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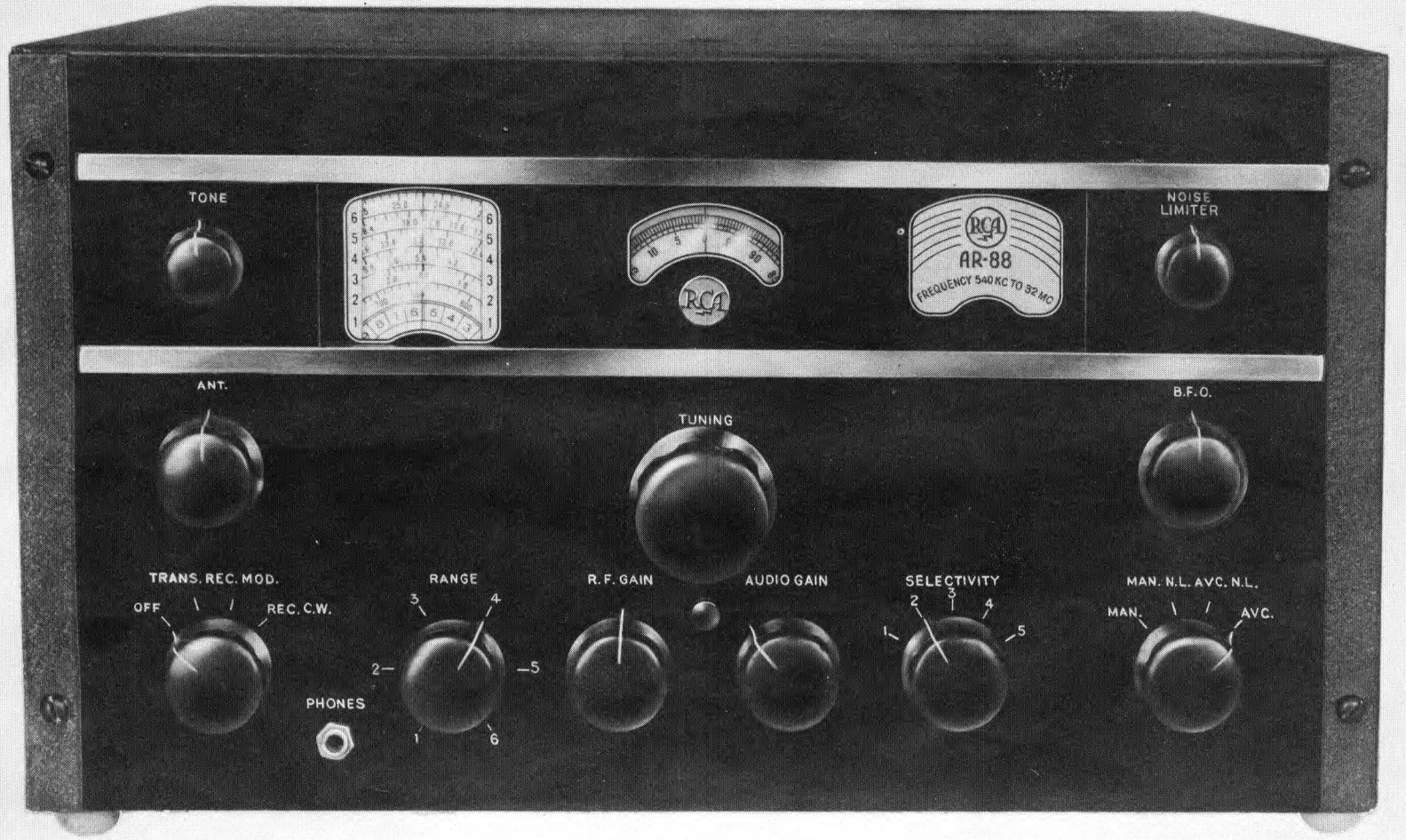

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Electrical Characteristics

Frequency Range—total 6 bands ..... **535 to 32,000 kc**
Band 1 ..... 535 to 1,600 kc
Band 2 ..... 1,570 to 4,550 kc
Band 3 ..... 4,450 to 12,150 kc
Band 4 ..... 11,900 to 16,600 kc
Band 5 ..... 16,100 to 22,700 kc
Band 6 ..... 22,000 to 32,000 kc

Maximum Undistorted Output—approximate—2.5 watts

Output Impedance—2.5 ohms and 600 ohms.

Power Supply Requirements

Line Rating ..... 100-117, 117-135, 135-165, 190-230, 200-260 volts, 50/60 cycles.
or Batteries ..... 6 volt "A" battery and 250 to 300 volt "B" battery.
or Vibrator Power Supply Unit ..... MI-8319.
Power Consumption—100 watts.

Tube Complement

R-F and I-F Amplifiers 5 RCA-6SG7
1st Detector (converter) 1 RCA-6SA7
Oscillator 1 RCA-6J5
2nd Detector 1 RCA-6H6
Noise Limiter 1 RCA-6H6
A-F Amplifier 1 RCA-6SJ7
Power Amplifier 1 RCA-6K6GT
Beat Frequency Oscillator 1 RCA-6J5
Rectifier 1 RCA-5Y3GT
Voltage Regulator 1 RCA-VR-150

Mechanical Specifications

Overall Dimensions ..... 19¼ inches wide x 11 inches high x 19¼ inches deep

TABLE 1—PERFORMANCE DATA

(Approximate Values — Taken on Sample Receiver)

Band No.	Megacycles	Sensitivity in Microvolts for 0.5 watt	Antenna Input in Microvolts for 6 DB Signal-Noise Ratio	Antenna Input in Microvolts for 20 DB Signal-Noise Ratio	Image Ratio
1	.6	.5	.9	4.6	Greater than 1,000,000
	1.0	.9	1.4	8.0	
	1.5	1.0	2.2	12.0	1,000,000
2	1.7	.6	1.0	5.0	240,000
	3.0	.6	.95	4.8	
	4.3	.6	.9	4.5	14,500
3	4.6	.8	1.3	8.0	60,000
	8.0	.8	1.2	6.8	
	11.5	.7	1.1	6.0	2,000
4	12.1	1.2	1.3	6.6	4,000
	16.4	.7	1.2	7.0	1,500
5	16.4	1.3	1.3	7.0	1,000
	22.5	.8	1.4	8.0	400
6	22.5	2.5	1.5	8.0	400
	28.0	1.2	1.3	7.0	200

I-F rejection at 600 kc is 100,000.

GENERAL PURPOSE
COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER

I
INTRODUCTION

In the design of a high frequency radio receiver, there are four important qualities for consideration:

1. Usable sensitivity.
2. Selectivity.
3. Frequency Stability.
4. Reliability.

The **sensitivity** of this receiver is limited only by the tube noise originating in the first tube and its associated circuits. A large part of this noise is due to "shot" effect and thermal agitation in the first tuned circuit. A signal, to be readable, must produce a voltage on the grid, of the same or greater order of magnitude than this inherent noise voltage. Therefore, an efficient coupling system between the antenna and the first R-F tube of the receiver is of great importance. This has been the subject of considerable development, and the system used on this receiver gives optimum coupling with antenna or transmission line impedances of 200 ohms, over the entire frequency range of the receiver, except on the broadcast band. On the broadcast band, a low frequency primary is used, resonating well below the band with a 200 mmf antenna.

The second quality of a receiver, **selectivity,** is necessarily a compromise with fidelity of the reproduced signal. This receiver is designed to have five degrees of selectivity, three of which include a crystal filter.

To secure good **frequency stability,** rugged construction of parts and wiring in the high frequency heterodyne oscillator circuit has been included in the design. This, together with voltage stabilization of the oscillator plate supply, temperature compensation, and proper oscillator excitation, provides a high degree of stability.

Reliability depends to a large extent on the quality of material and workmanship. Throughout the AR-88 Receiver the best material obtainable is used for each particular purpose and all workmanship is of the best.

The following instructions should be studied before the installation or operation of this equipment is attempted, in order that optimum performance may be obtained.

II
EQUIPMENT

The equipment furnished consists of the Receiver Chassis Assembly, including control panel and tubes and cabinet for complete enclosure for table mounting.

Additional equipment required includes headphones or loudspeakers, an antenna system, and an AC source of power, batteries, or Vibrator Power Supply Unit MI-8319. The Loudspeaker, shown in Figure 5, is not supplied with the equipment, unless specially ordered. It may be obtained separately as MI-8303D. Headphones MI-5803-6 are recommended.

III
DESCRIPTION

This receiver covers short wave, standard broadcast, and CW service; its principal use is for short wave communications. It is designed to withstand severe climatic and line voltage variations without appreciable impairment of performance.

Its features include:

Mechanical Band Spread with Single Control for ease of tuning a previously logged station.

Automatic Noise Limiter which automatically limits interference to a percentage of modulation determined by the Noise Limiter Control.

Noise Limiter Control for setting Noise Limiter to operate at any desired percent modulation.

Noise Limiter Switch for switching Noise Limiter on or off.

Continuously variable High Frequency Tone Control.

Antenna trimmer for circuit alignment.

Crystal filter for ultra-sharp selectivity when required.

Exceptionally good oscillator stability through normal variations in line voltage.

Four-gang Condenser giving high image ratio on all bands.

Twelve Tuned I-F Circuits giving a very high degree of selectivity.

Temperature compensated oscillator circuits on all bands.

Ceramic Insulation throughout on gang condenser, sockets, range switch, and selectivity switch.

Tuning Lock for service under extreme conditions of vibration.

IV

CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENTS

The circuit is shown schematically in Figure 11. It consists of two stages of R-F amplification, first detector, first heterodyne oscillator; three stages of I-F amplification, second detector, noise limiter, second heterodyne oscillator; A-F amplifier stage, output power stage and power supply system.

