to be attached to a belt or pocket. The press-to-talk switch is nonlocking. This handset is a component of the AN/PRC-77 radio.

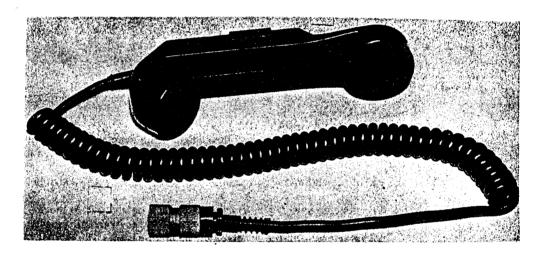


Figure 3-26. Handset H-189/GR.

d. Handset H-250/U (fig 3-27). The H-250/U handset is lighter than the H-189/GR. They can be used interchangeably.

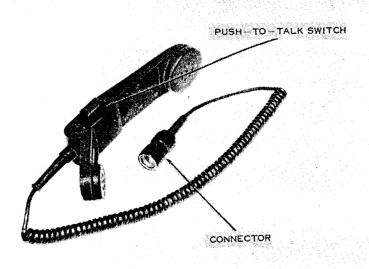


Figure 3-27. Handset H-250/U.

e. Headset-Microphone H-161(*)/U (TM 11-5965-262-13) (fig 3-28). The H-161(*)/U headset-microphone can be used in high noise areas. It may be worn under a helmet. It consists of two earphone cups, a headband, microphone and boom, chest switch, and retractile cable. The A model is wired to reduce background noise and has a chest strap instead of a clothing clip. The chest switch has three positions: ICS for talking and listening on the intercommunication set, a center OFF position for radio monitoring, and a RAD (spring-loaded) position for radio transmission.

f. Combat Vehicle Crewman's (CVC) Helmet (TM 11-5965-282-15) (fig 3-29). The combat vehicle crewman's (CVC) helmet has a Headset-Microphone Kit MK-1039/G installed in it. The kit consists of two Earphones; Dynamic H-269/G, a microphone boom switch, and upper and lower (retractile) cords. The upper cord has an attached clothes clip. The switch has three positions. The operator can listen on both the radio and intercommunication set in each position. In addition, in the rear position he can talk over the intercommunication set, and in the forward position he can transmit over the radio. The CVC helmet is authorized for combat vehicle crewmen based on CTA 50-902 (mobilization) or CTA 50-901 (peacetime).

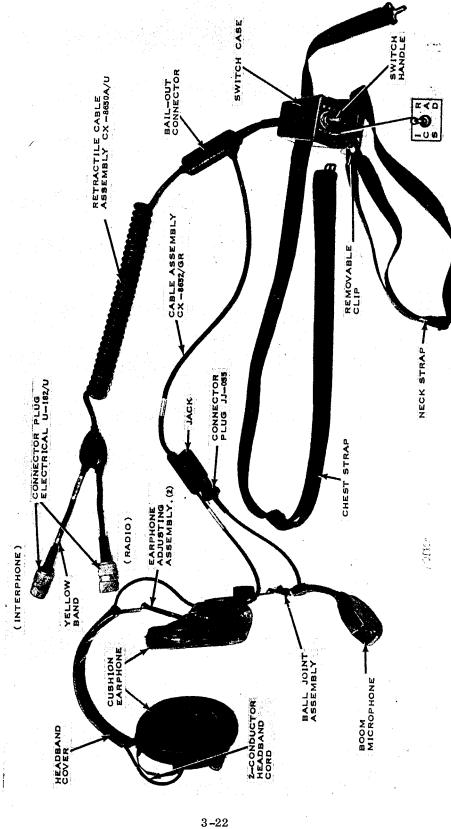


Figure 3-28. Headset-Microphone H-161A/U.

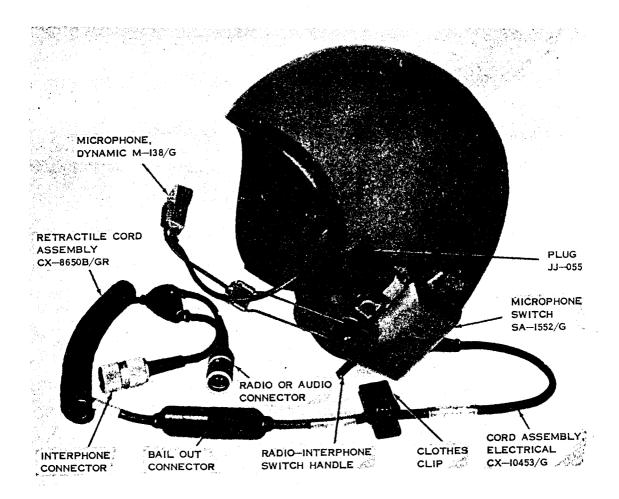


Figure 3-29. Headset-Microphone Kit MK-1039/G installed in CVC helmet.

- g. Loudspeaker, Permanent Magnet LS-454/U (TM 11-5965-255-15P) (fig 3-30). The LS-454/U loudspeaker can be connected to the radio speaker receptacle on the radios or to the radio receptacle on the control boxes. It can be used with Cable Assembly, Special Purpose, Electrical CX-7867/VRC as an extension cord. The clamp allows the unit to be mounted in a convenient place near the radio.
- h. Loudspeaker, Electromagnetic LS-549/PRC (fig 3-31).
 The LS-549/PRC loudspeaker can be used with the AN/PRC-77 radio set. It can be clipped to a helmet, harness, or radio set, or it can stand on a flat surface. Headset, Electrical H-264/PRR-9 can be worn in the ear to improve reception in noisy areas. It has 2 connecting cables (2-foot and 8-foot). When the H-264/PRR-9 headset is connected to the loudspeaker, the loudspeaker will be cut off and sound will be heard only in the headset.

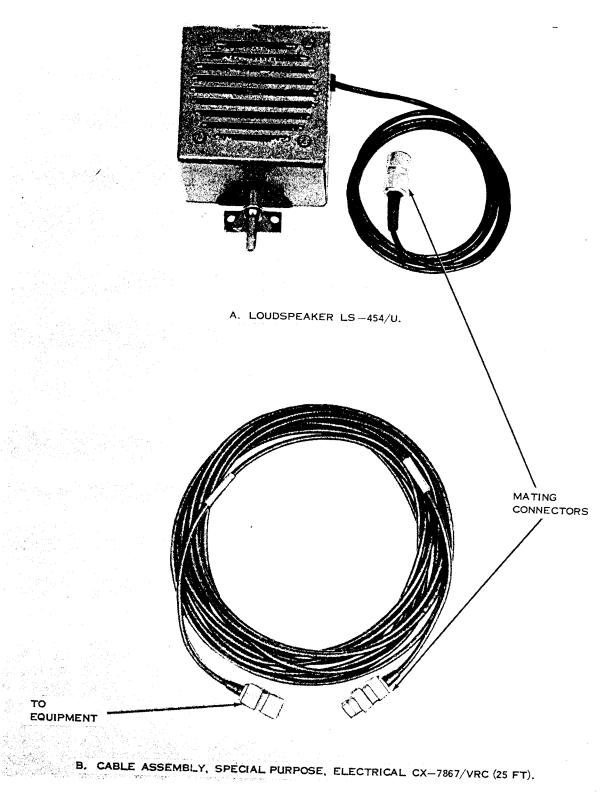


Figure 3-30. Loudspeaker, Permanent Magnet LS-454/U.

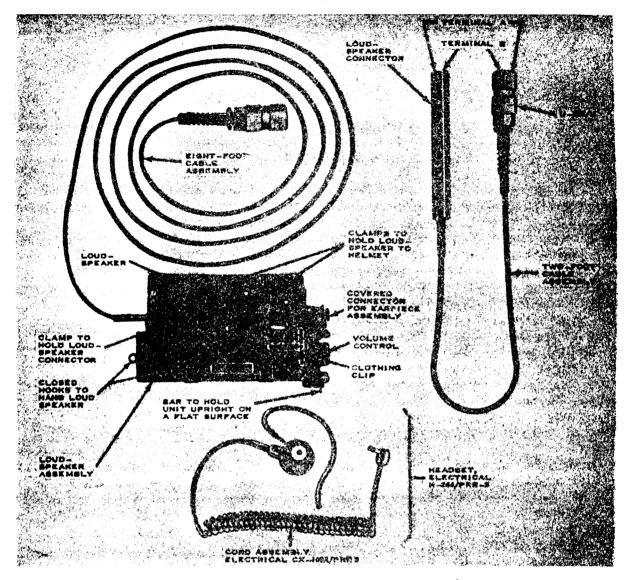


Figure 3-31. Loudspeaker, Electromagnetic LS-549/PRC.

CHAPTER 4

AM SINGLE SIDEBAND (SSB) RADIO EQUIPMENT

4-1. GENERAL

Single sideband (SSB) communications systems have been in use by the military for many years. The original applications were in large, fixed stations for long range, point-to-point communications in the high frequency (HF) band. Because of its many inherent advantages, SSB is replacing conventional, amplitude modulated (AM) portable, vehicular, and avionics communications equipment for use in the crowded HF and very high frequency (VHF) bands. The fundamental principles and theory of SSB radio communications are contained in TM 11-685.

4-2. AM SINGLE SIDEBAND (SSB) EQUIPMENT

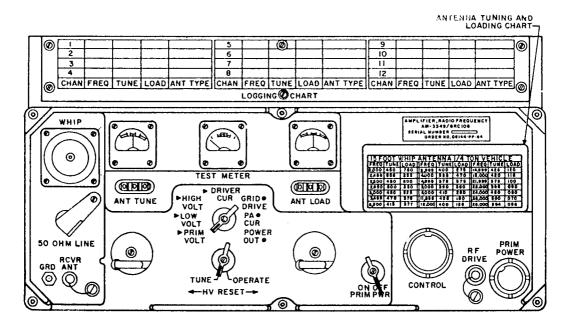
The basic tactical AM-SSB radio set is the AN/GRC-106. It is found in the armored cavalry squadron, the armored brigade headquarters, and the armored cavalry regiment. The AN/GRC-106 radio set, in combination with teletypewriters and other accessory equipment, makes up several radio teletypewriter sets. These configurations are shown in figure 4-1.

	RT-834	<u>AM-3349</u>	MD-522	<u>TT-76</u>	<u>TT-98</u>	<u>TT-4</u>	REPLACES
AN/GRC-106	1	1					AN/GRC-19
AN/GRC-142	1	1	1	1	1		AN/GRC-46
AN/GRC-122	2	1	1	1	2		AN/GRC-26D
AN/VSC-2	1	1	1			1	AN/VSC-1
AN/VSC-3	1	1	1	1	1		AN/VRC-29

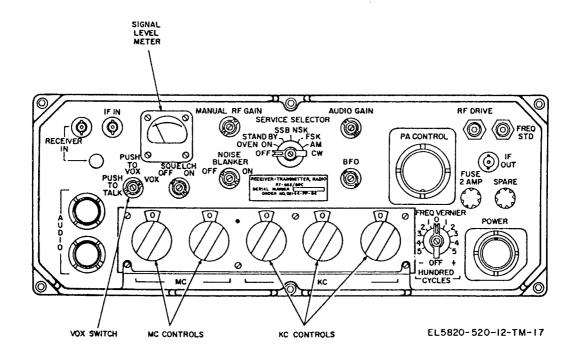
Figure 4-1. Radio Set AN/GRC-106 configurations.

Only the AN/VSC-3 and AN/GRC-142 configurations are employed in armor units.

4-3. RADIO SET AN/GRC-106A (TM 11-5820-520-12) (Figs 4-2 and 4-3)



Amplifier, Radio Frequency AM-3349/GRC-106



Receiver-Transmitter, RT-662/GRC

Figure 4-2. Radio Set AN/GRC-106A.

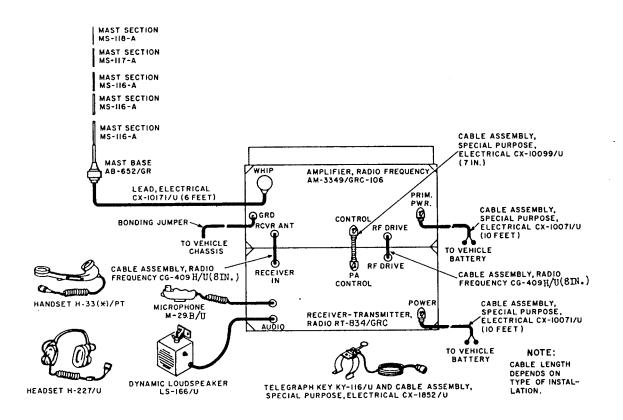


Figure 4-3. Radio Set AN/GRC-106A, typical cording diagram.

a. General. The AN/GRC-106A is a vehicular-mounted radio set with three operating modes: upper sideband voice, upper sideband compatible AM, and continuous wave. Frequency shift keyed and narrow frequency shift keyed signals can be transmitted and received using appropriate radio teletypewriter equipment. It has a planning range of 50 miles (80 kilometers) for ground wave and 100-1,500 miles (161-2414 kilometers) for sky wave. It has no retransmission capability. The Radio Set Control Group AN/GRA-74 or Control Group AN/GRA-6 (para 4-6) may be used to provide remote operation.

b. Components.

- (1) Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-834/GRC (RT-662/GRC in the AN/GRC-106).
- (2) Amplifier, Radio Frequency AM-3349/GRC-106.
- (3) Loudspeaker, Dynamic LS-166/U (para 4-7a).
- (4) Handset H-33(*)/PT (para 4-7b).
- (5) Headset, Electrical H-227/U (para 4-7c).
- (6) Microphone, Carbon M29B/U (para 4-7d).
- (7) Key, Telegraph KY-116/U (para 4-8a).
- (8) Five-section, 15-foot whip antenna (Mast Base AB-652/GR; three, MS-116A's, bottom; MS-117A, middle; MS-118A, top).
- (9) Antenna Group AN/GRA-50 (para 7-7).
- (10) Mounting MT-3140/GRC-106 (two for track vehicle installation).

c. <u>Utilization</u>. Detailed installation information is contained in the following technical manuals:

<u>Vehicle</u> .	Technical Manual
Truck, 1/4-ton, M38A1	TM 11-2300-350-15-1
Truck, 1/4-ton, M151	TM 11-2300-351-15-1
Truck, 3/4-ton, M37	TM 11-2300-352-15-1
Truck, 2-1/2-ton, M34, M35, M211	TM 11-2300-353-15-1
Carrier, Armored Personnel, M113, M113A1	TM 11-2300-355-15-1
Carrier, Armored Personnel, M114, M114A1	TM 11-2300-356-15-1
Carrier, Command Post, M577	TM 11-2300-359-15-1

d. Technical Characteristics.

- (1) Frequency range: 2.000-29.999 MHz.
- (2) Number of channels: 280,000.
- (3) Channel spacing: 100 Hz.
- (4) Power output: 400 watts, voice; 200 watts, CW
- (5) Power requirement: 27 volts dc, 1,204 watts.
- (6) Squelch: Noise operated.

(7)	Weight:	Receiver-Transmitter	46.5 pounds
		Amplifier	71.5 pounds
		Audio accessories	7.2 pounds
		Antenna group	15.0 pounds
		Whip antenna and base	2.9 pounds
		Cables and accessories	7.6 pounds
		Total	150.7 pounds

Exact total weight will depend on specific type installation.

