Leader), Valfer, William P. Kennedy, and Miles R. Hall, all of PSW;
Jack F. Carter, R-5; Karl W. Spelman, R-4; Bill Morton and Tommy R. Hensley of the Electronics Center; Chester A. Shields, Director, and Lewis E. Hawkes, Administrative Management, Washington Office, and Merle S. Lowden, Director, Fire Control, Washington Office.
Hawkes had come in from R-3. Others were added as the study progressed.

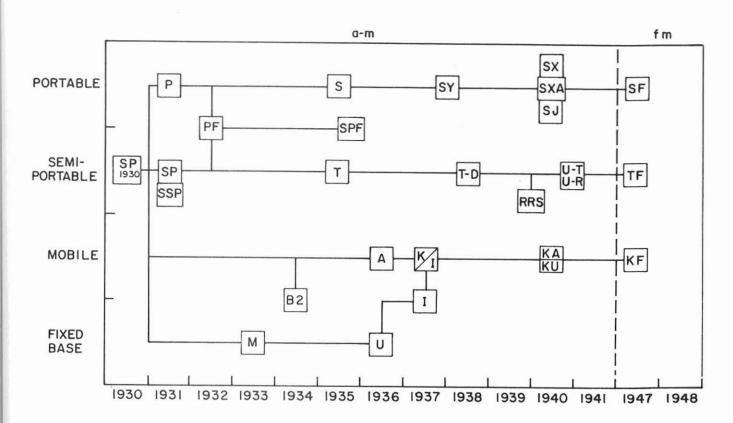
- 42. Edward W. Schultz /Deputy Chief, Forest Service, for Administration/ to Regional Foresters, 5 Ausust 1970, Gaylord A. Knight Collection. Memo includes roster and agenda.
- 43. L. E. Hawkes, "Financing a Forest Service Telecommunications System,"
  20 May 1971, typed rough draft for Telecommunications Study, Gaylord A. Knight Collection.
- 44. Hawkes, "Financing," p. 2.
- 45. T. R. Hensley, "New Technology and Its Possible Applications," [n.d.], typed draft for Telecommunications Study, p. 2, Gaylord A. Knight Collection.
- 46. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, A Study of Forest Service Telecommunications, 4 vols. (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1972).
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- 48. Forest Service, Telecommunications, vol. 3, p. 7.
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- 56. Milton Calloway, John Robertson, Charles Kern, and John Hertz, group discussion with the author at the Aerial Fire Depot, Missoula, Mont., May 1978.
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# Appendix I

# Forest Service Radio Models — Photos, Diagrams, and Data

Chronological Development of Forest Service Radio Sets, by Type and Function



Hf Types 100 meters (2.9-3.5 MHz)

(NA:95G-249757)

NO
BARRO EQUIPMENT

#### SP - 1930

Designed by: Dwight L. Beatty, 1930
Number produced: 9
Price: \$140
Models: Original only
Frequency: 3 MHz
Transmitter: 1 watt, c.w., AM

Receiver: Regenerative
Antenna: Long wire with
counterpoise

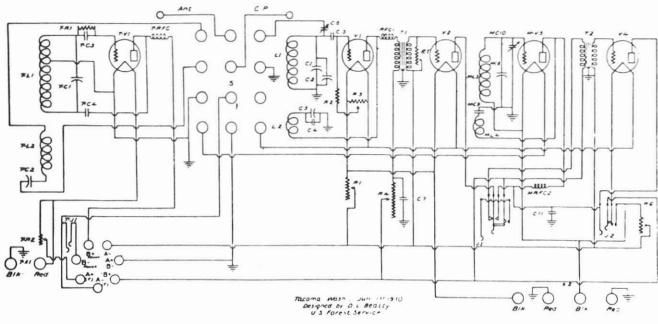
Dimensions: 6 x 14 x 8"(radio only)
Weight: 17# 14 oz. (79# 5 oz.

complete) \*

Principal use: Test purposes

\*Comments: Radio: 17# 14 oz.
Equip. case: 11# 11 oz.
Antenna equip.: 5# 12 oz.
Battery with case: 44#

## COMBINED PORTABLE TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER

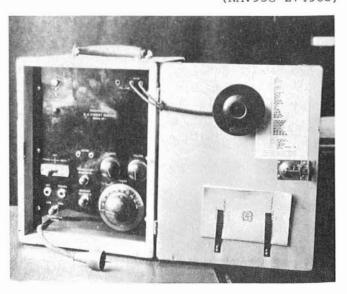


Schematic Diagram, SP-1930



(National Archives: Record Group 95G-262848)

(NA:95G-274968)



## Type SP

'Semiportable' SP\*

SSP\*

Designed by: Number produced:

Harold K. Lawson, 1931

HKL, 1932 See SP

Price Frequency

\$146 3 MHz

1 watt, voice-c.w., AM, VFO

Transmitter: Receiver:

Regenerative, simplex

4 1/2 watts

Power: Antenna: Weight:

Dimensions:

Dry batteries

135'/75' Center loaded (see text)

20# net, 55# w/batteries

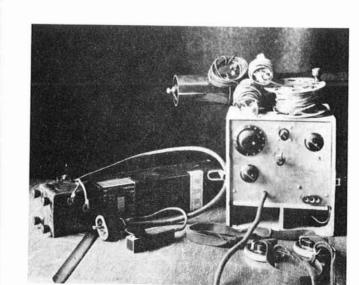
9 x 10 x 13"

Principal use:

Lookouts and other temporary locations

\*Comments:

Both sets used modified circuit of SP-1930 (see diagram) Type SSP had higher first cost, but lower operating cost



(NA:95G-274971)

Type P\* 'Portable'

Designed by: W. Foy Squibb, 1931 Number produced: 104

Price: \$50 Frequency 3 MHz

Transmitter: 1 1/4 watts, c.w., AM,

VFO (set and lock) Receiver: Regenerative, simplex Power:

Dry batteries Antenna: 75' Center loaded

(see text) Weight:

5# 9 oz. - 12# complete Dimensions: 6 x 7 x 7"

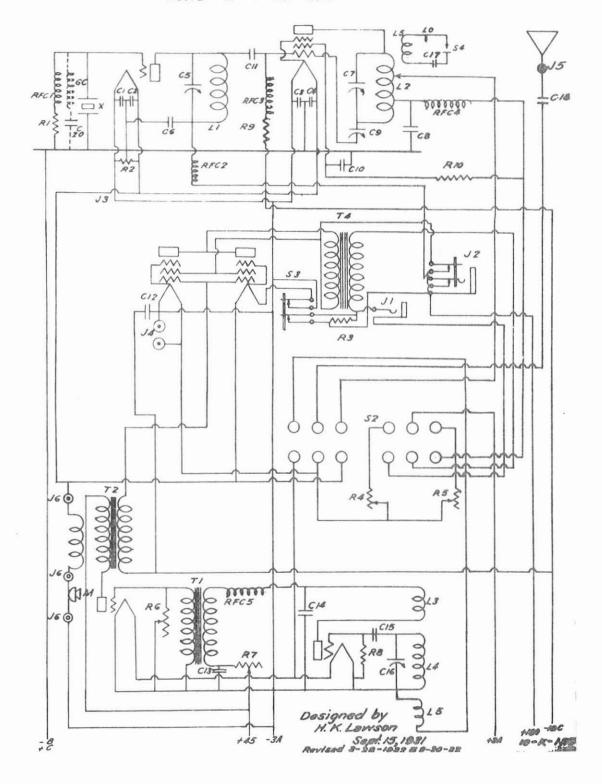
Principal use:

Smokechasers, fire scouts, and trail crews

\*Comments:

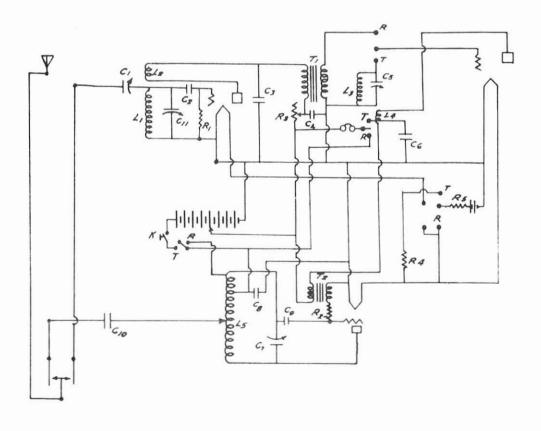
It used a slightly modified circuit of SP-1930 (see diagram) R-6 FC Radio SP Spec

# SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM U.S.F.S. SP RADIOPHONE

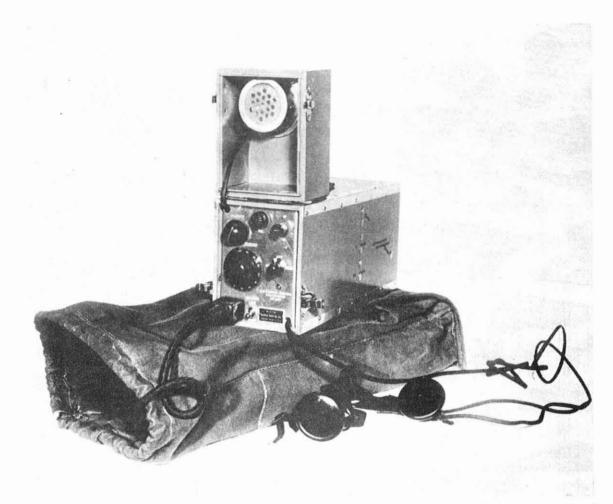


F.C. Radio Portable

# SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM USES PORTABLE RADIO



Designed by
W.F. Squibb
Dec. 1931 Revised 9-27-32
10-K-159
K68



(Forest Service photo, History Section)

## Type PF

'Portable Fone'\*

Designed by: Number produced: Harold K. Lawson/W. Foy Squibb, 1933 450

Price: Frequency: \$60-\$75 3 MHz

Transmitter: Receiver:

2 1/4 watts, voice-c.w., AM, xtals

Regenerative, simplex

Dry batteries Power:

Antenna: Weight:

Center loaded, half wave (see text)

14-15# Dimensions:

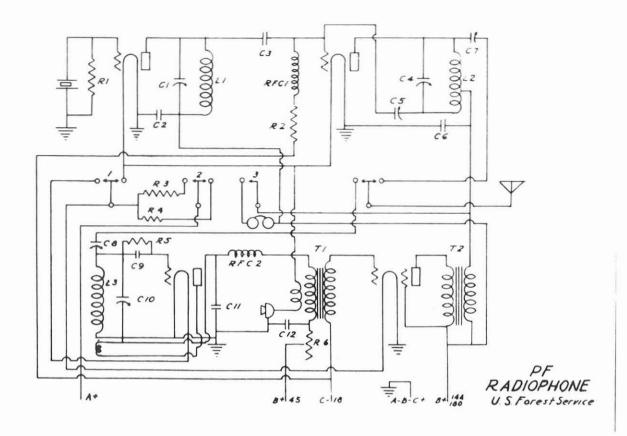
4 x 5 x 16"

Principal use:

Smokechasers and work crews

\*Comments

Sometimes advertised as "Portable Fireman" PF Kitbox included heavy-duty batteries

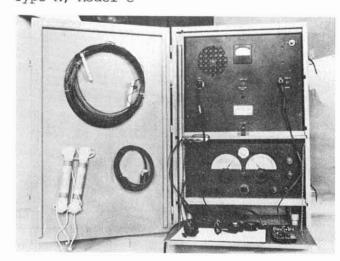


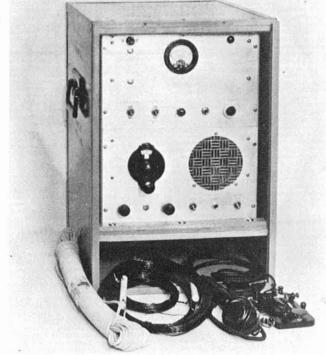
Schematic Diagram, Type PF

Type M, Model D

(Forest Service photos, History Section)

Type M, Model C





## Type M\*

## 'Medium power'

Designed by: Harold K. Lawson, 1933

Number produced: 210 Price: \$290

Models: A, B, C. (Belleville), D (Claypool)

Frequency: 3 MH

Power

Transmitter: 20 watts nominal, voice-c.w., AM, push-to-talk, xtal Receiver: Hammurland Comet Pro and other commercial types; later

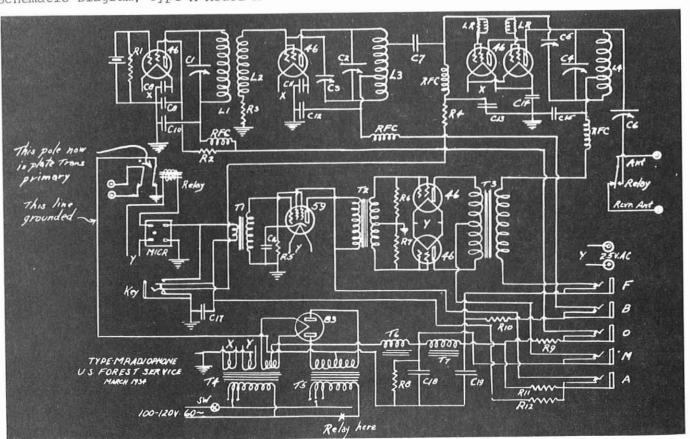
models Forest Service superheterodyne 110 volts (a.c.) or gas engine generator

Antenna: Half-wave, single wire feeder
Weight 75-200# depending on model
Dimensions: 10 x 14 x 22" (transmitter only)

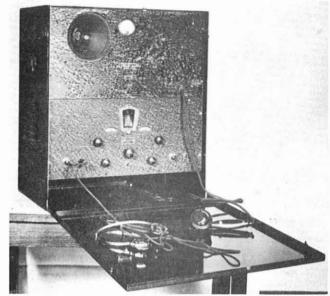
Principal use: Central station for fire crews and supervisor's headquarters

\*Comments Model A (2 units) Serial Numbers 1-96
Model B (1 unit) Serial Numbers 97-152
Model C (1 unit) Serial Numbers 154-180
Model D (1 unit) Serial Numbers 181-210

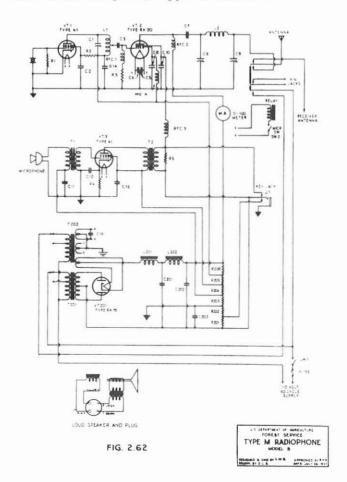
Schematic Diagram, Type M-Model A



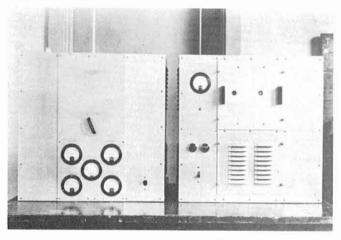
Type M-Model B



(Forest Service photo, History Section)
Schematic Diagram, Type M-Model B



Туре В



(NA:95G 305779)

## Type B\*

#### 'Boat'

Designed by: Number produced: Models:

Frequency: Transmitter:

Receiver: Power: Antenna: Weight: Dimensions:

Principal use:

\*Comments

W. S. Claypool, 1934

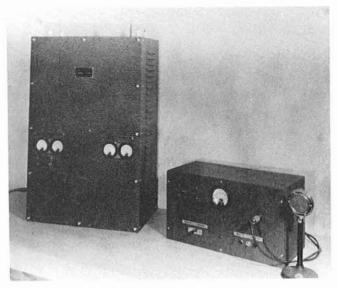
B and B2 (Radio Laboratory staff) 2300 kHz and 4600 kHz 200 watts, 2 channel xtal, voice, AM,

simplex
Hammurlund Comet Pro
Gas Engine alternator
Marine Marconi
Unknown

24 x 24 x 12" each

Ship to shore

For use on
Forest Service patrol
boats in Region 10 only
No schematic diagram
available

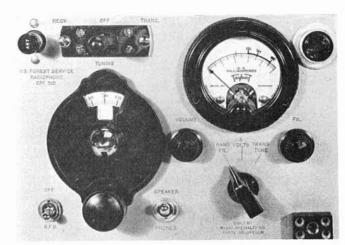


Type B2

(Forest Service photos, History Section)

Type SPF radio installed in carrying box; speaker, mike, and headset in hinged section on top.