Input Coupling — The antenna coupling system is designed to provide optimum coupling from a 200 ohm transmission line, except in the broadcast band. The first tuned circuit is provided with a trimmer condenser adjustable from the front panel. This insures the proper tuning of this circuit with any antenna system.

For the standard broadcast band, conventional antenna and ground connections should be used.

The antenna terminal board is provided with three terminals (see Figures 2 and 6), two of which may be joined together with a link. When a single wire antenna is used, the link should be closed and the antenna connected to "A." If a ground is used, it should be connected to "G." If a transmission line or balanced input is used, the link should be opened and the line connected to terminal "A" and the center terminal.

IMPORTANT—Receivers are shipped from the factory with a permanent bus-wire connection on the rear of the antenna terminal board, between the center and ground terminals. If balanced input operation with open link is required, this connection on the rear of the antenna terminal board must be removed.

R-F Amplifier — The R-F Amplifier is designed to provide ample selectivity ahead of the first detector for minimizing cross modulation and blocking effects from strong interfering signals and for obtaining a high degree of image signal suppression. The amplification is adjusted to provide optimum signal-to-noise ratio by making noise contributions of circuits following the first tube negligible in comparison with the noise contributed by the first R-F grid circuit; that is, each tuned circuit in the receiver contributes some noise voltage, but by making the gain of the first tube as high as practicable, the noise contributed by succeeding circuits is unimportant.

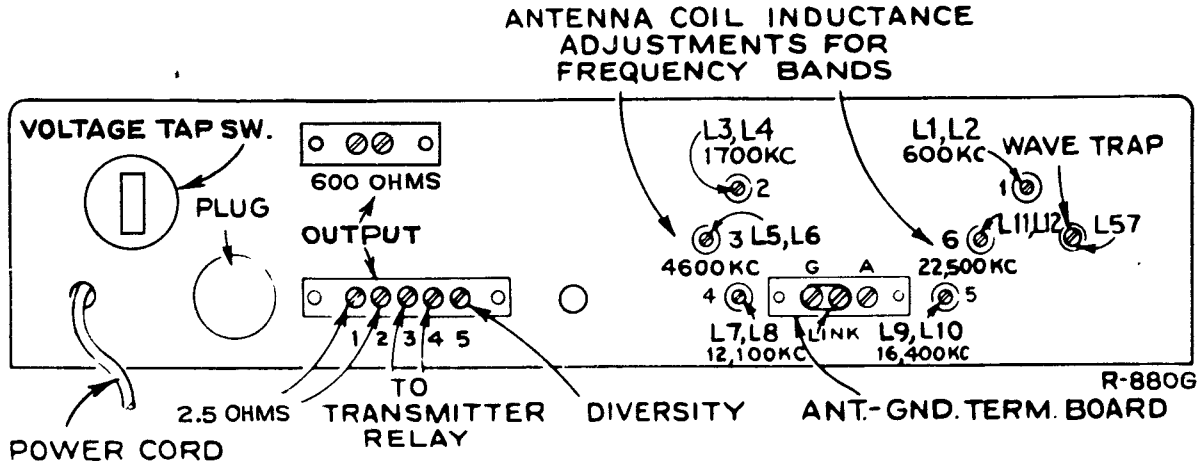

Figure 2—Diagram of Rear of Chassis

Band Spread — The mechanical band spread with single control knob enables the operator to quickly tune a previously logged station. The log scale on the main dial and the separate vernier dial provide for exact logging and tuning.

First Heterodyne Oscillator — The first heterodyne oscillator is aligned to track with the R-F Amplifier at 455 kc higher than the signal frequency, thus producing a 455 kc intermediate frequency in the first detector plate circuit which is amplified further in the I-F stages. The oscillator voltage is regulated by the RCA VR-150 regulator tube to provide maximum frequency stability under conditions of variations in power supply voltage.

Intermediate Frequency Crystal Filter — The first detector plate circuit is tuned to the intermediate frequency and a balanced link circuit is used to couple the first detector plate and first I-F grid circuits. A 455 kc crystal is connected in one arm of the link circuit and a neutralizing capacitor is connected in the other. The impedances of the coils in the link circuit are designed so that the crystal selectivity characteristic is not impractically sharp. The band width at two times resonant input may be adjusted to 400 cycles, 1,500 cycles, or 3,000 cycles. For this adjustment see "Operation."

Intermediate Frequency Amplifier — Three stages of I-F amplification are used; RCA-6SG7 tubes are used in all stages and an RCA-6H6 tube is used for AVC and second detector. The first I-F Transformer has its primary and secondary tuned, and is coupled through the crystal filter link. The second and third I-F Transformers are composed of four tuned circuits each. These circuits are varied in coupling by the selectivity switch. The fourth I-F Transformer has two tuned circuits.

The third I-F stage is not connected to the AVC nor to the manual volume control so that a good AVC characteristic with little overload distortion is obtained. This also permits the CW oscillator to be coupled to the grid circuit of this stage, giving a comparatively high detector excitation voltage with small electrical coupling to the oscillator circuit.

Second Heterodyne Oscillator — The second heterodyne (CW) oscillator is a triode RCA-6J5 tube which is electrostatically coupled to the final I-F stage. A panel control is provided by means of which the frequency of the heterodyne oscillator and resultant audio beat note may be varied.

Particular care has been taken in the design of the circuit constants to minimize oscillator harmonics.

Automatic Volume Control — The AVC voltage is obtained from the second detector, an RCA-6H6 tube. A variable delay is obtained depending on the setting of the R-F gain control.

The second heterodyne (CW) oscillator excitation voltage is just lower than the AVC diode bias voltage so that it does not decrease the sensitivity of the receiver.

Manual Volume Control — Two manual volume controls are provided; an audio gain control which is employed when the AVC is in use, to obtain the desired output level, and an R-F gain control.

Noise Limiter — The noise limiter circuit utilizes an RCA-6H6 tube and limits the noise interference to 100% modulation and to continuously lower percentages down to any modulation whatsoever, determined by the setting of the noise limiter control.

A noise limiter switch in conjunction with AVC provides for use of the noise limiter on CW or on modulated reception when interference is present.

Output Tube — The RCA 6K6GT output tube is resistance coupled from the A-F amplifier, an RCA 6SJ7 tube, and operates into an output transformer which has taps for matching into a 2.5 or 600 ohm load, or into headphones. The headphone winding is designed so that a maximum of approximately 10 milliwatts of power may be delivered to 20,000 ohm phones. Terminals are provided on the rear apron for the 2.5 and 600 ohm impedances. The output from the 600 ohm winding is fed directly to the 600 ohm terminals, neither of which is grounded. This winding may be used to feed a balanced 600 ohm line. The output from the 2.5 ohm tap is fed to the 2.5 ohm terminals through a two-position jack mounted on the panel. The headphone winding also connects to the jack. With the phone plug inserted into the jack in the first position, the phones are in parallel with the 2.5 ohm output and both are on. When the plug is pushed into the second position, the phones are connected to the phone winding and the 2.5 ohm output is cut off from the rear terminals. If no load is connected to the 2.5 or 600 ohm output terminals, the phones should always be used in the second position; as under this condition a load resistor is shunted across the 2.5 ohm tap to maintain impedance matching of the system.

Power Pack — The power pack mounted on the receiver chassis consists of a power transformer, rectifier tube RCA-5Y3GT, and filter. A tap switch is provided on the rear apron for changing the power transformer voltage tap. (See Figures 2 and 6.) The voltage for which the switch is set may be read directly on the switch. The instrument may also be operated from 6V. "A" and 250 to 300 V. "B" batteries, or Vibrator Power Supply Unit MI-8319.

Shielding — Interstage shielding is provided to insure stability under all operating conditions and to minimize oscillator radiation. Complete external shielding prevents coupling to any portion of the circuit except through the antenna circuit.

Tuning Meter — The necessary wires for connecting a tuning meter in the cathode circuit of the first I.F. tube have been included in the cable wiring. If and when meters become available, it will be a simple operation to install a tuning meter. A 5 milliampere meter with zero deflection to the right is required.

V

PERFORMANCE

The performance data under technical summary and the data for the various curves, are approximate values taken on a sample receiver. Variations in these values are to be expected because of practical manufacturing tolerances. The data were taken with an artificial antenna of 200 mmf. capacity for band 1 and 200 ohms resistance for bands 2 to 6 inclusive. The output was measured across a resistance of 2.5 ohms connected in place of the speaker voice coil. The selectivity switch was placed in position 2.

VI
INSTALLATION

Power Supply — The power supply circuit is integral with the receiver. Determine line voltage and frequency and check with the rating of the receiver. The power transformer primary may be connected for any one of five voltage ranges by means of a tap switch. This switch is located in the rear apron of the receiver, and the voltage for which it is set may be read directly on the switch.

For Battery or other Supply Operation — For connections see Schematic Diagram Figure 11. It is only necessary to remove the plug from the socket on the rear of the receiver, and connect the batteries to the proper terminals as indicated by the schematic diagram. A battery cable terminating in an octal male plug is necessary for this purpose. A vibrator power supply MI-8319 is available which will operate the receiver directly from a 6 volt storage battery. For information on this power unit see Section XI.

Tubes — Inspect the chassis before applying power to see that all tubes are firmly seated in their respective sockets.

Antenna — The input impedance at the antenna terminals is designed to match a 200 ohm transmission line except on the broadcast band where a low frequency primary is used.

For general use it is recommended that a straight wire antenna between 25 and 50 feet long be used.

Speaker — Terminals for connection of a loudspeaker are indicated in Figures 2 and 6. The output transformer is designed to match a speaker having 2.5 ohms impedance.

Headphones — A jack is provided on the left of the front panel for plugging in a pair of headphones. There are two positions of the plug.