4-4. RADIO TELETYPEWRITER SET AN/VSC-3 (TM 11-5815-332-15) (Fig 4-4)

- a. General. The AN/VSC-3 is a one-way reversible radio teletypewriter configuration of the AN/GRC-106A radio (para 4-3). It also has the voice and CW capability of the AN/GRC-106A radio.
- b. Components. The principal components, in addition to the Radio Set AN/GRC-106A, are:
 - (1) Teletypewriter TT-98(*)/FG (para 4-8b).
 - (2) Reperforator-Transmitter, Teletypewriter TT-76(*)/GGC (fig 8-20).
 - (3) Modem, Radio Teletypewriter MD-522A/GRC (para 4-8c).
 - (4) Motor Generator PU-724/G (Inverter).
 - (5) Device, Low Level Signalling TT-523A/GGC (para 4-8d).
 - (6) Crossbar assembly.
 - (7) Clock, aircraft, 8-day.
 - (8) Accessory Kit, Electronic Equipment MK-1506/VSC-3 (with batteries, clipboard, chair, flashlight, dust covers, tools, and teletypewriter supplies).
- c. <u>Utilization</u>. The AN/VSC-3 is mounted in a Carrier, Command Post M577A1, in accordance with TM 11-2300-359-15-3. For remote operation, in addition to the control group, a Teletypewriter TT-4C/TG (para 8-6a) or equivalent, is required at the remote location. Electrical Teletype Security Equipment TSEC/KW-7 can be used to provide secure radioteletype operation. The signalling device TT-523A/GGC is also required for secure operation.

- d. Technical Characteristics. Technical characteristics are the same as those for the Radio Set AN/GRC-106A, (para 4-3d), except for the following:
 - (1) Power requirement: 28 volts dc, 2,800 watts.

(2) Weight: Teletypewriter 54 pounds

Reperforator-transmitter

45 pounds

Modem

35 pounds.

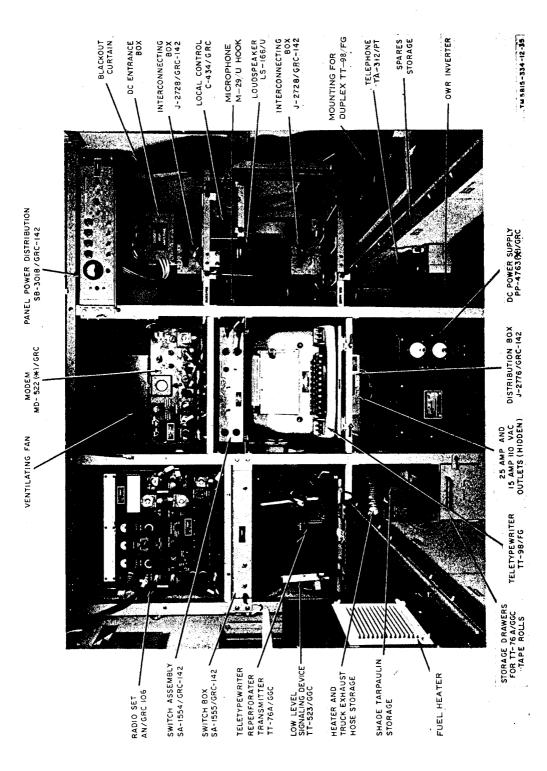


Figure 4-5. Radio Teletypewriter Set AN/GRC-142(*).

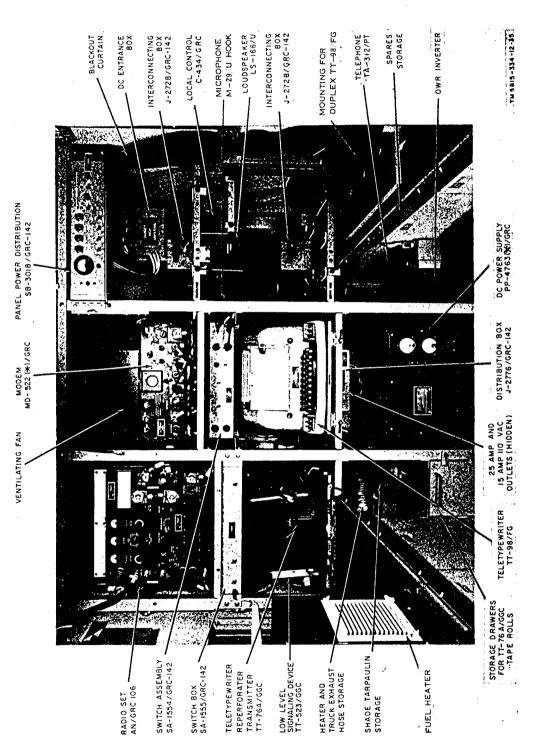


Figure 4-5. Radio Teletypewriter Set AN/GRC-142(*).



Figure 4-4. Radio Teletypewriter Set AN/VSC-3.

- General. The AN/GRC-142 is a shelter-contained configuration of the AN/GRC-106A radio (para 4-3) that provides one-way reversible radioteletype operation. It also has the voice and CW capability of the AN/GRC-106A radio.
- Components. The principal components, in addition to the Radio Set AN/GRC-106A b. are:
 - (1) Shelter, Electrical Equipment S-318/G (TM 11-5410-212-15P), for 142 and 142A, or Shelter, Electrical Equipment S-250/G (TM 11-5410-204-15P), for 142B.
 - Teletypewriter TT-98(*)/FG (para 4-8b).
 - (3) Reperforator-Transmitter, Teletypewriter TT-76A/(GGC) (fig 8-20).
 - (4) Modem, Radio Teletypewriter MD-522A/GRC (para 4-8c).
 - (5) Control Group AN/GRA-6 (para 4-6).
 - (6) Device, Low Level Signalling TT-523A/GGC (para 4-8d).
 - Motor Generator PU-724/G (Inverter).
 - (8) Standing-Wave-Ratio Power Meter ME-165/G (para 4-8e).
 - (9) Power Supply PP-4763(*)/GRC (para 4-8f).
- Utilization. The AN/GRC-142 and 142A are usually mounted on a 3/4-ton truck. The AN/GRC-142B is usually mounted on a 1-1/4-ton truck. For remote operation, in addition to the control group, a TT-98 or TT-76 teletypewriter is required at the remote location. Electrical Teletype Security Equipment TSEC/KW-7 can be used to provide secure radioteletype operation. The Signalling Device TT-523A/GGC is also required for secure operation.
- Technical Characteristics. Technical characteristics are the same as those for the Radio Set AN/GRC-106A, (para 4-3d) except for the following:
 - (1) Power requirement: 28.5 volts dc; 2,850 watts
 - (2) Weight: Shelter S-318(*)/G(142)--1,694 pounds Shelter S-318(*)/G(142A)--1,552 pounds Shelter S-250/G(142B)--1,900 pounds.
- 4-6. RADIO SET CONTROL GROUP AN/GRA-6 (TM 11-5038) (Fig 4-6)

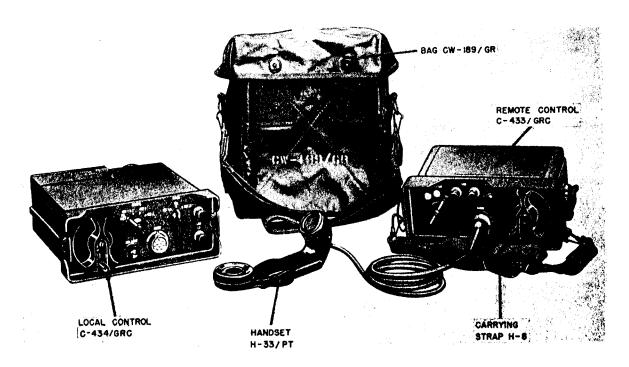


Figure 4-6. Control Group AN/GRA-6.

- a. General. Control Group AN/GRA-6 provides the means for controlling and operating a radio set using 1 or 2 receiver-transmitters from a position approximately 2 wire miles away from the location of the radio set. In addition, it provides for local control of the radio set and for two-way telephone communication between the remote and local operators. The major components are: Local Control C-434/GRC, Remote Control C-433/GRC with carrying strap, Handset H-33(*)/PT, Interconnecting Box J-654/G, and a canvas container Bag CW-189/GR with carrying strap. Field Wire WD-1/TT is used to connect the local and remote but is not a part of the control group.
- b. <u>Utilization</u>. An additional H-33(*)/PT handset is required to provide two-way telephone communication between the remote and local operators. The J-654/G interconnecting box is provided to permit simultaneous use of a handset and loudspeaker (not part of the control group) at the remote control.
 - c. Technical Characteristics.
 - (1) Telephone signal:
 - (2) Telephone signal indicator:
 - (3) Power requirement:
 - (4) Weight:

20 Hz, 100 volts (open circuit). Neon glow lamp or bell.

3 volts dc for local and remote unit microphone power provided by two Batteries BA-30; 45 volts dc for remote unit control power provided by Battery BA-414/U.

Remote control--

7.0 pounds

Local control--

10.5

Accessories and minor components 4.4 pounds

Total

21.9 pounds

4-7. AUDIO ACCESSORIES

All the audio accessories terminate in a 10-pin Connector, Plug, Electrical U-77/U or U-161/U.

a. <u>Loudspeaker</u>, <u>Dynamic LS-166/U</u> (TM 11-5965-222-15P) (fig 4-7). The LS-166/U loudspeaker contains a permanent magnet dynamic speaker and matching transformer. It has a two-position output level switch and a 6-foot cord.

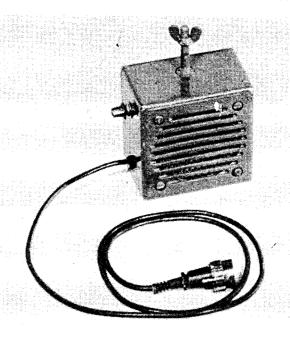


Figure 4-7. Loudspeaker, Dynamic LS-166/U.

b. <u>Handset H-33(*)/PT</u> (TM 11-5965-202-35) (fig 4-8). The H-33(*)/PT is a standard type handset with a nonlocking push-to-talk switch, and a 5-foot retractable coil cord.



Figure 4-8. Handset H-33(*)/PT.

c. <u>Headset</u>, <u>Electrical H-227/U</u> (fig 4-9). The H-227/U headset consists of two soft rubber earpieces mounted on a thin, metal adjustable headband covered with cushioning material. It has a 10-foot retractable coil cord.

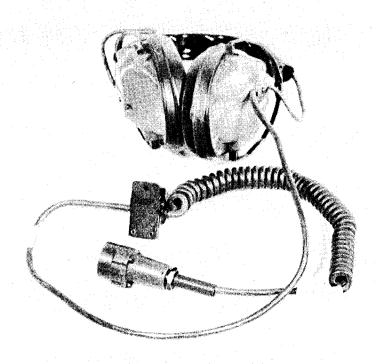


Figure 4-9. Headset, Electrical H-227-U.

d. Microphone, Carbon M29B/U (TB Sig 272) (fig 4-10). The M29B/U is a unidirectional, low-impedance carbon-element, hand-held microphone. It has a push-to-talk switch and a 5-foot retractable coil cord.

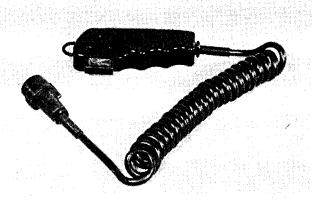


Figure 4-10. Microphone, Carbon M29B/U.

4-8. RADIO TELETYPE AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

Key, Telegraph KY-116/U (fig 4-11). The KY-116/U telegraph key in a CW handkeying device that has an adjustable metal band that can be clamped to the operator's leg. It is connected to the radio teletypewriter equipment through a 6-foot special purpose Electrical Cable Assembly CS-1852/U that terminates in a 10-pin Connector, Plug, Electrical U-77/U.

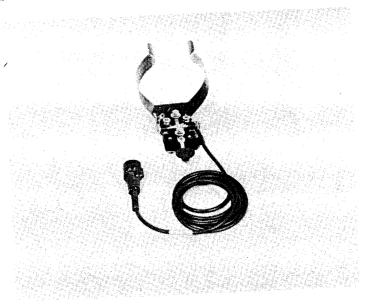


Figure 4-11. Key, Telegraph KY-116/U.

Teletypewriter TT-98(*)/FG (TM 11-5815-200-12) (fig 4-12).

- (1) General. The TT-98(*)/FG teletypewriter is a component of the AN/FGC-20X and AN/UGC-4 teletypewriter sets. Both sets are identical and include a PP-978/FG power supply mounted in the teletypewriter. The only difference is that the AN/FGC-20X has a table, Teletypewriter FM-59/FG. The TT-98(*)/FG is a page printer and keyboard transmitter teletypewriter. It can be used for half or full duplex (does not record the message being sent)
- (2) Utilization. The power supply is a rectifier that provides dc for the line signal and local circuits, and adjusted ac for the ac circuits. Roll or fanfold paper may be used.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Operational speeds: 60 and 100 words per minute (gears for 66 and 75 words per minute may be used but are not components).
 - (b) Power requirement: 95-125 volts or 190-250 volts, 50-60 Hz, 180 watts.
 - Teletypewriter--54 pounds (c) Weight: power supply--7 pounds table--22 pounds.

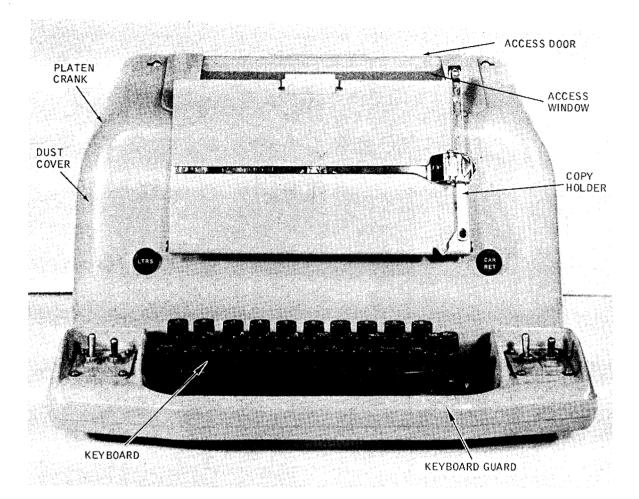
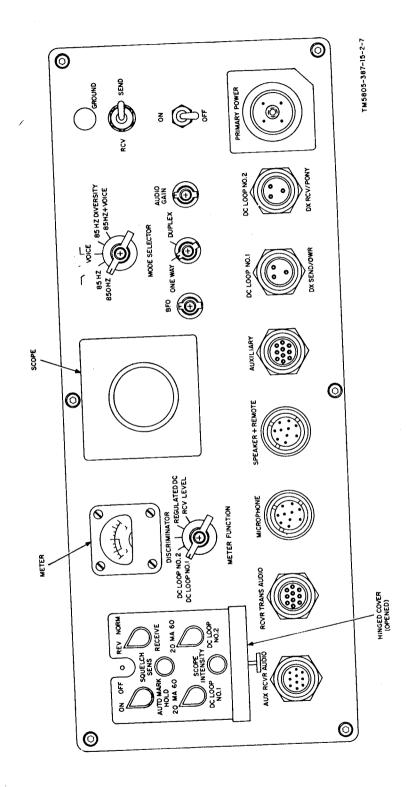


Figure 4-12. Teletypewriter TT-98(*)/FG.