Forest Service SPF radio, Model AA (Serial No. 310), front panel

Type SPF\* 'Semiportable Fone'

Designed by: W. S. Claypool and Lab-

oratory staff, 1935-36

Number produced: 1200 Price: \$140

Models: A,AA,AB(or BA),AD,AE,AF

Frequency: 3MHz

Transmitter: 2 1/4 watts, voice-c.w.,

AM, xtal

Receiver: Superheterodyne, simplex

Power: Dry batteries

Antenna: Half-wave--off-center

or end-fed

Weight: 21# w/lt. wt. battery,

60# w/Kitbox

Dimensions: 6 1/2 x 9 x 14 1/2"

Principal use: Fire crews and emergency

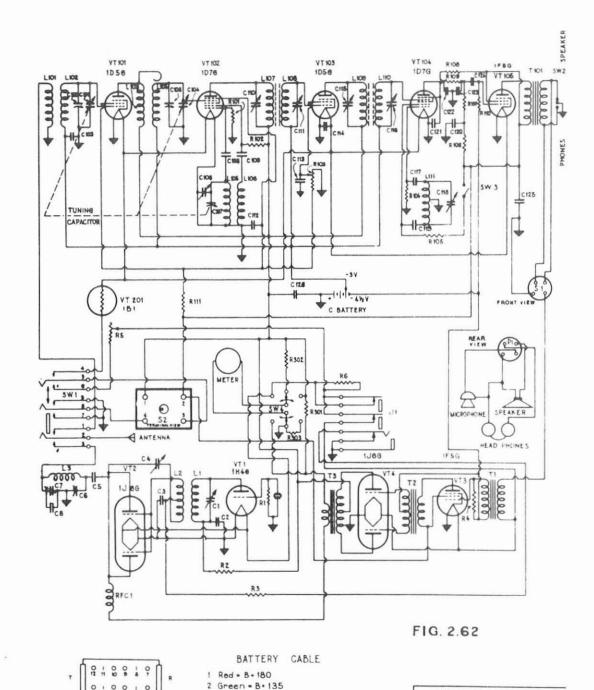
lookouts

\*Comments: PF modified with super-

heterodyne receiver
Model A Serial Numbers 1-264
Model AA Serial Numbers 265-480
Model AB Serial Numbers 481-743
Model AD Serial Numbers 744-903
Model AE Serial Numbers 904-966
Model AF Serial Numbers 967-1200

A number of additional SPF sets were produced by industry for the military during World War II

(see text)

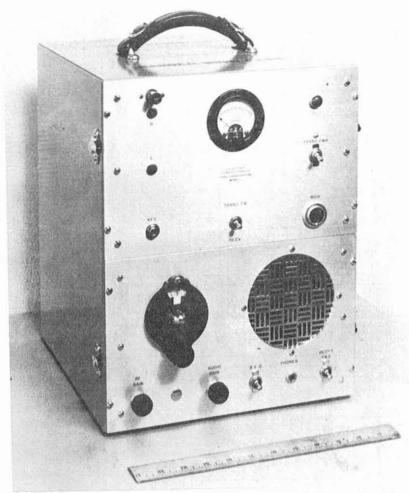


Schematic Diagram, Type SPF-Model AA

3 Brown = A+ 4. Blue = B - , Black = A - U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

TYPE SPF RADIOPHONE

DESIGNED & CAD BY A. W. APPROVED BOTH



(Forest Service photo, History Section)

# Type I\*

'Intermediate power'

A, B, C (Belleville), D

6-volt storage battery

Half wave, fed off center

17 1/2 x 19 1/4 x 12 1/4"

3 MHz, two channel

Radio Laboratory staff, 1937

Designed by: Number produced:

produced: 52

Prince: Models:

Frequency:

Transmitter: Receiver: Power:

Antenna:
Weight:
Dimensions:

Principal use:

Fire camps and temporary bases

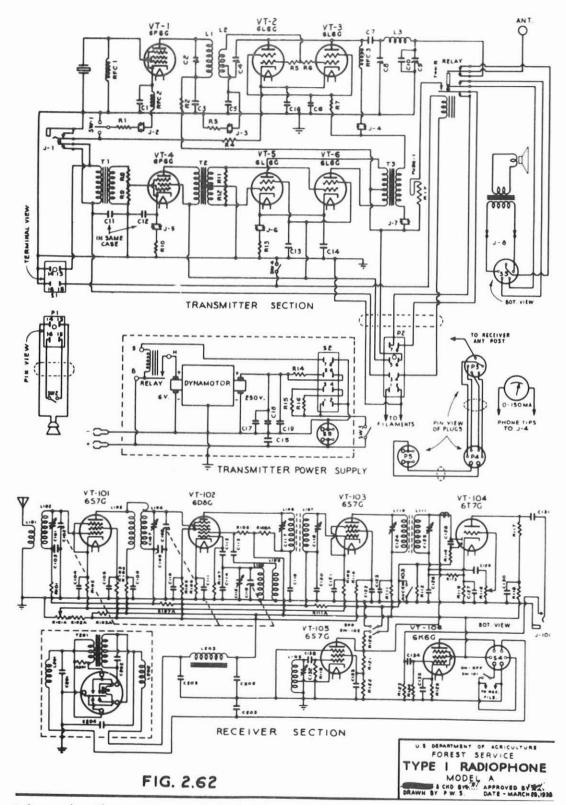
9 1/2 watts, voice-c.w., AM, xtal

Superheterodyne, simplex w/standby

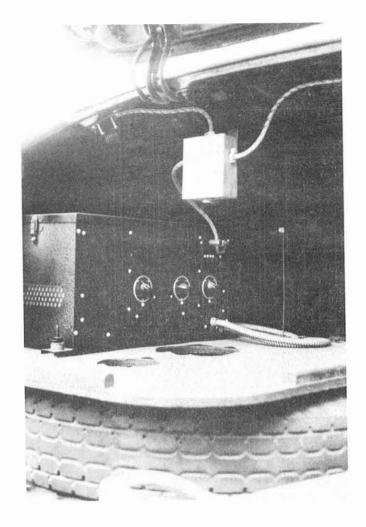
66# w/accessories, including batteries

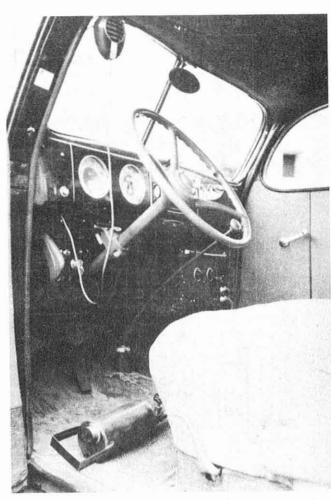
\*Comments

Intermediate in power between SPF and M sets



Schematic Diagram, Type I-Model A





(Forest Service photos, History Section)

# Type K\* 'Kar'

Designed by: Number produced: Price:

63 \$270

Models: Frequency: A, B, AA, AB\* 3 MHz

Frequency: Transmitter:

9 1/2 watts, voice, AM, xtal

Radio Laboratory staff, 1937

Receiver:

Motorola Police Cruiser (AA-AB), pushbutton

Power: Antenna:

6-volt car battery Rod type on tuning box

Dimensions:

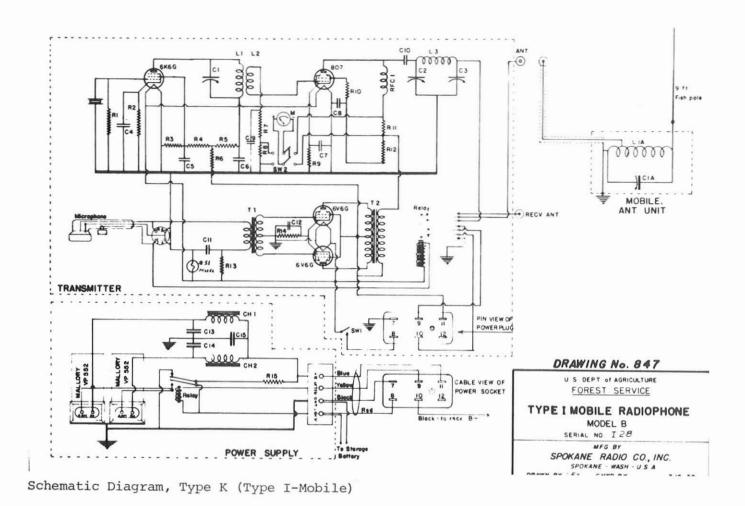
Four packages

Principal use:

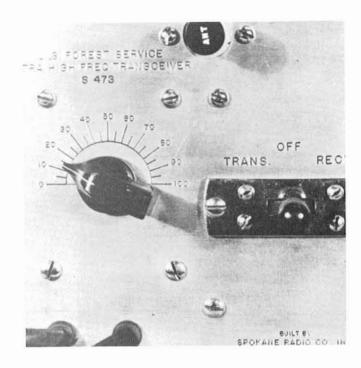
Mobile

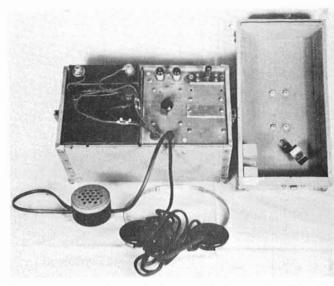
\*Comments:

Originally designated Type I-mobile (A and B)
Type KA ('Kar-Airplane') was for airplane use



# Vhf Types 10 Meters (30 – 40 MHz)





(Forest Service photos, History Section)

## Type S\*

'Superregenerative'

Designed by: Number produced: Harold K. Lawson, 1935 781

Price:

\$47 A, B\*

Models: Frequency:

30-40 MHz

Transmitter:

1/10 watt, voice, AM self-excited oscillator, simplex,

transceiver

Receiver:

Superregenerative, tunable

Power: Antenna: Dry batteries 14' 7" half wave wire or rod type

Dimensions: Weight:

7 x 6 x 11" 9# w/batteries

Principal use:

Smokechasers, scouts and fire chiefs; occasionally

with moving vehicles

\*Comments:

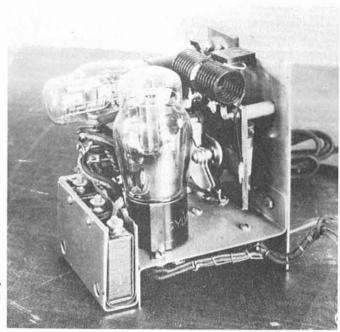
Offset transmitter-receiver frequencies

Model B added separate transmitter tuning control and

slightly more power

Often criticized for spurious signals

Interior view, Type S



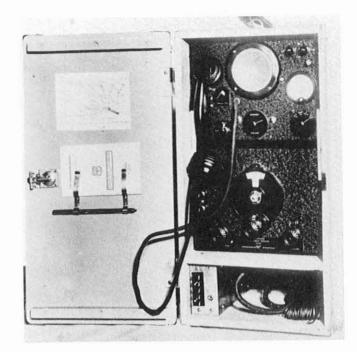
(Forest Service photo, History Section)

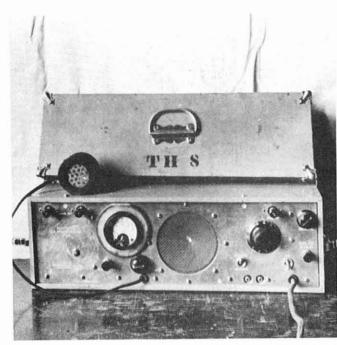
# U.S. FOREST SERVICE TYPE S

ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY TRANSCEIVER

R, 10,000 - ohm R<sub>2</sub> 100,000 - ohm R<sub>3</sub> 4 - ohm C 15 - mmfd Rear view of Federal switch. C2 250 - mmid. C3 00175 - mfd. Numbers are same as shown in diagram. C4 .004 - mfd. . C 5 .00/75 - mfd. C 6 .05 400 volt T1. 02426 T2 - 02428 SPOKANE RADIO CO. INC. SII FIRST AVE. SPOKANE WASH DATE 3-9-37 DWG NO 7/0 DRAWN BY G.E.T. CHECKED BY E.IN 8+90

Schematic Diagram, Type S





(Forest Service photos, History Section)

#### Type T\*

'Ten meters'

Designed by: Number produced:

Price: Models:

Frequency:

Transmitter: Receiver: Power:

Antenna: Dimensions: Weight:

Principal use:

\*Comments:

W. Foy Squibb, 1935

Numbers included with T-D

\$130

TH-TL; CA, CB, CC

30-40 MHz

2 1/4 watts, voice, AM, standby, master oscillator National SW-3; superregenerative

Dry batteries Half wave doublet 22 x 15 x 19"

29# including batteries and antenna

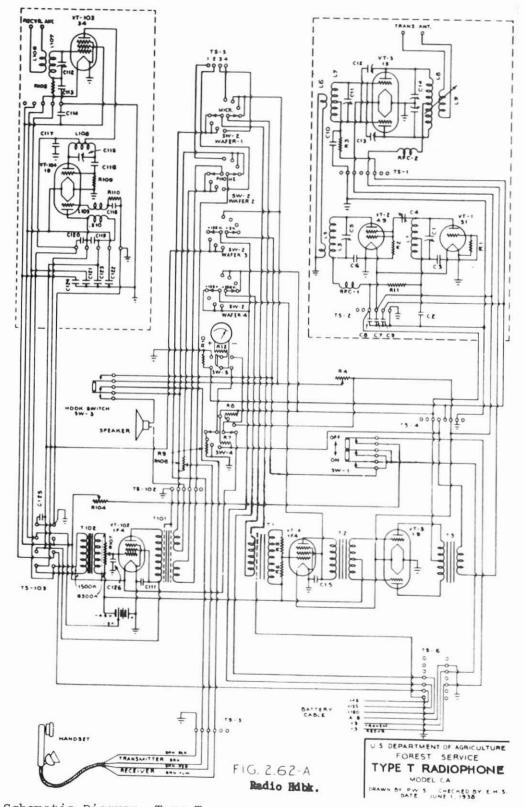
Lookouts and semi-permanent locations

Spurious signals in receiver led to TH-TL for the separation of transmitter-receiver channels, thus

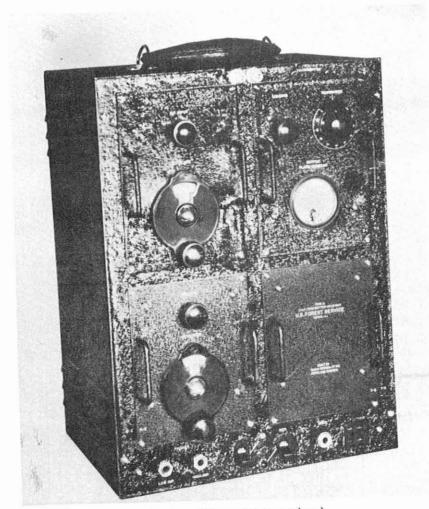
H is High and L is Low frequency Model CC operated simplex; CA and CB duplex Provisions to connect to telephone line

Required 2 frequency assignments for each National Forest

No relationship to Type T-Model D



Schematic Diagram, Type T



(Forest Service photo, History Section)

# Type A\*

'Airplane'

Designed by: Number produced: Radio Laboratory staff, 1936

produced: 50 \$260

Price: Frequency: Transmitter: 30-40 MHz, w/second channel 160-425 kHz 3 1/2 watts, voice, AM, xtal push-to-talk

