## BROADCAST TRANSMITTER

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## WARNING

THE VOLTAGES EMPLOYED IN THIS EQUIPMENT ARE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE AND EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN DESIGN TO SAFEGUARD THE OPERATING PERSONNEL. AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM IS THE SERIES OF DOOR INTERLOCK SWITCHES AND ANY TAMPERING WITH THESE SWITCHES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED. THE POWER SHOULD BE REMOVED COMPLETELY BEFORE CHANGING TUBES OR MAKING INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS.

## FIRST AID IN CASE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK

1. PROTECT YOURSELF with dry insulating material.
2. BREAK THE CIRCUIT by opening the power switch or by pulling the victim free of the live conductor.

DON'T TOUCH VICTIM WITH YOUR BARE HANDS until the circuit is broken.

(A)

(B)

(C)
3. LAY PATIENT ON STOMACH, one arm extended, the other arm bent at elbow. Turn face outward resting on hand or forearm.
4. REMOVE FALSE TEETH, TOBACCO OR GUM from patient's mouth.
5. KNEEL STRADDLING PATIENT'S THIGHS. See (A).
6. PLACE PALMS OF YOUR HANDS ON PATIENT'S BACK with little fingers just touching the lowest ribs.
7. WITH ARMS STRAIGHT, SWING FORWARD gradually bringing the weight of your body to bear upon the patient. See (B).
8. SWING BACKWARD IMMEDIATELY to relieve the pressure. See (C).
9. AFTER TWO SECONDS, SWING FORWARD AGAIN. Repeat twelve to fifteen times per minute.
10. WHILE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION IS CONTINUED, HAVE SOMEONE ELSE:
(a) Loosen patient's clothing.
(b) Send for doctor.
(c) Keep patient warm.
11. IF PATIENT STOPS BREATHING, CONTINUE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION. Four hours or more may be required.
12. DO NOT GIVE LIQUIDS UNTIL PATIENT IS CONSCIOUS.

# SUPPIEMENT AJD ERRATA <br> INSTRUCTION BOOK <br> FOR <br> BTA-1L BROADCAST TRANSMITTER 

Disposition: To be inserted in IB-30118
The following additions and changes should be made in the instruction book text, parts list, and photographs for the Type BTA-lL Broadcast Transmitter (IB-30118).

Page 19 - Under "Maintenance;", supplement the notes on inductors as follows:

It is imperative that inductors (rotary coils) lL5, li7, IL9, 1IIO, and lull be kept clean at all times. This involves not only the removal of all-dirt and dust but also cleaning of the electrical contact surfaces where oxidation may be present.

Deposits of dirt on the inductor slide shaft and wheel assembly will create a high-resistance joint which may cause heating and resultant damage to the spring and wheel contacts. It is particularly important that the slide shaft be kept clean and smooth. Use a clean, fine brush or a hand blower to remove all loose material. If a film or cake of dirt has formed, remove with a clean, soft cloth dipped in carbon tetrachloride. It is unnecessary to use a lubricant of any kind on the silide shaft or wheel assembly.

The ceramic coil form should also be treated as described in the preceding paragraph. If foreign deposits are present on the form between coil turns, clean with a cloth dipped in carbon tetrachloride.

To maintain the proper contact between the coil and slider, it is necessary to keep the coil contact surfaces clean. If a hand blower or a clean cloth dipped in carbon tetrachloride does not clean the surface properly, polish with crocus cloth applied lightly to avoid removal of the plating. NEVER USF SANDPAPER NOR EMERY CLOTH FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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Page 22 - Parts Iist, left-hand column. Change value of capacitor 2cl7 to ".0008 mfd."

Page 27 - Figure 7, photograph. Change symbol designations as f'ollows:
2XI should be 2I13. 2X2 should be 2L14. $2 \times 3$ should be 2m15. $2 \times 4$ should be 2Li6.

Page 28 - Figure 8, photograph. Change symbol designations as follows:
216 should be 2I5, 2L12. 2I5, 2Lle should be 216 .

# BROADCAST TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT 

TYPE BTA-IL
MI-7186-B
MI-7187-B

## INSTRUCTIONS

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## TECHNICAL SUMMARY

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Frequency Range 540 to 1600 kc
Frequency Stability $\pm 10$ cycles
Carrier Shift . . . . . . Less than 5 per cent from 0 to 100 per cent modulation ( 50 to 7500 cycles)
R-F Harmonics Less than 0.05 per centPower Outputs ( 20 to 250 ohms unbalanced load) . . $250 / 500,250 / 1000,500 / 1000,500,1000$ wattsOutput Circuits . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Usual antenna, or 70- to 600-ohm transmission lineType of ModulationHigh level, class B
A-F Input Level
At 100 per cent modulation (sine wave) ..... $+11 \mathrm{dbm}$
At average program level. ..... $+3 \mathrm{vu}$
A-F Response Within $\pm 1.5 \mathrm{db}$ from 30 to 10,000 cycles
A-F Distortion Less than 3 per cent r-m-s from 50 to 7500 cycles
Noise Level .60 db below 100 per cent modulation level
Main Power Supply 220 to 240 volts, $50 / 60$ cycles, single phase
Permissible Line Voltage Variation ..... $\pm 5$ per cent
Power Consumption at 1000 watts r-f output (at 100 per cent modulation) approx. 5700 watts
Power Consumption at $\mathfrak{5} 00$ watts r-f output (at average program level) approx. 4500 watts (at 100 per cent modulation) approx. 4900 watts(at average program level) approx. 3700 watts
Power Consumption at 250 watts r-f output. (at 100 per cent modulation) approx. 4450 watts(at average program level) approx. 3350 watts
Crystal Heater Power Supply 115 volts, $50 / 60$ cycles, single phasePower Consumption30 watts
TUBE COMPLEMENT
Exciter-Amplifier Unit "250-L" (MI-7320)
Crystal Oscillator ..... 1 RCA-807
Buffer ..... 1 RCA-828
Intermediate Power-Amplifier ..... 1 RCA-810
First Audio ..... 2 RCA-6J7
Second Audio ..... 2 RCA-828
Main Rectifier ..... 2 RCA-8008
Bias Rectifier 1 RCA-5Y3-GT
Power-Amplifier Unit (MI-7318)
Power-Amplifier ..... 2 RCA-833-A
Modulator ..... 2 RCA-833-A
Bias Rectifier ..... 2 RCA-866-A/866
Main Rectifier 4 RCA-8008
MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS
Number of Cabinets ..... 3
Type of Construction Vertical Chassis
Floor Area ..... $14.5 \mathrm{~s} q$. ft.
Dimensions (overall)
Width ..... 1083/4 inches
Height (including lead-in bushings) ..... $847 / 8$ inches
Depth ..... $201 / 8$ inches
Depth (including rear door swing) ..... 3878 inches
Weight (net)
Exciter-Amplifier Unit ..... 1360 pounds
Power Amplifier-Modulator Unit ..... 1000 pounds
Power Equipment Unit ..... 1050 pounds
Total Floor Load ..... 3410 pounds

## EQUIPMENT

This RCA Type BTA-1L Broadcast Transmitting Equipment is identified by the Stock Number Ml-7186-B and is comprised of the following items:

| Quantity | Item | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Type BTA-250L Exciter | MI-7281-B |
| 1 | Type BTA-IL Power-Amplifier Unit. | MI-7185-A |
| 1 | Type BTA-1L Power Equipment Section | ML-7284-A |
| 2 | Type TMV-129B Crystal Unit Complete with Crystal. | MI-7467 |
| 1 | Power Change Equipment (supplied only if $250 / 500,250 / 1000$ or $500 / 1000$ watt operation is desired) | MI-7188-A |
| 2 Sets |  | M1-7188-A |
|  | Exciter Unit | MI-7320 |
|  | PA-Mod. Unit | MI-7318 |
|  | Instruction Books | IB-30118 |
| 1 | Touch-up kit . . | MI-7443 |
| 1 | Set Miscellaneous hardware. | MI-7474 |
|  | RF output meter (Specify scale) | MI-7157-B |
| 1 | Set call letters (Optional) . . . . | 26910-1 |

The RCA Type BTA-1L Amplifier Equipment (for use with BTA-250L Transmitter already installed) is identified by the Stock Number MI-7187-B, which is comprised of the following items:

| Quantity | Item | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Type BTA-1L Power-Amplifier Unit | MI-7185-A |
| 1 | Type BTA-1L Power Equipment Section | MI-7284-A |
| 1 | Conversion Kit (to convert Type BTA-250L Transmitter for use as an Exciter) | MI-7280-A |
| 1 | Power Change Equipment (supplied only if 250/500, 250/1000 or 500/1000 watt operation is desired) | MI-7188 |
| 2 Sets | RCA Tubes for BTA-1L Power Amplifier-Modulator and BTA-1L Power Equipment Section. (See "TUBE COMPLEMENT") |  |
| 2 | Instruction Books | IB-30118 |
| 1 | R-F Output Meter (Specify scale) | MI-7157-B |

## DESCRIPTION

This transmitter will provide reliable, high fidelity operation at any frequency between 540 and 1600 kc with negligible distortion and low carrier noise. It is very easily installed, requiring only the connection of external wiring and the bolting of cabinets together. When the Type BTA- 1L Amplifier equipment is being added to an existing BTA250 L installation, several minor alterations are required to convert the BTA-250L Transmitter into an exciter for the Type BTA-1L Transmitter. A conversion kit is supplied with the equipment to facilitate the changeover. These changes have been made at the factory on the complete Type BTA-1L Transmitter. The equipment requires a single-phase power supply of 230 volts, $50 / 60$ cycles. The transmitter will deliver rated power into a 70 - to 600 -ohm transmission line or into any type of antenna normally used with broadcast
transmitters. Convenient terminals are provided for supplying energy to operate modulation and frequency monitors, and a monitoring amplifier.
The transmitter as normally supplied is wired for operation only at its full rated power output of 1000 watts or only at a lower output of 500 watts. If it is desired to operate the equipment at 250/ $500,250 / 1000$ or $500 / 1000$ watts, this may be accomplished by using the power change equipment kit listed under "EQUIPMENT." This kit may be added to the transmitter at any time.
CONSTRUCTION-The cabinet enclosures are designed to produce a unified and distinctive appearance as shown by the frontispiece illustration, Figure 1. All necessary controls are grouped conveniently on illuminated panels. Adjustments are facilitated by the liberal provision of meters,
which are mounted at eye level on hinged panels located just above the controls.
Access to the rear of each meter panel is obtained by first operating the release handle, which is reached through a chassis hand-hole from the rear, and then by swinging the panel forward. The panel is held in its raised position by stay joints. The handle which operates. the panel-catches operates, in addition, a high voltage interlock switch.
All transmitter components are mounted on vertical type chassis and each is readily accessible from the rear through full-length doors. The opening of these doors operates high-voltage interlock switches. In making repairs and replacements it is necessary to remove the chassis. The edges of all wire holes are rounded, and the holes are of sufficient size to permit wires to be removed or replaced easily should this ever be necessary. Sufficient lengths of wire are provided to permit easy removal of the terminal boards and high voltage terminals. Shields are placed behind the highvoltage terminal bushings to protect them against accidental short circuits. The bushings may be removed and the wires "fished in" if necessary.