- c. Modem, Radio Teletypewriter MD-522A/GRC (TM 11-5805-387-15-2) (fig 4-13).
 - (1) General. The MD-522A/GRC radio teletypewriter modem converts dc current pulses in a standard code from a sending teletypewriter and converts them into audio tones and performs the opposite function for a receiving teletypewriter. It can be employed in a landline system (with isolation amplifiers), to provide teletypewriter communications between a local and a remote teletypewriter and as part of a radio teletypewriter system. It has 5 modes of operation: 850 Hz frequency shift keying, 85 Hz narrow shift keying, 85 Hz diversity, 300-3000 Hz voice, and narrow shift keying plus voice. It is capable of both one-way reversible and duplex operation. The modem has only one major component.
 - (2) Utilization. The Mounting MT-3140/GRC-106 (used with the AN/GRC-106A radio set) may be used as a mounting base for the radio teletypewriter modem.
 - (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Operating rate: In excess of 100 words per minute.
 - (b) Signal level: Space 0 Ma

Mark 20 or 60 Ma.

- (c) Power output: 200 millivolts.
- (d) Power requirement: 27 volts dc, 37.8 watts.



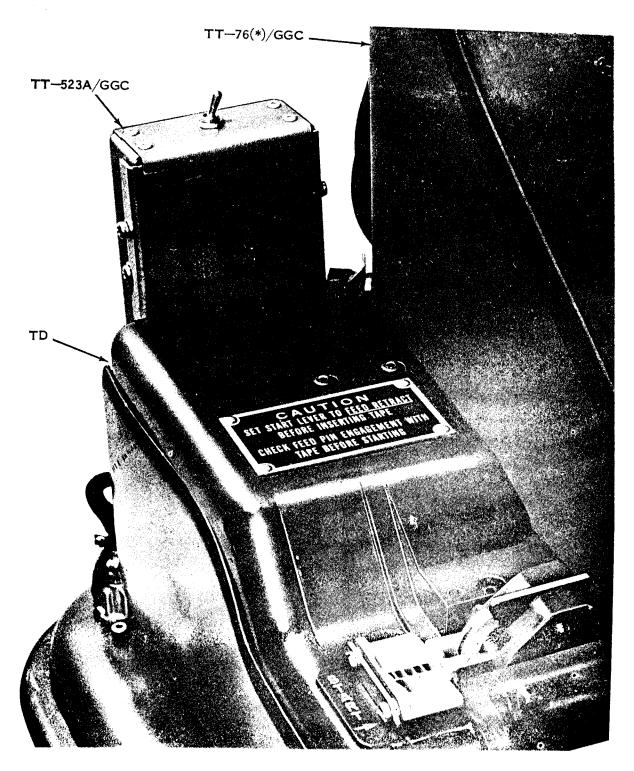


Figure 4-14. Device, Low Level Signalling TT-523A/GGC.

- Device, Low Level Signalling TT-523A/GGC (TM 11-5815-338-15) (fig 4-14). d.
 - General. The TT-523A/GGC signalling device reduces electromagnetic radiation from the teletypewriter perforator-transmitter TT-76(*)/GGC. It can only be used with the A, B, and C models of the TT-76, by providing a means of performing the off-line tape punching functions at lower voltage and current levels. It is bypassed during on-line operation. A two-position toggle switch selects on-line or off-line operation.
 - (2) Utilization. The TT-76(*)/GGC requires minor alteration for installation of the signalling device.
 - (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Power requirement: 26.5 volts dc, 1.5 watts (received from TT-76(*)/GGC).
 - Mark 68 microamperes, space 27.5 Ma. (b) Signal level:
 - (c) Weight: 12 ounces.
- Standing-Wave-Ratio Power Meter ME-165/G (TM 11-6625-333-15) (fig 4-15). The ME-165G meter is used for measuring the AN/GRC-106 radio transmitter output power and standing wave ratio. It may also be used for terminating the output during periods of radio silence.

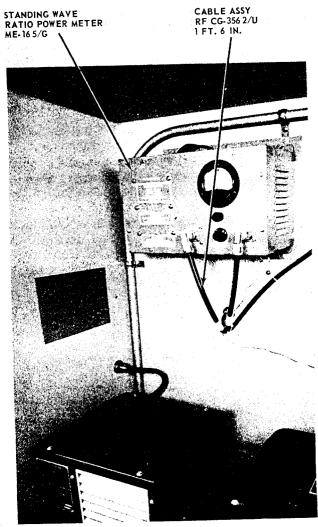


Figure 4-15. Standing-Wave-Ratio Power Meter ME-165/G.

f. Power Supply PP-4763(*)/GRC (TM 11-5820-765-12) (fig 4-16). The PP-4763(*)/GRC provides 27-29 volts dc at 50 amperes to the AN/GRC-142 shelter when an external 115 volt ac, 23 ampere, 60-Hz power source is used. The A model can also operate from a 230-volt ac, 11.5-ampere source.

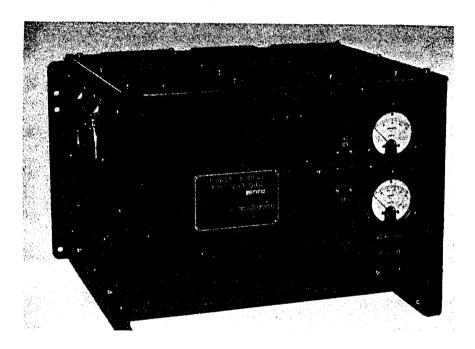


Figure 4-16. Power Supply PP-4763A/GRC.

CHAPTER 5

AIRCRAFT RADIOS

5-1. GENERAL

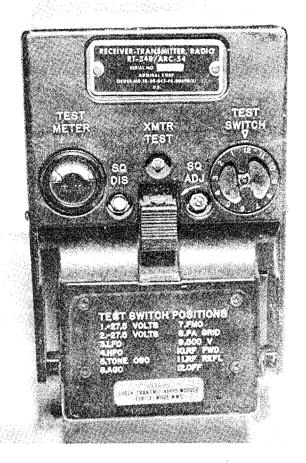
Aircraft radios are lightweight and compact in design. Some have two major component parts, the receiver-transmitter and the control unit. Due to the weight and balance limitations of the aircraft, only the latter is located in the crew compartment. Aircraft have both basic type radios, frequency modulated (FM) and amplitude modulated (AM). Operating range for most airborne radios is 80 miles (128.7 kilometers) line of site. Army helicopters also carry an emergency rescue radio, the AN/PRC-90. Radio Set AN/PRC-41A is a ground-operated radio set designed primarily for air-to-ground communications. The aircraft found in the air cavalry troop include the Observation Helicopter OH-58A, Utility Helicopter UH-1H, and Attack Helicopter AH-1G. Each has the complete provisions for installation of Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-28. The standard radio configurations for the air cavalry troop helicopters, as contained in TB 750-1, are listed below:

Aircraft	Radio Equipment		
OH-58A	AN/ARC-114	VHF-FM 1	
	(And complete provisions for	a	
	second AN/ARC-114	VHF-FM 2)	
	AN/ARC-115	VHF-AM	
	AN/ARC-51BX	UHF-AM	
	(And complete provisions for an		
	AN/ARC-116	UHF-AM)	
UH-1H	AN/ARC-54 or AN/ARC-131	VHF-FM	
	(And complete provisions for	an	
	AN/ARC-73	VHF-AM)	
	AN/ARC-134	VHF-AM	
	(And complete provisions for an		
	AN/ARC-102	HF-AM)	
	AN/ARC-51BX	UHF-AM	
AH-1G	AN/ARC-131 or	VHF-FM	
	AN/ARC-54		
	AN/ARC-134	VHF-AM	
	AN/ARC-51BX	UHF-AM	

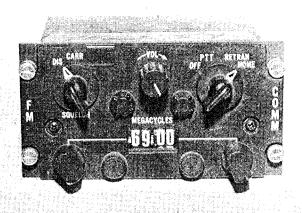
5-2. AIRBORNE VHF FM RADIO SETS

Airborne FM radio sets are used for air-to-air and air-to-ground communications. They will net with FM radios that have compatible frequencies such as the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 families of radios. Secure voice operation is possible with addition of the Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-28.

a. Radio Set AN/ARC-54 (TM 11-582)-244-12) (fig 5-1).



Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-348/ARC-54



Control, Radio Set C-3835/ARC-54

Figure 5-1. Radio Set AN/ARC-54.

- (1) General. The AN/ARC-54 radio has 3 operating modes: two-way voice communications, retransmission, and homing. It has two major components: Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-348/ARC-54 and Control, Radio Set C-3835/ARC-54. Antenna AS-1703/AR and Coupler, Antenna CU-942(*)/ARC-54 (the AH-1G helicopter uses Antenna AS-2285/ARC) are used with, but are not part of the radio set. Control, Indicator C-8157/ARC must be used in conjunction with Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-28 for secure voice operation.
- (2) Utilization. Retransmission is accomplished by using another AN/ARC-54 radio. Homing capability is provided by using Homing Antenna AS-1922/ARC or equivalent, and Indicator ID-48A/ARN or ID-1347/ARN.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 30.00-69.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 800.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 10 watts minimum.
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 206 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Three-position capability:

DIS (disable)—Squelch inoperative. CARR (carrier)—Noise operated.

Total

TONE--150 Hz tone operated (in some installations this position is disabled).

(g) Weight: Receiver-transmitter

and mounting:

24.0 pounds

Control.

2.2 pounds 26.2 pounds

b. Radio Set AN/ARC-114 (TM 11-5821-259-20) (fig 5-2).

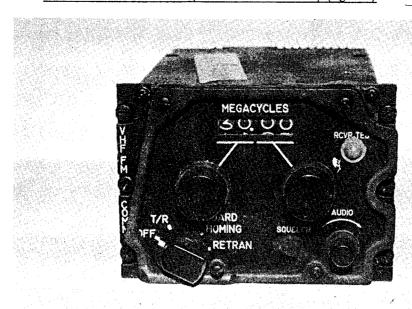


Figure 5-2. Radio Set AN/ARC-114.

(1) General. The AN/ARC-114 radio has four operating modes: two-way voice communications, two-way voice communications plus guard channel reception, two-way voice communications plus homing, and retransmission. It has only one major component.

- (2) Utilization. The guard channel is received through a receiver element in the main transmitter-receiver. Homing capability is provided when used in conjunction with a 2-element homing antenna (AS-2486 and AS-2670); Network, Impedance Matching Quadrature Hybird CU-1796/ARC-114; 2 Networks. Impedance Matching CU-1794/ARC-114, and a Heading-Radio Bearing Indicator ID-1351/A. Retransmission may be accomplished using another AN/ARC-114 or either an AN/ARC-115 or AN/ARC-116 radio. The guard receiver is set within the frequency range of 40-42 MHz for 40.5 MHz.
 - (3) Main receiver-transmitter technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 30.00-75.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 920.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 10 watts minimum high power, 1.0 watts minimum low
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 85 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Noise or 150 Hz, tone operated.
 - (g) Weight: 7 pounds.
- Radio Set AN/ARC-131 (TM 11-5820-670-12) (fig 5-3). c.
 - General. The AN/ARC-131 radio has three operating modes: two-way voice communications, homing, and retransmission. It is the replacement for the AN/ARC-54 radio set. It has 2 major components: Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-823/ARC-131 and Control, Radio Set C-7088/ARC-131. Antenna AS-1703/AR and Coupler, Antenna CU-942(*)/ARC-54 (the AH-1G helicopter uses Antenna AS-2285/ARC) are used with, but are not a part of, the radio set.
 - (2) Utilization. Retransmission is accomplished by using another AN/ARC-131 radio. The homing capability is provided by using homing Antenna AS-1922/ ARC or equivalent and Indicator ID-48A/ARN or ID-1347/ARN.
 - (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 30.00-75.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 920.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 10 watts minimum.
 - (e) Power requirement: 24-29 volts dc, 110 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Three-position capability.

DIS (disable)--Squelch inoperative. CARR (carrier) -- Noise operated.

TONE-- 150 Hz, tone operated (in some installations this position is disabled).

(g) Weight: Receiver-transmitter

26.89 pounds and mounting.

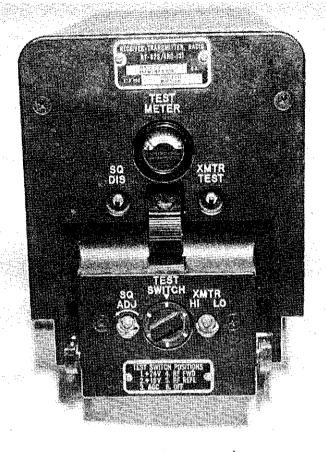
2.31 pounds Control.

29, 20 pounds Total

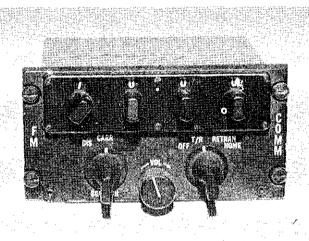
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5-3. Airborne VHF-AM radio sets are used for air-to-air and air-to-ground (air traffic control) communications. They do not have a secure voice capability.

Radio Set AN/ARC-73 (TM 11-5821-217-12) (fig 5-4).

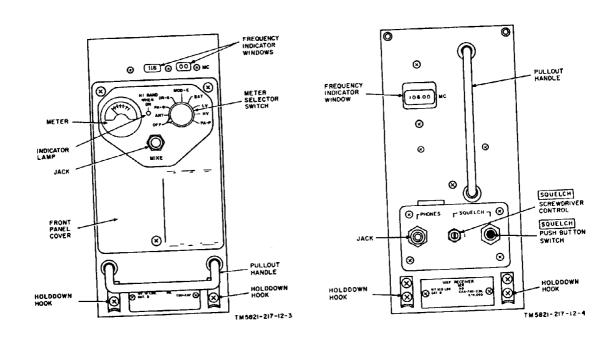


Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-823/ARC-131



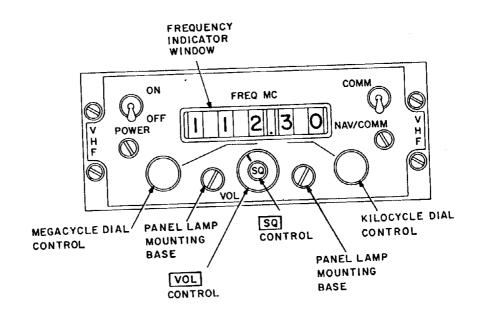
Control, Radio Set C-7088/ARC-131

Figure 5-3. Radio Set AN/ARC-131. 5-5



Transmitter, Radio T-879(*)/ARC-73

Receiver, Radio R-1123(*)/ARC-73



Control, Radio Set C-4074(*)/ARC-73

Figure 5-4. Radio Set AN/ARC-73.

- (1) General. The AN/ARC-73 has only a two-way voice communications operating mode. It can transmit and receive (not simultaneously) on different frequencies. It has three major components: Transmitter, Radio T-879(*)/ ARC-73; Receiver, Radio R-1123(*)/ARC-73, and Control, Radio Sct C-4074(*)/ARC-73A. Antenna AT-1108/ARC is used with, but is not a part of, the radio set.
- (2) Utilization. Although some models of the control unit have a COMM-NAV/ COMM toggle switch, it is not used.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: Transmitter, 116.00-149.95 MHz; Receiver, 108.00-151.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: Transmitter 80; Receiver 880.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 25 watts minimum, 116-134 MHz. 20 watts minimum, 140-150 MHz.
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts de, 220 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Noise operated or inoperative.
 - (g) Weight: Transmitter-receiver and mounting. Control.

1.7 pounds 29.5 pounds

27.8 pounds

Total

Radio Set AN/ARC-115 (TM 11-5821-260-20) (fig 5-5).