Receiver: Regenerative, w/tuning

Power: 6-volt battery

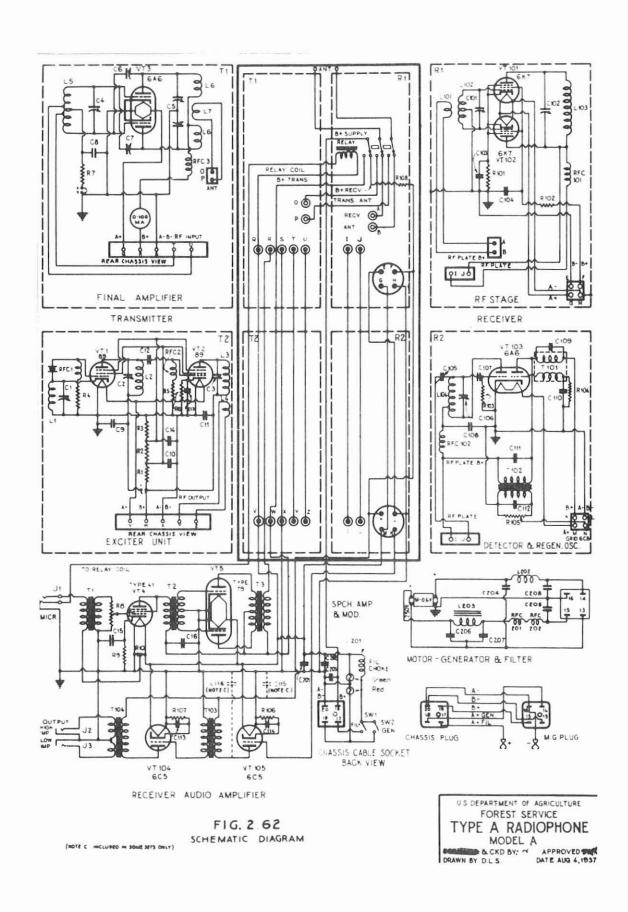
Antenna: 13' half wave doublet
Weight: 25#, or 40# w/dynamotor
Dimensions: 18 x 13 x 10 1/2"

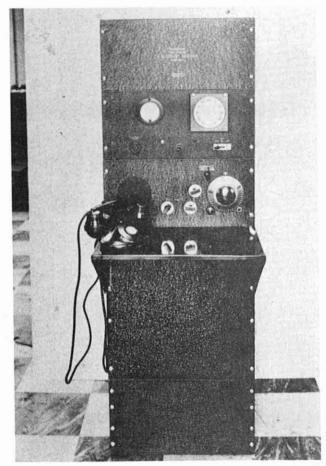
Principal use:

Air to ground

\*Comments Advertised 5-mile range in unshielded airplane

Could be used with moving vehicles





(Forest Service photo, History Section)

Type U\*

Logan Belleville, 1936

20 watts, voice, AM, simplex National superregenerative

Constructed at locations

300# (shipping weight)

Designed by: Number designed:

Number designed: Price: Models:

Frequency: Transmitter:

Receiver: Power:

Antenna: Dimensions:

Weight

Principal use:

Central station, fixed base

\$400

30-40 MHz

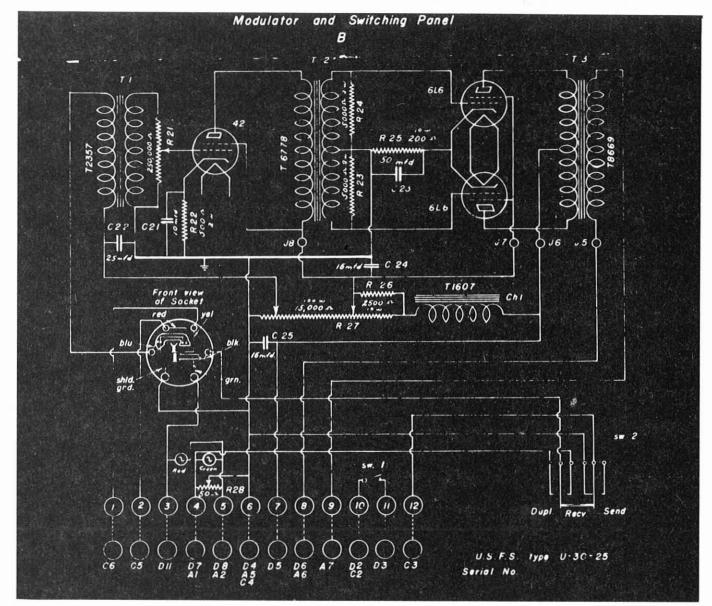
110 volts (a.c.)

4'9" x 19" x 12"

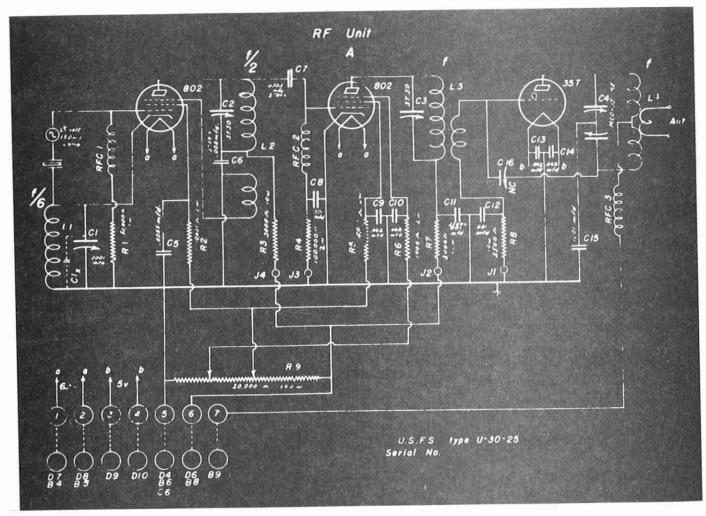
A

\*Comments:

Speaker on standby, transmitter turned on by lifting handset from cradle
No relationship to U-R/U-T series



Schematic Diagram, Modulator and Switching Panel, Type U



Schematic Diagram, RF Unit, Type U

## Type SV\*

# 'Superregenerative Variable' Frequency

Designed by: Radio Laboratory staff, 1937-38

Number produced: Price: \$61

Frequency: 30-40 MHz

Transmitter 1 watt, voice, AM, simplex, self-oscillating

Receiver: Superregenerative Power: Dry batteries

Antenna: Three-quarter wave, single wire

Dimensions: 6 x 10 x 5" or 12 x 12 x 7" overall Weight: 18#

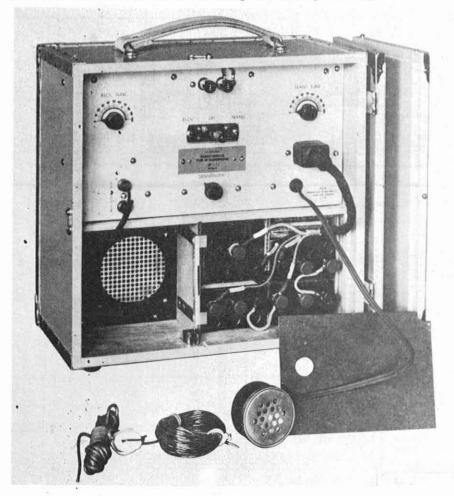
Principal use:

Where extreme portability was not essential

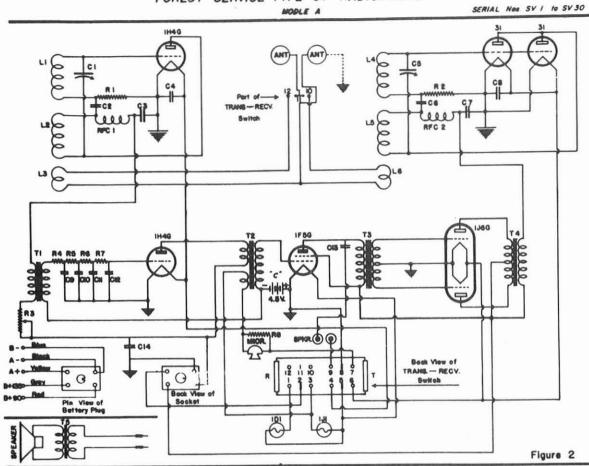
\*Comments:

Independent transmitter/receiver sections

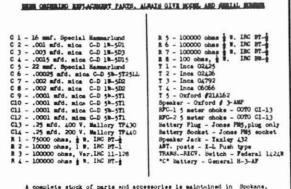
(Forest Service photo, History Section, 15472)



# U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE TYPE SV RADIOPHONE



#### TYPE SV PARTS LIST



A complete stock of parts and accessories is maintained in Spokane, hashington by the Spokane Radio Co., Inc., manufacturer of this set.