The equipment is mounted in three cabinets, shown in Figure 4 as the "BTA-250L EXCITER," the center unit, and the "BTA-1L AMPLIFIER." The "BTA-250L EXCITER" includes the crystal oscillator, the low-power audio and radio-frequency stages, and their power supplies. The center unit contains the heavy power and modulation transformers. The "BTA-1L AMPLIFIER" cabinet contains the power-amplifier stage, components of the modulator stage, and their power supplies.

CIRCUIT DESIGN-A schematic diagram for the complete transmitter is given in Figure 9 and the location of the various meters and controls is indicated in Figure 4. lt will be noticed from Figure 9 that the circuit is divided into two sections, one labeled "TYPE BTA-250L EXCITER" and the other "TYPE BTA-1L AMPLIFIER." The various items of the first section are designated by code numbers prefixed by the number " 1 "; the items of the second section have code numbers prefixed by the number " 2 ." The various sub-divisions of the "BTA-250L" section will be referred to in the following discussion as: oscillator; buffer; intermediate power-amplifier; first audio stage; second audio stage; second audio bias rectifier; exciter plate-voltage rectifier. The sub-divisions of the "BTA-1L"' section consist of the poweramplifier, modulator, modulator bias rectifier and power-amplifier plate-voltage rectifier.
The names of the switches and controls on the BTA- 250 L panel are, in some cases, the same as those on the BTA-1L panel. To avoid confusion, references to controls located on the BTA-250L panel will include the control name, preceded by
the word "exciter" or by "BTA-250L." Similarly, names of the BTA-1L panel controls will be preceded by the word "amplifier" or by "BTA-IL."

Radio-Frequency Circuits - Excellent frequency stability is attained by the use of a low tempera-ture-coefficient crystal installed in a temperaturecontrolled chamber, and connected across the control grid circuit of the RCA-807 oscillator tube. Vernier frequency control is obtained by an adjustment of capacitor 1 Cl which is connected in parallel with the crystal.
Two stages of r-f amplification follow the oscillator stage. The first, or buffer, stage uses an RCA- 828 tube and the second, the intermediate power-amplifier, uses an RCA-810 tube. The power-amplifier stage includes two RCA-833-A tubes, connected in a push-pull circuit.
The power-amplifier is inductively coupled to the antenna or transmission line through a " $T$ " section filter, which effectively reduces radio-frequency harmonics.

Audio-Frequency Circuits-The audio-frequency amplifier consists of two stages of push-pull amplification, the first containing two RCA-6J7 tubes and the second two RCA-828 tubes operated Class "A." The modulator contains two RCA-833-A tubes.
The use of negative feedback around the three a-f stages results in an extremely low order of distortion. The entire audio system is designed in such a manner that it is inherently stable.
A 6-db pad ( 1 A 8 ), is connected across the primary side of the input transformer to the first stage of audio amplification. This serves two purposes: (1) it presents a 600 -ohm impedance to any audio frequency supplied to the input terminals, and (2) it provides a $6-\mathrm{db}$ gain in noise level over that which would be present if no such pad were included between the speech amplifier output and the transmitter audio input. If it becomes desirable, for any reason (such as insufficient audio level at the output of the line amplifiers), this pad may be eliminated from the circuit without any serious consequent change in the performance of the transmitter.
Control Circuits-The control circuits provide convenient operation and adequate protection to the tubes and other components. No fuses are used except in the crystal heater circuit, protection elsewhere being afforded by magnetic or thermal circuit breakers.
When the main "LINE" breaker (2S1) is open, all power is removed from the transmitter. However, voltage is still present in the connections between the power input terminals and this breaker, and power is still applied to the crystal heating circuit. When this breaker and ISI are closed, the panel illuminating lamps ( 2 Al and 1A7) are lighted. The "FILAMENT" lamp of the BTA-1L
panel is also lighted when the "LINE" switch ( 2 S 1 ) is closed. The "FILAMENT" breakers ( 152 and $2 S 2$ ) protect all filament circuits and in addition, serve as filament switches. When these breakers are closed, and 2S1 and 1S1 are closed, filament power is available to all tubes. Under this condition, a buzz in the transmitter should be heard.
This buzz originates at the holding coils of the "PLATE" breakers (1S3, 2S3), and is an indication that the electrodes of the time delay relay (1E4) have not yet "closed." The "PLATE" breakers cannot be closed until this time delay relay which protects the rectifier tube filaments, has operated.
The time delay relay (1E4) is a plunger type, mercury-filled unit. A glass tube, containing two electrodes, is partially filled with mercury, on which floats an iron plunger. The tube is encircled by a solenoid, which is so positioned that, when energized, it pulls the iron plunger down. The mercury displaced by the plunger rises and contacts the electrodes, thus closing that circuit. The velocity of rise of the mercury, or "delay," is controlled by the rate of gas seepage through the porous wall of a gas chamber. For this relay the design is such that an interval of about 30 seconds elapses before the electrode circuit is closed. The circuit is opened, however, about 2 seconds after the relay coil is de-energizd.
When the time delay relay contacts are closed, the coil of the auxiliary relay (1E5) is energized. This latter relay de-energizes the holding coils of the "PLATE" breakers (1S3, 2S3), permitting these breakers to be closed (by operation of the front panel levers), and thus allowing application of the plate voltages. The 2 second opening time of relay (IE4) serves to prevent breakers (1S3, 2S3), from opening in case of a momentary power failure. In order to accomplish this, relay (IE5) operates considerably faster than breakers (IS3, 2S3).
Seven interlock switches (1S4, 1S8, 1S9, 2S5, $256,2 S 7,258$ ) are connected in series with the primary power circuits of the plate transformers. The "PLATE" indicator lamps (1A4 and 2A2), located on the control panels, are connected directly across the primary terminals of the plate transformers. These lamps are illuminated when the transformers are energized.
Power Supply Circuits-A full-wave rectifier con-
taining two RCA-8008 tubes supplies plate voltage for the oscillator, buffer, and intermediate power-amplifier, and for the first and second stages of audio amplification. Bias voltage for the second audio stage is supplied by a rectifier using an RCA-5Y3-GT tube. A full-wave, bridge-type rectifier employing four RCA-8008 tubes supplies plate power for the power-amplifier and modulator. Modulator bias is provided by a rectifier using two RCA-866A/866 tubes.
Power reduction may be obtained by means of the resistors which are connected, in series with the high-voltage plate supply of the power-amplifier and by changing the connections to the taps on the plate transformer (2T7). The wiring diagram, Figure 14, shows the connections which are required for different power operating conditions. For 500/1000-watt operation, the resistors 2R26 to 2R33 are combined to total 2050 ohms (maximum). For $250 / 1000$-watt operation, these resistors are combined to total 4600 ohms (maximum). For $250 / 500$-watt operation, the plate voltage is reduced by means of the taps on the plate transformer, and the change is obtained with the resistors combined to total 2050 ohms. One of these power change resistors is variable in order that adjustments may be made as required for a specific installation. When the power change is desired, these resistors may be inserted and removed from the circuit by means of a relay (2E1), which is operated by the "POWER CHANGE" switch (1S7), located on the control panel of the exciter unit. When the transmitter is to be operated only at 500 watts, the plate voltage may be reduced by means of the taps on the plate transformer. In this case the relay, resistors and switch are not employed. When the modulator is operated at reduced plate voltage, such as in 500 and $250 / 500$-watt operation, it will be necessary to change wires numbered 43 and 44 (Figure 14) from taps 1 and 2 on the modulator bias transformer (2T5) to taps 4 and 5.
Monitoring Provisions-Terminals 15C and 16C are provided for connection of an audio-frequency monitor. A maximum level of approximately +10 vu is available. A jack is provided in the buffer stage for connection of the frequency monitor. Another jack is provided in the power-amplifier for connecting the modulation monitor. An extra plug is supplied to permit connection of a cathode ray oscillograph for sampling the r-f voltages.

## INSTALLATION

LOCATION-The location of the transmitter should be carefully selected and provision made for external connections before the unit is set in place. Reference to the outline drawing, Figure 18, and the interconnection diagram, Figure 15,
will facilitate this preliminary work. It is of the utmost importance that the transmitter frame be securely grounded by short connections. For this purpose a 2 or 3 inch copper strip is recommended. There should be adequate circulation of
air to prevent the room temperature from ever exceeding $113^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. under the most severe conditions. Ample working space should be allowed at the rear as well as at the front of the unit. A generous allowance of space around the transmitter will not only facilitate inspection and servicing but will also improve the general appearance of the installation.

ASSEMBLY-The entire transmitter is delivered to the station site as completely assembled and wired as is consistent with safe transportation. ltems such as tubes, crystals, etc., are grouped for safe and convenient handling in transportation. On the exciter unit, the low-power audio shield, the control panel illuminating lamp, and the glass for the control panel illuminating lamp are removed and packed in a separate case. The audio shield should be mounted by simply pushing the spring fasteners into the holes provided. The panel illuminating lamp and glass should be mounted behind the meter panel door. The Transtat Line Voltage Control (2T2), the Power Amplifier Tank lnductor (2L7), the Harmonic Tank lnductors (2L9 and 2L10), the Harmonic Tank Capacitors (2C15, 2C16, 2C17), the panel lamp, the panel lamp glass, and bushings for the transmission line connectors are removed and packed separately. In mounting the Transtat, place the coupling damper in the coupling assembly connecting the panel control to the Transtat. The coupling damper is packed with the Transtat unit. The coupling should be so connected that when the slider bar is at the bottom of the Transtat, the counter indicates 000 . In use, the counter should not be run beyond the range bounded by 000 and 020 , otherwise the calibration will be lost, since the control and counter can be turned past the point where the slider bar reaches the limit of its travel. The Power Amplifier Tank Inductor should be coupled to the panel control shaft by means of the tapered pin. The tapered pin is taped to the inductor for shipping. The rotor should be at right angles to the stator when the counter indicates 000 . After these units are mounted in the amplifier unit, all controls should work freely without binding. The photographs and drawings included at the rear of this book will be found of great assistance in reassembling those components which are disassembled for safe transportation.
The transmitter units are mounted on wooden skids and packed front down in strong wooden boxes. After the boxes have been removed, the units should be set in an upright position and moved near the final location. They should then be blocked up in such a manner that the bolts under the unit which fasten the skids to the frame may be removed. When these bolts have been removed, the blocks should be removed and the units slid from the skids into place.