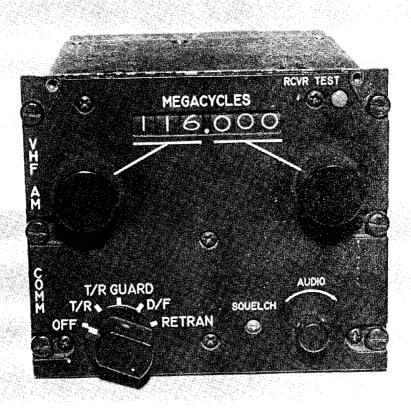
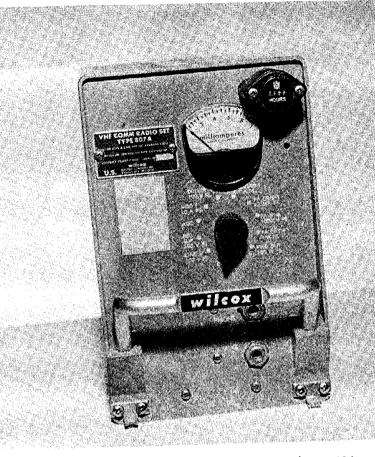


Figure 5-5. Radio Set AN/ARC-115.

- (1) General. The AN/ARC-115 radio set has 4 operating modes: two-way voice communications, two-way voice communications plus guard channel reception, two-way voice communications plus homing, and retransmission. It has only one major component. A VHF antenna is used with but is not a part of the radio set.
- (2) Utilization. The guard channel is received through a receiver element in the main transmitter-receiver. Homing capability is provided when used in conjunction with a homing antenna and Heading-Radio Bearing Indicator ID-1351/A. Retransmission may be accomplished using another AN/ARC-115 or either an AN/ARC-114 or AN/ARC-116 radio. The guard receiver is set within the frequency range of 119-124 MHz for 121.5 MHz.
- (3) Main receiver-transmitter technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 116.000-149.975 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 1,360.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 25 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 10 watts minimum.
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 85 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Noise operated.
 - (g) Weight: 6.5 pounds.
- Radio Set AN/ARC-134B (TM 11-5821-277-20) (fig 5-6).
 - (1) General. The AN/ARC-134B has only a two-way voice communications operating mode. When used with auxiliary equipment, it receives and transmits communication signals for an air traffic control signaling system. The AN/ARC-134B has two major components: Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-857/ARC-134 and a Control, Radio Set C-7197/ARC-134. A VHF antenna is used with, but is not a part of, the radio set.
 - (2) Utilization. The AN/ARC-134 and 134A models were modified to the 134B model by MWO 11-5821-277-50/1.
 - (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 116.000-149.975 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 680.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 25 watts minimum.
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 292.5 watts.
 - Squelch: Noise operated.
 - (g) Weight: Receiver-transmitter and mounting. 17.5 pounds 2.1 pounds Control. 19.6 pounds Total
- AIRBORNE HF-AM RADIO SET AN/ARC-102 (TM 11-5821-248-12) (Fig 5-7) 5-4.
- General. Radio Set AN/ARC-102 is used for long range, air-to-air and air-toground two-way voice and continuous wave (CW) communications. It operates either in the single sideband (upper or lower), AM, data (with auxiliary equipment), or CW modes. It does not have a secure voice capability. It has two major components: Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-698/ARC-102 and Control, Radio Set C-3940/ARC-94. A 45-foot, long wire antenna and Network, Impedance Matching CU-991/AR or CU-1658/A are used with, but are not part of, the radio set.
 - Utilization. A telegraph key, not a part of the set, is used for CW operation.



Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-857/ARC-134

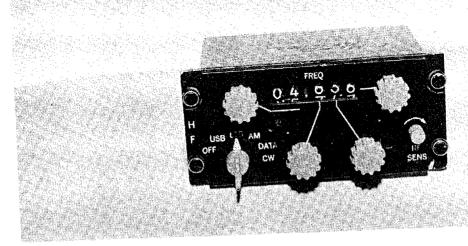


Control, Radio Set C-7197/ARC-134

Figure 5-6. Radio Set AN/ARC-134B.



Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-698/ARC-102



Control, Radio Set C-3940/ARC-94

Figure 5-7. Radio Set AN/ARC-102. 5-10

Technical Characteristics.

- (1) Frequency range: 2.000-29.999 MHz.
- (2) Number of channels: 28,000.

(3) Channel spacing: 1 kHz.

- (4) Power output: 400 watts, single sideband, 100 watts, CW.
- (5) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 952 watts.

(6) Squelch: None.

63.5 pounds (7) Weight: Receiver-transmitter and mounting. 2.0 pounds Control. 65.5 pounds Total

AIRBORNE UHF-AM RADIO SETS 5-5.

Airborne UHF-AM radio sets are used for air-to-air, air-to-ground, and air-to-ship communications. They will net with any AM radios that have compatible frequencies. The air cavalry troop of the armored cavalry squadron has two AN/PRC-41A radio sets that will net with the airborne UHF-AM radios.

Radio Set AN/ARC-51BX (TM 11-5820-518-20) (fig 5-8).

- (1) General. The AN/ARC-51 radio has 3 operating modes: two-way voice communications, two-way voice communications plus guard channel reception, and two-way voice communications plus homing. It has 2 major components: Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-742(*)/ARC-51BX and Control, Radio Set C-6287/ARC-51BX. The Antenna AT-1108/ARC or AS-2487 is used with, but is not a part of, the radio. The ARC-51BX is the standard UHF radio used by the Army, Air Force, and Marines. The homing capability of this radio is normally not used in Army helicopters. Only the RT-742/B model receiver-transmitter has a secure voice capability.
- (2) Utilization. The guard channel (243 MHz) is received through a receiver element in the main transmitter-receiver. Homing capability is provided when used in conjunction with equipment such as Direction Finder AN/ARA-25 (not included in the standard configuration for the OH-58A, UH-1H, or AH-1G helicopters).
- (3) Main receiver-transmitter technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 225.00-399.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 3,500 plus fixed guard.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Number of presets: 20.
 - (e) Power output: 16 watts minimum.
 - (f) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 336.9 watts.
 - (g) Squelch: Two-position capability for squelch disable.

Switch: OFF--Noise operated.

ON--Squelch inoperative.

Receiver-transmitter and mounting. (h) Weight:

29.7 pounds 3.8 pounds

Control. Minor components.

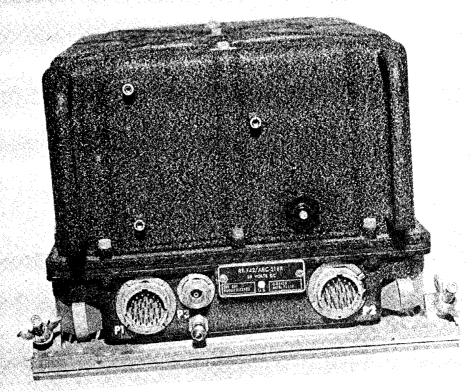
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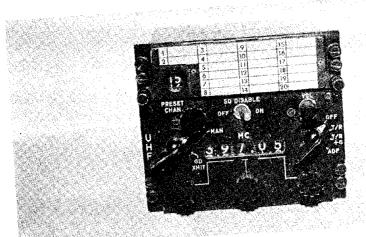
35.6 pounds

Radio Set AN/ARC-116 (TM 11-5821-261-20) (fig 5-9).

(1) General. The AN/ARC-116 radio has 4 operating modes: two-way voice communications, two-way voice communications plus guard channel reception, twoway voice communications plus homing, and retransmission. It does not have secure voice capability. It has only one major component. Antenna AS-2487 is used with, but is not part of, the radio. The AN/ARC-116 radio set will replace the AN/ARC-51BX in the OH-58A helicopter, as it becomes available.



Receiver-Transmitter, Radio RT-742(*)/ARC-51BX



Control, Radio Set C-6287/ARC-51BX Figure 5-8. Radio Set AN/ARC-51BX. 5-12

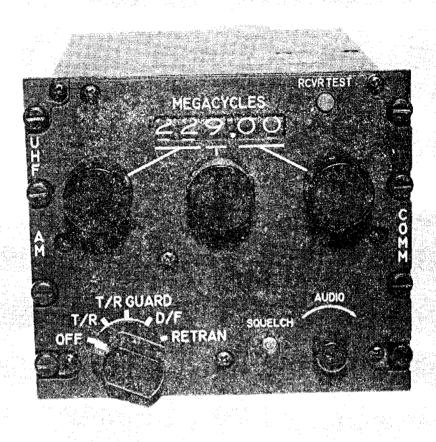


Figure 5-9. Radio Set AN/ARC-116.

- (2) Utilization. The guard channel is set within the frequency range of 238-248 MHz for 243 MHz. Homing capability is provided by a homing antenna and a Heading-Radio Bearing Indicator, ID-1351/A. Retransmission may be accomplished using another AN/ARC-116, or either an AN/ARC-114 or AN/ARC-115 radio.
- (3) Main receiver-transmitter technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 225.00-399.95 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 3,500.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 50 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 8 watts minimum.
 - (e) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 85 watts.
 - (f) Squelch: Noise operated.
 - (g) Weight: 7.75 pounds.
- e. Radio Set AN/PRC-41A (TM 11-5820-510-12-1) (fig 5-10).
 - (1) General. Radio Set AN/PRC-41A is a portable set that can be operated in man pack, fixed station, and vehicular configurations. It has 3 modes of operation: two-way voice communications, two-way voice communications

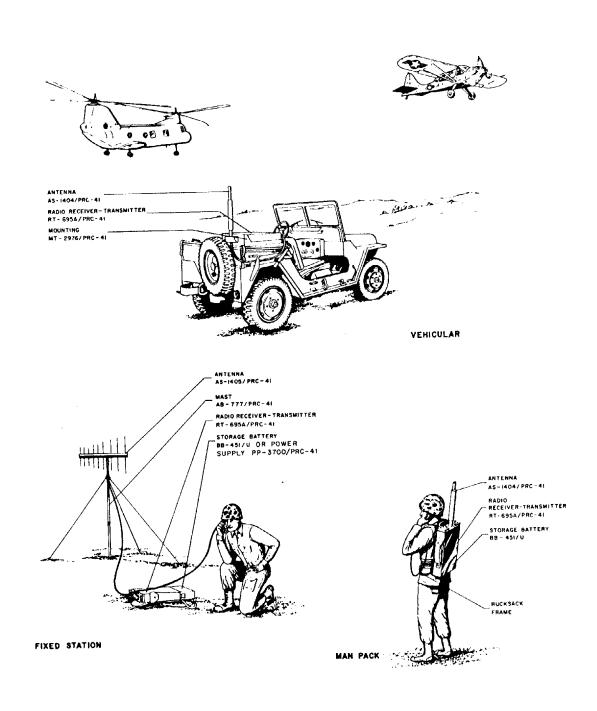


Figure 5-10. Radio Set AN/PRC-41A operating configurations.

plus guard channel reception, and retransmission. It has a secure voice capability when used with Speech Security Equipment TSEC/KY-38. It has 6 major components: Radio Set, Case CY-3883/PRC-41; Receiver-Transmitter RT-695A/PRC-41; Battery BB-451/U; Antenna, AS-1404/PRC-41 (omnidirectional); Handset H-33E/PT; harness, and frame. In addition, an Accessory Kit MK-706/PRC-41 for fixed station or vehicular configurations includes: Electronic Equipment, Case CY-3885/PRC-41; Power Supply PP-3700/PRC-41; Antenna AS-1405/PRC-41 (unidirectional, log periodic); Mast AB-777/PRC-41, power cables, antenna accessories; and a tool kit.

- (2) Utilization. The guard channel (243 MHz) is received through a receiver element in the main transmitter-receiver. Retransmission is accomplished by using another AN/PRC-41A radio, and a special purpose connecting cable. The power supply can be used with a 115- or 230-volt, 50- to 400-Hz power source.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Frequency range: 225.0-399.9 MHz.
 - (b) Number of channels: 1,750.
 - (c) Channel spacing: 100 kHz.
 - (d) Power output: 3 watts average.
 - (e) Power requirement: 26.5 volt dc. Man pack: Storage Battery BB-451/C (24 volts). Fixed station: Power Supply PP-3700/PRC-41. Vehicular: Vehicle battery supply.
 - (f) Squelch: Noise operated.

(g)	Weight:	Radio set case.		79,0 pounds
ιο,	· ·	Receiver-transmitter	•	22.1 pounds
		Accessories.		22.5 pounds
			Total	123.6 pounds
		Acc	essorv Kit:	123.5 pounds

5-6. AUDIO ACCESSORIES

a. Helmet, Flying, Protective APH-5(*) and SPH-4 (TM 10-8415-202-13) (fig 5-11). The SPH-4 is the replacement for the APH-5(*) protective helmet. The helmet shell of both is made of glass fabric bonded with hard plastic and has an energy-absorbent liner. The retractable visor provides protection from glare, wind blast, and dust. The principal communication elements are Headset H-75(*)/AIC and a dynamic, noise cancelling type microphone, M-33A/AIC.

b. Headset-Microphone H-101A/U (TM 11-5965-215-15) (fig 5-12).

The H-101A/U headset-microphone provides hand-free, low-noise communication. It is used with Cord Assembly, Electrical CX-2555/U (requires a separate transmit-receive switch) or CX-2556/U (which has an integral transmit-receive switch). Its principal elements are two H-79/AIC or H-143/AIC earphones and an IM-33/AIC microphone.

5-7. INTERCOMMUNICATION AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Army aircraft employ multistation intercommunication and control equipment to provide individual crew members with the ability to operate/monitor the aircraft intercommunication and radio systems. A headset-microphone, such as the H-101A/U, is required for each control set.

- a. Control, Intercommunication Set C-1611D/AIC (TM 11-5831-201-20) (fig 5-13).
 - (1) General. The intercommunication control system, using the C-1611D control set, may consist of a maximum of 6 control sets, 8 radio receivers (including 3 navigational and 1 emergency), and 4 radio transmitters. The standard configuration for the UH-1H helicopter includes three C-1611 control sets, and the AH-1G helicopter includes 2.