1. Half way in—for reception on both speaker and phones.
2. Fully in—for phone reception only.

See "CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT" "Output Tube."

Mounting — The instrument may be placed on a table or mounted on a rack. For rack mounting loosen the panel mounting screws and remove the panel and chassis complete from the cabinet. The panel is equipped with standard slots for rack mounting.

VII
OPERATION

Figure 3 illustrates the dials and control knobs.

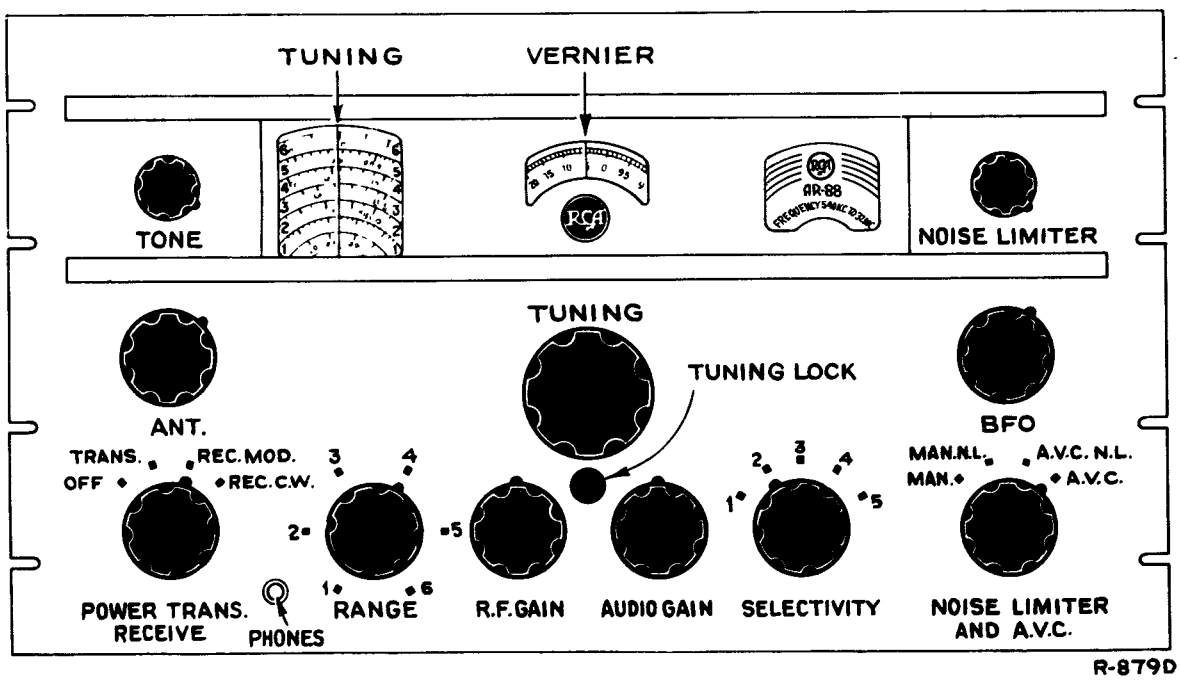

Figure 3—Diagram of Front Panel

DIALS

The Main Tuning Dial is on the left and consists of a disc with seven scales, one for each of the six bands and a log scale. The Standard Broadcast Band is calibrated in kilocycles and the other five bands in megacycles.

The Vernier Tuning Dial is in the center and has a scale with arbitrary calibrations for exact tuning and log records of particular communication stations. It is used in conjunction with the log scale on the main tuning dial to give additional figures for logging.

CONTROLS

Power-Transmit-Receive Switch — This is a four-position switch. Starting from fully counterclockwise these positions are:

1. Power off.
2. Transmit position which gives energized tube filaments, open plate circuits, and shorted terminals for transmitter relay on the speaker terminal board on the back of the chassis. Connect relay to these two terminals for transmitter operation. See Figure 2.
3. Normal reception.
4. CW reception — Beat frequency oscillator switched on.

Selectivity Switch — This is a five-position switch and the band widths and control of selectivity are illustrated in the curves of Figure 12. The five positions are:

1. I-F band width for High Fidelity, modulated reception.
2. I-F band width for normal modulated reception.
3. Crystal Filter in—for CW telegraph or sharp modulated signal reception.
4. Crystal Filter in — for sharper CW telegraph reception.
5. Crystal Filter in — for sharpest CW telegraph reception.

Noise Limiter–AVC Switch — This is a four-position switch and starting from the fully counterclockwise position these are:

1. AVC and NL out — Manual gain only — for CW — no interference.
2. NL on, AVC out — Manual gain — for CW with interference.
3. NL and AVC on — for Modulated Reception with interference.
4. AVC on, NL out — for Modulated Reception — no interference.

R-F Gain Control — This continuously variable sensitivity control is for use in conjunction with the audio gain (Volume) control for all manual gain operation. With AVC on, it should as a rule be set to its fully clockwise position or may be turned to eliminate interference.

Noise Limiter Control — This control sets the instrument for operation at the required percentage value of Noise Limitation. The fully clockwise position limits the noise interference to 100% modulation. As the knob is turned counterclockwise, the noise interference is limited to continuously lower percentages of modulation so that in the fully counterclockwise position the Noise Limiter is operative on any modulation whatsoever. Normally, the fully clockwise position will be used, but under extreme conditions of interference a balance point should be found for maximum intelligibility of signal with best modulation and least noise.

Tone Control — This is a continuously variable control for reducing HF response. In the fully clockwise position the full tone is obtained and as turned counterclockwise, high tones are lessened. Set it to suit the particular tonal conditions for the signal being received.

Beat Frequency Oscillator Control — This control is normally used for CW code signals. It should be adjusted to give the desired audio pitch after the signal has been accurately tuned.

TUNING

For functions of controls see the foregoing paragraphs.

1. Turn receiver on and set the Power-Transmit-Receive Switch for the required type of operation.
2. Set Range Switch for band required.
3. Set Antenna Trimmer for maximum background noise.
4. Set Selectivity Switch for the required operating conditions — See Selectivity Curves — Figure 12.
5. Set Noise Limiter–AVC Switch for the required operating conditions.
6. Set R-F Gain Control fully clockwise.
7. Set Audio Gain Control about halfway.
8. Tune in the station.
9. Reset Audio Gain Control to give desired volume.
10. Reset Selectivity and Sensitivity (R-F Gain) Controls and Noise Limiter Control in accordance with requirements due to interference, station transmission, and other conditions.
11. Set Tone Control for preferred tone.
12. On CW operation set Power-Transmit-Receive Switch to "Rec. CW" (position 4) and set BFO Control to give desired pitch.
13. If the receiver is subject to vibration, the tuning may be locked by turning clockwise the knurled screw directly beneath the tuning knob. Turning the screw moderately tight will lock the tuning.

Diversity Reception — Connect together the terminals marked "diversity," Figure 2, on two or three of these receivers, and equip each receiver with a separate antenna. The "diversity" terminal is connected inside the receiver to the AVC circuits. Tune as explained.

VIII

MAINTENANCE

This receiver should maintain its correct factory adjustments over a reasonably long period of time. Causes of trouble and the probable sequence of their development are outlined in the following paragraphs:

1. **Vacuum Tubes** — A noticeable decrease in the sensitivity of the receiver usually indicates worn out vacuum tubes. If the sensitivity is low, remove and check the tubes in a reliable tube tester or substitute new tubes one at a time. See Technical Summary, and Schematic Diagram Figure 11. Tube socket voltages are given in Table 2 on page 14.

2. **Range Switch** — A switch may operate defectively on certain positions after long periods of inoperation. Usually rotating the switch back and forth several times will clean the contacts and operation will become normal.

   A bad range-switch contact is likely to cause a change in the sensitivity of the receiver, or the frequency of a received signal, as the switch is moved back and forth slightly in a certain frequency band position. A further check is to turn the switch off and on at one particular frequency band several times and note the apparent sensitivity of the receiver each time the switch comes into position. The sensitivity should be the same each time and may be adequately judged for this test by listening to the receiver background noise.

3. **Circuit Alignment**

   Alignment Tools — Special tools for alignment of R-F and I-F circuits are provided. They are mounted in fuse clips on either side of the gang condenser cover, and are available after removing the large R-F unit cover. The shorter one of the two is for adjustment of all R-F and I-F coils, and the longer one is for adjustment of the plunger type trimmers. One end of this tool is for turning the lock nut on the trimmers and the other end has a hook for engaging in the hole in the end of the plungers. After adjustment, the lock nut should be securely tightened.