SPOKANE RADIO CO., INC. MFG. DEPT. Drawing by T.R.Y Date 5/7/38 Checked by R.D.O.

DRAWING NO. 861

Schematic Diagram, Type SV-Model A

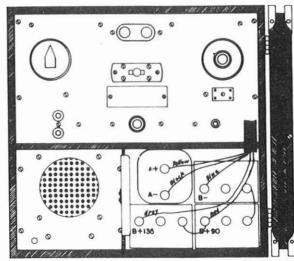
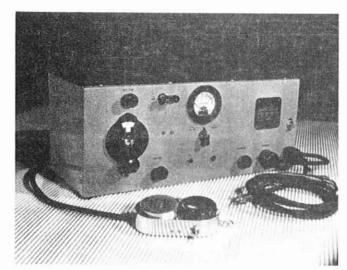


Figure 1



(Forest Service photo, History Section)

#### Type T-Model D\*

'Ten meter'

Designed by: Logan M. Belleville, 1938

produced: 630 \$250 Price:

Models: D, DA, DB, DE, DF

30-40 MHz Frequency:

Transmitter: 2 watts, voice, AM, push-

to-talk, simplex, xtal osc. Receiver: Superheterodyne, silent

standby

Dry batteries Power:

Antenna: USFS Type J or RSMC coaxial

skirt dipole

7 x 17 x 7" Dimensions:

Weight: 30# in shipping case,

including batteries

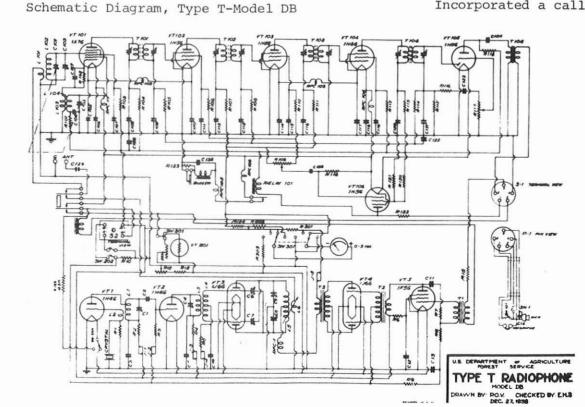
Principal

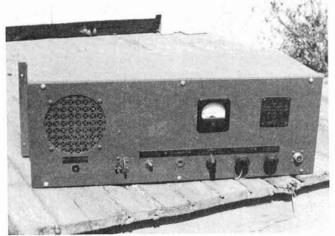
use: Lookouts

\*Comments: No relationship to earlier

type T

Incorporated a calling bell





(Forest Service photo, History Section)

## Type RRS\*

'Relay Repeater Station'

Designed by: Radio Laboratory staff,

1939-40

Number

produced: 470

Models: RA, RB, RD, RF, RG, R-DR,

R-D6T, R-D2T, TRT-F7,

R-RS-16

Frequency: 30-40MHz

Principal

use:

Relay repeater stations Used extensively in AWS

program

Some use in lookout towers

as a receiver

\*Comments:

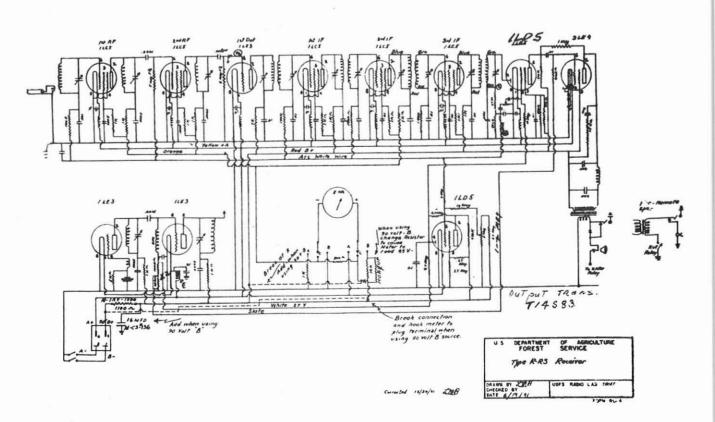
Specifications varied by

model

#### Schematic Diagram, Type RRS Receiver

- 1 Scope- wert plate connecton through 250000 A. s wall filter

  XI Disconnect. place bucking voltage between bus and ground
- 1 Mod OSC output. (Set to 1 F Freq.) OSC output runs through Durning Ant



## Type KU\*

'Kar UHF'

Designed by: Logan M. Belleville, 1940

Number produced: 575 Price: \$270

Models: R-A; T-A, T-AA, T2; A, B in Type U

Frequency: 30-40 MHz

Transmitter: 9 watts, voice, AM, simplex, xtal controlled

Receiver: Tunable w/single xtal standby

Power: 6-volt vehicle battery
Antenna: Quarter-wave whip

Dimensions: Housed in several units (see figure 74 and text)

Principal use: Mobile

\*Comments: Converted to semiportable for lookout use and designated

U-R/U-T

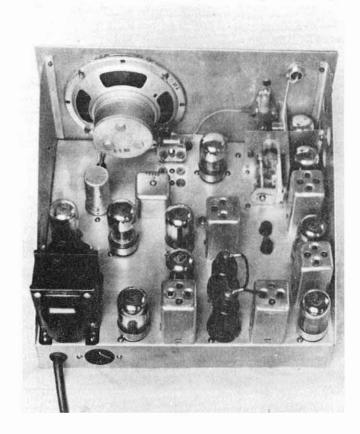
Effective squelch and essentially free of ignition

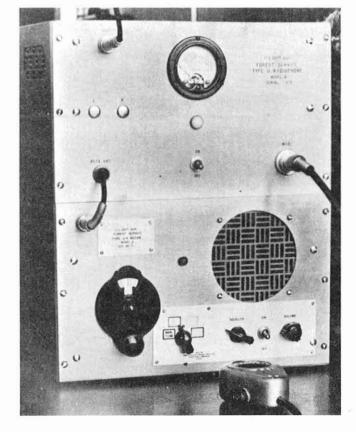
interference

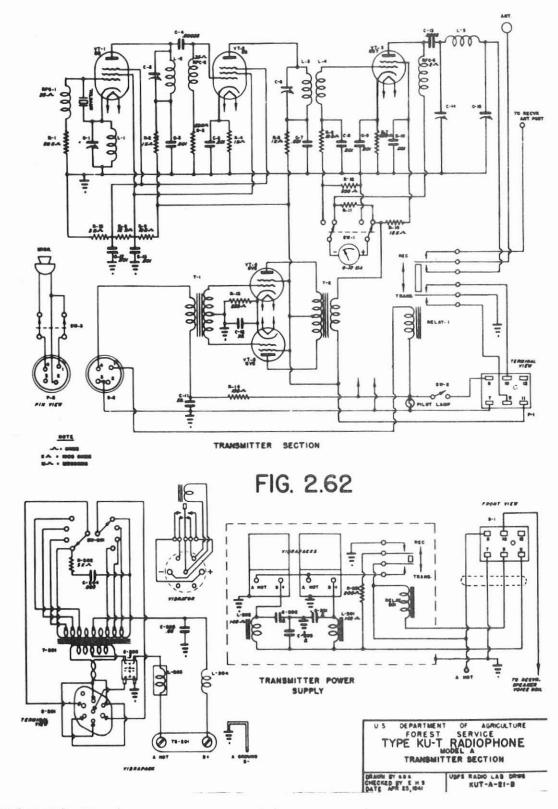
No relationship to earlier type U

Type U-R/U-T\*

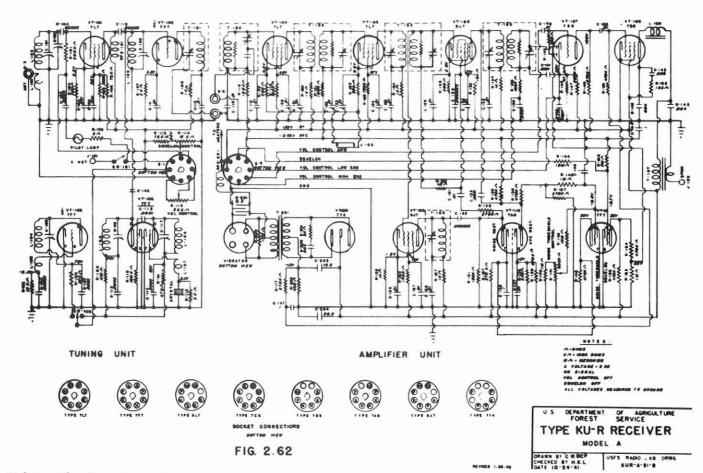
(Forest Service photos, History Section)