## NOTE-If the amplifier equipment is being added

to an existing Type BTA-250L Transmitter, it will be necessary to cut the trim strips and drill several holes to permit mounting the enclosure between the exciter and power-amplifier units. These operations are not necessary on the complete transmitter. Figure 17 gives complete information as to size and location of the necessary holes. A special padded tool is supplied in the miscellaneous hardware kit (MI-7281-A) for cutting the trim strips. Using a straight edge, mark the proper cutting points on each trim strip as indicated in Figure 17. Next remove the accessible nuts that hold the strips in place and slip the wedge-shaped tool under the strip to the indicated cutting point previously marked. A slot in the tool is then used to guide the hack saw blade in cutting the strip. The curved portion of the strip should then be pulled back in place by replacing the washers and nut on the remaining stud.
The BTA-250L exciter unit is provided with chassis hand holes beneath the transformers 1 T5 and IT3 to permit the complete removal of trim strips for cutting. The nuts holding the two upper strips may, of course, be removed by opening the meter panel door. Use of the tool, however, is very simple, and may be preferred. After cutting, the end of each strip should be given an application of lacquer to prevent its rusting.
The center unit panel should be bolted to the exciter cabinet. Note that the center unit horizontal trim strips are about $1 / 8$ inch longer than necessary. The excess should be cut off as necessary to allow proper fitting to the exciter cabinet. The amplifier cabinet should then be moved into its proper location and bolted to the center panel. The vertical trim strips should then be adjusted to the edge of each cabinet. Reference to Figures 17 and 18 may facilitate the understanding of these operations. The station call letters should be installed at this time. Milled edges are provided on the two strips to hold the letters in place. These milled edges fit into milled slots in the top and bottom edges of the letters. The slots are milled off center, and the thicker of the two slot walls should be placed behind the trim strips so that when the nuts which hold the trim strips in place are tightened, the letters will be held rigidly in place. The letters should be properly spaced before these nuts are tightened.
The center cabinet should now be moved into the space between the two end cabinets and set so that its rear edges are flush with the other two cabinets. The strips which are supplied to bridge the gaps between cabinets should then be placed in position. It is necessary to drill and tap holes in the exciter and the amplifier cabinets so that the strips will fit the individual installation. These strips should be used as templates for locating the holes. Instead of tapping the exciter and amplifier cabinet holes, the holes may be drilled large enough to pass the screws, which should then be held in place by nuts.

WIRING-The interconnection diagram, Figure 15, supplies sufficient information to enable the selection of the proper conduits and wire sizes required in any particular installation. The conduits should be terminated so as to clear the bottom plate in the transmitter, in order that the wires may be brought through the wire holes and fanned out in such a manner that the cover plates may be screwed in place when the connections have been completed. The outline drawing, Figure 18, contains dimensions for locating and terminating the conduits under the transmitter units. All connections between units should be made as indicated in Figure 15. The two r-f leads to the grids of the power-amplifier tube, and the four a-f leads to and from the modulator driver transformer (2T1) should be run through the holes provided ( $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{V}_{1}, \mathrm{~W}, \mathrm{~W}_{1}, \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}_{1}, \mathrm{Y}$ and $\mathrm{Y}_{1}$ ) as shown. The rest of the connections between units may be run through the center cabinet, and should enter the exciter and amplifier cabinets through the rectangular holes near the base.

NOTE-If the Type BTA-1L Amplifier is being added to an existing Type BTA-250L Transmitter installation, it will be necessary to make a few connection changes to convert the BTA-250L Transmitter into a BTA-250L exciter. These changes are described in the following fifteen paragraphs, and are shown on Figure 16. The necessary connectors and parts are supplied in the kit of conversion parts.

1. Mount the resistor capacitor boards, M-428. 765-501 and 502, in the first audio stage, utilizing 1C31 and 1C32 mountings, and make connections as shown in Figure 16. The solid lines in Figure 16 indicate connections to be added and the dash-dot lines indicate connections to be removed. The schematic diagram, Figure 9, may be of assistance in making the correct connections.
2. Open the BTA- 250 L meter panel door. Remove the plate leads 39 and 40 at the insulated bushings, 5D and 6D (refer to Figure 11). Tape the ends of these leads, first with varnished cloth tape and then with friction tape. Then lace these two leads into the left wire cable in order to keep them clear of other equipment and to preserve a neat appearance.
3. Mount the "R-F OUTPUT"' ammeter (1M7) in the meter panel and connect meter terminals "H," and " + " to bushings 1D and 2D, respectively. Then connect the unmarked terminal to bushing 3D with the $26 / 0.10,300$-volt insulation black wire supplied.
4. Remove the 500 -ohm bias bleeder resistor (1R48) from the bias supply chassis. Replace it with the 2000 -ohm, 10 -watt resistor supplied.
5. Remove the $270-\mathrm{mmfd}$ capacitors (1C45, 1C46) from the terminal boards adjacent to the first audio stage tubes (RCA-6J7) and replace them with the $1200-\mathrm{mmfd}$ 'capacitors supplied.
6. Remove the 5600 -ohm resistor (1R45) from the terminal board adjacent to the audio input transformer (1T8) and replace it with the 2200ohm resistor supplied.
7. Remove the 220,000 -ohm resistors (1R43 and 1R44) from the terminal boards adjacent to the first audio stage tubes (RCA-6J7) and replace them with the 68,000 -ohm resistors supplied.
8. Disconnect the wires connecting the plates of the second audio tubes (RCA-828) to the top of the BTA-250L feedback ladder (at capacitors 1C33 and 1C36). These are the wires numbered 134 and 136 in Figure 11.
9. Disconnect and remove the twisted pair connecting the BTA-250L feedback ladder (at capacitors $1 C 78$ and 1C79) to terminals 5 and 6 of the audio input transformer (1T8). These are the wires numbered 48 and 49 in Figure 11.
10. Connect a shielded twisted pair (supplied with MI-7280-A) from terminals 19B and 20B (terminal board B) to terminals 5 and 6 of the audio input transformer (1T8). Ground the shield of this cable at the terminal board.
11. Remove the 4000 -ohm power-amplifier grid resistor (IR17), which is mounted beneath the amplifier shelf, and replace it with the 5000 -ohm resistor supplied.
12. Remove the grid and plate connectors at V6. Only one of the power-amplifier tubes (RCA810 ) is used for the exciter. These connectors are shown as part 13 on Figure 11.
13. Remove the wire (number 228, Figure 11) connecting reactors 1 L 16 and 1 L 17 , and replace it with the 2000 -ohm, 10 -watt resistor supplied. The reactors are mounted on the rectifier tube shelf.
14. Connect terminals 8 and 9 of the modulation transformer 2T1 (located on the center unit chassis) to the insulated bushings 5 D and 6 D by means of the low-capacity cable supplied for this purpose.
15. The necessary wiring changes in the poweramplifier tank and coupling circuits are shown in detail in Figure 16. This figure shows the capacitors and associated connections required for the $750-\mathrm{kc}$ to $1000-\mathrm{kc}$ band. The capacitors required for other operating frequencies should be determined from the "CAPACITOR AND P-A TANK TAPS CHART." It will be noticed (from Figure 16) that it is necessary to relocate some capacitors when the Type BTA-250L Transmitter is employed as an exciter. Remove the capacitor ground straps on the capacitors mounted beneath items 1L9, 1L10, and 1L11 as indicated. Remove the connections numbered 4, 14, 15 and 16 on Figure 11 (and shown dash-dot on Figure 16). Add the ten connectors shown as solid lines in Figure 16. These connectors are supplied cut to length in the conversion kit (MI-7280-A). The schematic
diagram, Figure 9, will provide a check on the connections, although the particular capacitors used in each position will depend on the frequency of operation as previously explained. Radio-frequency in-put leads to the power-amplifier should be connected to 1 LIO and 1 LII as shown in Figure 15.
Each transmitter-unit frame should be thoroughly bonded to the station ground with copper strip (about 2 inches in width).
Terminals are located at the top of the amplifier unit to provide for connecting the amplifier to the antenna and ground or to an open-wire transmission line. Three-eighths-inch copper tubing•is generally used for these leads to the transmitter house wall bushings.
When a concentric transmission line is to be employed, it is generally desirable to bring it into the amplifier unit through the bottom; a knockout is provided in the bottom plate of the amplifier for this purpose. This knockout should be removed before the unit is set in an upright position, otherwise it will be necessary to remove the conduit cover plate and reach in under the base plate in order to perform this operation. Then, when the transmitter unit is set in place, the concentric line may be passed up through an opening in the floor. This opening in the floor should be provided before the transmitter is set in place. The line should be terminated at a point slightly above the chassis, and the center conductor connected to the output terminal of the harmonic tank coil (2L10). The outer conductor should be grounded and fastened to the chassis at some point near its upper end.
When the transmitter is to feed an antenna directly, the antenna current meter is supplied mounted on an insulated panel section, which is located directly behind the window in the dummy meter case on the front panel. The thermocouple is mounted behind the chassis. When the transmitter is to feed a transmission line, and the RCA Type BPA-1 (MI-7423-A) antenna tuner has been purchased, a remote metering kit (MI-19404-A) is supplied in place of the antenna current meter just mentioned. The meter from this kit may be installed directly in place of the dummy meter case, on the front panel. The insulated meter-mounting plate and the associated insulators may be removed, and the 10 -ohm adjustable resistor which is supplied for calibrating the meter, can then be installed on the chassis. Two tapped holes are provided for this purpose just below the harmonic tank inductor, 2L9. Connection should then be made as indicated on the wiring diagram, Figure 14.
The 115 -volt (nominal) power supply for the crystal heaters should be obtained from an external source, since power must be supplied continuously to the heaters in order that the crystal may be maintained at the proper operating temperature.

WARNING-Operation of this equipment involves the use of high voltages, which are dangerous to human life. The operating personnel must at all times observe all safety regulations. Do not change tubes or make adjustments inside the equipment while the plate voltage is being applied. Do not tamper with the door interlocks. Before proceeding with the adjustments of the transmitter, read the safety notice on the inside front cover of this book.
PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENTS-All breakers should be opened before power is applied to the transmitter. It should be noticed that when the exciter "P.A. OVERLOAD" and "MOD. OVERLOAD" breakers, and the BTA-1L "MOD. OVERLOAD" breaker (1S5, 1S6 and $2 S 9$ respectively) are open and high voltage is applied to the transmitter, the cathodes of the associated tubes are at a high potential with respect to ground.
Refer to the "CAPACITOR AND P.A. TANK TAPS CHART' and connect the proper capacitors and taps in the various tank circuits. These circuits are normally adjusted for 1000 kc when shipped. Since some capacitors will have been relocated in BTA-250L exciters which have been converted from BTA-250L transmitters, it would be well to refer to the stock numbers and capacity values given in the parts list located at the rear of this book, if any difficulty is experienced. A suffcient number of links and connectors are provided to enable the connecting of any capacitor combination required.
Check the primary tap connections on all transformers. Those in the exciter should be made to the 110 -volt tap, with the exception of the plate transformer (1T5), which should be set on the 120 -volt tap, so that the rated plate dissipation of the tubes and the capacity of the transformer will not be exceeded. The primary connections in the amplifier should be made to the 230 -volt tap. Insert all tubes in their proper sockets.
CAUTION_-Do not connect the plate caps of the 6 RCA -8008 rectifier tubes. Be sure that the plate caps of the RCA-828 tubes ARE connected.