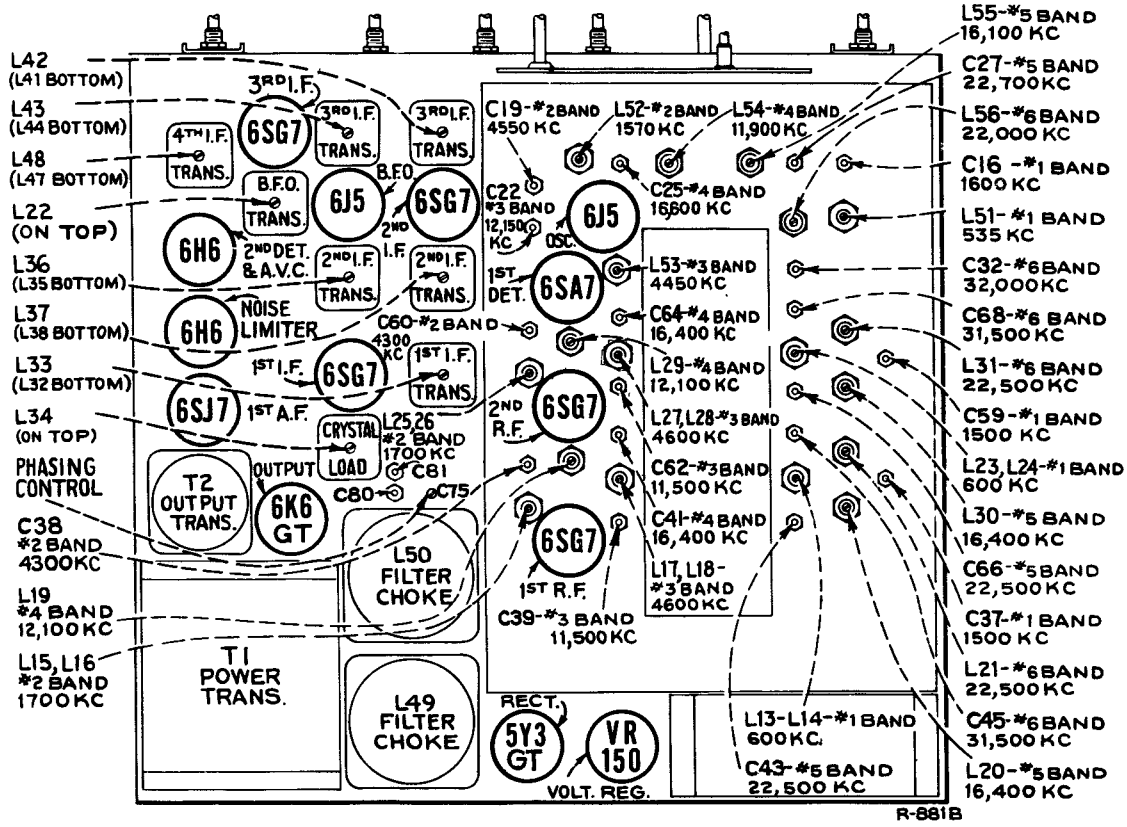

Figure 4—Diagram of Top of Chassis

I-F Alignment — The intermediate frequency is 455 kc. The most satisfactory method of I-F alignment is by means of a sweep oscillator and cathode ray oscillograph. Follow the sequence as given below.

Oscillograph Connections ..... Vertical "HI" to Terminal C on last I-F Transformer (L47, L48), Vertical "LO" to chassis
Dummy Antenna ..... Insert in series with generator output, 0.01 mfd.
Connection of Generator Output Lead ..... See chart below
Connection of Generator Ground Lead ..... To chassis
Position of Power-Transmit-Receive Switch ..... Position 3 (Rec. Mod.)
Position of R-F Gain Control ..... Fully clockwise
Position of Selectivity Switch ..... Position 2
Position of Noise Limiter and AVC Switch ..... Position 4 (AVC)

LOCATION OF PARTS AND ALIGNMENT ADJUSTMENTS ON CHASSIS

Steps	Generator Connections	Trimmer Adjustments (See Fig. 5)	Trimmer Function
1	6SG7 — 3rd I-F Grid	L47, L48	4th I-F Transformer
2	6SG7 — 2nd I-F Grid	L41, L42, L43, L44	3rd I-F Transformer
3	6SG7 — 1st I-F Grid	L35, L36, L37, L38	2nd I-F Transformer
4	6SA7 — 1st Det. Grid	L32, L33	1st I-F Transformer

Before performing step 4 above, set crystal phasing control C-75 at approximately one half of its maximum capacity. This is approximately its final setting and changing it appreciably will slightly detune the first I-F transformer.

With Selectivity Switch in Position 2 the I-F band width is normal without over-coupling in the transformers. With Selectivity Switch in Position 1, the second and third I-F Transformers are expanded and over-coupled. It is well in going through the alignment steps outlined above to check the I-F curves on the oscillograph screen with switch in Position 1 to see that the curves expand symmetrically.

Adjustment of Crystal Phasing Control — This adjustment is best made by means of a signal generator and a high resistance sensitive DC voltmeter such as the RCA Junior Voltohmyst. Place Selectivity Switch in Position 3. Connect the generator to the grid of the

6SA7 first det., and the Voltmeter to Terminal C on last I-F transformer (L47, L48). Tune the generator to about 7 k.c. off I-F resonance and adjust the crystal phasing control C75 for minimum response.

Adjustment of Crystal Load Circuit — Make connections as for the preceding adjustment.

(a) Place Selectivity switch in Position 3. Rock the signal generator frequency back and forth across the I-F resonant frequency and adjust the crystal load circuit trimmer L34 for symmetrical round-top curve.

(b) Place the Selectivity switch in Position 4. Rock the signal generator frequency and adjust trimmer C81 for symmetrical curve.

(c) Place the Selectivity switch in Position 5. Adjust trimmer C80 rocking the signal generator as for (a) and (b) above.

The above three adjustments are very critical and must be made carefully to obtain symmetrical curves.

Adjustment of Wave Trap — A wave trap is connected across the broadcast band antenna primary to increase the rejection of I-F signal frequencies. With the range switch on Position 1, apply a modulated I-F signal to the antenna and ground terminals. Adjust the wave trap trimmer L57 (See Fig. 2) for minimum output. The wave trap should be adjusted before the final R-F alignment on No. 1 band, or the antenna coil alignment may be affected.

R-F Alignment — A signal generator covering a range from 535 k.c. to 32 megacycles, and an output voltmeter, are required. It is desirable to connect a speaker across the output terminals. The output voltmeter should then be connected across the speaker voice coil. The output impedance is 2.5 ohms. Remove the cover from over the R-F unit by loosening the four knurled screws and lifting off.

Output Meter Connections ..... Across speaker voice coil
Dummy Antenna ..... See chart below
Generator Modulation ..... 30% at 400 cycles
Position of Tone Control ..... Fully clockwise
Position of Antenna Trimmer ..... See chart below
Position of Power-Transmit-Receive Switch ..... Position 3 (Rec. Mod.)
Position of Range Switch ..... See chart below
Position of R-F Gain Control ..... Fully clockwise
Position of Audio Gain Control ..... Fully clockwise
Position of Noise Limiter and AVC Switch ..... Position 4 (AVC)
Position of Selectivity Switch ..... Position 2

LOCATION OF PARTS AND ALIGNMENT ADJUSTMENTS ON CHASSIS

Operation No.	Range Switch Position	Position of Dial	Generator Frequency	Dummy Antenna	Position of Antenna Trimmer	Trimmer Adjustments for Max. Peak Output (See Figures 2 and 4)	Trimmer Function
1	1	Extreme low end	535	200 mmf	—	L51	Low end osc.
2	1	Extreme high end	1,600	200 mmf	—	C16	High end osc.
3	Repeat 1 and 2 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
4	1	1,500 k.c.	1,500	200 mmf	Max. output	C37, C59	1st & 2nd R-F
5	1	600 k.c.	600	200 mmf	Untouched	L2, L14, L24	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
6	Repeat 4 and 5 until circuits remain in alignment over the band.						
7	2	Extreme low end	1,570	200 ohms	—	L52	Low end osc.
8	2	Extreme high end	4,550	200 ohms	—	C19	High end osc.
9	Repeat 7 and 8 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
10	2	4,300 k.c.	4,300	200 ohms	Max. output	C38, C60	1st & 2nd R-F
11	2	1,700 k.c.	1,700	200 ohms	Untouched	L4, L16, L26	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
12	Repeat 10 and 11 until circuits remain in alignment over the band.						
13	3	Extreme low end	4,450	200 ohms	—	L53	Low end osc.
14	3	Extreme high end	12,150	200 ohms	—	C22	High end osc.
15	Repeat 13 and 14 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
16	3	11,500 k.c.	11,500	200 ohms	Max. output	C39, C62	1st & 2nd R-F
17	3	4,600 k.c.	4,600	200 ohms	Untouched	L6, L18, L28	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
18	Repeat 16 and 17 until circuits remain in alignment over the band.						
*19	4	Extreme low end	11,900	200 ohms	—	L54	Low end osc.
20	4	Extreme high end	16,600	200 ohms	—	C25	High end osc.
21	Repeat 19 and 20 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
22	4	16,400 k.c.	16,400	200 ohms	Max. output	C41, C64	1st & 2nd R-F
23	4	12,100 k.c.	12,100	200 ohms	Untouched	L8, L19, L29	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
24	Repeat 22 and 23 until circuits remain in alignment over the band.						

Operation No	Range Switch Position	Position of Dial	Generator Frequency	Dummy Antenna	Position of Antenna Trimmer	Trimmer Adjustments for Max. Peak Output (See Figures 2 and 4)	Trimmer Function
*25	5	Extreme low end	16,100	200 ohms	—	L55	Low end osc.
26	5	Extreme high end	22,700	200 ohms	—	C27	High end osc.
27	Repeat 25 and 26 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
28	5	22,500 k.c.	22,500	200 ohms	Max. output	C43, C66	1st & 2nd R-F
29	5	16,400 k.c.	16,400	200 ohms	Untouched	L10, L20, L30	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
30	Repeat 28 and 29 until circuits remain in alignment over the band.						
*31	6	Extreme low end	22,000	200 ohms	—	L56	Low end osc.
32	6	Extreme high end	32,000	200 ohms	—	C32	High end osc.
33	Repeat 31 and 32 until extreme end frequencies are as indicated.						
34	6	31,500 k.c.	31,500	200 ohms	Max. output	C45, C68	1st & 2nd R-F
35	6	22,500 k.c.	22,500	200 ohms	Untouched	L12, L21, L31	Ant. & 1st and 2nd R-F
36	Repeat 34 and 35 until circuits remain in alignment over the band						

On all bands the oscillator tracks above the signal frequency.
If more than one peak is obtainable on oscillator, use the higher frequency peak.

* NOTE: On all coils, except Nos. 4, 5, and 6 band oscillator coils (L54, L55, and L56) turning the core clockwise increases the inductance. On the above three mentioned coils, turning the core clockwise decreases the inductance.