Schematic Drawing, Type KU-T, Model A, Transmitter



Schematic Drawing, Type KU-R, Model A, Receiver

# Type SX\*/SJ\*

'Superregenerative Xtals/Smoke Jumper'

Designed by:

Radio Laboratory staff, 1940-41 (SX/SJ)

Number produced:

800/22

Price: Frequency: \$70/not available 30-40 MHz/34.22 MHz only

Transmitter:

1/4 watt, voice, AM, 3 xtals/1 xtal

Receiver:

Superregenerative

Power:

Dry batteries/6-10 hrs. intermittant operation

Antenna: Weight:

Type J/rod type 6# 14 oz. net/n.a.

Dimensions:

13 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 7"/n.a.

Principal use:

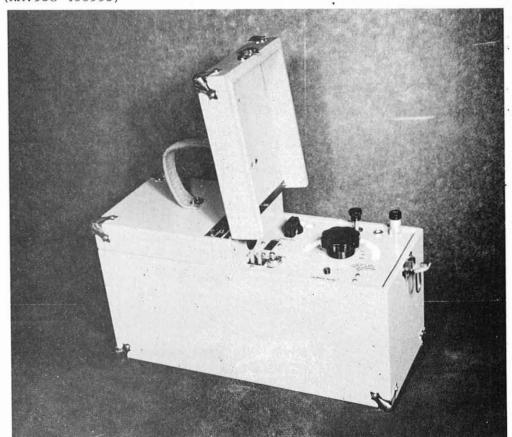
Portable/smokejumpers

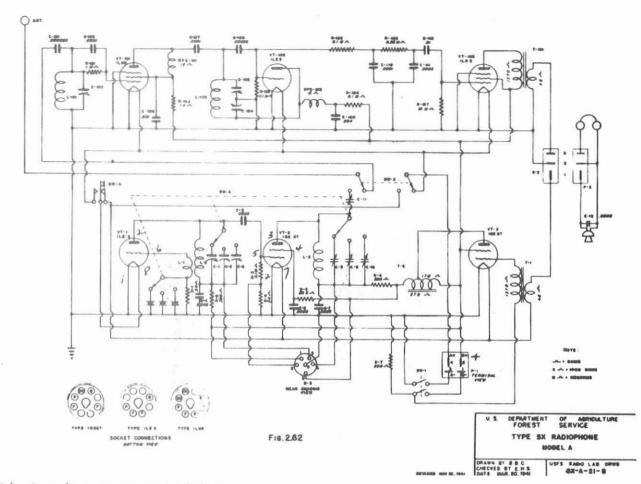
Comments:

SJ was a condensed version of the SX (see figures 75, 76)
SXA ("A" for attachment) was an audio amplifier accessory
for semiportable use and added \$45 to the price of the SX

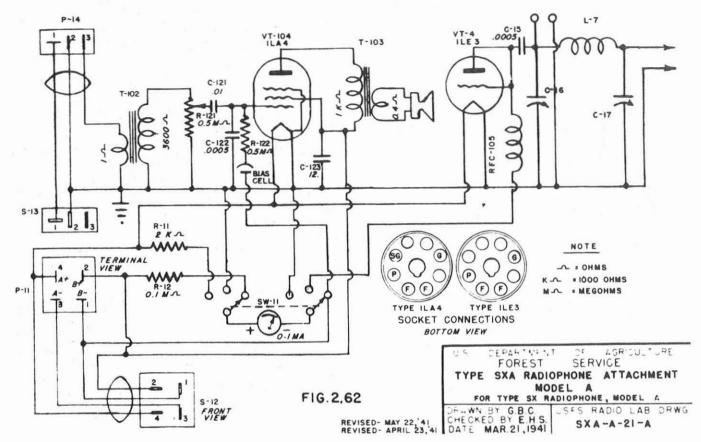
SX replaced type S; SXA replaced type SV

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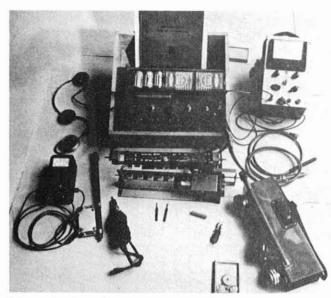


Schematic Drawing, Type SX-Model A



Schematic Drawing, Type SXA-Model A

# Vhf Types — FM



(Forest Service photo, History Section)

## Type SF\*

Handie-Talkie with kitbox

Designed by: Logan M. Belleville, 1947

Number

produced: 200+

Price: Not available
Models: A-T2-R, B-2, C
Frequency: 30-40 MHz

Transmitter: 200 mw, dual channel, FM Receiver: Superheterodyne, 1 channel

Power: Superheterodyne, 1
Dry batteries

Antenna: 7' collapsible rod Dimensions: 4 x 6 x 14" Weight: 9# w/batteries

Weight: Principal use:

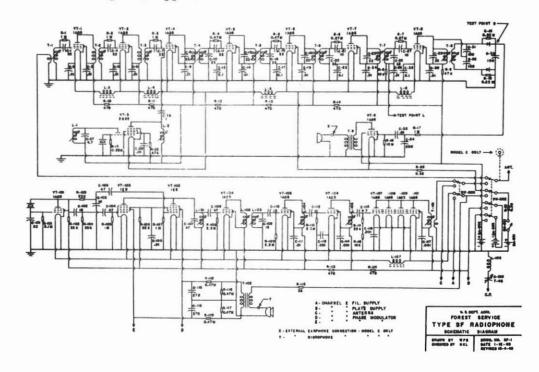
Smokechasers and fire scouts

\*Comments: Related to type S only in

manner of use ("F" for FM)
Latter versions included
telephone handset as part
of carrying handle. A unit
with earphones and sensitive microphone was produced for communications

with airplanes.

Schematic Diagram, Type SF



# Type TF\*

## Lookout FM

Designed by:

Radio Laboratory staff, 1947-48

Number produced: Price:

Not available Not available

Frequency:

30-40 MHz

Transmitter:

2 watts, 2 channel xtal, voice, FM, duplex

Receiver:

Superheterodyne single channel

Power: Antenna: Dry batteries Coaxial or GP

Dimensions:

13 x 10 x 26" plus battery box

Weight:

60# w/control unit

Principal use:

Lookouts

\*Comments

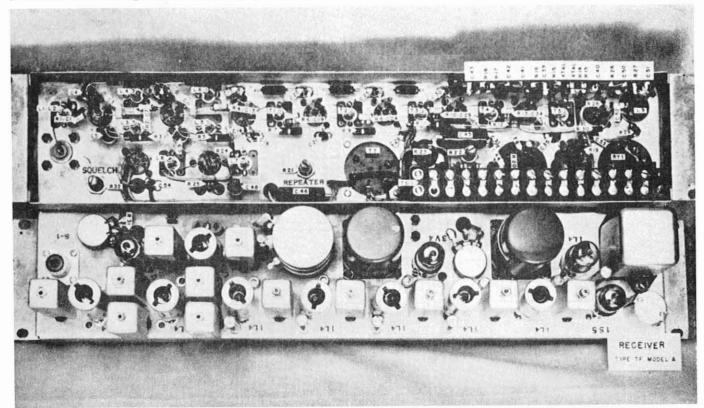
2 antennas required for all sets to be used as

