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The application of radio and the magnetic wire recorder in the actual bombing of a Nazi-held airdrome, as reported direct from England.

The "Jackie Ellen"

Shortly before the "Jackie Ellen" a Flying Fortress of the 8th U. S. Army Air Force took off from Britain to bomb Le Bourget Airfield just outside Paris, the writer made a check flight to find out what goes on over the communication system during a combat mission. It was evident then that even the fastest shorthand expert would be unable to write a word-for-word account of the flight. However, an Air Force officer with a magnetic wire recorder attached to the intercommunication system obtained a description of the operational flight in the actual words of the crew and observer-commentator.

THE radio operator in a Flying Fortress during a bombing mission is far from the most talkative gent in the crew—either in buzzer code or actual conversation. His job consists of little or no transmitter work while on the way to and from the target. In fact, radio silence is paramount in the precautions of a raiding party and only in an emergency is the key or talker opened. The radioman becomes primarily a listener—and if he's in the lead ship he must be an exceptionally good one, too.

On the day of a mission the radio operator is briefed with the other en-

listed gunners. Then radio men, like the navigators, attend a special briefing of their own. Here they are handed the flimsy, or radioman's kit for the day. The flimsy is a briefcase containing papers—a station and frequency chart, bomber code, "Q" signals, hours of the day, and certain maps, all of which are secret and sacred to the radio operator. His flimsy is as well-guarded as the bombardier's sight, or the navigator's papers, or the special escape kits.

But radio procedure differs in the European theater of operations—it is a combined USAAF-RAF radio pro-

cedure. So radio operators are grounded for several weeks when they first arrive in England to attend this combined radio-procedure school.

The radioman is also an expert gunner, for interdependence is vital to a B-17 crew. He has his own fifty-calibre playing out of his top hatch. He can operate either the top or ball turret to replace these gunners in an emergency. Since he is the only man in the ship who can see the waist gunners (through his half door) he "guards" them. The ball turret man depends on the waist gunners to free stuck mechanisms, feed him ammunition and do other related duties. The tail gunner is also a responsibility of the waist men.

The most important position of all for a radio operator, however, is in the lead ship. Here he must intercept every message from his home base, for other aircraft following in the flight depend on the leader to keep to a correct course. If the radio operator fails to hear a message calling the flight back or detailing it to another target, it might find itself flying alone or leading the other ships astray. With such vital information crackling on the receiver, and being unable to see what is going on, radio men often become so detached from the activity around them that even severe enemy action goes unnoticed. It has been known for them to return from missions in planes riddled to almost total destruction, to discover the damage only after landing.

Closed off in a tiny, closely curtained compartment, concentrating on the radio receiver rather than the interphone, the operator often misses the battle entirely. He can hear shots behind and around him, hear his own turrets firing in reply, feel the plane buck and lurch—which might be enemy flak, cannon hits, or just plain evasive action—he's never sure which.

In preparation for the flight which was to become the first on-the-spot account of what actually goes on inside an American heavy bomber, a small portable recording device known as a magnetic wire recorder, was installed in the observers' compartment and plugged into the intercommunication system. In addition to the regular crew of ten, Major Howard L. Nussbaum, former New York radio network executive and now Radio Public Relations Officer of the E.T.O., was to go along and record his own description of the flight.



Major Howard L. Nussbaum showing the magnetic wire recorder to Gen. Arnold, Commandant of the U. S. Army Air Forces.

The plane used was the *Jackie Ellen*, so christened by the bombardier, Lt. Walter Z. Morey, of Manchester, New Hampshire, an expectant papa who explained, "if it's a boy we'll name him Jackie; if it's a girl it'll be Ellen."

Painted on the nose of this bomber were nineteen yellow, red and blue miniature bombs, indicating that it had made that many missions over enemy territory—ten over France, eight over Germany and one over Belgium. It was manned by the oldest complete living combat crew in the "claypigeon" squadron.

There was nothing unusual in the briefing of the crew the day of this particular flight. The men knew they were to bomb Le Bourget airfield just outside Paris and they had been informed about the magnetic wire recorder attached to the intercom. They were also aware that they were participants in a unique experiment which might prove of great tactical value in future bombings.

After the briefing, T/Sgt. Joseph C. Bocelli, Philadelphia, Pa., radio operator of the *Jackie Ellen*, entered the radio compartment and started his log: "On watch—0810 hours," he wrote . . . "have tested all equipment—OK . . . have tested interphone from every position in plane—OK. . ."

With this the radio operator's duties were over for the moment. He had only to listen for messages meant for his ship and note them in his log, for the pilot takes over with a command radio for the directional control of other planes in the flight and for coordination with fighter escort or for liaison with the other bombers.

The balance of the crew, consisting of S/Sgt. Walter D. Sherrill, Rock Island, Ill., tail gunner, S/Sgt. Charles A. Adams, Cheltenham, Pa., and S/Sgt. William R. Earnest, Delmont, Pa., right and left waist gunners respectively, S/Sgt. Francis W. Pulliam, Greeley, Colo., ball turret gunner, T/Sgt. Gus Riecke, Trinidad, Cal., upper turret gunner, Lt. Walter Z. Morey, bombardier, Lt. C. A. Alexander, Manlius, N. Y., navigator, Major Nussbaum, observer, and Lt. Douglas H. White, Fort Worth, Texas, co-pilot, all checked in over the interphone to pilot Captain Thomas F. Witt, of Cookville, Texas, and the plane took off in regular formation on its history-making flight.