Adjustment of Beat Frequency Oscillator — Tune in a signal either R-F or I-F to exact resonance with Power-Transmit-Receive Switch at "Rec. Mod." (Fig. 3). Turn on beat frequency oscillator by turning switch to "Rec. CW." If zero beat does not fall within the range of the BFO control, adjust BFO Trimmer L22 (see Fig. 4) until zero beat occurs at the midpoint setting of the BFO control.

IX
MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION

The receiver has been designed to be very rugged so that it will stand up under severe conditions of use, and yet have all parts available for easy replacement. All component parts such as transformers, chokes, filter and by-pass capacitors, etc., are mounted with screws and nuts rather than with rivets. All wiring other than that involving high frequency circuits is made up in the form of a laced cable so that no loose leads are left floating which might cause damage or change capacity to various portions of the circuit. The tuning condenser is mounted so as to be rigid with respect to the tuning unit, and yet is flexible with respect to the chassis. This prevents distortion of the chassis from having any appreciable effect on the stability of the oscillator.

The R-F unit which consists of the tuning condenser, tuning unit, range switch, and all of the R-F and oscillator coils and trimmers, is mounted on a separate base which bolts to the main base. The various coils and trimmers on this base may be easily replaced by means of a single nut which screws on the individual mounting bushings. However if a major repair is to be made such as replacement of the range switch, it is necessary first to remove the complete R-F unit from the receiver. To do this the following procedure should be observed:

1. Remove the chassis and panel from the cabinet by removing the four panel mounting screws and sliding the chassis forward out of the cabinet.
2. Remove the knobs by means of the small wrench held in the spring clip on the right hand side of the chassis. This wrench fits the set screws in all knobs except the main tuning knob. For this knob use an ordinary small screw driver.
3. Remove the panel by removing the eight nuts with which it is held to the support brackets.
4. Remove the large cover from the top of the R-F unit, by removing the four knurled nuts with which it is supported.
5. Remove the small cover from the tuning condenser, by removing the eight knurled nuts with which it is supported.
6. Remove the dial light sockets where they are clipped on to the tuning unit.
7. Remove the antenna trimmer shaft extension by loosening set screw in coupling with same wrench as used above for knobs.
8. Remove support bracket from flywheel tuning shaft.
9. Remove main dial, vernier dial, and flywheel by loosening set screws with same wrench as used for knobs.

10. Disconnect the eight leads which connect the R-F unit to the main base. These leads are as follows:
    (a) Two on the antenna terminal board (blue and black).
    (b) One on number 7 pin of the 6K6GT output tube (brown).
    (c) One on terminal E of the crystal load circuit (yellow).
    (d) One on terminal E of the first I-F Transformer (red).
    (e) One on terminal F of the first I-F Transformer (blue).
    (f) One on pin 6 of the second I-F tube (green).
    (g) One on pin 7 of the second I-F tube (brown).

    In addition, the by-pass condenser which grounds to the R-F unit near the second I-F tube must be disconnected.

11. Remove eleven screws which hold R-F unit to main base. Three of these are on under side of chassis along the front edge. The other eight are removed from the top.

12. The R-F unit may now be removed from the bottom by lifting up first the rear of the R-F unit and sliding it back out of the opening. After the unit has been repaired it may be re-assembled by following the above procedure in reverse order.

TABLE 2—TUBE SOCKET VOLTAGES

Tube	Symbol	Plate Volt.	Screen Volt.	Cathode Volt.
RCA-6SG7 1st R-F Amplifier..	1	235	150	0
RCA-6SG7 2nd R-F Amplifier	2	235	150	0
RCA-6J5 Oscillator	3	110	—	0
RCA-6SA7 1st Detector.....	4	235	50	2
RCA-6SG7 1st I-F Amplifier..	5	235	150	.7
RCA-6SG7 2nd I-F Amplifier.	6	235	150	1.3
RCA-6SG7 3rd I-F Amplifier.	7	235	150	3.1
RCA-6H6 2nd Det. & AVC.	8	—	—	—
RCA-6H6 Noise Limiter.....	9	—	—	—
RCA-6SJ7 1st Audio Amplifier	10	83	34	0
RCA-6K6GT Power Output....	11	256	240	0
RCA-6J5 B.F.O.	12	40	—	0
RCA-VR-150 Voltage Regulator.	13	150	—	0
RCA-5Y3GT Rectifier	14	—	—	300

Measured with 1000 o.p.v. Meter
Tolerance ±20%

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PARTS LIST

Symbol Designations	DESCRIPTION	RCA Drawing and Part No.
	CAPACITORS	
C1, 11, 33, 47, 51, 52, 54, 63, 83, 117, 118, 121, 122	Capacitor, 4,700 mmfd...	M-86079-531
C2	Capacitor, antenna trimmer	M-253132-2
C3, 6, 35, 40, 49, 50, 70, 77	Capacitor, variable, assembly, 8 sections.....	P-92444-501
C4, 5, 14, 34, 57	Capacitor, 220 mmfd....	K-90581-341
C7	Capacitor, 18 mmfd.....	K-90581-315
C8	Capacitor, 33 mmfd.....	K-90581-321
C9, 10	Capacitor, 22 mmfd.....	K-90581-317
C12	Capacitor, 56 mmfd.....	K-90581-227
C13, 26, 29, 42, 65, 67, 69	Capacitor, 82 mmfd.....	K-90578-231
C15, 21	Capacitor, 15 mmfd.....	K-90580-213
C16, 19, 22, 37, 59	Capacitor, air trimmer..	M-95534-503
C17	Capacitor, 525 mmfd.....	M-86079-503
C18	Capacitor, 13 mmfd.....	K-90580-212
C20	Capacitor, 1,550 mmfd...	M-86079-533
C23, 28	Capacitor, 3,000 mmfd...	P-721133-9
C24	Capacitor, 2,700 mmfd ..	P-721133-8
C25, 27, 32, 41, 43, 45, 64, 66, 68	Capacitor, air trimmer...	M-95534-501
C30	Capacitor, 3,900 mmfd...	P-720538-46
C31	Capacitor, 75 mmfd.....	K-90577-230
C36, 58	Capacitor, 180 mmfd.....	K-90581-239
C38, 39, 60, 62, 80, 81	Capacitor, air trimmer...	M-95534-502
C44, 46	Capacitor, 91 mmfd.....	K-90575-232
C48, 109, 110, 103, 106, 107	Capacitor, by-pass, assembly, 3 sections, 0.05 mfd. each	K-98034-1
C53	Capacitor, 6.8 mmfd.....	K-90581-305
C53, 76, 93	Capacitor, by-pass, assembly, 3 sections, 0.01 mfd. each	K-98034-4
C61, 120	Capacitor, 15 mmfd.....	K-90581-313
C71, 95, 102, 79, 84, 92	Capacitor, by-pass, assembly, 3 sections, 0.1 mfd. each	K-98034-2
C75	Capacitor, crystal phasing trimmer.....	M-253132-6
C86	Capacitor, BFO Trimmer	M-253132-1
C96, 97, 98	Capacitor, filter pack, assembly, 3 sections, 4 mfd. each.....	P-72026-515
C99, 112, 113	Capacitor, by-pass, assembly, 3 sections, 0.25 mfd. each.....	K-98034-3
C105	Capacitor, 560 mmfd.....	M-86034-502
C111, 116	Capacitor, 2,700 mmfd....	M-86034-534
C119	Capacitor, 3,000 mmfd...	K-251248-3
C123	Capacitor, 10 mmfd.....	K-90581-309
	CONNECTORS	
J1	Socket	M-421395-509
J2	Phone Jack.....	K-98965-2
	INDUCTORS	
L1, 2	Antenna Coil, No. 1 band	M-95520-502
L3, 4	Antenna Coil, No. 2 band	M-95521-501
L5, 6	Antenna Coil, No. 3 band	M-95521-502
L7, 8	Antenna Coil, No. 4 band	M-95521-503
L9, 10	Antenna Coil, No. 5 band	M-95521-504

PARTS LIST (Continued)