Close the exciter and amplifier " $L$ INE"' breakers. The panel illuminating lamps ( $1 \mathrm{~A} 7,2 \mathrm{~A} 1$ ) should light and the "LINE VOLTAGE" meters (1M12, 2M11) should indicate. Adjust the variable transformer (2T2) until the meter 2M11 indicates 230 volts. Check all filament voltages. Adjust the controls 1R23, 1R27 and 1R28 (located on the back of the rectifier chassis) if variation of filament voltages in the exciter unit is necessary. All filament voltages should be brought to within 2 per cent of their rated value.
A total of about 95 volts should be available across the exciter bias-rectifier output. This voltage may be measured across 1C61. Set the po-

CAPACITOR AND P-A TANK TAPS CHART—Frequency (kc)

| Coil | Capacitor Schematic Symbol | $\begin{aligned} & 540- \\ & 650 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 650- \\ & 750 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 750- \\ & 850 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 850- \\ 1000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000- \\ & 1050 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1050- } \\ & \mathbf{1 2 5 0} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1250- \\ & 1350 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1350- \\ & 1500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500- \\ & 1600 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Buffer 1L5. | - | A | A | B | B | B | C | C | C | C |
| 1PA Neutralizing 1L7. | - | D | D | E | E | E | F | E | F | F |
| 1PA Plate Tank 1L9. | $1 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{B}}$ | G | G | G | H | H | H | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PA Grid Coupling 1L10... | $1 \mathrm{C}_{6}$ | J | J | J | K | K | K | L | L | L |
| PA Grid Tank 1L11... | $1 \mathrm{C}_{\text {A }}$ | M | M | N | N | P | P | Q | Q | R |
| PA Plate Tank 2L6... | $\underset{2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}}{ }$ | S | T | T | T | U | U | U | V | V |
| Tank Coil 2L7. Approx. No. of Turns NOT Used | - | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { to } \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { to } \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { to } \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { to } \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { to } \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { to } \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & \text { to } \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { to } \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ | 10 to 12 |

NOTE-The letters in the above chart are to be interpreted as follows:
A. Connect 1C18 and 1C19 in parallel; connect 1C17 in parallel with 1C27; the combination in series with 1C18, and 1C19. 1C19 and 1C18 are connected from intermediate power amplifier grid to ICl .
B. Connect 1 C 18 and 1C19 in parallel; connect 1 C 17 in series with the combination (1C18 and IC19 are connected from intermediate power amplifier grid to 1 Cl 16 ).
C. Connect $1 \mathrm{C} 17,1 \mathrm{C} 18$ and 1 C 19 in series (connect 1 C 19 to 1 C 16 ; connect junction of 1 C 19 and 1 Cl 8 to intermediate power amplifier grid.)
D. Connect 1C20, 1C21 and 1C42 in parallel.
E. Connect 1C20 and IC42 in parallel.
F. Connect 1C20 and 1C42 in parallel; connect 1C121 in series with this combination.
G. Connect 1C54 and 1C57 in series.
H. Use only 1 C 48.
I. Use only 1C49.
J. Connect 1C52 and 1C53 in parallel.
K. Use only IC52.
L. Connect 1C52 and 1.C53 in series.
M. Connect 1 C48 and 1C51 in parallel.
N. Connect 1C49 and 1C50 in parallel.
P. Connect 1C49 and 1C51 in parallel.
Q. Connect 1C50 and 1C51 in parallel.
R. Connect 1C50 and 1C51 in parallel; connect 1C48 in series with the combination.
S. Connect 2 C 10 and 2 C 12 in parallel for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$; connect 2 C 11 and 2 C 13 in parallel for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{E}}$.
T. Use 2 Cl 2 for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$, and 2 Cl 3 for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{E}}$.

U . Use 2 Cl 0 for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$, and 2 C 11 for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{E}}$.
V. Connect 2 ClO and 2 Cl 2 in series for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$; connect 2 ClI and 2 Cl 3 in series for $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{E}}$.
tentiometers (1R22 and IR54), which are located on the back of the BTA-250L rectifier shelf, fully clockwise to provide maximum 2 nd audio amplifier bias voltage.
Allow the filament voltages to remain on. Insert the crystal holders in their proper sockets. Make certain that fuses ( $\mathrm{F}_{1}, \mathrm{~F}_{2}$ ) are installed in the fuse holders and then connect terminals 17 B and 18 B to a 115 -volt power supply line. The crystal holders should reach their operating temperature (approximately $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) in about $30 \mathrm{~min}-$ utes. Do not proceed further with any adjustments requiring the application of plate voltage during this period, since the rectifier tubes should have filament voltage applied for approximately this length of time before the plate voltage is applied.
NOTE-When an RCA-8008 tube is first placed in service, it should be operated for at least 15 minutes with the normal filament voltage, but without plate voltage applied, in order to properly distribute the mercury within the tube. This procedure need not be repeated unless during subsequent handling, the mercury is spattered on the filament or plate.
CAUTION-During all tuning adjustments, it is essential that the BTA-250L "MODULATOR OVERLOAD" and BTA-1L "MODULATOR OVERLOAD" breakers ( 156 and 2S9) be kept open. Since the audio system will oscillate violently if the feed-back connections happen to be reversed, the plate voltage must not be applied to the audio tubes until after the feed-back polarity has been checked. The check will be described later in this instruction book.
TUNING-The crystal oscillator utilizes an RCA807 tube with the crystal connected in the control grid circuit. Tuning is accomplished by means of a tapped coil in the plate circuit; each tap covering a certain frequency range as follows:

| Band Coverage (kc) | Tap No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 540-700 | 1 |
| 700-1000 | 2 |
| 1000-1300 | 3 |
| 1300-1600 | . 4 |

Taps $5,6,7$ and 8 , which cover frequencies from 1600 to 3000 kc , are not used with the BTA-1L.

The proper tap in the oscillator plate circuit (see Figure 9) should be connected before plate voltage is applied. If the oscillator should be sluggish in starting, the tap listed for the next higher frequency band should be employed.
Preliminary tuning adjustments should be made for the exciter. The "BUFFER" (1L5) and "P.A. NEUT." (1L7) panel controls should be adjusted as indicated by the curves in Figure 19. Set the BTA-250L "P.A. PLATE" knob (on the exciter control panel) as indicated by the curves in Figure 20 and adjust the "COUPLING" control for minimum coupling.
After the 30 minute "aging" interval has elapsed, connect the plate connectors to the 2 RCA- 8008 mercury-vapor rectifier tubes in the exciter unit. The exciter "PLATE" breaker ( 1 S 3 ) may then be closed, thus applying plate voltage to the highvoltage rectifier. The control circuits should then be checked to see that all elements operate properly as previously described. The "PLATE" breakers should be checked to determine that the holding coil functions properly during the thirtysecond warm-up periods, and the operation of the auxiliary relay (1E5), should be checked thoroughly. Each of the rear doors should be opened separately while plate voltage is applied to the rectifier. Opening either door should remove the plate voltage. The meter panels should then be opened to check the operation of the meter panel interlock switches. It should not be possible to ap-

TABULATION OF CONTROLS

| EXCITER (BTA-250L) |  | AMPLIFIER (BTA-1L) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Panel Designation | Symbol No. | Panel Designation | Symbol No. |
| BUFFER | 1L5 | P.A. PLATE | 2L6 |
| P.A. NEUT. | 1L7 | MODULATOR BIAS, LEFT | 2R16 |
| P.A. PLATE | 1L9 | MODULATOR BIAS, RIGHT. . | 2R17 |
| POWER OUTPUT | 1R15 | LINE VOLTAGE . . . . . . . . | 2T2 |
| LOADING | 1 L 10 | POWER OUTPUT | 2L7 |
| * NONE | 1 L 11 |  |  |
| POWER CHANGE | 1S7 | MOD. OVERLOAD | 2S9 |
| MOD. OVERLOAD | 156 | LINE . . . . . . . | 2 Sl |
| LINE | 1 S 1 | FILAMENT | 2 S 2 |
| FILAMENT | 1S2 | PLATE | 2S3 |
| PLATE | 1S3 | P.A. OVERLOAD | 2 S 4 |
| P.A. OVERLOAD | 155 |  |  |

[^0]ply plate voltage to the rectifier while either meter panel is open.
This check should be repeated immediately after plate voltage has been applied to the BTA-1L rectifier.

When plate voltage is applied, three milliammeters should indicate current. They are, the "OSCILLATOR PLATE" ( 1 M 1 ) ; the " 1 ST AUDIO PLATE" (IM9) ; and the "BUFFER PLATE" (1M2) meters. The indications on these meters should correspond to those given in the chart of "TYPICAL METER READINGS," located in the back of this book.

The "1ST AUDIO PLATE" meter should at first indicate approximately 2.5 ma . When plate voltage is later applied to the modulator stage, the plate current of this stage will change to that listed in the chart of "TYPICAL METER READINGS." Measurement of plate current and plate voltages on the first a-f stage serves as a good check on these circuit elements. The plate voltages to this stage should be read with a high resistance voltmeter, i.e., one having a resistance of at least 1000 ohms per volt.

The oscillator may be checked for oscillation by removing the crystal holder from its socket. When this is done, the oscillator plate current should increase.

The buffer stage may be tuned by means of the control marked "BUFFER" (1L5). It should be adjusted to the point which produces maximum grid current (on meter 1M4) in the intermediate power-amplifier tube. Minimum plate current in the buffer tube should be obtained at approximately the same point. When adjustments are made in the intermediate power-amplifier stage, it may be necessary to readjust the "BUFFER" tuning. lt will be noted that the tank capacitors are arranged to form a capacitance voltage-divider in such a manner that when the values designated are used, proper excitation is supplied to the intermediate power-amplifier grid. Links are provided for capacitor connections in all exciter circuits in order that connections may be readily changed.
Excitation for a frequency monitor is obtained from the potentiometer (1R14), which is connected across a capacitor in the ground side of the buffer-tank circuit. This potentiometer is provided in order that the excitation may be adjusted as required. After the frequency monitor has been adjusted, the frequency of the oscillator should be adjusted to zero beat with the monitor by means of the vernier capacitor ( 1 C 1 ) which is connected across the crystal. A screwdriver slot in a bakelite shaft, accessible from the rear of the oscillator unit, is provided for this adjustment. The spare crystal should also be checked against the freguency monitor by inserting it in the socket provided in the oscillator unit. The setting of
capacitor 1 C 1 will probably be different for each of the two crystals.
A shunt is connected across the intermediate power-amplifier plate-tank meter thermocouple (1M8). This shunt should be removed during the neutralizing adjustment and then replaced. The shunt gives the meter a multiplying factor of approximately 1.6. After the transmitter has been completely adjusted and is operating at normal load, the shunt may be removed if the product of the meter indication and this factor (1.6) is less than 3 amperes.
The intermediate power-amplifier should first be neutralized. Disconnect the two leads connecting the "LOADING" inductor, 1 LI 0 , at the point designated as " A " in Figure 16 and bolt them together. Then remove plate voltage from the intermediate power-amplifier by opening the plate lead at some point in the circuit, such as the plate terminal on the exciter modulation transformer (1T6). Close the BTA-250L "P.A. OVERLOAD" breaker (1S5). Then, apply plate voltage to the rest of the exciter and tune the intermediate power-amplifier to resonance by means of the BTA-250L control marked "PLATE."
The approximate setting for this control may be obtained from the intermediate power-amplifier tuning chart, Figure 20. Resonance will be indicated by maximum current on the BTA-250L "OUTPUT CURRENT" meter (1M7) and on the BTA-250L. "POWER AMP. GRID" meter (1M4). The intermediate power-amplifier neutralizing control (1L7) should now be adjusted to the point where minimum currents are indicated for the intermediate power-amplifier plate tank and intermediate power amplifier grid circuits. As the neutralizing control is varied, it will be found necessary to readjust the buffer and intermediate power-amplifier plate-tank tuning.
If a noticeable peak on 1M7 and 1M4 is not obtained when tuning over the range of the plate tank inductor ("P.A. PLATE"), the setting of the neutralizing tank coil ("P.A. NEUT.") is probably near the neutralizing point and it should be changed.
Remove the plate voltage; reconnect the plate voltage lead of the intermediate power-amplifier; turn the "POWER OUTPUT" control (1R15) fully counterclockwise; reapply plate voltage and adjust the BTA-250L "P.A. PLATE" control for minimum plate current as indicated by the BTA250L "POWER AMP. PLATE" current meter (1M3).
The two leads to 1 L 10 , previously disconnected, should be replaced and coils 1L10 and ILII should be adjusted in accordance with the data of the tuning charts, Figures 20 and 21 . Apply plate power to the r-f stages in the exciter and adjust the exciter "LOADING" control to the point that provides maximum power-amplifier grid currents.