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Demonstrating the oxygen mask with built-in microphone. The wire recorder had its first trial on the "Jackie Ellen" which was attacked 10 times during the flight.



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The radio man sat back on his parachute pack, loosened his "Mac West," relaxed and listened. Over the intercom came the voices of the crew and observer-commentator as the ship sped towards the continent to bomb the Nazi-held airfield:

Nussbaum: "It's now 8:20. Zero hour is at 8:45. In exactly twenty-five minutes, at zero hour, every plane, every bomber, every fighter on this operational mission. . . ."

Pilot: "Pilot to tail gunner. Check your glasses and see if you can get the number of that aircraft to the right of us."

Tail gunner: "Tail gunner Roger. Four two eight. . . . I think it is four two eight. Roger."

Pilot: "Thank you, Roger."

Nussbaum: "As I said, at 8:45, which is in about twenty-five minutes, all the planes on this mission, whether they be bombers or fighters, will be in the air on the way to the target. That is known as zero hour. I can now see the wing ahead of us. It is in perfect formation. They are scheduled to go into the target two minutes ahead of us. We have not as yet made our rendezvous with our fighter escort."

Bombardier: "Altitude 10,000 feet. Put on your oxygen masks. We are at oxygen level."

Tail gunner: "Tail gunner, Roger."

Nussbaum: "As you can hear, we are going on oxygen now. I have just put on my mask, and it may make my

gator is working over his maps closely now. That rendezvous is desperately important. If we are too early for it, our Thunderbolts might never find us, and if we're late, they'll use up all their gas circling and waiting for us, and won't be able to take us as far as Paris.

"We're right on the nose! Three huge formations of Thunderbolts are swooping down on us from the northwest. They're a good deal higher than we are. That is precision timing for you, especially when you remember that these Thunderbolts took off from different air fields ten or fifteen minutes ago, rendezvoused first with each other, and then came out here to meet us, at a precise time when we would be passing a given pin point on the map. The time is exactly 9:02. We are at bombing altitude. . . ."

Pilot: "Calling all to man your guns!"

Bombardier: "Bombardier to navigator—man your guns!"

Nussbaum: "We are now flying over enemy territory. Our parachutes have been adjusted. We have put on helmets to catch any flak that might be coming our way."

Crossing into enemy territory the radio operator checked his equipment to see that he had complete radio silence and noted it in his log.

Bombardier: "Bombardier to pilot—go ahead."

Pilot: "Go ahead."

The ground and flying crews of the Flying Fortress "Jackie Ellen."



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Here the *Jackie Ellen* became engaged in the first contact with the enemy on this flight. Anti-aircraft batteries opened up on them from several quarters.

Nussbaum: "The flak is coming up. . . . this is certainly flak-infested. . . ."

Right waist gunner: "Flak 4:30 high!"

Top turret gunner: "There! Four fighters right above us—four fighters!"

Pilot: "Are they 47's?"

Top turret gunner: "Yes, sir, they're 47's."

Pilot: "OK."

Nussbaum: "We are nearing the target. We can see the field from here, and just beyond that we can see Paris itself. We are getting some very bitter and determined opposition. They're giving us just about everything they have. . . ."

Top turret gunner: ". . . . Something around, I think."

Pilot: "Cut the fussing around and get on the ball!"

Another field of flak spread out beneath them and the *Jackie Ellen* tossed and pitched like a bucking bronco.

Top turret gunner: "Enemy eleven o'clock level."

Nussbaum: "We are being attacked! We're being attacked! A Focke-Wulf 190 is coming in on us."

Pilot: "Get at your guns! Get at your guns!"

Nussbaum: "The guns are going—a Folke Wulf came in at about eleven thirty."

Pilot: "Report. Report."

Tail gunner: "Tail gunner—Roger."

Left waist gunner: "Left waist gunner—Roger."

Right waist gunner: "Right waist gunner—Roger."

Ball turret gunner: "Ball turret—Roger."

Radio operator: "Radio—Roger."

Navigator: "Bombardier navigator—Roger."

Pilot: "OK boys, keep your eyes open now."

Bombardier: "At twelve o'clock level there seems to be something burning—some plane or something."

Tail gunner: "Flak six o'clock! Six o'clock level."

Bombardier: "Bomb bay doors being opened."

Pilot: "OK. Open bomb bay doors." Right waist gunner: "Three 47's at three o'clock high."

Nussbaum: "Our bomb bay doors are open."

Pilot: "Roger."

Top turret gunner: "There's something at twelve o'clock high."

Bombardier: "Don't bother me now, please! On the level there, boy, please!"