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L11, 12	Antenna Coil, No. 6 band	M-95519-507
L13, 14, 23, 24	R.F. Coil, No. 1 band	M-95520-501
L15, 16, 25, 26	R.F. Coil, No. 2 band	M-95520-503
L17, 18, 27, 28	R.F. Coil, No. 3 band	M-95520-504
L19, 29	R.F. Coil, No. 4 band	M-95519-501
L20, 30	R.F. Coil, No. 5 band	M-95519-502
L21, 31	R.F. Coil, No. 6 band	M-95519-503
L49, 50	Coil, Filter Choke	K-901433-501
L51	Oscillator Coil, No. 1 band	M-95520-505
L52	Oscillator Coil, No. 2 band	M-95520-506
L53	Oscillator Coil, No. 3 band	M-95520-507
L54	Oscillator Coil, No. 4 band	M-95519-504
L55	Oscillator Coil, No. 5 band	M-95519-505
L56	Oscillator Coil, No. 6 band	M-95519-506
L57	Wave trap, 455 k.c.	M-76299-505
	RESISTORS	
R1, 6, 19, 49	Resistor, 33,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-80
R2, 33, 36, 47	Resistor, 2.2 meg, ½ watt	K-850981-33
R3, 10, 12, 16, 22, 26, 31, 34	Resistor, 1,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-62
R4	Resistor, 56,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-83
R5	Resistor, 1 meg, ½ watt	K-82283-31
R7, 17	Resistor, 10 ohms, ½ watt	K-867970-338
R8, 18	Resistor, 5,600 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-71
R9, 14	Resistor, 100,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-86
R11	Resistor, 10,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-74
R13	Resistor, 560 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-59
R20, 39	Resistor, 100 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-50
R23, 27, 50, 57, 58	Resistor, 560,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-95
R25	Resistor, 180 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-53
R30	Resistor, 2,700 ohms, 4 watts	K-90497-3
R32	Resistor, 390 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-57
R35	Resistor, 680,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-96
R37	Resistor, 1 meg, ½ watt	K-850981-31
R38	Resistor, 1.5 meg, ½ watt	K-850981-100
R40	Resistor, 270,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-91
R41	Resistor, 100,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-86
R42	Resistor, 390,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-93
R43	Resistor, 100 ohms, 4 watts	K-90497-1
R44	Resistor, 160 ohms, 4 watts	K-90497-2
R45	Resistor, 15 ohms, ½ watt	K-867970-340
R46	Resistor, R.F. Gain Control	K-251402-2
R48.	Resistor, Noise Limiter Control	K-251402-2
R51	Resistor, Audio Gain Control	K-251402-3
R52	Resistor, Tone Control	K-251402-1
R53	Resistor, 330,000 ohms, ½ watt	K-82283-92
R54	Resistor, 2,700 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-67
R55	Resistor, 6,800 ohms, ½ watt	K-850981-72
R56	Resistor, 5 ohms, 4 watts	K-90497-4
	SWITCHES	
S1 to 16	Range Switch	M-253097-1
S17 to 20	Selectivity Switch	M-253134-1
S21, 22	A.V.C.—N.L. Switch	M-253099-1
S23, 24	Off-Trans.-Rec. Switch	M-253098-1
S25	Voltage Tap Switch	K-99585-1
	TRANSFORMERS	
T1	Transformer, Power, Universal	K-901432-501
T2	Transformer, Output	K-901666-501
T3	Transformer, 1st I.F.	P-92430-501
T4	Transformer, Crystal Load I.F.	P-92430-506
T5, 6	Transformer, 2nd I.F.	P-92430-503
T7, 8	Transformer, 3rd I.F.	P-92430-503
T9	Transformer, 4th I.F.	P-92430-502
T10	Transformer, BFO	P-92430-504
	TERMINAL BOARDS	
TB1	Terminal Board, Antenna and Ground	M-253669-2
TB2	Terminal Board, Output	M-253669-1
TB4	Terminal Board, Output	M-253669-3
	TUBE SOCKETS	
X1, 2, 7, 8, 11	Tube Socket	M-421395-507
X3, 4, 9	Tube Socket	M-421395-508
X5, 6, 10, 13, 14	Tube Socket	M-421395-509
X12	Tube Socket	M-421395-510
	CRYSTAL	
	Crystal (455 KC)	MI-19454-1
	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Resistor Board	K-98958-1
	Tuning Unit	P-92417-1
	Dial Window	29932-2
	Tuning Dial Assembly	K-98947-501
	Vernier Dial Assembly	K-98947-502
	Flywheel Bracket Assembly	K-99819-501
	Flexible Coupling	K-98950-1
	Battery Plug Assembly	K-99895-501
	Pilot Lamp Socket Assembly	K-98983-502
	Pilot Lamp Socket Assembly	K-98982-1
	Pilot Lamp	K-61114-15
	Lock Screw	K-99821-1
	Wrench (Knob & Coupling Set Screw)	K-828505-12
	Knob (Large)	P-712336-503
	Knob (Medium)	P-712336-505
	Knob (Small)	P-712336-507
	Set Screw (Large Knob)	K-59101-6
	Set Screw (Medium Knob)	K-843365-13
	Set Screw (Small Knob)	K-843365-12
	Power Cord	K-99883-1
	I.F. Transformer Adj. Tool	M-86183-501
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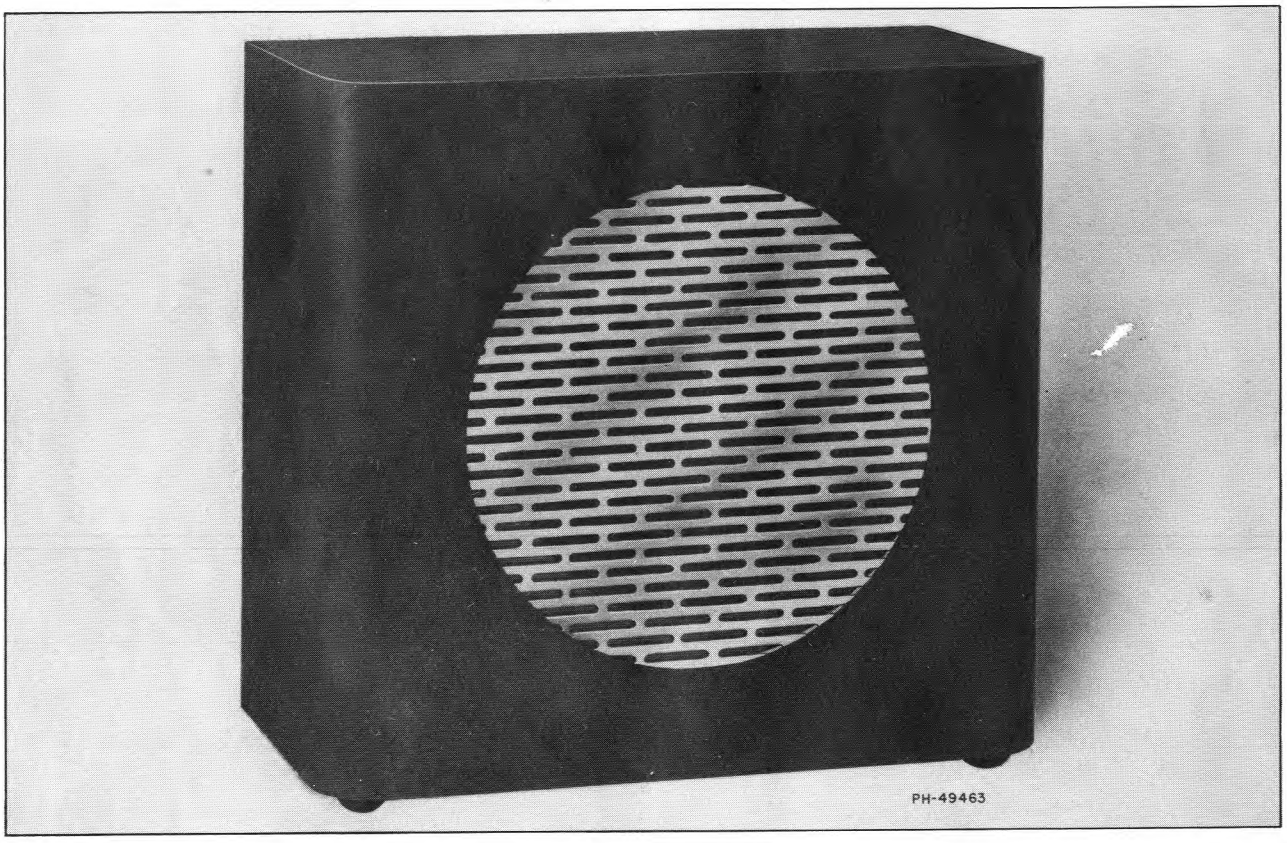

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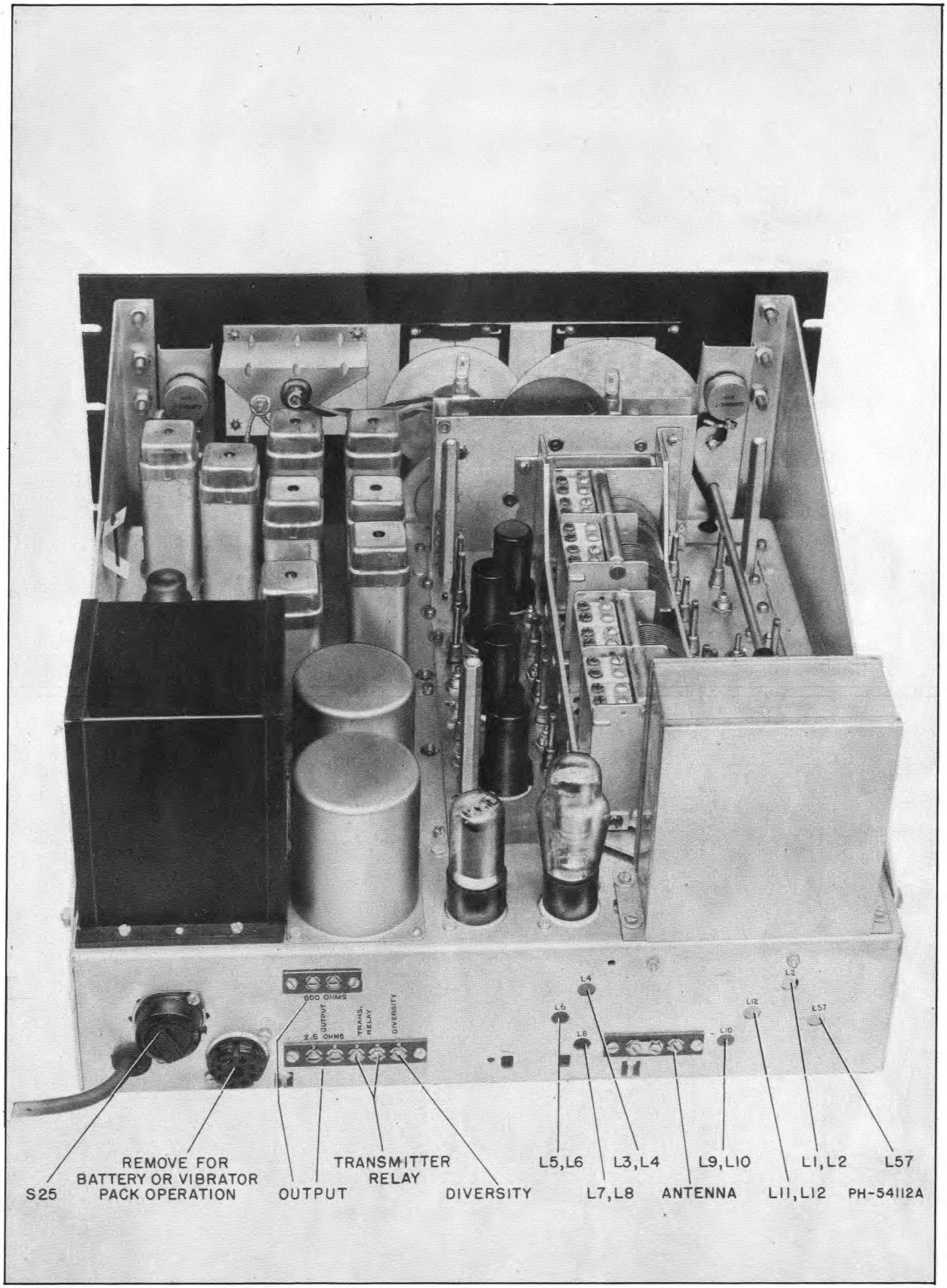