The grid circuit, consisting of "LOADING" coil 1 L 10 , coil 1 LI 1 and the grid tuning capacitor ICA which is connected across these two coils, should now be tuned to parallel resonance. As this circuit is tuned, it may be found necessary to readjust the BTA-250L "P.A. PLATE'" coil (1L9).
If the p-a grid currents are found to be unbalanced when the grid circuit is first tuned to resonance, balance may be obtained by rotating the p-a grid tank coil (1L11) a few turns and then readjusting the "LOADING" control to obtain the proper grid currents (see table: "TYPICAL METER READINGS'").
When the proper loading has been obtained, assuming that the BTA-250L "P.A. PLATE" coil (1L9) has been adjusted for minimum intermediate power-amplifier plate current, the intermediate power-amplifier should then be adjusted for maximum efficiency. This condition does not occur at the point of minimum plate current. It is obtained by making the plate-tank circuit slightly capacitive and then adjusting the BTA-250L "LOADING" inductor for the proper output. A few such adjustments may be required to arrive at the point of maximum efficiency.
It is possible to adjust the grid circuit in a manner such that the grids of the power-amplifier are excited in parallel. 'If the "LOADING" coil ( 1 L 10 ) is tuned to parallel resonance with the grid coupling capacitor and if there is sufficient reactance in the p-a grid tank coil (1L11), one power-amplifier tube (2V1) will be excited directly and the other tube ( 2 V 2 ) will be excited practically in phase through the p-a grid tuning capacitor (1CA). If this improper adjustment should be obtained, only a slight dip will result when the p-a plate tank coil (2L6) is tuned through resonance. Under this condition, when the p-a grid currents are balanced, changing the setting of 1 L 11 will have little effect on this balance, i.e., changing the inductance of 1 L 11 will not unbalance the p-a grid currents.

The transmitter, as shipped from the factory, has capacitor 1C58 (which is connected between the low potential terminal of coil 1L10 and ground) short-circuited by means of a link. This link should be removed when the transmitter is operated at a frequency between 540 and 850 kilocycles. When the transmitter is operated at a frequency between 1050 and 1600 kilocycles, capacitors 1 C 55 and 1 C 56 should be connected in series between the low potential terminal of 1 L 10 and ground. This introduces a capacitive reactance at this point in the p-a grid tank circuit and prevents a parasitic condition from existing in the intermediate power amplifier stagé in these two bands. No reactance is required at this point during operation in the frequency band between 700 and 1050 kilocycles.
Power-Amplifier Tuning-Initial tuning of the power-amplifier should be performed with only a
portion of the normal plate voltage applied. This may be effected by shifting the lead connected to terminal " 2900 " on the secondary side of the plate transformer (2T7) to tap "1450." After the circuits have been tuned to resonance, the lead should be returned to the " 2900 " tap.
The magnitude of the d-c voltage available from the power supply varies, depending upon the transformer secondary taps connected, as follows:

Secondary Terminals Used<br>Approximate Rectified Voltage (d-c)<br>0 and 2900......... 2650<br>0 and 2050 1870<br>0 and 1450 1325<br>2050 and $2900 \ldots . . .$.

The number of turns on the tank coil (2L7) should be adjusted as specified in the "CAPAClTOR AND P-A TANK TAPS CHART." At the lower broadcast frequencies, only a few end turns normally will be shorted out of the circuit. If only one or two turns are left unused, they should be "opened" (instead of shorted) by detaching the end turn from its terminal post (inside the coil form) at each end of the coil assembly. The tuning coil (2L6) should be set in its mid-position until the proper taps are found, in order to permit tuning through resonance. The plate tank capacitors, 2C10-11-12-13 should be connected as indicated in the "CAPACITOR AND P-A TANK TAPS CHART,' utilizing the connectors supplied with MI-7185A. The output coupling coil 2 L 7 should be tapped for the assigned frequency as indicated in the chart on page 11. The 833 A PA tubes should draw equal plate currents but unbalance may be caused by a slight inequality of capacitance between $2 \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{E}}$. For a final balance adjustment, vary the taps on each side of 2 L 7 until the plate currents in the tubes are equalized at resonance. The total number of active turns should remain the same.
Neutralization is unnecessary since fixed neutralizing capacitors are employed.
The plate caps should now be attached to the four RCA- 8008 rectifier tubes of the power-amplifier supply.
Close the "PLATE" and "PLATE OVERLOAD" breakers (2S3 and 2S4, respectively) and with the coupling coil set for least coupling, tune for resonance as indicated by a minimum plate current indication on the "P.A. PLATE TOTAL" meter ( 2 M 5 ). With minimum coupling to the antenna, the plate current of the final amplifier tubes should be low since the tubes are unloaded.
Output Circuit-The input of the "T" network must be capacitive to compensate for the inductive reactance of the rotor of 2L7; approximately -J 100 ohms at 1000 kc . The resistive component of the " $T$ " network input is approximately

105 ohms at 1000 kc . It is necessary to adjust the " T " network to match this input impedance and the output load impedance. Electrically, the "T" network consists of a low-pass filter in which the series arms (2L9, 2L10) are inductive and the parallel section (2C15-2C17), is capacitive. The equivalent circuit is illustrated in Figure 2. The portion of each coil to be utilized and the selection of the coupling capacitor ( $2 \mathrm{C} 15-2 \mathrm{C} 17$ ) will depend upon the resistance and reactance of the antenna or characteristic impedance of the transmission line, and on the operating frequency.
The shunt capacity of the "T" network should be of a value which will result in an appreciable number of turns being used on 2L9 and 2L10 to provide harmonic suppression.
Approximate adjustment of the " T " network may be accomplished by varying turns on 2L9 and 2 L 10 to obtain maximum PA loading and R-F output with the rotor of 2 L 7 at approximately $45^{\circ}$ coupling.
With the " T " network properly adjusted, PA plate tuning will change very little with change in position of the 2 L 7 rotor.


Figure 2-Equivalent Output Circuit (K-8856608)
$Z_{0} . \ldots . .$. . Characteristic impedance of " $T$ " network (and the impedance of each network arm for $90^{\circ}$ phase shift.)
$\mathrm{R}_{2 \mathrm{~L} 7} \ldots \ldots . .100$ ohms (Impedance of
$\mathrm{X}_{2 \mathrm{Lz}} \ldots \ldots \ldots+\mathrm{j} 100$ ohms § $_{2 \mathrm{~L} 7 \text { rotor }}$
$\mathrm{X}_{2 \mathrm{L9}} \ldots \ldots$. . Reactance of inductance 2L9.
$\mathrm{X}_{2 \mathrm{LI} 10} \ldots \ldots$. . Reactance of inductance 2L10.
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{a}} \ldots \ldots \ldots$ Antenna reactance.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{a}} \ldots \ldots$. . Antenna resistance.
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{C} 15-17} \ldots \ldots$. Reactance of $\mathrm{C15}$ to C 17 combination.
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{C}^{\prime}} \ldots \ldots$.......eactance necessary in shunt arm to conjugate unwanted reactance in other two arms.

The correct values of capacitance and inductance for the output network may be determined by means of Figures 22, 23, and 24.

Knowing the antenna resistance R in ohms, the impedance of the " T " network may be found from Figure 22, where each arm of the " T "' is equal to $Z_{0}$. It should be noted that $Z_{o}$ is composed of two separate reactances in some instances. Thus: $Z_{o}$ of the input arm is the sum of the reactances of 2 L 7 ( +j 100 ohms , a constant) and 2 L 9 ; the value of $Z_{o}$ for the output arm is the sum of the reactance of 2 L 10 and the reactance of the antenna or transmission line; and the reactance of the shunt arm is equal to $Z_{o}$, lowered by any additional reactance necessary to conjugate the reactance in the other arms.
Having determined the value of $\mathrm{Z}_{0}$, the inductance of 2L9 and 2 L 10 in microhenries and the capacitance of the C 15 to C 17 combination in microfarads may be found by use of Figure 23. The desired C15 to C17 combination may be selected from the following table, using the nearest value to that wanted.

| Capacity (mmfd) |  |  | Com |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | $5300 \ldots . .2 \mathrm{C} 15,2 \mathrm{C} 16$ and 2 C 17 in parallel. $4500 \ldots \ldots 2 \mathrm{C} 15$ and 2 C 16 in parallel-2C17 is |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| C | 3800 |  | rallel-2C16 is |
| D | 3000 |  | 2 C 17 are not |
| E |  |  | rallel-2C15 is |
| F |  |  | nd 2C17 are not |
| G |  |  | series -2 Cl 7 is |
| H |  |  | 2C16 are not |
|  |  |  | ries-2C16 is |
| J |  |  | ries- 2 C 15 is |
|  |  |  | 7 in series. |

The final step is the use of Figure 24 to ascertain the necessary numbèr of turns for 2L9 and 2L10. The values of capacitance and inductance determined as above should be applied to the network and final adjustments made with the aid of an r-f bridge connected to the input of the network. If a bridge is not available, the following substitution method may be used in adjusting the input resistance of the network to $105-\mathrm{j} 100 \mathrm{ohms}$, and the output to the impedance of the antenna or transmission line.
Referring to Figure 3, the coil, L, should be loosely coupled to a low-power source of radio frequency. Only sufficient power to afford a readable deflection on the thermo-galvanometer, G , is necessary. lt is desirable that the test circuit be shielded and wired in such a manner that stray capacities are reduced to a minimum. The test resistor, $R$, should be a non-inductive, 100 -ohm


Figure 3-Output Test Circuit (K-863128)
resistor capable of dissipating about five watts. The calculated value of shunt capacitance should be connected in the circuit and adjustments made as follows:
First, throw the switch to the resistor position and adjust capacitor $C$ for maximum current indication. Note the capacitor dial and current readings. If the maximum current indication is too low for accurate observation, increase the coupling slightly.
Shift the switch to the network position and vary the taps of inductor 2 L 10 until a point is found at which the galvanometer reading is the same as that previously observed when capacitor $C$ was tuned for maximum indication.
When this adjustment has been completed, adjust the taps of 2 L 9 to a point which gives maximum current indication for the setting of capacitor $C$ used with the switch in the resistance position. Finally, repeat the procedure again and make slight adjustments of 2 L 9 and 2 L 10 as required.
A value of $X_{0}$ slightly smaller than that calculated must be used to "tune out" the coupling coil inductance. This value can best be determined by inserting a low range r-f ammeter in the input arm of the network, and with very loose coupling and the lowest plate voltage applied, reducing the inductance of 2L9 until the maximum current point is reached.
When the output circuit has been properly adjusted, full plate voltage may be applied and the coupling adjusted for the normal power output as indicated by the antenna ammeter. When the transmitter is to be operated at two output powers, all adjustments should be made at the higher power.
When the antenna network has been properly adjusted, the exciter "POWER OUTPUT" control ( IR15) should be rotated until the amplifier grid -current meters indicate their recommended value. The grid currents of the two power-amplifier tubes should be balanced, but if not, a slight adjustment of inductors 1 L 10 and 1 L 11 will bring them into balance. Check all r-f stage meter readings against the "TYPICAL METER READINGS" table and make whatever adjustments are necessary.