Nussbaum: "The bombardier is working with his Bomb Sights now. There's been a lot of flak. Our pilot has been taking evasive action. The bombardier wants the ship—he needs the ship level—we're levelling off. The flak is really coming up—some more bursts! The sky is . . . the sky is just black with little puffs of smoke."

Bombardier: "Bombs away!"

Nussbaum: "The bombardier has just dropped his bombs and we are taking a wide turn to try to avoid the flak. We will be going due east now."

Tail gunner: "Watch there— one o'clock low—some enemy fighters!"

Nussbaum: "We are directly above Paris now."

Right waist gunner: "Flak four o'clock low! Flak four o'clock low!"

Nussbaum: "Paris is just about four miles directly below. There is not a cloud between us and the ground. I can see the Eiffel Tower. . . ."

Bombardier: "Where?"

Nussbaum: "Right out there just about one o'clock—see?"

Bombardier: "Yes, that's what it is!" Navigator: "Attack! Attack!—One o'clock!"

Nussbaum: "We are being attacked—there go our guns! It was an ME 109, a Messerschmidt 109. It came in at eleven o'clock right to the left of our nose. It swooped down on us, and under as our guns fired. If we missed him, the ball turret gunner got his chance, I guess."

At this point the radio operator decided to join the battle. He wrote in his log: "Off watch," closed his set and manned the fifty-calibre gun in the ceiling of his compartment.

When a radio operator engages in the battle as a gunner he must also keep constant vigil on his receiver for code signals come in at regular intervals and he must intercept and record them in the log.



By means of a small microphone which fits over the lip, and inside the oxygen mask, the operator was able to record his observations of a complete mission.

voice sound somewhat muffled. Crews generally go on oxygen at around 10,000 feet. The pilot will check the crew every 10,000 feet altitude or so to make sure the men are still on oxygen and are all right. It is now exactly 8:48, and we are somewhere over the English channel. In just two minutes we are to rendezvous with the fighter escort, all P47 Thunderbolts—the bomber crew's best friend. The navi-

Bombardier: "I'm going back to pull the pins out of the bombs now."

Pilot: "Roger."

Nussbaum: "That was the bombardier to the pilot. He is now leaving the bombardier's compartment and going back to pull the pins from the bombs. We are getting ready for business."

Bombardier: "That guy at twelve o'clock seems to be hit!"

Pilot: "Pilot—Roger—Roger."

Operating Notes

The Analysis of Radio Receiver Symptoms

After nearly four hours in the air with their mission successfully accomplished, the *Jackie Ellen* and her crew headed back to their base. Direct hits had been scored on the target and a total of thirty-seven enemy planes were knocked down by the entire flight.

Such phrases as "nine o'clock" and "eleven o'clock" used by the crew during their battle, indicate the direction from which enemy fighters were attacking. The use of the word "Roger" is a radio procedure term of acknowledgment, such as the expression, "OK," meaning everything is all right.

The entire crew was wearing oxygen masks, and with the exception of the observer-commentator, all the men used throat microphones. These can pick up only the individual's speech. A tiny lip microphone, enclosed in his oxygen mask, was used by the observer-commentator.

On the trip home the radio operator switched his automatic gadgets back on and tuned in a little dance music for the interphones while the crew unplugged oxygen lines and heating cables. The balance of the flight was uneventful.

Had the sky been cloudy on their return the radioman might have found himself a great deal busier, for after such battles planes usually become lost from their group and their course. In such weather the navigator cannot get a fix by celestial navigation or from his compass or maps. Then it's the job of the radio operator to take a chance on breaking radio silence to get a radio fix. This is done by working from the flimsy list of stations and frequencies, sending out the signal for a fix.

On long missions deep into Europe, Fortresses and Liberators sometimes land at the nearest airdrome to the English coast. Getting the ship into a strange airport is another responsibility of the radio man.

Back home the ship lands. The radio operator finishes his log for the flight: "Equipment OK, except for faulty interphone cables leading to tail gunner," or whatever flaws might have been found in radio, interphone, or other power cables. Then he signs: "Off watch—1224 hours," with his name and rank affixed.

He gathers up his precious flimsy and log, attends the regular crew interrogation and his radio operator's interrogation where he is questioned on incidents of the flight. Finally he turns in his flimsy and log and goes to the mess for a drink from the pot of ever-waiting black coffee.

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DURING the past season, a great number of new radio receivers made their appearance. Almost every reputable manufacturer released at least one receiver employing the superheterodyne circuit, variable- μ and pentode tubes, tone control and automatic volume-control. Although these advanced features resulted in far better radio receivers, their use brought their attendant difficulties. On the other hand, many problems have arisen because of certain common failures of component parts.

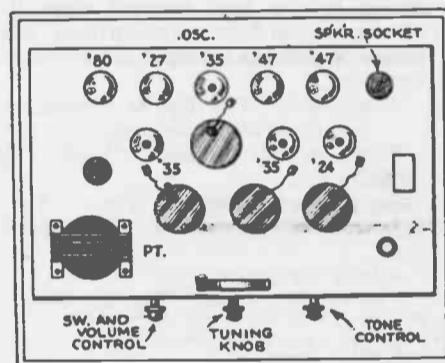


Fig. 1
Socket arrangement of the Colonial 47 receiver.
Three variable- μ tubes are used.