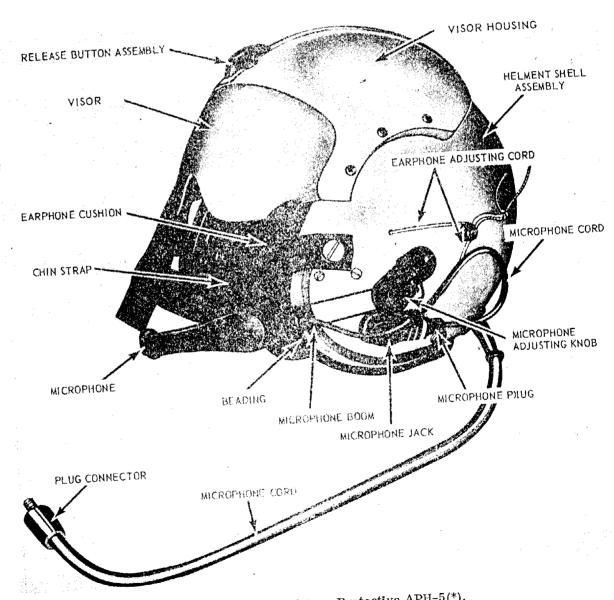
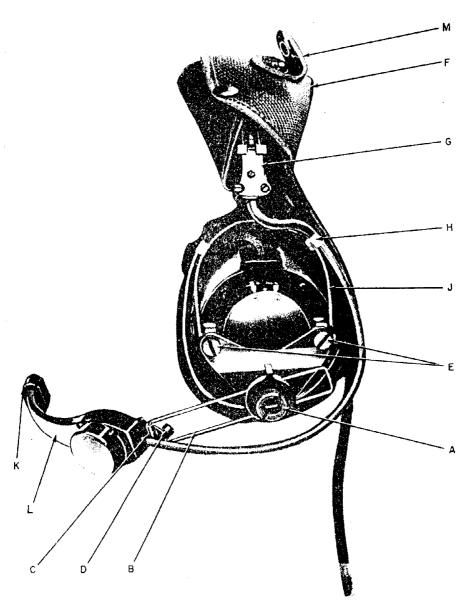


Figure 5-11. Helmet, Flying, Protective APH-5(*). 5-16



- A Swivel bracket thumbnut
- B Wire loop
- C Friction bearing
- D Slotted nut
- E Screws
- F Headband cover

- G Connector, Plug, Electrical U-173/U
- H Cable clips
- J Yoke
- K Microphone and nylon guard
- L Microphone boom
- M Stowing grommet

Figure 5-12. Headset-Microphone H-101A/U. 5-17

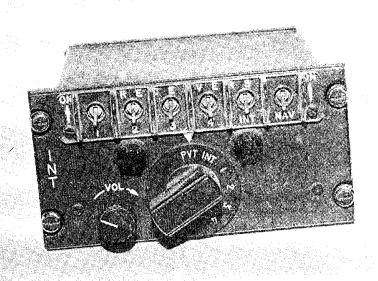


Figure 5-13. Control, Intercommunication Set C-1611D/AIC.

- (2) Utilization. The C-1611 control set provides 4 possible modes of operation: Receiver monitoring, two-way voice radio, intercommunication, and private interphone (between any 2 control sets wired specifically for this type of operation). In some instances only receiver monitoring and intercommunication modes are available at a particular control set.
- (3) Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 5.6 watts.

(b) Weight: 2 pounds. Control, Communication System C-6533/ARC (TM 11-5821-262-20) (fig 5-14). b.

- General. The intercommunications control system, using the C-6533 control set, may consist of 2 or 3 control sets, 5 radio transmitters, and 8 radio receivers (including auxiliary and navigation). The control set is also capable of monitoring up to four separate audio inputs. Standard configuration for the OH-58A helicopter includes three control sets.
- (2) Utilization. The C-6533 control set provides 5 possible modes of operation: receiver monitoring, two-way voice radio, intercommunication, audio monitoring, and hot microphone (a hand-free operating mode in which all speech will be applied to the intercommunication system regardless of the selector switch position).
- Technical characteristics.
 - (a) Power requirement: 27.5 volts dc, 5 watts.
 - (b) Weight: 2 pounds.

EMERGENCY RESCUE RADIO AN/PRC-90 (TM 11-5820-800-12) (Fig 5-15)

The AN/PRC-90 is a compact, micro-electronic, AM, rescue receiver-5-8. transmitter that operates on two channels. It provides two-way voice communications over a range of 69 miles (111 kilometers) to aircraft operating at 10,000 feet altitude. It also has a beacon mode of operation (sweeps from 1,000 to 300 Hz every 2-3 seconds) at a range of 57.5 miles (92.5 kilometers) and a MCW mode (1,000-Hz tone when button is depressed).

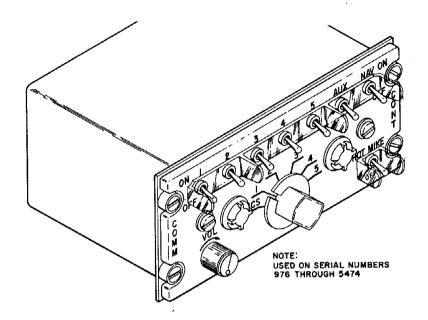


Figure 5-14. Control, Communication System C-6533/ARC.

b. Technical Characteristics.

- (1) Channel frequencies: 243.0 guard channel, and 282.8 MHz alternate channel.
- (2) Power output: 500 milliwatts.
- (3) Power requirement: Battery operated, BA-1568/U.
- (4) Weight: 24 ounces (with battery).



Figure 5-15. Radio Set AN/PRC-90. 5-20

- c. <u>Traffic Analysis</u>. Examining enemy transmissions to determine tactical information, e.g., unit size, condition, and future plans.
 - d. Cryptanalysis. Decoding enemy messages to learn their content.

6-3. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES (ECM)

ECM is the offensive weapon of EW that includes actions taken to prevent or reduce the enemy's effective use of his communications-electronics systems. This is primarily accomplished by:

- a. <u>Electronic Jamming</u>. Electronic jamming is deliberately transmitting on the enemy's operating frequency with sufficient power to mask his signal. Jamming is usually conducted by an Army Security Agency unit since it has the specialized equipment and trained personnel to conduct ECM. Electronic jamming is further subdivided into communications and non-communications jamming.
 - (1) Communications jamming (COMJAM) is electronic jamming used primarily against radio and wire communications systems.
 - (2) Noncommunications jamming is electronic jamming used against electronic devices other than those that are used as a means of communications, e.g., navigational aids, radars, guided missiles, proximity fuses, and similar devices.
- b. <u>Imitative Deception</u>. Imitative deception is the introduction of fraudulent or misleading messages into the enemy's communications system with the purpose of having the enemy accept these messages as his own.

6-4. ELECTRONIC COUNTER-COUNTERMEASURES (ECCM)

ECCM includes those measures that we take to defend our system from the offensive EW activities of the enemy. At the operational level, ECCM is perhaps the most important of the three main subdivisions of EW. It is at this level that we find the personnel who operate the systems that are vulnerable to the enemy's EW operations. And it is here that the responsibility for countering the EW attacks of the enemy rests most heavily. ECCM at platoon through brigade level deals primarily with the employment of proper signal security and antijamming techniques.

- a. <u>Communications Security</u>. Communications security includes all measures designed to deny or delay unauthorized persons from gaining information of value from the study of telecommunications. It includes:
 - (1) Using authentication to ensure that the station you are communicating with is an authorized one and using only approved codes to hinder enemy cryptanalysis.
 - (2) Assigning and changing frequencies and call signs in a manner intended to deny the enemy information regarding identification and disposition of tactical units.
 - (3) Employing radio silence by designating a period during which all radio communications equipment is turned off.
 - (4) Employing listening silence by restricting the use of the radio transmitter and only permitting monitoring of the radio receiver.
 - (5) Enforcing net discipline and ensuring the use of proper radiotelephone procedures. All stations operating within a net must use authorized prosigns, prowords, and limit transmissions to official traffic.
 - (6) Using speech security equipment whenever possible.
 - (7) Selecting radio sites that have a hill mass or other obstacle between them and the enemy location.
- b. <u>Electronic Security.</u> Electronic security includes measures designed to deny unauthorized persons information of value from our noncommunications electromagnetic radiation devices, e.g., radar. Radar security measures include:
 - (1) Reduced power operation. Operation should be conducted with minimum power required for satisfactory operation. Use a dummy antenna during maintenance and alignment operations.

- (2) Proper siting. Radar transmitters should be deployed to provide for side lobe absorption and proper target background when possible. Orient radar beam away from suspected enemy intercept sites.
- (3) Restricted operation. Operate radar equipment only when necessary to support the tactical mission.
- c. Antijamming Procedures. Antijamming procedures are employed by radio operators to reduce the effects of enemy jamming. They are:
 - (1) Recognition. The first thing an operator should do when his equipment indicates some type interference is to attempt to determine what is causing the interference. The operator cannot immediately assume that it is jamming, because the symptoms of jamming are often similar to those of other types of radio or radar interference. One technique is the removal of the receiver antenna to determine whether a signal is being generated internally by the receiver. If the interference decreases noticeably with the antenna removed, then the interference is being generated externally.
 - (2) Continued operation. Radio operations should always be conducted in a normal manner once jamming has been identified so that the enemy cannot determine the effect of his jamming activities. The rule to follow is: Whenever experiencing jamming, continue operations unless ordered to shut down.
 - (3) Reporting. All equipment operators have a requirement to report jamming to their next higher headquarters. This report should be sent by a supplemental means of communications, e.g., wire or messenger. A jamming report should contain, as a minimum: the date and time of the jamming, frequencies affected, type and strength of the jamming signal, and designation of the unit making the report.

CHAPTER 7

ANTENNAS

7-1. GENERAL

The antenna of a radio transmitter or receiver either radiates energy into space or receives energy from space. This energy, in the form of radio or electromagnetic waves, is generated by the transmitter and fed to the antenna by means of a special transmission line. The transmitting antenna radiates this energy out into space at the speed of light. A receiving antenna, when placed in the path of the moving waves, absorbs part of the electromagnetic energy and transfers it to the receiver, also by means of a transmission line. The same antenna that radiates electromagnetic energy is, in most cases, also used to receive it. However, an antenna cannot radiate and receive energy simultaneously. Armor units employ several types of antennas for vehicular, portable, or field operation.

- a. <u>Vertical Antennas</u>. A vertical antenna is any antenna that is positioned perpendicular to the ground, such as the vertical whip antenna mounted on a vehicle. Vertical antennas may be placed on top of antenna masts. The purpose of using a mast is to raise the antenna element higher for improved transmission and reception or increased operating range. Vertical antennas radiate and receive signals equally in all directions. Because of this characteristic, other stations operating on the same or adjacent frequencies may easily interfere with the desired signal and make reception difficult or impossible.
- b. <u>Horizontal Antennas</u>. A horizontal antenna is any antenna that is positioned or suspended parallel to the ground. This type of antenna radiates and accepts maximum radiation either broadside or along its length. This characteristic makes the horizontal antenna a directional antenna.
- c. Siting. A radio station must be located in a position that will assure communications with all other stations with which it is to operate.
 - (1) Range. When selecting a radio site the first factor that must be considered is the operating range of the radio-antenna system. The site must be within operating range of the distant station(s) and vice versa. The operating range depends upon many factors and varies with the type equipment employed.

 Operating ranges for FM radio-antenna systems are listed in paragraph 7-11.
 - (2) Line of site (LOS). The requirement for LOS is particularly critical when operating at frequencies above 30 MHz. In most cases it is not necessary to make a map profile to determine the LOS condition but a good rule to follow is: select the highest ground possible in the assigned area. You can take advantage of the LOS characteristic of tactical FM radios by selecting a site where high ground serves as a shield to prevent the enemy from intercepting or interfering with your transmissions.
 - (3) Obstacles. Obstacles can be both natural and man-made. Hills and mountains will limit operating range. In hilly terrain, positions relatively high on the slopes should be selected. Depressions, valleys, and low terrain are poor for radio transmission and reception. Trees with heavy foliage absorb radio waves. Leafy trees have a more adverse effect than evergreens. The antenna should be kept clear of all foliage and dense brush. Wet foliage can short out the antenna and prevent operation. Steel and reinforced concrete structures hinder transmission and reception. Radio sites should be selected away from power or telephone lines, generators, and heavily traveled roads. Faulty vehicle ignition systems may cause electrical interference.
- d. <u>Safety Measures</u>. Damage to equipment, serious injury, and even death have resulted because personnel have failed to observe antenna safety precautions.
 - (1) Whip antenna precautions:
 - (a) Do not touch the antenna when the transmitter is operating.

- (b) Check for clearance before passing under power lines.
- (c) Tie antenna down when mobile, unless optimum operation is necessary.
- (2) Antenna mast precautions:
 - (a) Install no closer to a power line than twice the antenna height.
 - (b) Place guy lines away from power lines.
 - (c) Check guy lines for worn spots, frays, or other defects.
- Maintenance. To facilitate separating antenna sections and to prevent the sections from locking together (seizing) due to corrosion, use graphite grease (FSN 9150-753-4648). Clean the threads of the antenna sections and antenna elements. Put a thin coat of the graphite grease on the threads of the male antenna sections and elements (do not put the grease on the female sections and elements) before assembly.

WHIP ANTENNAS (Fig 7-1) 7-2.

The most common antenna used for tactical radio communications when relatively short distances are to be covered is the whip antenna. This term is applied to almost any type of flexible antenna used in conjunction with portable or vehicular radio equipment. Whip Shorter whip antennas are antennas, ranging in length up to 15 feet, are mounted on vehicles. mounted on small, hand-held radio sets, or portable sets used in the field. A whip antenna mounted on a vehicle may be left fully extended so that the radio set can be used instantly while the vehicle is in motion. If the antenna hits an obstruction, a flexible mast base will usually prevent the antenna from breaking or being bent, since most of the bending occurs at the mast base. The mast base also allows the whip antenna to be held in a nearly horizontal position by an insulated guy lines so that the vehicle can be driven under low bridges or obstructions without making contact. The operating range under these conditions is reduced.

ANTENNA AS-1729/VRC (TM 11-5985-262-15) (Fig 7-1)

Antenna AS-1729/VRC is a 2-piece, 10-foot, center-fed, whip antenna designed for operation between 30-76 MHz. It is used primarily with the AN/VRC-12 and AN/PRC-77 families of radios. It uses a matching unit, MX-6707/VRC, which operates automatically when used with the AN/VRC-12 family receiver-transmitters. It can also be operated manually to 10 different frequency band segments.

WHIP ANTENNA EXPEDIENTS 7-4.

- Immediate Actions. If radio communication is lost because of a damaged defective antenna system, there are several immediate actions that can be performed:
 - (1) Switch antennas. To instantly restore communications when using a radio set that has an auxiliary receiver, such as the AN/VRC-12, connect the auxiliary receiver antenna to the receiver-transmitter. The auxiliary receiver antenna will work as a transmitting antenna over a reduced operating
 - (2) Field Wire WD-1/TT. For example, to retain the capability of your auxiliary receiver, if you have connected its antenna to the receiver-transmitter, connect a 6-8-foot length of field wire to the antenna connector on the auxiliary receiver and throw it out the loader's hatch. This will provide limited range operation.
 - (3) Switch equipment. If the situation and time permits, antenna or radio equipment can be switched within the organization to keep the unit commander in communication with his subordinates and the next higher echelon at all times.

b. Expedients.

(1) When a whip antenna is broken and a replacement is not immediately available, it is possible to improvise a satisfactory antenna by using field wire (fig 7-2)

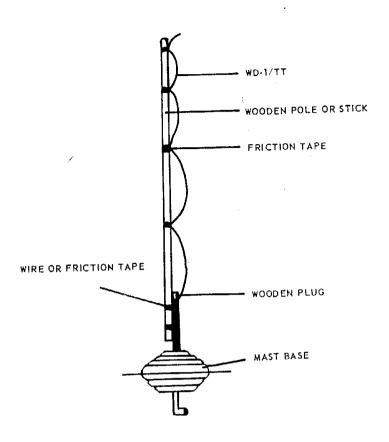


Figure 7-2. Field expedient whip antenna using wire WD-1/TT.