The power output of the final amplifier may be varied by means of the BTA-1L "POWER OUTPUT" control (2L7) if, for any reason, the antenna resistance varies and changes the transmitter load.

When the proper loading has been obtained, assuming that the BTA- IL "P.A. PLATE" variable inductor (2L6) has been adjusted for minimum power-amplifier plate current, the power-amplifier should be adjusted for maximum efficiency. This condition does not occur at the point of minimum plate current. It is obtained by making the platetank circuit slightly capacitive and then adjusting the coupling for the proper output. Since there are four positions of the coupling coil (2L7) that give the same degree of coupling, each of these positions should be tried. It may be found that, with the grid currents of the power-amplifier tubes balanced, the plate currents may be slightly unbalanced. This unbalance will usually vary with each of the four positions of the coupling coil. The position which gives the maximum efficiency will usually result in the best balance. It may be necessary then to unbalance the location of the taps on the two sides of the power-amplifier tank coil (2L6) slightly in order to completely balance the poweramplifier tubes.

A cathode resistor is provided in the cathode circuit of each power output tube in order to keep the plate currents of these tubes within the maximum rated value when plate voltage is applied in the absence of excitation. These resistors (2R3, 2R4) are provided with taps. The BTA-250L "PLATE" breaker should be opened and the BTA-IL "PLATE" breakers should be closed, thus applying plate voltage to the power-amplifier tubes with no excitation at the grids. The tap to be used is that which inserts sufficient resistance in the cathode circuits to keep the power dissipation of each tube just under 300 watts. Plate voltage and current for each tube are indicated by the panel meters.

A pickup coil (2L8), which supplies excitation to the modulation indicator, is coupled to the PA plate tank coil. lt may be necessary to remove turns from 2L8 to obtain sufficient excitation for the modulation indicator. This adjustment is rather critical and turns should be removed from the coil one at a time. While the adjustment is being made, the coil should be in the position for maximum coupling. After maximum output is obtained, the coupling may be adjusted to the desired value by rotating $2 \mathrm{L8}$ on its mounting.

MODÜLATOR ADJUSTMENTS-When the r-f stages have been correctly adjusted for normal operation, close the second audio stage plate breaker, BTA-250L "MOD. OVERLOAD" (1S6). (Be sure that the modulator breaker BTA1L "MOD. OVERLOAD" ( 2 S 9 ) is open before
closing 1S6. Leave breaker 2 S 9 open during this adjustment.) The tubes should not draw plate current with the grid bias potentiometer set as previously indicated. These potentiometers (1R22 and IR54) should now be adjusted so that the sum of the plate and screen-grid currents (which is what is actually indicated on the plate current meters) for each of the second audio stage tubes is 80 milliamperes. The designations "LEFT" and "RIGHT" on the meters refer to the tubes as viewed from the front of the transmitter. Taps are provided on the bleeder resistors (1R62 and 1R63), in order that the screen and suppressor voltages of the tubes may be changed when necessary.

## CAUTION-Open 1S6 before proceeding.

Inspect the safety gaps on the primary of 2 T 4. These gaps should have a spacing of 0.050 inch and should always be kept well polished. Next, the grid bias of the modulator tubes should be set by closing the "MOD. OVERLOAD" breaker 2S9 (be sure $1 S 6$ is open before closing $2 S 9$ ) and adjusting the "MODULATOR BIAS" potentiometers 2R16 and 2R17 for plate current as indicated in the table of "TYPICAL METER READING.S." Approximately 90 volts should be available across the modulator bias rectifier bleeder (2R18). This voltage may be measured across capacitor 2 C 20 or 2 C 21 .
Since the inverse feed-back is connected externally between the two units, it is quite possible that the polarity of this feed-back has been re-
versed in these connections. It is necessary to check this as follows: Reduce the plate voltage on the modulators by moving the tap connection on the plate transformer (2T7) from tap " 2900 " to tap "1450." Turn on the transmitter, but do not close the two "MOD. OVERLOAD" breakers (1S6 and 2S9). Next, close the BTA-250L "MOD. OVERLOAD" breaker. Then, observing the modulator plate current meters, close the modulator breaker (2S9). If the indicated modulator plate current is low (between 0 and 50 ma per tube) then the feed-back polarity is correct. However, if the indicated plate current is high (150-300 ma per tube) then the audio system is oscillating, and the feed-back polarity must be reversed. To do this, reverse the twisted pair going to terminals 19 and 20 on terminal board " B " in the exciter unit. Then recheck for oscillation by turning on the transmitter and closing the audio overload breakers. The plate current should no longer rise excessively. Restore the plate voltage to normal value. With correct feed-back polarity, there should be no appreciable change in the no-signal value of the modulator plate current when the BTA-250L "MOD. OVERLOAD" breaker is opened and closed. If necessary, readjust the bias controls for the drivers (RCA-828) and modulators (RCA-833-A) for the correct static (unmodulated) plate currents as indicated in the table "TYPICAL METER READINGS." (When the transmitter is set up for straight 500 watt operation, it is not necessary to further reduce the plate voltage when checking the feed-back polarity.)

## TYPICAL METER READINGS EXCITER

Line Voltage 110 Volts

| Tube | $\underset{\text { (volts) }}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathrm{f}}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{p}} \\ (\mathbf{m a}) \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{(\text { volts })}{E_{r}}$ | $\underset{(\mathbf{m a})}{\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{g}}}$ | $\underset{\text { (volts) }}{\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sg}}}$ | $\underset{\text { (volts) }}{\mathrm{E}_{\text {up }}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crystal Oscillator | 220 | 27-29 |  |  |  |  |
| Buffer. | 1250 | 60-70 |  |  | 210 | 60 |
| Intermediate Power-Amplifier | 1500 | 180-205 |  | 45-60 |  |  |
| 1 st Audio. | 220 | *7-8 |  |  | 160 |  |
| 2nd Audio. (per tube) | 780 | 80-100 | -73 |  | $\begin{gathered} 690 \\ 670-690 \end{gathered}$ | 65 |

Plate Tank (Output) Current-2.0 to 4.5 amperes

[^1]TYPICAL METER READINGS AMPLIFIER

| Line Voltage 230 Volts | $\begin{aligned} & 1000 \\ & \text { Watts } \end{aligned}$ | 500 Watts Power Change Panel | 500 Watts Straight | 250 Watts Power Change Panel (250/500) | 250 Watts Power Change Panel (250/500) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tube |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grid Current (ma per tube) ....... . | 95 | 1000 | 100. | 100 | 100 |
| Amplifier Plate Current (ma total). . | 550 | 403 | $403{ }^{\circ}$ | 286 | 286 |
| Amplifier Plate Voltage (volts).... | 2450 | 1770 | 1770 | 1250 | 1250 |
| *Modulator Plate Voltage (volts)... | 2550 | 2600 | 1850 | 1850 | 2600 |
| Modulator Plate Current (ma) (100 per cent modulation). | 210 | 160 | 185 | 115 | 100 |
| Modulator Plate Current (ma) 0 per cent modulation. <br> *Modulator Grid Voltage (volts). | 50 61 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 61 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 61 \end{aligned}$ |

* Must be measured with an external meter.


## OPERATION

After the transmitter has been tuned to the operating frequency and the other adjustments just described have been completed, the equipment is ready for operation. In normal use, with the transmitter shut down, the following breakers should be in their closed position: 1S1, 1S2, 1S5, 1S6, 2S2, 2S4 and 2S9.
To Place the Transmitter in Operation-The following operations should be performed, in the order listed:

1. Close the BTA-1L "LINE" breaker.
2. After the time delay relay has operated, close the BTA-250L "PLATE" breaker.
3. Close the BTA-1L "PLATE" breaker.
4. Adjust the BTA-IL "LINE VOLTAGE" control for 230 volts.
5. Adjust the "POWER OUTPUT" control, if necessary, for correct antenna current.

To Shut Down the Transmitter-The following operations should be performed in the order listed:

1. Open the BTA-1L "PLATE" breaker.
2. Open the BTA-250L "PLATE" breaker.
3. Open the BTA-IL "LINE' breaker.

With ordinary care, little attention will be required to keep this transmitter operating at maximum efficiency. The adoption of a regular inspection schedule will assist in maintaining efficiency and in addition will minimize the possibility of program interruption. The table which follows may be used as a guide to the establishment of a regular maintenance schedule.

| General | -Keep all equipment free from <br> dust. Use a small electric hand <br> blower, if available. <br> -Inspect and tighten all r-f and <br> ground connections, and con- <br> nections to terminal boards, <br> transformers, interlocks, etc. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Interlocks | -All meter readings should be |
| recorded and checked against <br> previous readings to disclose <br> abnormal operation. Refer to <br> typical readings on pages 17 <br> and 18. |  |
| Inductors | Clean contacts with carbon <br> tetrachloride or crocus cloth <br> (never sandpaper nor emery <br> cloth). Apply a thin coating <br> of petroleum jelly afterward. |
| -Inspect and clean contact be- |  |


| Transtat | -Inspect and clean Transtat commutator with carbon tetrachloride or crocus cloth. <br> -Inspect brushes for good contact. Coat sparingly with light film of petroleum jelly. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Resistors | -Inspect power resistors for signs of aging, cracked enamel, or discoloration-all indicative of possible future trouble. <br> -At six months' intervals, using an accurate ohm-meter, check the resistance of feedback ladder resistors 2R37 through 2R44. Replace any resistor deviating more than $10 \%$ from rated value. |
| Tubes | -Inspect each tube immediately upon receipt for possible damage during transit. <br> -Keep a $\log$ of tube life to anticipate eventual tube failure. -lnspect and clean filament contacts on all tube sockets. particularly rectifiers, to avoid possible reduced tube life. <br> - Before replacement, properly "age" all rectifier tubes as described under "Preliminary Adjustments.' <br> -Age all spare rectifier tubes before storing. If not subsequently jarred and if stored in an upright position, initial warm-up period may be reduced to approximately one minute. <br> -It is recommended that transmitting tube spares be operated once a month, for a minimum of eight hours, to minimize the possibility of tubes becoming "soft" or gassy. |
| Relays | -Clean contacts with carbon tetrachloride, or crocus cloth if necessary. |
| Spare Crystal | -Check periodically to insure operation when required. |
| External Surfaces | -Apply matching lacquers, furnished with equipment, to restore original finish of marred spots. |

## REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

When ordering replacement parts, please give Symbol, Description, and Stock Number of each item ordered.
The part which will be supplied against an order for a replacement item may not be an exact dupli-
cate of the original part, however, it will be a satisfactory replacement, differing only in minor mechanical or electrical characteristics. Such differences will in no way impair the operation of the equipment.