Colonial Model 47

In the Colonial Model 47, a superheterodyne receiver, the condition of unstable operation accompanied with the complaint of poor tone at moderate volume has been found to be caused by the misplacement of the screen-grid tubes. Three variable- μ type '35 tubes are used in this receiver as well as one type '24 as a second-detector. When a '35 is placed in the second-detector stage, the above complaint will ensue. This tube will not function properly as a detector in a T.R.F. receiver, or second-detector in a superheterodyne, because of its electrical characteristics. The socket arrangement of the Colonial 47 is illustrated in Fig. 1.

Reception on this model is often marred by hum, slight in some cases, and in others quite disturbing. This condition is not caused by any defective part. Its presence can only be attributable to poor mechanical design, resulting in interstage coupling.

Stromberg-Carlson Models 25, 26

Some time ago, an interesting problem was presented by a Stromberg-Carlson Model 25, 26 receiver. The complaint was "intermittent reception." After the set had been in use for a few minutes, it would suddenly go "dead." When the line switch was snapped off and then on again, reception would be resumed. On other occasions, the

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receiver would stop and start up again without anyone having disturbed it in the least. A thorough check disclosed a lack of plate voltage on the screen-grid detector. The chassis was taken down in an attempt to locate the trouble.

The primary of the input push-pull audio transformer was tested but this winding proved O. K. (Besides, if the primary had been open, a voltage reading would have been obtained at the detector plate, because of the 250,000-ohm carbon resistor shunted across the winding as a loading device, since the plate impedance of the screen-grid tube as a detector is high.) The 40,000-ohm carbon resistor used to reduce the high voltage to that required by the detector, was suspected, but this also proved correct when a resistance measurement was made.

A "short" test made from detector plate to chassis produced only a very high resistance effect, apparently pointing to no trouble on this point. With the receiver turned on, voltage measurements were made from the "B+" side of the primary. This showed 20 volts, but the reading obtained from the high "B+" terminal of the voltage divider,

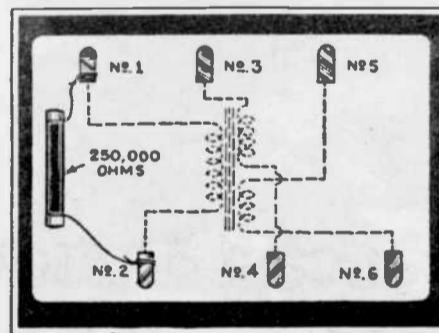


Fig. 2
The primary of the transformer shorted to ground under load, causing poor reception.

compared with that on the voltage chart for this receiver, showed a discrepancy of about 40 volts. The 40,000-ohm detector series-resistor was unsoldered from the lug on the condenser block and the voltage jumped to slightly above normal.

This led to the conclusion that some part of the detector-plate circuit was shorting to the chassis or "B-" even though the "short" test did not indicate the defect. The resistor was replaced and the lead to the "B+" terminal of the input transformer, marked No. 1 in Fig. 2, was disconnected. The correct voltage was obtained at the wire; but as soon as it was placed back on the terminal, the voltage dropped to 20. These results pointed either to a shorting

primary, or a leaky or otherwise faulty bypass condenser (.0001-mf.) located within the R.F. choke housing.

To determine the guilty member, the lead from terminal No. 2 on the transformer was removed and the voltage found at this terminal was zero. To further check the unit, the primary was entirely disconnected, but the 250,000-ohm shunt resistor was left in the circuit. Although the required 200 volts was not impressed on the detector plate, a sufficient reading was obtained to warrant the assumption that the primary of the transformer shorted to either the core or the casing, in some way, under load. Similar failures in subsequent receivers of the same model were easily detected and a repair speedily effected by replacement of the transformer.

Many cases of noisy reception have been reported on the Stromberg-Carlson Models 25, 26. In most instances, the trouble has been traced to a noisy primary of the push-pull input A.F. transformer. This condition will evidence itself even with the detector tube removed. It seems that the unusually large primary winding, so made to match the high impedance of the screen-grid detector plate, has resulted in many breakdowns. Perhaps the best method for determining positively whether the primary is at fault is to disconnect the primary and use the 250,000-ohm shunt resistor in conjunction with a .06- or .1-mf. condenser connected as shown in Fig. 3. It is not advisable that this procedure be used as a permanent repair as the quality of reproduction will suffer considerably.

A frequent cause for an inoperative Stromberg-Carlson Model 25, 26 lies with the bolt that protrudes from the chassis, which bites into a section of the voltage divider. This bolt should be cut down or replaced with one that is shorter.

Atwater Kent Models 83, 85

Often, the complaint of poor tone, low volume, and little response when the tone

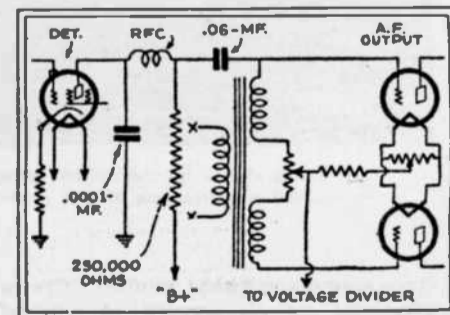


Fig. 3
Determining faulty transformers by using the circuit as an impedance-coupled stage.