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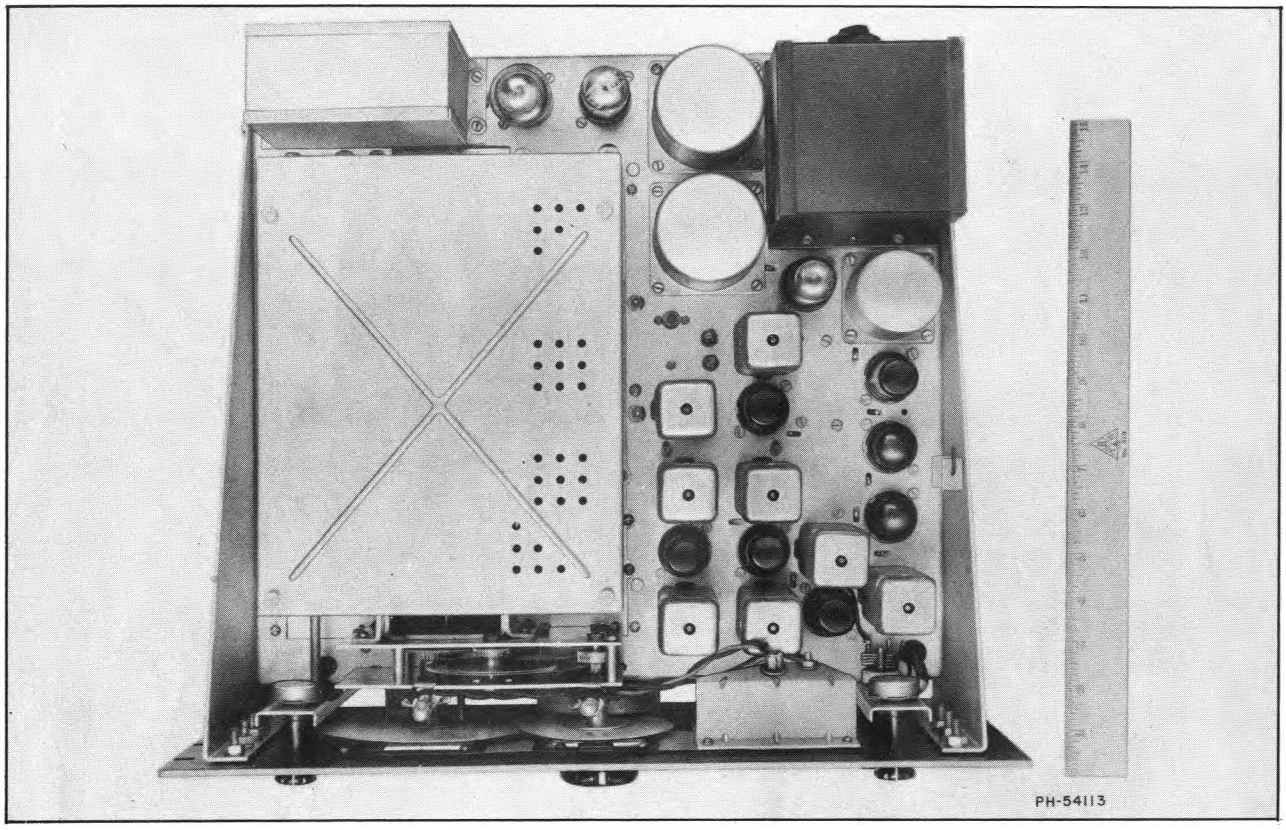

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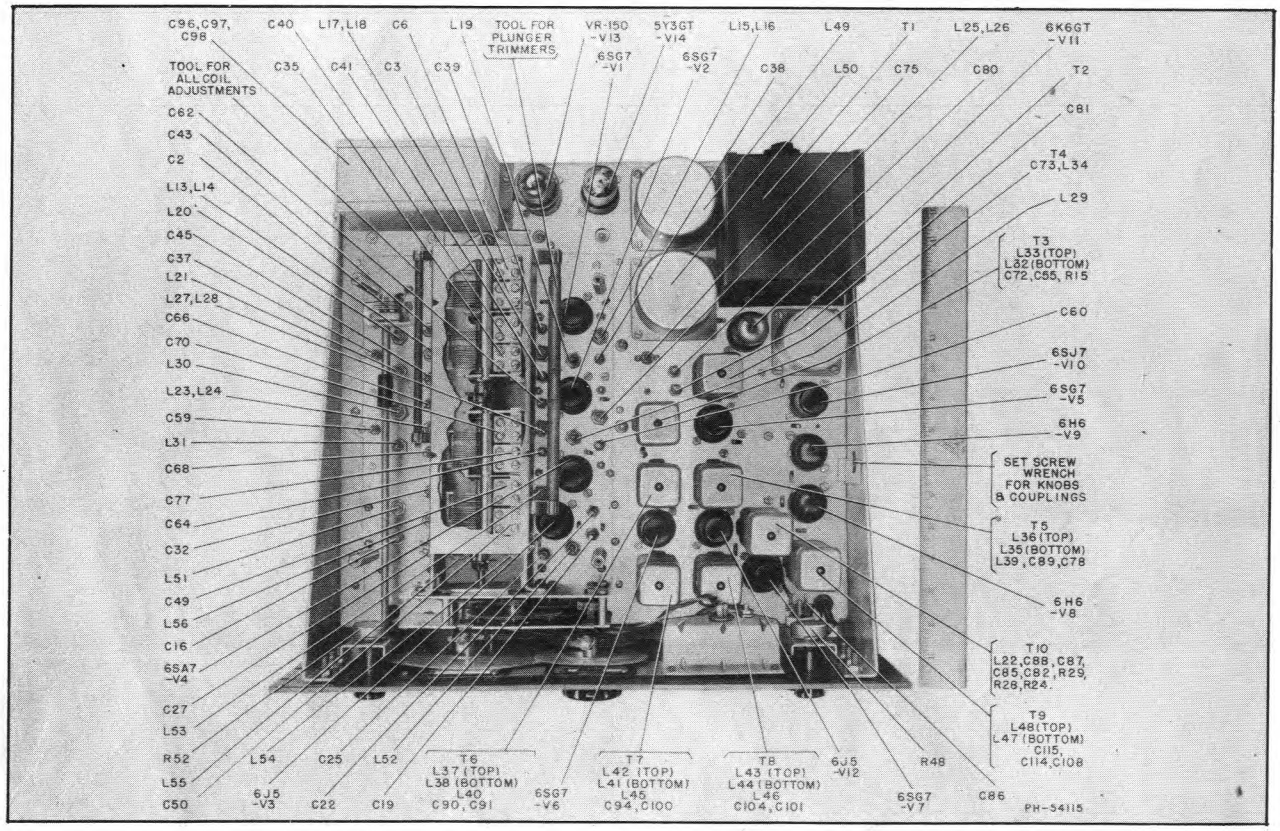