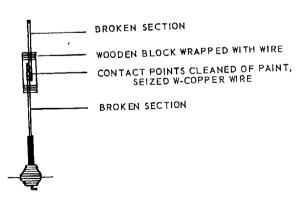


Figure 7-3. Repair of standard whip antenna.

or to repair a broken antenna by lashing together the broken antenna pieces (fig 7-3). When fabricating a whip antenna, using Wire WD-1/TT, the length of wire should be as near as possible to the original length of the whip antenna. One end of the wire is bared by removing the insulation. This end is then inserted into the top of the mast base and secured by a small wooden plug. A wooden stick is taped or wired to the mast base to serve as support for the

- wire that is taped to the stick. This antenna will generally provide a satisfactory operating range until a replacement can be obtained.
- (2) To repair a broken whip antenna for emergency use, the two broken sections of the antenna are first cleaned of paint at the contact point, then wired together with copper wire (obtained from Wire WD-1/TT). This seizes the contact and provides a good electrical connection. A stick is then wired to the antenna to serve as a splint and support the broken antenna sections. This antenna will generally provide satisfactory operation until replacement sections can be obtained.

7-5. ANTENNA EQUIPMENT RC-292 (TM 11-5820-348-15) (Fig 7-4)

Antenna Equipment RC-292 is used to extend the operating distance of the AN/PRC-25/77 (12 miles-19 kilometers) and AN/VRC-12 (36 miles-58 kilometers) families of radios. It is a wide band, ground plane, whip antenna with a 30-foot mast assembly. Its frequency range is 20 to 76 MHz. The antenna elements are preadjusted to the appropriate operating lengths for a given frequency by assembling from 2 to 4 mast sections.

7-6. EXPEDIENT GROUND PLANE ANTENNA (Fig 7-5)

When Antenna Equipment RC-292 is not available for extending the range of FM tactical radios, an expedient can be used. The expedient ground plane antenna is constructed as follows:

- a. Cut a length of wire to 1/2 the length calculated by the 1/2 wave formula: Length (feet) = 468/frequency (MHz) or length (meters) = 142/frequency (MHz). This will provide the length for the required quarter-wave whip radiating element.
- b. The reflectors are cut from three pieces of wire approximately the same length as the radiating element and joined together at one end.
- c. Three sticks approximately the same length as the radiating element are tied together to form a triangular support for the lower end of the reflector elements.
- d. Cut a piece of Field Wire WD-1/TT long enough to reach from the radio to the desired height of the antenna. Splice one conductor of this wire to the reflectors and the other conductor to the radiating elements. Strip the insulation from the other end of this wire and ground one conductor to the radio set and place the other conductor into the center of the antenna connector. If communication is not satisfactory, reverse these connections.
- e. Suspend the antenna. Attach a rope to the insulator on the top end of the radiating element. Toss the rope over a tree limb and pull the antenna up to the desired height.

7-7. ANTENNA GROUP AN/GRA-50 (TM 11-5820-467-15) (Fig 7-6)

Antenna Group AN/GRA-50 is a horizontal, doublet antenna assembly used for radio operation in the 1.5-2.0-MHz band. It can be used with any radio set with a transmitter power output of less than 100 watts, but is primarily employed with Radio Set AN/GRC-106 to increase its operating range and reliability. In addition to the components shown in figure 7-7, the AN/GRA-50 antenna also includes a canvas carrying bag and a feet-frequency calibrated tape measure.

7-8. EXPEDIENT DOUBLET ANTENNA (Fig 7-7)

An expedient doublet antenna can be made from Field Wire WD-1/TT. The length of the antenna can be calculated using the formula in paragraph 7-6a. Each side should be 1/2 of the calculated length to provide the complete doublet (1/2 wave) antenna. Any usable nonconductor such as glass, plastic, or wood may be used for insulators.

7-9. ANTENNA AT-984A/G (Fig 7-8)

Antenna AT-984/G is a 150-foot, long wire, end-fed, multiple wavelength directional antenna that is used with the AN/PRC-25/77 families of radios to increase their operating range.

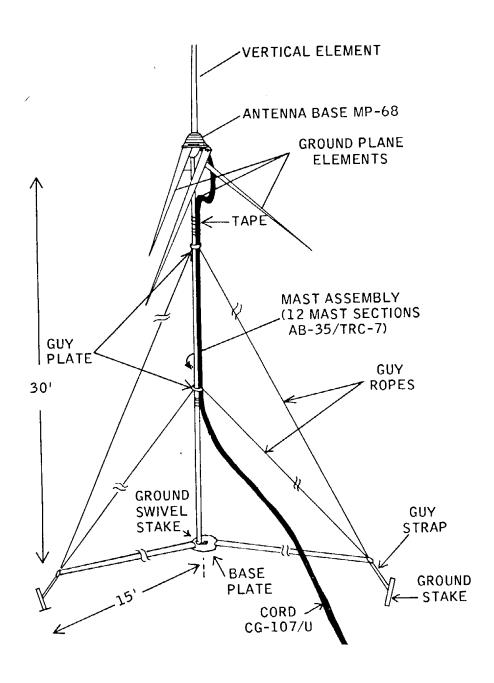


Figure 7-4. Antenna Equipment RC-292.

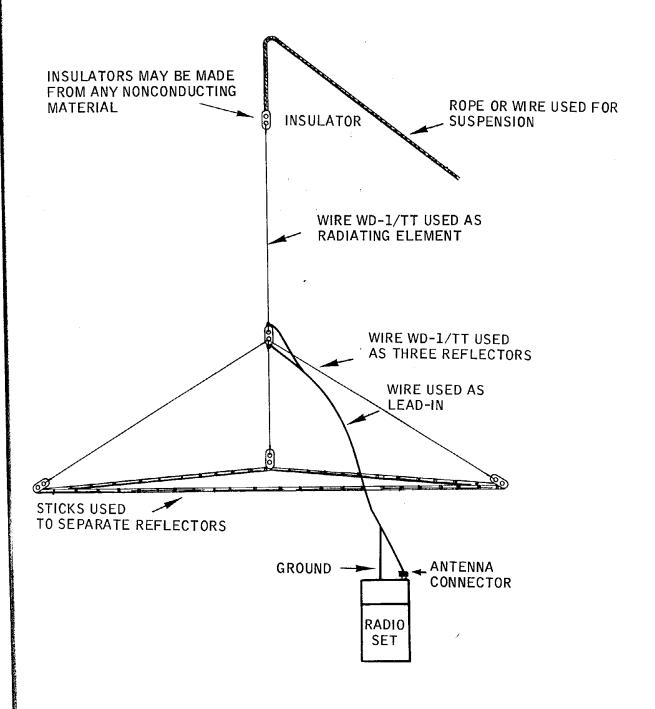


Figure 7-5. Expedient ground plane antenna.

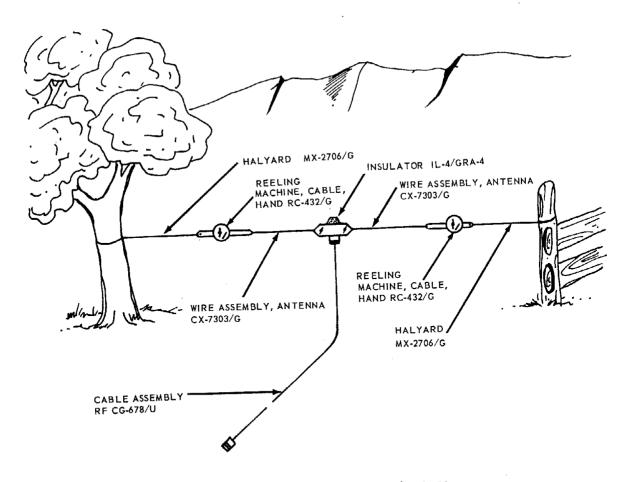


Figure 7-6. Antenna Group AN/GRA-50.

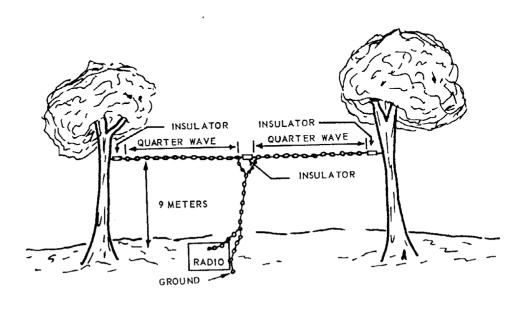


Figure 7-7. Expedient doublet antenna. 7-8

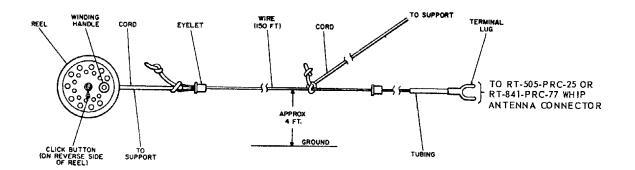
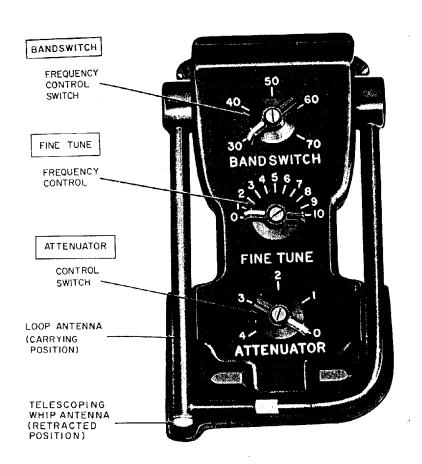


Figure 7-8. Antenna AT-984A/G.



NOTE:

INDICATES EQUIPMENT MARKING

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Figure 7-9. Antenna Loop AT-784/PRC.

Transmission and reception with a long wire antenna is off the end of the antenna in the direction away from the radio set. The terminal lug is connected to the antenna connector on the radio by using the antenna support. The AT-984 antenna is equipped with a canvas carrying bag. It does not have a separate reference publication but instructions for its use are contained in paragraph 6-5 of both TM 11-5820-398-12 (AN/PRC-25) and TM 11-5820-667-12 (AN/PRC-77).

7-10. ANTENNA LOOP AT-784/PRC (TM 11-5985-284-15) (Fig 7-9)

Antenna Loop AT-784/PRC is a compact homing antenna designed for use with the AN/PRC-25/77 and AN/VRC-12 families of FM radios. The loop antenna is combined with a two-section extendable whip sensing antenna to provide a directional reception pattern. This pattern permits determination of the general (within several degrees) direction to an operating radio transmitter. The frequency band of the AT-784 antenna is 30-76 MHz. Proper siting is particularly important for the AT-784. For best results, this antenna should be operated away from obstructions such as large buildings, bridges, steel structures, or hills, and possible sources of electromagnetic interference such as high power or telephone lines. It can be used only for reception.

OPERATING RANGE (Miles/Km)	w/PRT-4 Channel 1, 1.0/1.6 Channel 2, 0.3/0.5	w/PRR-9 Channel 1, 1.0/1.6 Channel 2, 0.3/0.5	3.0/4.8	2/8	12.0/19.2 to RC-292 8.0/12.8 to whip	17.5/28.0 to AT-984/G 12.0/19.2 to whip	Two-section, 9.5/2.9 5/8 center-fed, , rigid, fiberglass, RC whip
ANTENNA LENGTH (Ft/M)	1.5/0.4	2.0/0.6	8,0/0.8	10.0/3.0	41.5/12.6 with 30.0/9.1 mast	150/45.7	9.5/2.9
ANT ENNA TYPE	Stainless steel, flexible wire, whip	Collapsible tubular, whip	Sænirigid, steel tape, whip	Six-section, tubular folding whip	Ground plane whip	Horizontal, long wire	Two-section, center-fed, rigid, fiberglass, whip
ANTENNA <u>NOMENCLATUR E</u>	AS-1998/PRR-9	AS-1999/PRT-4	AT-892/PRC-25	AT-271A/PRC (w/support, Antema AB-591/PRC-25)	RC-292	AT-984/G	AT-1729/VRC* (para 7-3) (Top AT-1095/VRC, Bottom AT-1730/VRC and Matching Unit Base, Antenna MX-6707/VRC)
OP ERATING FR EQUENCY (MHZ)	47-57	47-57	30-76				30-76
RADIO	Receiving Set AN/PRR-9	Transmitting Set AN/PRT-4	Radio Sets AN/PRC-25 AN/PRC-77			,	Radio Sets AN/VRC-53 AN/GRC-125 AN/VRC-64 AN/GRC-160

*AT-1729/VRC replaces AT-912/VRC, a two-section, rigid, fiberglass, whip (bottom AT-1095/VRC, top AT-1096/VRC, w/Antenna Matching Unit MX-2799/VRC and Base Antenna Support AB-719/VRC).

OPERATING RANGE (Miles/Km)	Low power 10/16 High power 30/48		36.0/57.6 to RC-292 25.0/40.0 to whip	Sky wave 100-1,500/161-2,213	Ground wave 50/80
ANTENNA LENGTH (Ft/M)	9.5/2.9	11/3.3	(see above)	150/45.7	15/4.6
ANT ENNA TYPE	Two-section, center-fed, rigid fiberglass, whip	Three-section, tubular, rigid whip	Ground plane whip	Horizontal doublet	Five-section, tubular, rigid whip
ANTENNA NOMENCLATURE	For receiver- transmitter: AT-1729/VRC* (see above)	For receiver: whip antenna (Bottom MS-116A, Middle MS-117A, Top MS-118A, w/Mast Base AB-558/GR)	RC-292	Antenna Group GRA-50 (para 7-7)	or Whip Antenna (Bottom, three MS- 116A's; middle, MS-117A; top, MS-118A, w/Mast Base AB-652/GR)
OPERATING FREQUENCY (MHz)	30-76			2-30	ie.
RADIO	Radio Sets AN/VRC-12, -46, -47, -49		7 -3		Radio Teletypewriter Set AN/VSC-3

CHAPTER 8

WIRE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

8-1. GENERAL

Normally wire is one of the most dependable communications means. Although radio is the primary means of communications in armor units, the use of wire is not only desirable but, under certain conditions, absolutely essential. The decision to establish wire communications depends upon the situation and the time available to install and use it.

a. Advantages of Wire Communications.

- (1) Wire communications affords person-to-person conversation with break-in operation. Break-in operation refers to the capability of the persons conversing to interrupt one another without waiting until a transmission is completed.
- (2) Wire is a more secure means of communications than radio. However, it does not ensure complete security of information transmitted in the clear because it is susceptible to enemy monitoring devices.
- (3) Field wire communications equipment has a low power requirement, generally operating on low voltage dry cell batteries.

b. Disadvantages of Wire Communications.

- (1) Installing a wire system is time-consuming; however, this time may be reduced through the use of properly trained personnel and efficient planning of the system before installation. The length of the line, method of laying it, type of terrain, and weather are the primary factors that affect installation time.
- (2) Wire lines are susceptible to breakage by vehicular traffic and artillery fire, and they require periodic maintenance. Care should be taken in selecting installation sites and wire routes that will minimize breakage.
- (3) Wire lines are inflexible. Since all terminals must be physically connected, wire communications are not practical for highly mobile operations. Wire communications are most suited for defensive type operations and within command posts, but it can be employed in any tactical operation if its use is planned properly.
- c. <u>Authorization</u>. Armor units are authorized by TOE a variety of wire communications equipment, including: field wire, wire laying and recovery equipment, manual switchboard, sound powered and battery operated telephones, and teletypewriter equipment.