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control is set for bass reproduction, is received on the Atwater Kent Models 83 and 85. After a great deal of testing and checking, made more difficult by the fact that the schematic diagrams were unavailable (these circuits appear in the "OFFICIAL RADIO SERVICE MANUAL, VOL. II."—Tech. Ed.); the trouble was finally traced to an open choke in the pentode control-grid circuit. (This choke connects to one of the leads from the tone-control switch.) What role this choke plays is difficult to state for when it was shorted out, the receiver performed as it had never done before. This portion of the Models 83 and 85 is illustrated in Fig. 4.

The alignment condensers of these two receivers are located on top of the coils, beneath the coil shields, and to attempt an adjustment of them would necessitate removal of the shields, a procedure that does

not make for accuracy. As the shield cans are all of the same size, a duplicate may be secured for service purposes with several holes drilled in the top to permit the insertion of the adjusting screw-driver. When alignment is necessary, this shield can is to be substituted for the one ordinarily used.

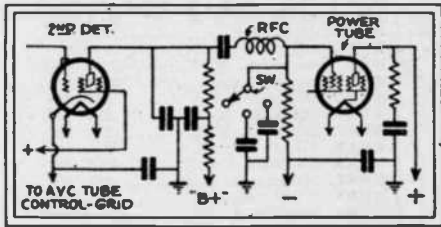


Fig. 4

The detector circuit showing the location of the RFC which caused trouble.

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List of Broadcast Stations in the United States