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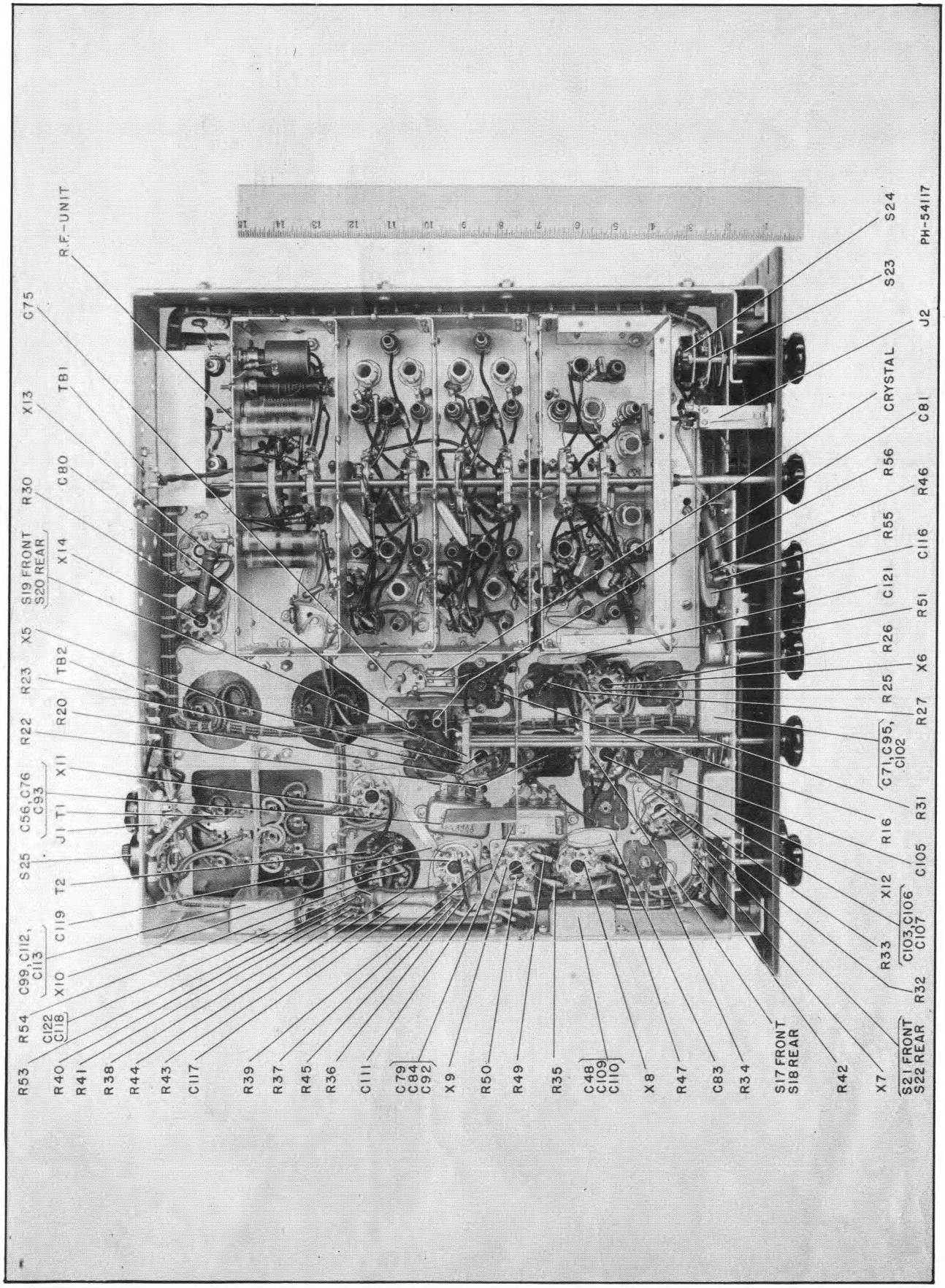

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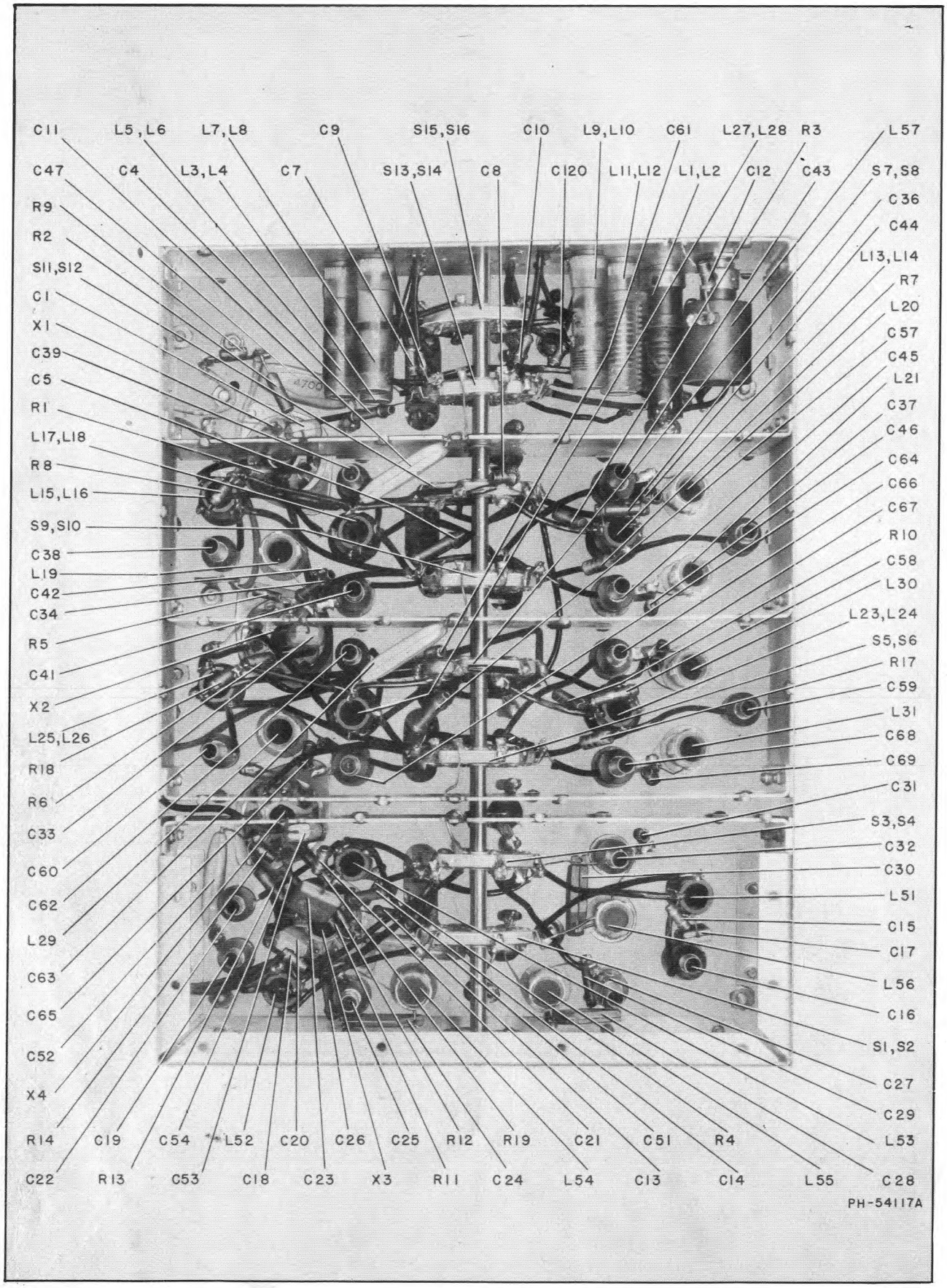

Figure 10—R-F Unit

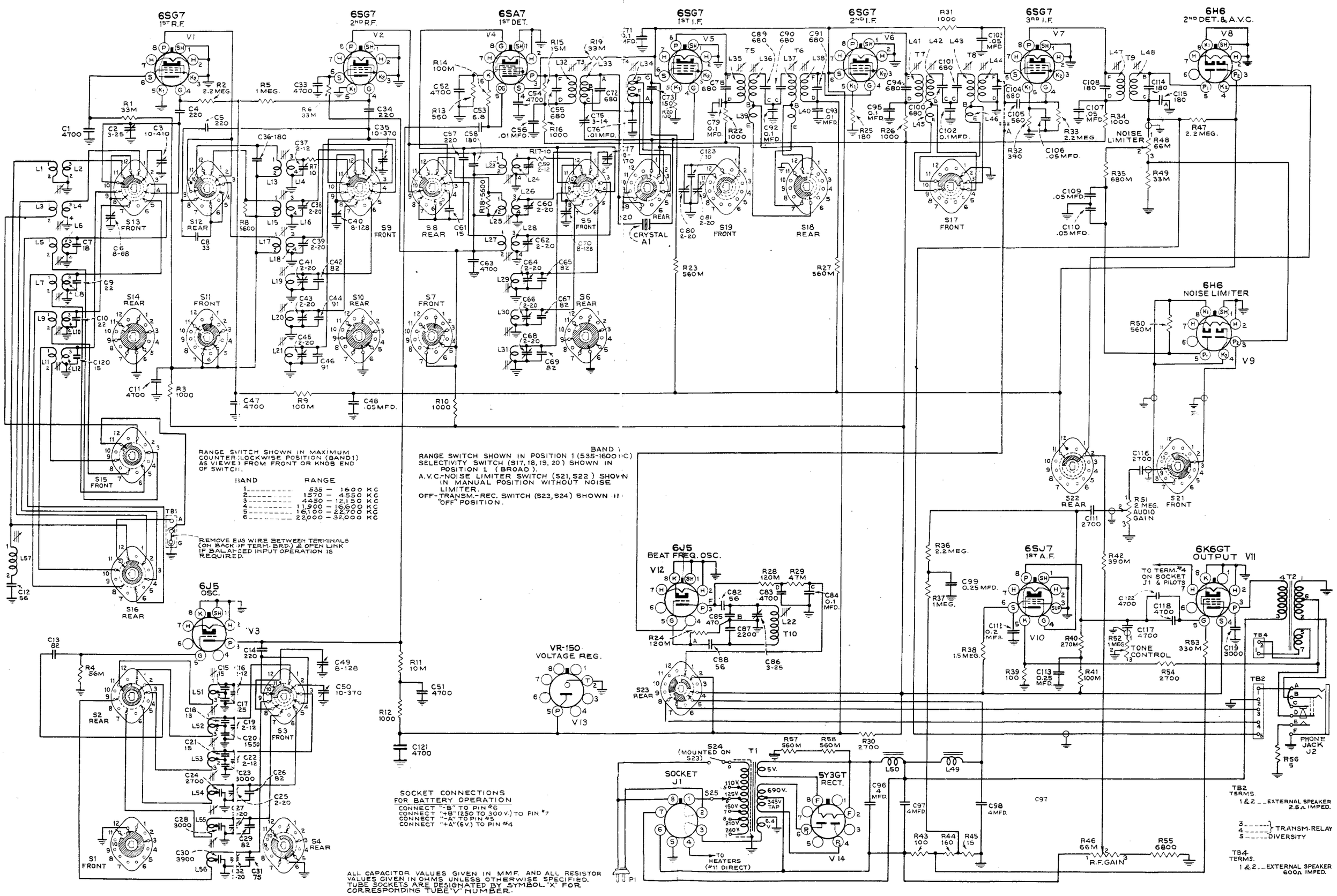

Figure 11—Schematic Diagram