EXCITER (MI-7281-B)


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IL7 | Inductor, neutralizing tank | 50491 |
| 1L8 | lnductor, P.A. plate |  |
| 1L9 | choke lnductor, | 19185 50492 5049 |
| 1L10 | Inductor, P.A. loading. . | 50493 |
| ILII | lnductor, transmission line series, same as Llo |  |
| 1L12 | Inductor, low-pass filter, |  |
|  | 0.10 H . . . . . . . . | 17906 |
| LLI3 | Inductor, modulation monitor, pick-up .... | 19337 |
| LL14 | Reactor, high voltage filter | 16928 |
| 1L15 | Reactor, high voltage filter | 19201 |
| 1L16, 1LI7 | Reactor, bias rectifier filter | 19343 |
| \|M1 | Milliammeter, oscillator plate, $0-50 \mathrm{ma}$. d-c. | 19188 |
| 1M2 | Milliammeter, buffer |  |
| 1 M3 | Plate, $0-250$ ma. d-c. | 19189 |
| M3 | Mill $0-500$ ma. d-c. . . . . | 19193 |
| 1M4 | Milliammeter, P.A. grid, same as M2 |  |
| IM5 | Voltmeter, P.A. plate, $0-2 \mathrm{kv}$. d-c, 1000 ohms per volt, complete with external multiplier (R36) | 19190 |
| 1M9 | Milliammeter, Ist Audio plate, $0-10 \mathrm{ma}$. d-c. | 44514 |
| 1M10, 1M1I | Milliammeter, modulator plate, same as M2. | 19189 |
| 1M12 | Voltmeter, line voltage, $0-150$ volts, $a-c . .$. | 19194 |
| 1P1, 1P2 | Connector, female | 19569 |
| 1RI | Resistor, grid leak, 150,000 ohms, 1 watt. | 31895 |
| 1R2 | Resistor, cathode, 680 ohms, 2 watts | 38325 |
| 1R12 | Resistor, buffer grid, 22,000 ohms, 2 watts. | 19081 |
| 1R13 | Resistor, buffier series, 100 ohms, 2 watts. | 14162 |
| IR14 | Potentiometer, frequency monitor, 1000 ohms. | 19203 |
| 1R15 | Rheostat, power output control, 750 ohms... | 19204 |
| 1R16 | Resistor, audio monitor, 10 ohms | 19658 |
| 1R17 | Resistor, P.A. grid, 4000 ohms | 43140 |
| 1R18, 1R19 | Resistor, parasitic suppressor, 68 ohms, I watt | 52213 |
| IR22 | Potentiometer, bias <br> bleeder, 5000 ohms... | 19206 |
| 1R23 | Rheostat, r-f filament control, 10 ohms.... | 17290 |
| 1R24 | Resistor, overload coil, 33 ohms, I watt . . | 52293 |
| 1R26 | Resistor, overload coil, 56 ohms, 2 watts | 52230 |
| 1R27 | Rheostat, audio filament control, 15 ohms | 19209 |
| \|R28 | Rheostat, rectifier filament centrol, 10 ohms, same as IR23........ | 17290 |
| IR29, 1R30 | Resistor, grid load, 33,000 ohms, I watt. . | 60291 |
| 1R32 | Resistor, first audio bleeder, 39,000 ohms, I watt $\qquad$ | 45420 |


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR33, IR34, } \\ & \text { IR35 } \end{aligned}$ | Resistor, first audio screen áropping, 27,000 ohms, 2 watts $\qquad$ | 44213 |
| 1R36 | Resistor, multiplier, part of 1M5 |  |
| 1R41, IR42 | Resistor, 0.10 megohms, 2 watts | 28738 |
| 1R43, IR44 | Resistor, modulator grid, 0.22 megohm, I watt. | 43018 |
| IR45 | Resistor, first audio cathode, 5600 ohms, 2 watts | 51.777 |
| IR46, 1R47 | Resistor, P.A. cathode, 50 ohms | 19659 |
| 1R48 | Resistor, bias bleeder, 5000 ohms, 10 watts. . |  |
| 1R54 | Potentiometer, bias bleeder, 5000 ohms. | 19206 |
| 1R64 | Resistor, 1.p. audio bleeder, 80,000 ohms, taps at $34,000-38,000-$ 42,000 ohms ........ | 43311 |
| IR65, 1R66 | Resistor, modulator grid suppressor, 10 ohms, 2 watts | 43008 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1R72, IR73, } \\ & \text { 1R77, } 1 R 78 \end{aligned}$ | Resistor, feedback divider, 2.2 megohms, 2 watts. | 46350 |
| IR74, IR 76 | Resistor, feedback divider, 3900 ohms, I watt. . . . | 45420 |
| IR75 | Resistor, feedback divider, 22,000 ohms, 2 watts. . | 19206 |
| IR79, 1R80 | Resistor, voltage divider, 1000 ohms, taps at 200 and 400 ohms | 46118 |
| IR8 I | Resistor, voltage divider, 800 ohms | 19210 |
| 1R82, IR83 | Resistor, voltage divider, 1000 ohms | 19870 |
| 1R84 | Resistor, 800 ohms, tap at 240 ohms .......... | 46119 |
| 1R85 | Resistor, 65,000 ohms, taps at 25,000 ohms, 40,000 ohms, section rated at 100 watts. | 52242 |
| 1R86, 1R87 | Resistor, compensating, 27,000 ohms, 4 watts. . |  |
| 1S I | Switch, breaker line, 30 amps $\qquad$ | 19195 |
| 1S2 | Switch, breaker filament, 5 amps. | 19196 |
| 1S3 | Switch breaker plate, 20 amps. | 19339 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IS4, IS8, } \\ & \text { IS9 } \end{aligned}$ | Switch, door interlock... | 18110 |
| 1S5, 1S6 | Switch, breaker, P.A. plate | 19338 |
| 1S7 | Switch, power change | 20790 |
| 1T1 | Transformer, audio filament . . . ........ | 19197 |
| 1 T 3 | Transformer, r-f filament | 19199 |
| 1T4 | Transformer, rectifier filament | 19200 |
| 1 T 5 | Transformer, rectifier plate | 19336 |
| 1 T 6 | Transformer, modulation. | 15516 |
| 1 T 7 | Transformer, bias rectifier plate ....... | 19342. |
| $1 \mathrm{T8}$ | Transformer, audio input. | 46109 |
| 1X1 | Socket, tube | 18724 |
| $1 \times 2$ | Socket, crystal unit..... | 16889 |
| $1 \times 3$ | Socket, 6 contact, square. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 4,1 \times 10, \\ & 1 \times 11 \end{aligned}$ | Socket, buffer | 18724 |
| 1X5, $1 \times 6$ | Socket, P.A., 4 contact, lock-in type . . . . . . | 45684 |


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 $\times 7$ | Socket, bias rectifier | 31319 |
| 1X8, IX9 | Socket, first audio.. | 18007 |
| 1X12, 1X13 | Socket, rectifier . | 44765 |
| $1 \times 14,1 \times 15$ | Socket, fuse . . . | 19334 |
| 1X16 | Socket, plate indicator lamp | 19026 |
| 1X17 | Socket, control panel, illuminating lamp | 50506 |
|  | MISCELLANEOUS |  |
|  | Mercury Unit, 3 section closing, 2 section opening . .......... | 44688 |


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Coil, mercury unit, 1/5 volts, $50 / 60$ cycle. <br> Counter, less coupling and gear <br> Jewel, pilot lamp, red, with nut <br> Relay, time interlock, D.P.D.T., 115 volts... <br> Spring, tension, for 1L5, IL7 <br> Universal Joint, for gear bracket and knob shaft assemblies | $\begin{gathered} 50504 \\ 50508 \\ 32805 \\ 46117 \\ 50495 \\ 47!90 \end{gathered}$ |

## POWER AMPLIFIER

| 2 Al | Lamp, control panel illuminating, 40 watts, 230 volts $\qquad$ | 43416 | 2 Pl 1 $2 \mathrm{RI}, 2 \mathrm{R} 2$ | Connector, single-contact male <br> Resistor, P.A. grid, 4,000 | 19568 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2A2, 2A3 | Lamp, plate indicator... | 23216 | 2R1, 2R2 | Resistor, P.A. grid, 4,000 ohms, 150 watts. | 44306 |
| 2C4, 2C5, | Capacitor, P.A. filament |  | 2R3, 2R4 | Resistor, P.A. cathode, | 44306 |
| 2C6, 2C7 | by-pass, $10,000 \mathrm{mmfd}$. | 69857 |  | 450 ohms, nine equally |  |
| 2C8, 2C9 | Capacitor, P.A. neutralizing, 7 mmfd . | UC-3272 | 2R5, 2R6 | spaced taps . . . . Resistor, P.A. parasitic | 17282 |
| 2C10, 2CII | Capacitor, P.A. plate tank, | UC-3272 | 2R5, 2R6 | esistor, P.A. | 17530 |
|  | . 0002 mfd. | UC-3357 | 2R7, 2R8, | Resistor, H.V. bleeder, |  |
| 2Cl2, 2Cl3 | Capacitor, P.A. plate tank, .0003 mfd . | UC-3355 |  | 16,000 ohms .. | 43422 |
| 2C14 | Capacitor, P.A. plate by- | UC-33 |  | Rheostat, modulator bias, 64 ohms, 25 watts... | 43424 |
|  | pass, 200 mfd . . . . | 69864 | 2R18 | Resistor, modulator bias, |  |
| 2 C 15 | Capacitor, harmonic tank, 003 mfd . | UC-3341 | 2R19 | 100 ohms . . . . . . . Rheostat, audio monitor | 43457 |
| 2 Cl 6 | Capacitor, harmonic tank, 0015 mfd . | UC-3392 | 2R19 | control, 10 ohms, <br> 25 watts $\qquad$ | 17290 |
| 2 Cl 7 | Capacitor, harmonic tank, . 008 mfd . | UC-3346 | 2R20, 2R21 | Resistor, plate indicator lamp dropping, 2500 |  |
| 2C20, 2C21 | Capacitor, modulator, bias by-pass, 20 mfd . | 43441 | 2R22 | ohms, 25 watts . . . . | 43425 |
| 2C27 | Capacitor, bias filter, 50 mfd . | 68755 |  | parallel, 25 ohms, 25 watts....... | 44078 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2C } 31,2 \text { C } 32, \\ & 2 \text { C } 33,2 \text { C } 34 \end{aligned}$ | Capacitor, modulator filament by-pass, 3900 |  | 2R24 | Resistor, r-f driver load, 10,000 ohms, 120 watts | 44080 |
|  | mmfd. . . . . . . | 52413 | 2R25 | Same as 2R22 |  |
| 2C39 to 2C46 | Capacitor, 2,000 mmfd. | 50359 | 2R37 to 2R44 | Resistor, 2.2 meg., 2 watts | 46350 |
| 2C49, 2C50 | Same as 2C20 |  | 2R45, 2R46 | Resistor, 47,000 ohms, |  |
| 2J1 | Connector, single-contact female | 19569 | 2S 1 | 2 watts Switch, line | 44211 43426 |
| 2L1, 2L2 | Inductor, P.A. grid choke | 17270 | 2S2 | Breaker, filament, | 43426 |
| 2L5 | Inductor, P.A. plate choke | 17271 |  | 230 volts . . . | 43427 |
| 2L6 | Inductor, P.A. plate tank, variable | 50505 | $2 S 3$ $2 S 4$ | Breaker, plate circuit. | 43951 |
| 2L7 | Inductor, P.A. ${ }^{\text {variable }}$ (ank | 50505 17310 | 254 | Breaker, P.A. plate, 115 volts . . . . | 44081 |
| 2L8 | Inductor, modulation monitor pick-up | 17273 | $\underset{2 \mathrm{~S} 8}{2 \mathrm{~S} 6,2 \mathrm{~S} 7,}$ | Switch, door interlock, 30 amps., 250 volts. | 18110 |
| 2L9, 2L10 | Inductor, harmonic tank. | 16984 | 2S9 | Breaker, modulator | 18110 |
| 2LI2 | Same as 2L5 |  |  | cathode . . . . . . . . . . | 43442 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{LI} 7,2 \mathrm{LI} 8 \\ & 2 \mathrm{MI}, 2 \mathrm{M} 2 \end{aligned}$ | Reactor, bias filter . .... Milliammeter, P.A. grid | 43124 | 2T2 | Transformer, line voltage adjusting | 43431 |
|  | current, left, 0-250 ma d-c | 19189 | 2T3 | Transformer, modulator filament | 43433 |
| 2M3, 2 M 4 | Milliammeter, P.A. plate current, left, 0-500 mad-c | 19193 | 2T5, 2 T 6 | Transformer, bias rectifier plate | 43435 |
| 2M5 | Ammeter, P.A. plate current, total, $0-1$ amp. d-c | 19193 19469 | 2T8, 2T9 | Transformer, H.V. rectifier filament . . . . . | 43437 |
| 2M6 | Voltmeter, P.A. plate, | 19469 | 2T10 | Transformer, bias rectifier filament | 43439 |
|  | $0-3 \mathrm{kv}$ d-c. Resistance <br> 1,000 ohms per volt |  | 2 X 1 to 2X4 | Socket, P.A. | 50368 |
|  | complete with external |  | 2X5, 2X6 | Socket, bias rectifier | 45685 |
| 2M9, 2 Mlo | $\underset{\text { Sameas } 2 \mathrm{M}}{\text { muliplier }}(2 \mathrm{R} 48) \ldots$ | 43629 | 2S7 to 2XII | Socket, control panel lamp | 50506 |
| 2 MII | Voltmeter, line voltage, $0-300$ volts a-c. . . . | 43419 | 2X12, $2 \times 13$ | Socket, filament indicator lamp | 19026 |