Radio Call Letter	BROADCAST STA. Location	Wave (Meters)	Power (Watts)	Radio Call Letter	BROADCAST STA. Location	Wave (Meters)	Power (Watts)	Radio Call Letter	BROADCAST STA. Location	Wave (Meters)	Power (Watts)	Radio Call Letter	BROADCAST STA. Location	Wave (Meters)	Power (Watts)
WKAR	East Lansing, Mich.	285.5	1000	WNAC	Boston, Mass.	280.2	500	WQAE	Springfield, Vt.	246	50	WBBG	Chicago, Ill.	200.7	500
WKAV	Leonia, N. H.	224	50	WNAD	Norman, Okla.	251	250	WQAM	Miami, Fla.	263	100	WBBF	St. Louis, Mo.	273	250
WKBB	Joliet, Ill.	214.2	100	WNAL	Omaha, Nebr.	258	50	WQAN	Scranton, Pa.	250	100	WBBT	South Bend, Ind.	275	250
WKBE	Webster, Mass.	231	1000	WNAT	Philadelphia, Pa.	250	100	WQAO	New York, N. Y.	300	100	WSDA	New York, N. Y.	263	250
WKBS	Chicago, Ill.	215.7	100	WNAX	Yankton, S. Dak.	244	100	WQJ	Chicago, Ill.	447.5	500	WSKC	Bay City, Mich.	261	100
WKRC	Cincinnati, Ohio.	325.9	1000	WNBH	New Bedford, Mass.	248	250	WRAE	Laporte, Ind.	224	100	WSM	Nashville, Tenn.	282.8	1000
WKY	Oklahoma City, Okla.	275	100	WNJ	Newark, N. J.	252	150	WRAM	Escanaba, Mich.	256	100	WSNB	New Orleans, La.	319	500
WLAL	Tulsa, Okla.	250	100	WNOX	Knoxville, Tenn.	268	100	WRAN	Galesburg, Ill.	244	100	WSNH	Owosso, Mich.	240	20
WLAP	Louisville, Ky.	275	20	WNYC	New York, N. Y.	596	1000	WRAV	Yellow Springs, Ohio.	265	100	WSNK	Dayton, Ohio.	275	500
WLB	Minneapolis, Minn.	278	500	WOAI	San Antonio, Tex.	394.5	2000	WRAW	Reading, Pa.	238	10	WSOE	Milwaukee, Wis.	246	500
WLBL	Stevens Point, Wis.	278	500	WOAN	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	282.8	500	WRAX	Gloucester City, N. J.	268	500	WSRO	Hamilton, Ohio.	252	100
WLIS	Eglin, Ill.	302.8	2500	WOAW	Omaha, Nebr.	258	1000	WRBC	Valparaiso, Ind.	278	50	WSUI	Iowa City, Iowa.	482.6	500
WLIT	Philadelphia, Pa.	394.5	500	WOAX	Trenton, N. J.	240	500	WRCC	Washington, D. C.	468.5	1000	WTAB	Fall River, Mass.	266	100
WLS	Crete, Ill.	344.6	1500	WOC	Davenport, Iowa.	483.6	5000	WRCO	Raleigh, N. C.	252	100	WTAC	Johnstown, Pa.	288	100
WLSI	Cranton, R. I.	440.9	500	WOCG	Bloomington, Ill.	265.4	10	WREC	Coldwater, Miss.	254	10	WTAD	Carthage, Ill.	236	50