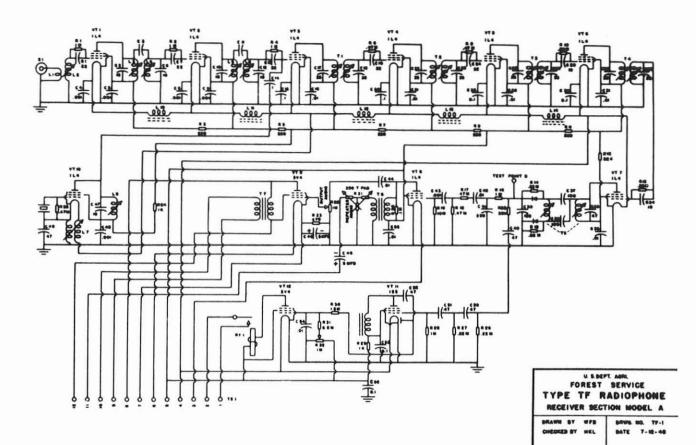
automatic repeaters

Main circuitry remotely located in magnesium cast

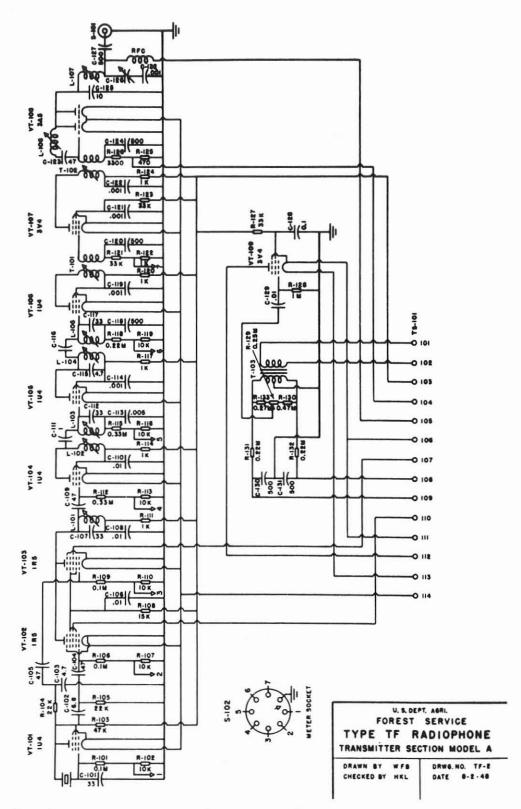
weatherproof enclosure Receiver only is pictured

(Forest Service photo, History Section)





Schematic Diagram, Type TF-Model A, Receiver



Schematic Diagram, Type TF-Model A, Transmitter

## Type KF\*

#### 'Mobile FM'

Designed by: W. F. Biggerstaff, 1947-48

Number produced:

Price: Not available

Models: A-T2-R Frequency: 30-40 MHz

Transmitter: 25 watts, 2 channel, xtal, FM
Receiver: Superheterodyne, 1 channel, xtal

Power: 6-volt auto battery Antenna: Mobile rod type

Dimensions: 16 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 15" circuitry

3 x 4 1/2 x 2" controls

60#

Principal use:

Mobile

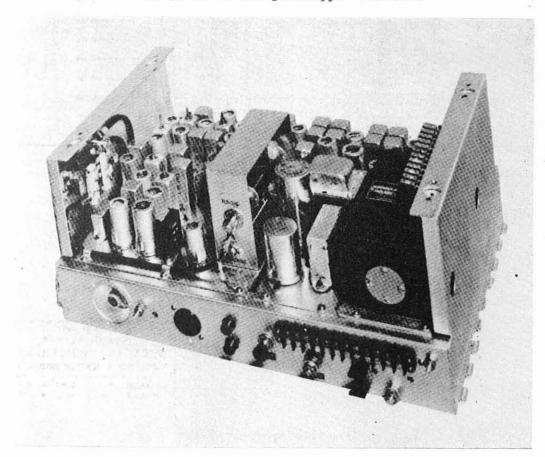
\*Comments:

Weight:

Current drain - 12 amps on standby, 22 amps to transmit Photo is of the first commercially produced model of

this set. It is a RSMC-Type 1147

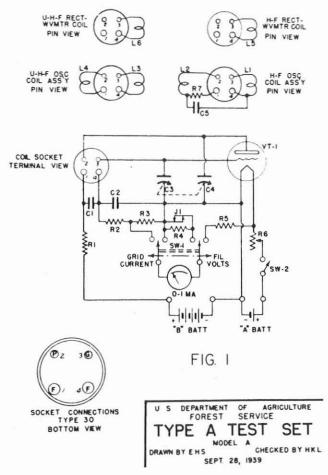
No photo of Lab prototype available



## Test Equipment



(Forest Service photo, History Section) Test Set, Type A



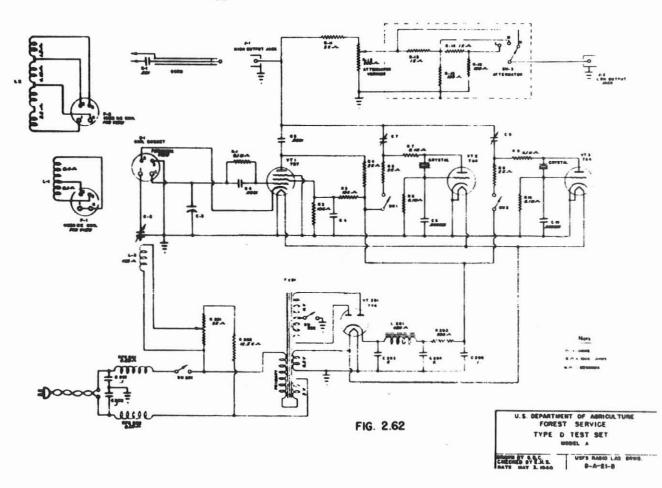
Schematic Diagram, Test Set, Type A-Model A

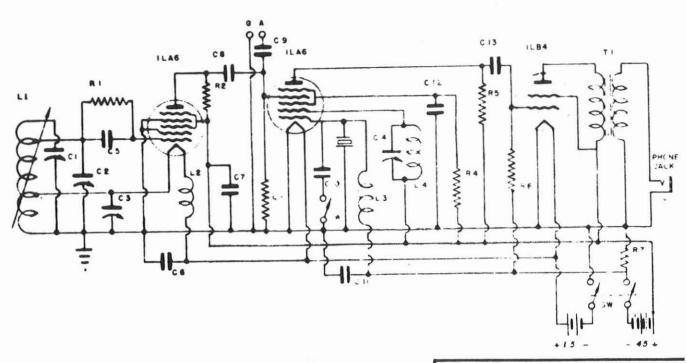
Test Set, Type D



(Forest Service photo, History Section, 15511)

Schematic Diagram, Test Set, Type D-Model A





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DRAWN BY G.B.C.
CHECKED BY H.K.L.
DATE MAY 5, 1940

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C~D~2I-A

Schematic Diagram, Heterodyne Frequency Meter, Type C-Model D

# Appendix II

# **Abbreviations Used in Text and Reference Notes**

a.c.	-	alternating current
af	-	audiofrequency
a.f.c.	-	automatic frequency control
AM	-	amplitude modulation (the early form of radio broadcasting)
ARRL	-	American Radio Relay League
А. т. & т.	-	American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
AWS	-	Aircraft Warning System (Service)
BIFC	: <del>-</del>	Boise Interagency Fire Center
BRC	~ <b>_</b>	Blister Rust Control
CCC	-	Civilian Conservation Corps
c.w.	, <b>_</b>	continuous wave (used for transmitting signals in Morse code)
dВ	_	decibel (measure of sound level)
Dx	-	long distance
EIA	-	Electrical Industries Association
FM	-	frequency modulation (the later form of radio broadcasting)
FCC	_	Federal Communications Commission
FPL	-	Forest Products Laboratory
FTS	-	Federal Telecommunications System
GAK	-	Gaylord A. Knight Collection
GE	-	General Electric Co.
GPO	-	Government Printing Office
GSA	-	Government Services Administration
hf	-	high frequency
Hz	-	hertz (unit of electromagnetic wave frequency; one cycle per second)
if	-	intermediate frequency