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MISCELLANEOUS |  |
|  | Coil form | 50526 |
|  | Counter, less coupling and gear $\qquad$ | $50508$ |
|  | Gasket, vellutex washer for P.A. socket. | $50509$ |
|  | Jewel, pilot lamp, red, with nut $\qquad$ | 32805 |


| Symbol No. | DESCRIPTION | Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jewel, pilot lamp, green, with nut |  |
|  | Knob, tuning control... | 14552 |
|  | Support, coil end...... | 50488 |
|  | Spring, tension Wheel (large sliding | 50495 |
|  | wheel mounts on shafts) | 50496 |
|  | (2 used) . . . . . . | 50525 |

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| 2C22 | Capacitor, audio monitor blocking, 2 mfd., 5,000 |  | 2R34, 2R35 | Resistor, A.F. driver load, 4,000 ohms, 25 watts. | 44308 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2C23, 2C24, | $\xrightarrow{\text { volts d-c }}$ Capacitor, H . V . filter, . | 17881 | 2R36 | Resistor, A.F. driver hf |  |
| ${ }_{2} \mathrm{CL25}^{\text {c }}$ | $4 \mathrm{mfd} ., 3,000$ volts d-c. | 18044 |  | ohms, 95 watts . . . | 19526 |
| ${ }_{2}^{2 C} 26$. | Same as 2C22 |  | 2R47 | Resistor, 2,000 ohn |  |
| 2C35, 2C36 | Capacitor, 1 mfd ., 1,500 volts, $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ | 44309 |  | tapped at $1,000,1,200$. <br> $1,400,1,600$ and 1,800 |  |
| 2L13 | Reactor, modulation . . . | 17307 |  | ohms ... | 45766 |
| 2L14, 2 L 15 | Reactor, H.V. filter. . . . | 17308 | $2 \mathrm{S5}$ | Switch, door interlock | 18110 |
| 2R23 | Reactor, H.V. filter shunt | 43440 | 2 TI | Transformer, driver | 44310 |
|  | Resistor, A.F. driver plate series, 4,000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2T4 } 4 \\ & 2 \mathrm{~T} 7 \end{aligned}$ | Transformer, output | 17301 |
|  | ohms, 200 watts | 44307 |  | rectifier plate . . . . . . | 17304 |



Figure 4-Transmitter (Frons View)


Figure 5-Exciler Chassis (Rear View)


Figure 6-Exiciter Chassis (Rear View)


Figure 7-Center Panel (Rear View)


Figure 8-Amplifier-Modulator Chassis (Rear View)



Figure 10-Transmitter Control Circuits (Simplified Schematic, M-426824)



| WIRE TABLE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { PART N } \mathrm{P} \\ & \text { SEE } \\ & \mathrm{K}-884577 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION | WIRE NUMBER |
| 5 | PS533-22 <br> 10 / . 010 VARN. CLOTH bRAID COVERED 300V. BLACK | 1 TO 7 INCL. |
| 6 | PS 538 $16 \% .010$ VARN. CAMBRIC BRAID COVERED 600 V . BLK. |  |
| 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PS. } 105 \\ & .0641 \text { DIA. TINNED } \end{aligned}$ COPPER WIRE | 8 TO 19 INCL. 21 TO 23 INCL. |
| 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PS } 50 \\ & \text { 06GID.VARN. } \end{aligned}$ <br> TUBING. BLACK | 35 TO 39 INCL. |

NOTE \#1:- NUMBERS INSERTED IN WIRES INDICATES WIRES NUMBER. A NUMBER PRECEDED BY A LETTER INDICATES AN ELEC. ITEM THUS V-I NUMBERS IN CIRCLES REFER TO PARTS ON WIRING M•L.

NOTE\#2:- CUT LEADS TO LENGTH STRIP \& TIN TO SUIT. DRESS LEADS AS INDICATED. SOLDER CONNECTIONS USING P-13. MARK SEHEMATIC ITEM NUMBERS ON OR NEAR RESPECTIVE PARTS USING BLACK OR WHITE LACQUER OF CONTRASTING COLOR





CHASSIS: $\rightarrow$ FRONT or $\xrightarrow{\text { TLOCHWASRHER. }}$
 PGANCHSCR. $6-32 X / / L E G$

TOP VIEW


N-433440
TO BOTTOM OECBO

$\frac{\text { CONVETYIONS OF CAPACITOR RESISTOR }}{\text { BOAPOS } M-43340-5012502}$

TYPLCAL MOUNTING OF PESISTOR
CAPACITOR BOARDS M-433440-501\& 502
NOTE "I: MOUNT RESETOR-CAPACITOR BOARDS M-433440-501850E AND NAKE CONNECLNES SHOWN FUL IDOCATE CONNECTIONS TO BE ADDED, DASH DOT LINES INDH-
CAFE CONNECTINS TO BE REMONED.

 BUSHINGS ID-2D AND $3 D$ RESPECTIVELY WITH PS, 533 26 OID, 300 VOLT BLACK
WIRE, LACE TOO METER PANEL CABLE. SUPPLED AS MI-7EBOA ITEM $3 G$. NOTE*'H:RENOVE SCH, ITEM*RAB ANO REPLACE WITH ONE RESISTOR SUPPLIED AS MITRSON ITEM $2 G$.
NOTE '4AF: INTERCHANGE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS OF C24\% C25.RECONNECT AS PER SCHEM.TT. 618413.
NOTE"S: REMOVE SCH. TTEMS CAFAND CHG AND SUBSTITUTE CAPACITORS SUPPLIED AS
NOTEN:REMOVE SCHITEM R 55 ANO SUBSTITUTE RESISTOR SUPPLIED AS MI-TEBOAHTEMZF. NOTE ${ }^{*}$ : REMOVE SCH.ITEMS RAS FAHA $\angle$ SUBSTITUTE RESISTORS SUPPLIED AS MITTROOA TTEM $2 E$. NOTE "B: DISCONNECT WIRES FAOM PLATES DF B28 AUDIO TUBES TO 250 K FEEO BACK

NOTEG:DISCONNECT E TAPE TWISTES PAIR FROM 25OK FEED BACK LADDER TO
 USE TMISTED PAR SUPPLIED AS AMITRSOA ITEM $3 F$ GROUMD SHIELDAT TERMIMAL
BOAFD USING MM-TROOA-TEM 3 GI

NOTE'III :REMOVE SCH.ITEN RIT ANO SUBSTITUTE RESISTOR SUPPLIED AS MI-T2BO-A ITEM 20 NOTE"K' REMOVE GRIDEPATE CONNECTOR FORX6 (TWO OF PTS. 13 ON WW-303e3.3). NOTE H/ REMOVE WIRE 33 (DRG. WW- 303933 BETWEEN SCHEMATIC ITEMSLGELL7 AND
REPLACE WITH ONE RESISTOR R-7I SUPPLIED AS MJ-72BOA ITEM $2 G$.
NOTE'H: RELOCATE CAPACITOAS, LINKS ANO GROUND STRAPS AS SHOWN. (EXTPA LINAS AND

 $\frac{\text { RELACCA }}{\text { SCREW }}$


TOBOTTOM SPACEP $\%$ QD. $X \% \leq G:-$
VIEW AT *' $A B O V E$


Figure 17-BTA-250L Cabinet Cbanges (P-714505)


Figure 18-Type BTA-1L Transmitter Outline (T-611822)


Figure 19-Exciter IPA Neutralizing and Buffer Controls (Graph, Dial Setting vs. Frequency, S-853809)


Figure 20-IPA Tank and Grid Coupling Controls
(Graph, Dial Setting vs. Frequency, S-852919)


Figure 21-Exciter PA Grid Tank Coil
(Graph, Active Turns vs. Frequency, S-852920)

## BTA-IL BROADCAST TRANSMITTER



Figure 22-Output Network Impedance
(Graph, Antenna Resistance v's. Network Impedance, S-853830)

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Figure 23-Output Network Reactance
(Graph, Carrier Frequency vs. Inductance and Capacity, S-853832)


## INDUCTANCE IN $\mu$ HENRIES

Figure 24-Output Network Inductance
(Graph, Inductance vs. Turns $2 L 9$ or 2L10, S-853831)


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[^0]:    * 1 L 11 is controlled by means of the knob at the rear of this inductor. It is accessible from the rear of the chassis after the rear doors have been opened. This control is referred to as "p-a grid tank coil,"

[^1]:    * This value includes screen current.