WLTS	Chicago, Ill.	258	100	WODL	Jamestown, N. Y.	275	15	WREO	Lansing, Mich.	283.5	500	WTAG	Worcester, Mass.	268	500
WLW	Harrison, Ohio.	422.3	500-5000	WODA	Paterson, N. J.	234	250	WRHM	Minneapolis, Minn.	252	50	WTAL	Toledo, Ohio.	252	10
WLWL	New York, N. Y.	285.3	1500	WOL	Ames, Iowa.	270	750	WRK	Hamilton, Ohio.	270	100	WTAM	Cleveland, Ohio.	389.4	3500
WNAC	Cazenovia, N. Y.	275	100	WOK	Homewood, Ill.	217.3	500	WRM	Urbans, Ill.	273	500	WTAP	Cambridge, Ill.	242	50
WNAC	Dartmouth, Mass.	440.0	1000	WOKO	New York, N. Y.	233	50	WRMU	Richmond Hill, N. Y.	236	100	WTAR	Owosso, Wis.	254	100
WNAC	Lockport, N. Y.	266	500	WOO	Philadelphia, Pa.	508.2	500	WRNY	New York, N. Y.	258.5	500	WTAR	Norfolk, Va.	261	100
WNAL	Washington, D. C.	212.6	15	WOOD	Grand Rapids, Mich.	242	100	WRR	Dallas, Tex.	346	500	WTAS	Elgin, Ill.	302.8	2500
WNAN	Columbus, Ohio.	278	50	WOO	Kansas City, Mo.	278	1000	WRST	Bay Shore, N. Y.	215.7	250	WTAW	College Station, Texas.	270	500
WNAQ	Chicago, Ill.	447.5	1000	WOR	Newark, N. J.	405.2	500	WRVA	Richmond, Va.	256	1000	WTAX	Streator, Ill.	231	50
WNAZ	St. Louis, Mo.	248	100	WORD	Batavia, Ill.	275	500	WRW	Tarrytown, N. Y.	273	500	WTAZ	Lambertville, N. J.	261	15
WNAZ	Macon, Ga.	261	500	WOS	Jefferson City, Mo.	440.9	500	WSAI	Mason, Ohio.	325.0	5000	WTIC	Hartford, Conn.	348.6	500
WNBZ	Chicago, Ill.	258	500	WOWL	New Orleans, La.	270	10	WSAJ	Grove City, Pa.	229	250	WWAD	Philadelphia, Pa.	250	250
WNBG	Detroit, Mich.	256.4	100	WOWO	Fort Wayne, Ind.	227	500	WSAN	Allentown, Pa.	229	100	WWAE	Plainfield, Ill.	242	500
WNBH	Miami Beach, Fla.	384.4	500	WPAK	Agricultural Col., N. Dak.	275	50	WSAR	Fall River, Mass.	254	100	WWAO	Houghton, Mich.	263	250
WNC	Memphis, Tenn.	499.7	500	WPCC	Chicago, Ill.	258	500	WSAU	Chester, N. H.	229	10	WWGL	Richmond, Hill, N. Y.	212.6	500
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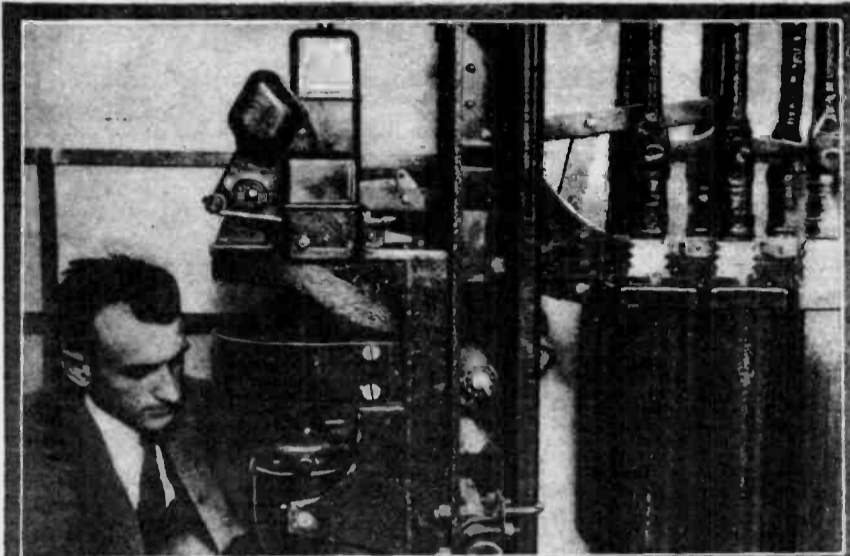
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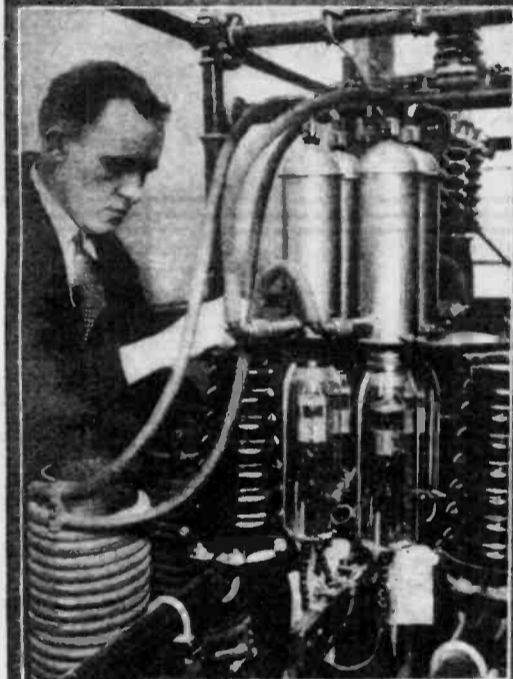
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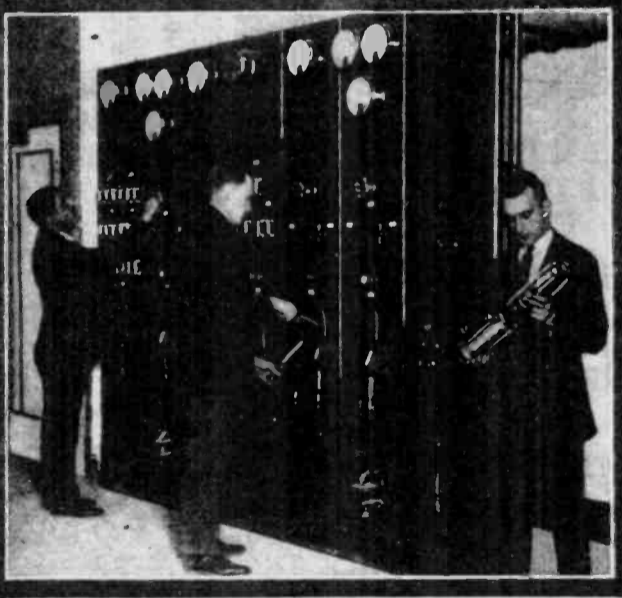
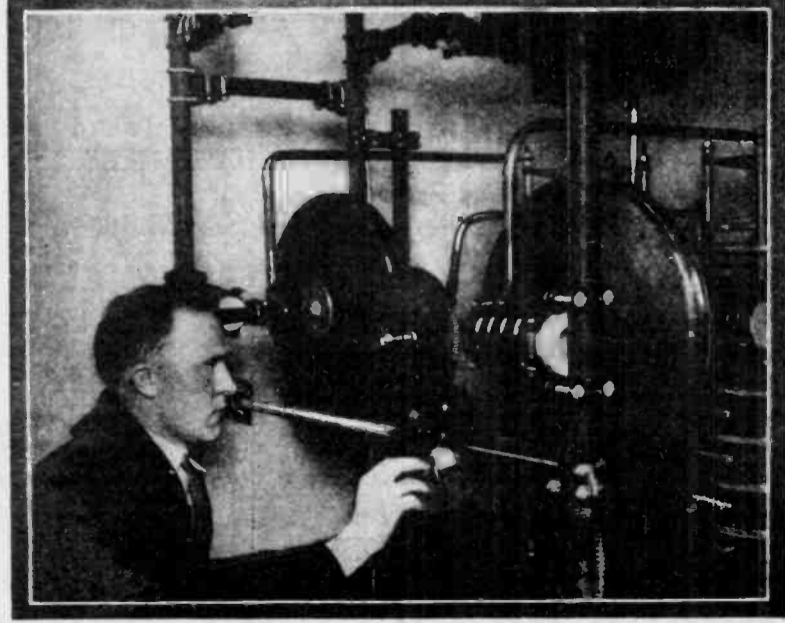
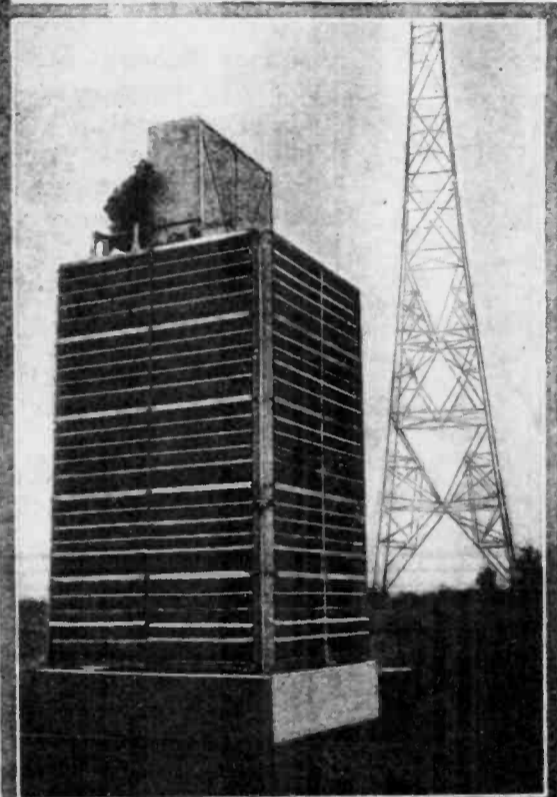