8-2. FIELD WIRE (Fig 8-1)

Two-conductor, twisted pair, Field Wire WD-1/TT is the type field wire presently used by armor units. It has flexible conductors, high tensile strength, good conductivity, and weatherproof insulation. Each of the 2 conductors has 4 copper strands for conductivity and 3 steel strands for tensile strength. The minimum tensile strength of each conductor is 85 pounds. The weight of the twisted pair wire is 30 pounds per kilometer (48 pounds per mile). The insulation is polyethylene with an outer layer of nylon. The communication range varies with the terminal equipment used and other factors such as weather, method of installation, condition of wire, and number of splices.

a. <u>Wire Splices</u>. Splicing is a method used to join the conductors of field wire lines to maintain electrical continuity. A good splice should have the same tensile strength, electrical conductivity, abrasion and weather protection, and insulation resistance as the unspliced part of the wire. A poorly made splice introduce transmission loss, increases noise, and generally impairs the quality of the circuit. A standard field wire splice is made using

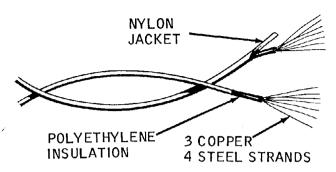


Figure 8-1. Field Wire WD-1/TT.

Splicing Kit, Telephone, Cable MK-356/G. This kit is organic to signal, engineer, and artillery units in the armored division. An expedient field wire splice can be made using Tool Equipment, TE-33 (fig 8-2).

b. <u>Tool Equipment TE-33</u> (fig 8-2). Tool Equipment TE-33, is an expendable item authorized for issue on the basis of one per field wireman, switchboard, and remote control equipment. Field wiremen (MOS 36K) are assigned to the headquarters' communications element of the tank battalion, armored cavalry squadron, and armored brigade.

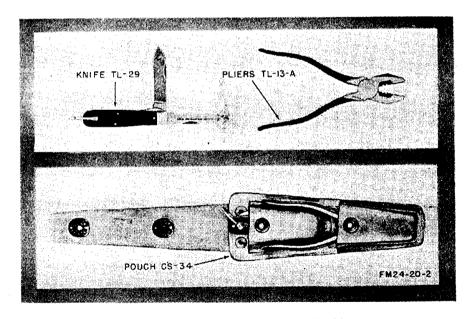


Figure 8-2. Tool Equipment TE-33.

c. Construction of an Expedient Field Wire Splice.

(1) The conductors are first prepared as illustrated in figure 8-3. This preparation results in the splices of the two conductors being staggered to prevent excessive bulk and eliminate the possibility of electrical contact between them. The insulation is left on the ends of the conductors to bind the strands of wire together until after the square knots have been tied. Tie the square

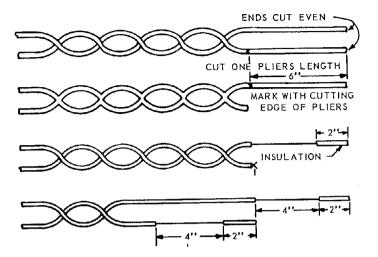


Figure 8-3. Preparation of wire for splicing.

knots as indicated in figure 8-4. After the first knot is tied, the twist is restored in the wire line by wrapping the 2 remaining untied conductors around the 2 conductors already tied. After the twist is restored, the second square knot is tied. Both knots should be tied one after the other so that communication is possible even though the splice has not been completed. After the knots have been tied, the insulation that was left on the ends of the conductors is removed.

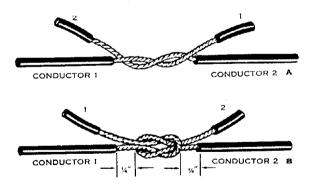


Figure 8-4. Tying the square knot.

(2) After the insulation has been removed from the ends of the conductors, the steel and copper strands should be separated as shown in figure 8-5. The steel strands are then cut even with the insulation on the side of the knot from which they protrude. The copper strands are bent across the square

knot to the side opposite that from which they protrude and wrapped until they extend 2 or 3 turns onto the insulation. The purpose of this is to seize the knot so that it cannot slip, and to bind the steel strands down against the conductors so that they cannot penetrate the tape and cause a ground or short circuit.

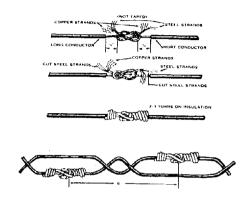


Figure 8-5. Construction of the splice.

- (3) After the splices are seized, the next step is to tape the splice to prevent water seepage or short circuits. The taping procedure is indicated in figure 8-6. Electrical Insulation Tapes TL-636/U, (black polyethylene for tropical and temperate zones) or TL-600/U (white polyethylene for artic zones and cold weather) may be used. Remove the backing and stretch the electrical tape to activate its self-bonding properties. Start taping at the center of the splice. Use a steady pull and tape at least 1 inch beyond the insulation on one end. Tape again over the knot to at least 1 inch beyond the insulation on the other end. Reverse direction and tape back to the center of the splice. The final step uses Tape TL-83 (friction) for added protection. Start taping the splice at either end about 1/2 inch beyond the electrical tape, and tape to a point about 1/2 inch beyond the other end.
- (4) If a wire line is accidentally broken, and the necessary equipment to properly construct a field wire splice is not available, the following steps may be taken to restore communications. Use a bayonet or some other sharp instrument to prepare the wire as close as possible to figure 8-3. Tie the first square knot, restore the twist, and tie the second square knot. If time is available, seize the knots with the copper strands. If tape is not available, raise the splices off the ground and separate them with a stick or twig so that there is no possibility of electrical contact between the conductors. When sufficient equipment is not available to construct a permanent splice, the splice should be marked so that it will be easy to locate. Communications personnel should be notified of its location as soon as possible.
- d. <u>Field Wire Ties</u>. Field wire ties are used to hold wire lines in place at an abrupt change in direction, at all crossings, and to relieve the strain on wire lines at their terminating points. Field wire should always be tied securely to a convenient tree, equipment D-ring, or other support before connecting it to the equipment's binding posts. Field wire lines should also be tied at various points along the route. Basic field wire ties are explained and illustrated in FM 24-20, chapter 5.

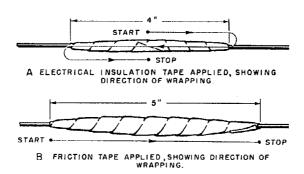


Figure 8-6. Taping the splice.

e. <u>Field Wire Marking</u>. Field wire lines are tagged to provide a method of identification, simplify the relieving of a unit place by another unit and aid maintenance personnel. The lines should be marked as they are laid and the tags attached at terminations, road and railroad crossing points, branches and intervals along the route. The unit CEOI will contain the wire tagging code. Information on field wire marking is contained in FM 24-20, paragraphs 78-79.

8-3. WIRE LAYING/RECOVERY EQUIPMENT

Field wire may be laid from reel units mounted in vehicles, reels or axles carried by hand, or dispensers mounted on aircraft or vehicles.

- a. <u>Field Wire Reels and Dispensers</u>. Metal spool-type reels are used to store, transport, lay, and recover field wire. Special canvas dispensers may also be used to lay field wire lines.
 - (1) Reel, Cable DR-8. The DR-8 reel is a metal drum used to hold 1/4 mile (0.4 kilometers) of Field Wire WD-1/TT. It is used with the Reeling Machine RL-39.
 - (2) Reel, Cable RL-159/U (fig 8-8). The RL-159/U reel is a metal drum used to hold 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) of Field Wire WD-1/TT. It is used with the Axle, Cable, Reel RL-27 and the Reeling Machine RL-31.
 - (3) Wire Dispenser MX-306A/G (TM 11-2240) (fig 8-7). The Wire Dispenser MX-306A/G is an expandable, cylindrical-shaped, canvas holder fashioned around a previously wound coil containing approximately 1/2 mile (0.8 kilometers) of Field Wire WD-1/TT. This method of packaging permits wire to be payed out from the center of the dispenser at speeds varying from that of a man walking to a slow-flying (50-60 knots) aircraft. (Information on wire laying by aircraft is contained in FM 24-20, chapter 9, and FM 1-105, chapter 17.) D-rings are located at 90-degree intervals on the outside of the dispenser for lashing it to a packboard or vehicle. It is approximately 13-1/2 inches in diameter, 5 inches thick, and weighs 26 pounds when loaded. Two or more dispensers may be prespliced in tandem when it is necessary to lay a line longer than 1/2 mile without stopping. Continuous communications can be maintained while the wire is being laid.
- b. Reel Equipment. Reel equipment is used in conjunction with wire reels to lay or recover wire. There are several types designed for 1- or 2-man and vehicular operation.

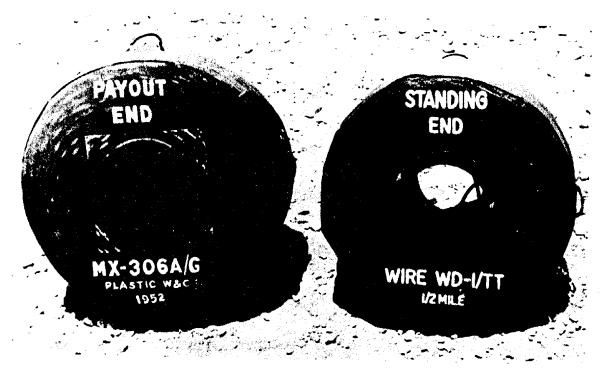


Figure 8-7. Wire Dispenser MX-306A/G.

- (1) Axle, Cable, Reel RL-27(*) (TM 11-3895-201-13P) (fig 8-8). Axle RL-27 is an 8-pound, machine-steel bar, 2-1/2 feet long used for mounting wire reels. The axle has two knurled handles, one of which is removable for mounting the wire reel. It has roller bearings and is equipped with a removable crank for rewinding wire. The axle can be carried by two men or operated on an improvised mounting. It is issued on the basis of one per RL-159 reel.
- (2) Reeling Machine, Cable, Hand RL-39 (fig 8-9). Reeling Machine RL-39 is a lightweight, chest type reel unit consisting of an axle with carrying handles, carrying straps and a crank for rewinding. The unit mounts DR-8 reel and is issued on the basis of one per reel. The DR-8 reel is not a component of the RL-39 reeling machine.
- (3) Reel Equipment CE-11 (TM 11-3895-203-15) (fig 8-9). Reel Equipment CE-11 consists of an RL-39 reeling machine and a sound-powered Telephone Set TA-1/PT (para 8-5b), with its case and carrying strap. The operator of unit may establish communications with the distant end by connecting the sound-powered telephone to the terminals on the DR-8 reel. The DR-8 reel is not a component of Reel Equipment, CE-11.
- (4) Reeling Machine, Cable, Hand RL-31 () (TM 11-362) (fig 8-10). Reel Unit RL-31 is a lightweight portable, folding Λ-frame of steel tubing used for paying out and recovering field wire. It can be set up on the ground or mounted on a vehicle. A special vehicular installation kit is available for mounting the unit on a truck. It will accommodate two RL-159 reels. It has a brake unit to control the speed of the reel(s) during pay out of wire. A divided axle permits either reel to operate independently of the other. Two carrying straps are provided for carrying the reel unit litter style.

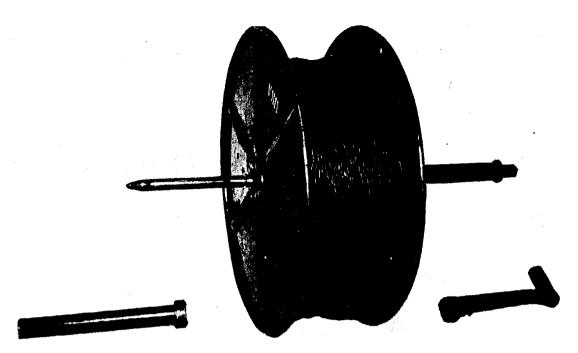


Figure 8-8. Axle, Cable, Reel RL-27, showing the removable handle and Reel, Cable, RL-159/U.



Figure 8-9. Recovering wire with Reel Equipment CE-11 (RL-39 reeling machine with a TA-1 telephone).

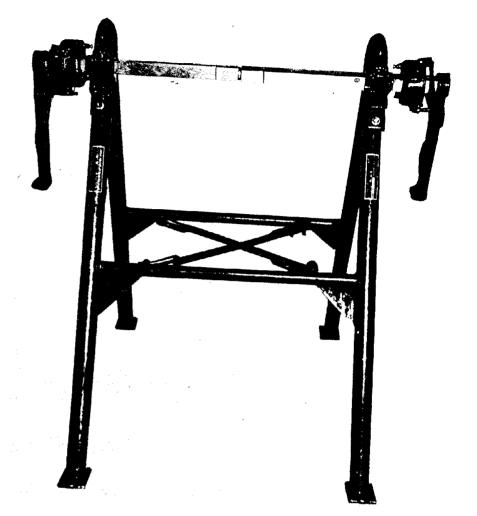


Figure 8-10. Reeling Machine, Cable, Hand RL-31.

- (5) Reeling Machine, Cable, Motor Driven RL-172A/G (TM 11-3895-207-10) (fig 8-11). Reeling Machine RL-172 is authorized in the communications platoon of the HHC, armored brigade. It is normally employed, mounted vertically on the rear of a vehicle, with 24-volt de power being supplied by the vehicle's electrical system. It weighs approximately 110 pounds and will accommodate one RL-159 reel. A hand crank is provided for manual operation. It is designed for one-man operation and has controls for starting, stopping, and reversing the direction of rotation of the reel.
- c. Terminal Board TM-184 (fig 8-12). Terminal Board, TM-184 is a block of insulating material on which are mounted 28 binding posts. Seven pairs of wire lines can be terminated on the board. It serves as a convenient test point where a large number of lines are terminated, such as in the command post area. When installed in the open, the TM-184 terminal requires an improvised cover to protect it from the effects of the weather.

8-4. MANUAL TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARDS

Field telephone switchboards are manually operated devices designed for rapid, simple installation. They operate in 1 or more of 3 modes: Common battery (CB), local

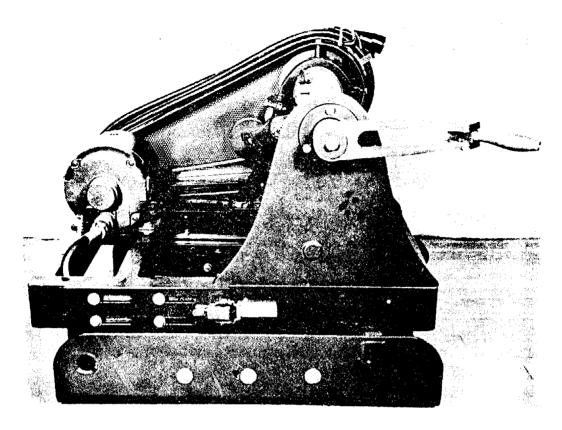


Figure 8-11. Recling Machine, Cable, Motor Driven RL-172A/G.

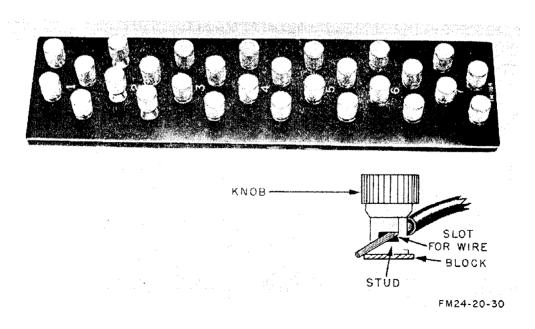


Figure 8-12. Terminal Board TM-184.

battery (LB), or common battery signaling (CBS). In a CB system the power source for speech and ringing signals is located at the switchboard. In an LB system the power source for speech and ringing signals is located at the telephone. In a CBS system the power source for speech is located at the telephone, and the power source for signaling is located at the switchboard. The field switchboards used in armor units include:

a. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-993/GT (TM 11-5805-294-15) (fig 8-13). The SB-993/GT switchboard is a light, portable, LB switchboard normally used in company-size or smaller units. It consists of a plug holder and 7, 2-pronged adapter connectors in a case. Six subscribers and the operator's line can be terminated on the switchboard. Conference and line-to-line connections can be made. A field telephone is required for the operator's use. The SB-993 switchboard may be used as an emergency field replacement for any LB switchboard. Its weighs 2-1/4 pounds. A canvas case is provided to protect and carry the switchboard when it is not installed.