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A CLOSE-UP OF THE 10-KW. TRANSMITTING TUBES. There are 64 of these tubes used in the broadcast station WJZ at Bound Brook, N. J. At the lower left may be seen the coiled pipe which carries the cooling water to the inlet of the tube's cooler. Notice the large insulators that are necessary for this type of vacuum tube.

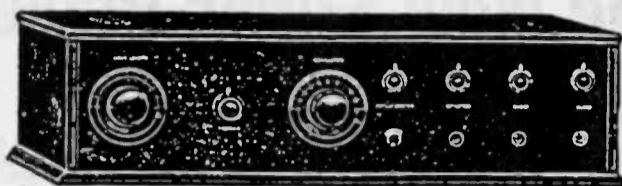


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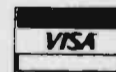
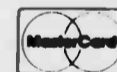
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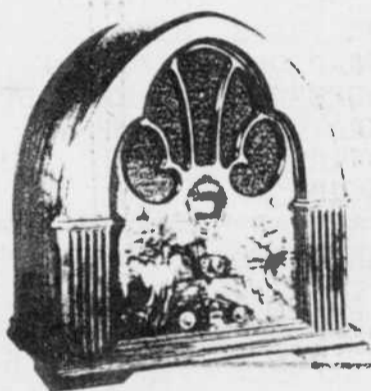
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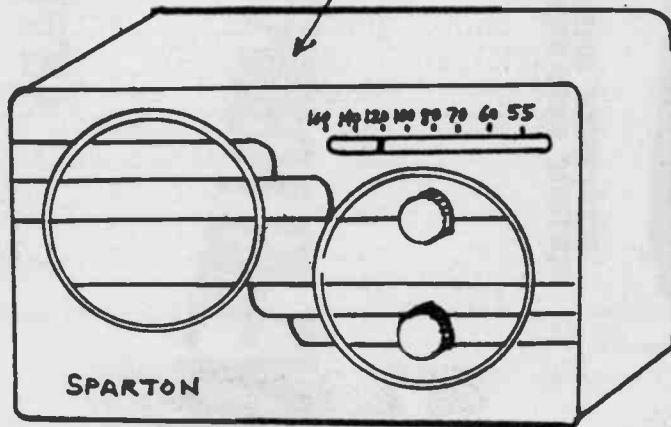
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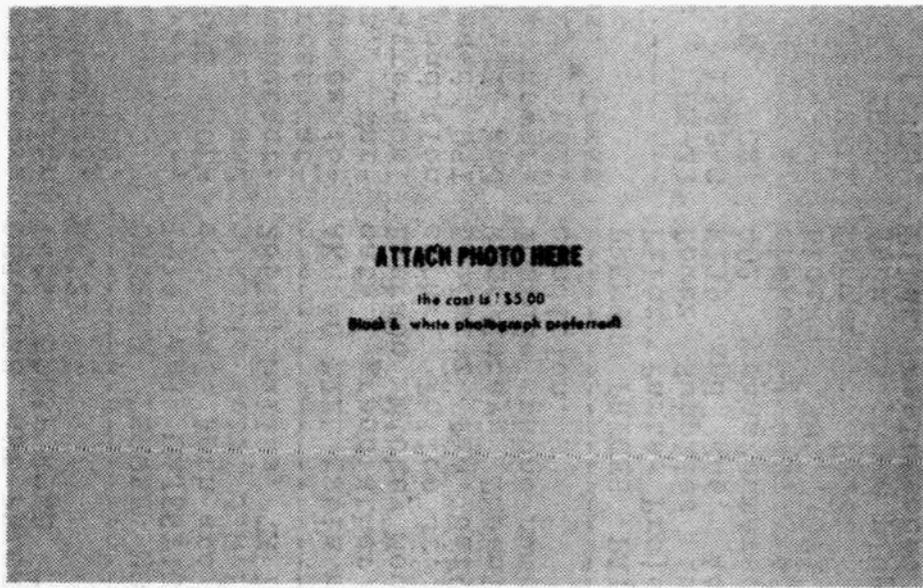
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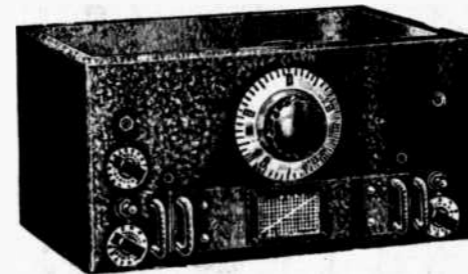
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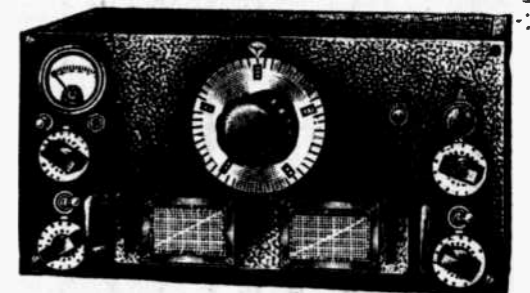
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