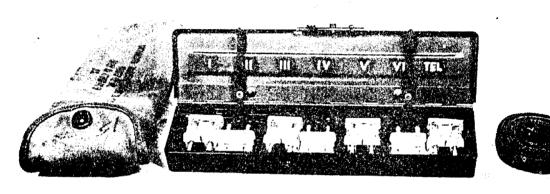


Figure 8-13. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-993/GT.

- b. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-22A/PT (TM 11-5805-262-12) (fig 8-14). The SB-22A/PT switchboard is a single position, 12-line, LB-type switchboard. It can interconnect LB telephone circuits, voice-frequency teletypewriter circuits, and remote control circuits for radio-wire integration systems. The capacity can be increased by stacking 2 switchboards and replacing the operator's pack of 1 of them with 5 additional line packs Power is provided by four BA-30 batteries. In addition to a luminous drop in each line pack, the switchboard has facilities by which the operator may select either a light or a buzzer signal to alert him of an incoming call. The switchboard weighs 35 pounds. Its components are:
 - (1) Case and cover. The case houses the 12 line packs, operator's pack, battery case, and terminal strip in the rear for connecting incoming lines. The cover provides a storage compartment for the handset-headset.
 - (2) Operator's pack. The operator's pack contains the hand generator, operator's cord, and necessary switches for operation of the switchboard.
 - (3) Line packs. The line packs contain a luminous drop signal and a cord for interconnecting circuits.
 - (4) Accessory Kit MX-2915/PT. The accessory kit contains 2 spare lamps, 2 extra line packs, and 1 CBS trunk circuit pack that can be substituted for 1 of the line packs.
 - (5) Handset-Headset H-81A/U, H-144A/U, or H-144/U. The handset-headset is used by the operator and connects to the operator's pack.
- c. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-86/PT (TM 11-2134) (fig 8-15). Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-86/PT (fig 8-15), is a portable, 30-line, LB- or CBS-type switchboard. Capacity can be increased to 60 lines by stacking a second jack field section

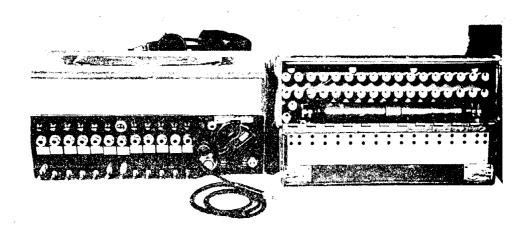


Figure 8-14. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-22A/PT, front and rear view.

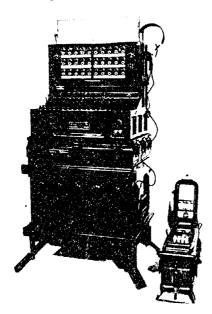


Figure 8-15. Switchboard, Telephone, Manual SB-86/PT.

above the first one. Two lines may be used for trunk connections to a CB switchboard. The switchboard weighs 180 pounds. Its components are:

- (1) Outer cover assembly. The outer cover assembly is a metal case that serves as a storage and carrying case for the switchboard. The case serves as the base for the switchboard when it is operating.
- (2) Switchboard assembly. The switchboard assembly is a metal case with eight cord packs and an operator's pack.
- (3) Jack field section. The jack field section is a metal case containing 30 line circuits.
- (4) Power supply. The power supply is a metal case with a meter and switches. It holds 10 BA-200/U batteries. In addition, 4 BA-30's are used, 2 for the night alarm and lamps and 2 for the operator's transmission power.
- (5) Handset-Headset H-91/U. The handset-headset is used by the operator and connects to the operator's pack.

- (6) Power cords. Two 6-foot (1 2-wire and 1 3-wire) power cords are used to connect the switchboard and the power supply.
- (7) Canvas roll. A small canvas pack for spare parts (panel lamps, fuses, and lightning arrestor cartridges) is stored in the rear compartment of the jack field section.
- d. Central Office, Telephone, Manual AN/TTC-29 (TM 11-5805-582-15) (fig 8-16). At armored brigade level, the SB-86 switchboard is employed in a vehicular- (3/4-ton cargo truck) mounted, air transportable shelter configuration, the AN/TTC-29. The basic component is one SB-86 switchboard with an extra jack field section providing a 60-line termination capacity. Connection capability is provided for 26 pair of cables and field wire. Two AN/TTC-29 central offices are assigned to the communications platoon of the HHC, armored division brigade. Power is provided by a generator PU-617/M, which is not a component of the central office. One AN/TTC-29 central office is employed to provide telephone service to the brigade command post and the other is installed in the trains area. The vehicular configuration permits rapid movement and quick installation.

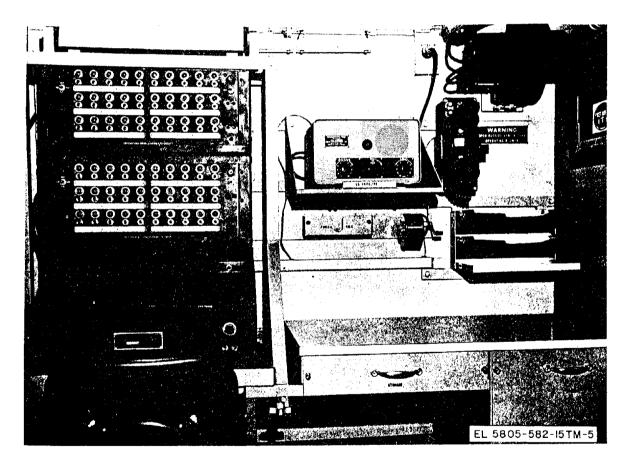


Figure 8-16. Central Office, Telephone, Manual AN/TTC-29, interior front view.

e. Grounding of Switchboards.

(1) Switchboards (with the exception of the SB-993) must be grounded to protect the equipment and operating personnel from lightning or other high voltages that may occur on the line. To ground a switchboard, drive a metal rod,

such as Ground Rod MX-148/G into the ground and connect it with Field Wire WD-1/TT (both conductors) or a ground strap to the ground terminals on the switchboard. Both the switchboard section and the jack field section of the SB-86 switchboard must be grounded. The AN/TTC-23 central office is equipped with a ground strap and ground rod, and the shelter is grounded at the power panel.

- (2) The procedure for grounding is as follows:
 - (a) Remove dirt or grease from the ground rod.
 - (b) Scoop out a small hole about 6 inches deep.
 - (c) Drive the ground rod into the hole until the top of the rod is approximately 3 inches above the bottom of the hole.
 - (d) Connect the field wire or ground strap with good electrical contact to the ground rod and to the equipment.
 - (e) Saturate the ground around the rod with water, fill the hole with earth, and add more water.
 - (f) In dry soil it may be necessary to use more than one ground rod or add water occasionally to maintain good electrical contact between the ground rod and the soil.

8-5. FIELD TELEPHONES

a. Types.

- (1) Field telephone sets are portable, self-contained equipment of durable construction, designed for field use. There are two types: sound powered and battery powered. They may be used over point-to-point or switched circuits.
- (2) In a sound-powered telephone, the transmitter element is a generator of electrical energy. The sound waves created by the voice of the speaker strike the transmitter element and are converted directly into electrical energy. Sound-powered telephones have a shorter transmission range than batterypowered telephones.
- (3) In a battery-powered telephone, dry cell batteries contained inside the set provide the source of transmission power.
- (4) Both type field telephones use a hand-ringing generator for signaling. Incoming signals are indicated by a buzzer or a visual indicator.

b. Telephone Set TA-1/PT (TM 11-5805-243-12) (fig 8-17).

- (1) Telephone Set TA-1/PT is a complete sound-powered telephone in handset form. Its transmission and signaling range is approximately 6 to 10 miles (9.6 to 16 kilometers) over Field Wire WD-1/TT. The Telephone Set TA-1 is designed for operation on point-to-point circuits and for use with local battery switchboards. It weighs approximately 3-1/2 pounds with the carrying case.
- (2) Telephone Set TA-1 provides an audible and a visible signal. The audible signal can be adjusted in volume from LOUD to OFF. The visible signal operates whenever the telephone is signaled regardless of the position of the volume control lever.
- c. Telephone Set TA-312/PT (TM 11-5805-201-12) (fig 8-18). Telephone Set TA-312/PT is a battery operated (two BA-30 batteries) set, designed primarily for operation on LB switchboards, but may also be used in CB and CBS installations. Its operating range over Field Wire WD-1/TT is from 14 to 24 miles (22.4 to 38.4 kilometers). It may be operated with an external Handset-Headset H-144/U (TM 11-5965-206-15P), which is not a component of the telephone set. Operation with the handset-headset is desirable in areas where personnel must have both hands free to operate the equipment. The Telephone Set TA-312 has a hand crank generator for signaling. The signaling buzzer can be adjusted from LOUD to LOW but it cannot be turned completely off.

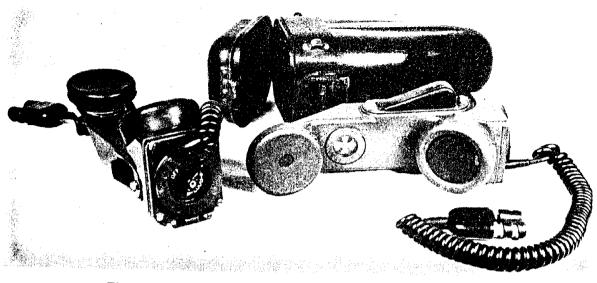


Figure 8-17. Telephone Set TA-1/PT, front and end view.

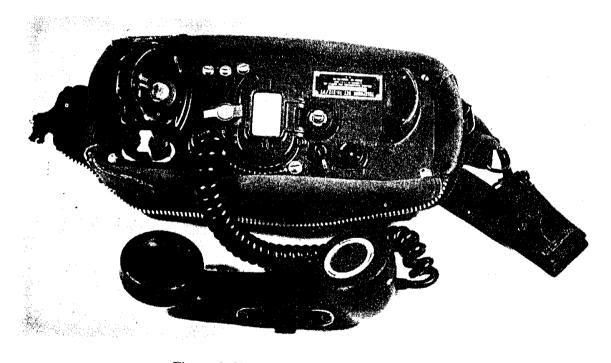


Figure 8-18. Telephone Set TA-312/PT.

- d. $\underline{\text{Emergency Operation}}$. Emergency operation is possible with both types of field telephones with reduced operating range.
 - (1) If either the transmitter or receiver elements of the Telephone Set TA-1 become ineffective, it is still possible to transmit and receive. Either element can be used for both purposes.
 - (a) If the transmitter is inoperative, speak directly into the receiver.

 Do not press the push-to-talk switch. Listen at the receiver in the normal manner.

- (b) If the receiver is inoperative, speak into the transmitter in the normal manner. Listen at the transmitter and keep the press-to-talk switch depressed while listening as well as when transmitting.
- (2) If the transmitter element of the Telephone Set TA-312 is defective or if no batteries are available, it is possible to transmit and receive using the receiver. Speak directly into the receiver to transmit and listen at the receiver in the normal manner.

8-6. TELETYPEWRITER EQUIPMENT

Teletypewriter equipment provides a rapid means for transmitting written messages over wire or multichannel radio circuits or a combination of both. The principal advantages of teletypewriter communications are the permanent copy (page or tape form) and the ease of retransmission using perforated tape. The disadvantages include equipment complexity, requirement for skilled operators, and mechanics and the necessity for high quality circuits.

a. <u>Teletypewriter Set AN/PGC-1</u> (TM 11-5815-206-12) (fig 8-19). Teletypewriter Set AN/PGC-1 is a page printing, sending and receiving set. Its principal component is Teletypewriter TT-4(*)/TG. Normal operating speed is 60 words per minute, but extra gears are included for 100-word-per-minute operation. The teletypewriter set can be installed on top of the carrying case when a table or other operating space is unavailable. The set weighs 100 pounds.



Figure 8-19. Teletypewriter Set AN/PGC-1 (Teletypewriter TT-4).

b. <u>Teletypewriter Set AN/GGC-3</u> (TM 11-5815-238-12) (fig 8-20). The Teletypewriter Set AN/GGC-3 is a keyboard or tape transmitting and a tape receiving set. Its principal component is Teletypewriter-Reperforator-Transmitter TT-76(*)/GGC. Normal operating speed is 60 words per minute, but extra gears are included for 100-word-perminute operation. The TT-76 teletypewriter is installed on a teletypewriter table, which is a component of the set. It weighs 97 pounds.

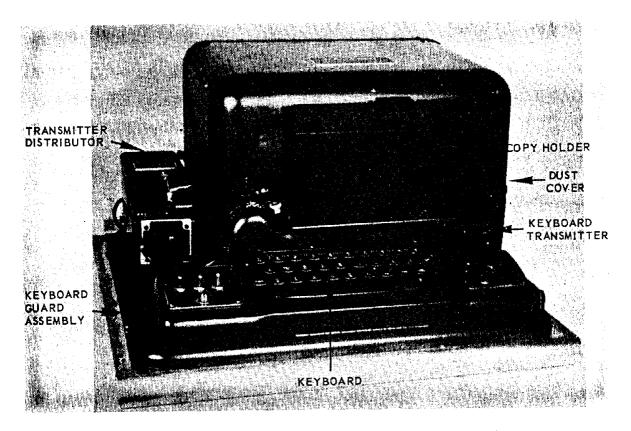


Figure 8-20. Teletypewriter Set AN/GGC-3. (Teletypewriter-Reperforation-Transmitter, TT-76/GGC.)

- c. Terminal Telegraph-Telephone AN/TCC-29 (TM 11-5805-356-12) (fig 8-21). Terminal Telegraph-Telephone, AN/TCC-29 is a set of three self-contained components. It provides the capability for simultaneous transmission of teletype and voice signals in the voice frequency range. One or all of the components may be used depending on the type of employment.
 - (1) Terminal Telegraph TH-22/TG. This component converts direct current teletype signals on the local loop into voice frequency signals for line transmission. It also provides the capability for transmitting and receiving a break-in alarm. The TH-22/TG terminal must be used with the TT-4/TG and TT-76/GGC teletypewriters when they are interconnected over voice frequency circuits.
 - (2) Converter, Telegraph-Telephone Signal CV-425/U. The CV-425/U converter shifts 20-hertz ringing signals to higher frequency teletype and telephone signals for transmission over voice frequency circuits and performs the opposite conversion for transmission over the local loop.

(3) Filter Assembly F-316/U. The F-316/U is a 2-section filter. The band-pass section is used for teletype signal transmission. The band-stop section is used for telephone signal transmission.

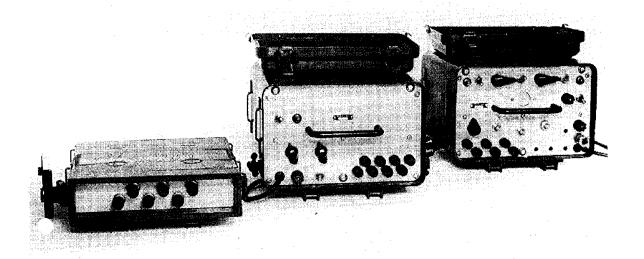


Figure 8-21. Telegraph-Telephone AN/TCC-29.