

Test Card, Italy. 1960. 53.75 Mc/s

fitted approximately 8 feet above chimney level on a 2-storey house.

#### Camera

Photographs of received pictures are taken direct from the c.r.t. screen. The camera used is an Ilford "Sportsman" with "Vario" lens. Aperture and shutter speed settings are 2.8 and 1/50 sec. respectively. Focus is set to 3½ feet, from which distance all photographs are taken. The film is Ilford HP3. The camera is held in the hand whilst photographs are being taken, no tripod being employed. It is found convenient to have the room in which photographs are taken as fully blacked out as possible.

#### Picture Quality

The photographs accompanying this article have been chosen from a very large selection held by Mr. Beckett. Test and caption cards, rather than programme material, have been singled out, as these allow ready identification of source.

It will be seen that, in all the photographs



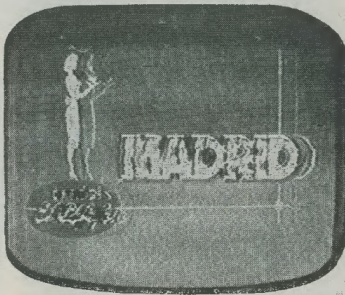
Programme, Italy. 9th July, 1960.  
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reproduced here, horizontal definition is rather low, this being obviously the result of employing an unmodified 405 line i.f. strip. There is, also, foldover on the left hand side. This latter is due to the simple nature of the line time-base modifications. (A retrace time suitable for the British blanking period, after the leading edge of the line sync pulse, of approximately 16.5µs is too long for the equivalent 625 line blanking period of approximately 10µs.)

Patterning is evident on some of the pictures. The cause of this is not known.

#### Sound Reception

Although his receivers are not modified for f.m. sound reception, Mr. Beckett has still obtained reception of the sound accompanying the Continental video signals. The quality of such signals is surprisingly acceptable, discrimination presumably taking place on the skirts of the sound i.f. response



Caption, Spain. 19th July, 1960. 48.25 Mc/s

curve. Since the Continental sound carriers are above the vision carriers in each channel (whereas British sound carriers are below), it is impossible to receive the sound and vision signals of a single channel simultaneously on the modified receivers.

#### Television DX

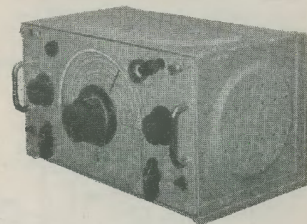
This report has given details of what seems to be almost phenomenally good television DX. And yet none of the equipment employed is in any way unconventional. Indeed, one of the receivers can be modified from 625 line back to 405 line operation merely by removing an adaptor.

The Radio Constructor would be interested to hear of any other instances of long distance t.v. reception. Where possible, brief details of such reception may be published in future issues.

## The R1155 as a General Purpose Receiver

By D. Easterling

Part 1



THE R1155 RECEIVER IS A COMPREHENSIVE communications set, used by the R.A.F. during the last war with some probably still in service. After the war many came on to the surplus market, rapidly becoming popular with Short wave listeners and filling a gap until new and more specialised equipment was available. Fifteen years later R1155's are still obtainable at various prices according to their condition, and although less suited to amateur band operation than the specialised types now in favour among enthusiasts, they are still a good buy for a workshop receiver; or, for the serious broadcast listener who wishes to supplement f.m., as a means of receiving foreign stations through all the clutter now inhabiting the bands, when conventional broadcast receivers fail miserably.

Unmodified, the R1155 receiver is a superhet having ten valves including the magic eye tuning indicator. The line up is as follows:

Pentode r.f. stage.

Triode-hexode frequency changer (oscillator-mixer).

Two pentode i.f. stages.

Double diode triode detector and a.f. output stage.

Double diode triode a.g.c. and b.f.o.

Three stage direction finding circuit.

No internal power supply unit is fitted, and the output stage is suitable for headphone use only; thus usual modifications concern the removal of the unwanted d.f. stages, and the introduction of suitable power and output stages. The simplest method of overcoming these problems is to construct a separate external unit which provides both the required facilities and which can be plugged into one of the Jones sockets on the front of the receiver, the unwanted d.f. circuits being simply ignored. This scheme was originally used by the writer, but

recently some maintenance had to be carried out and it was then decided to remove all unwanted circuits (a source of spare components), using the space provided to mount the power and output sections. At the same time, the receiver's general appearance was improved by fitting a new front panel over the existing one and drilling only the required control apertures, some of these controls being moved to produce a more symmetrical layout. On completion of this work, results exceeded expectations, and it was decided that although the subject has been covered by other writers in the past, the modification might be of interest to constructors who have missed these previous articles.

Before proceeding with the process of modification it may be as well to discuss general circuit details.

Fig. 1 shows the circuit after modification. It will be seen that the aerial socket is connected to two leads, each going via a condenser to a separate wiper in the wave-change switch assembly. Originally, these leads were kept completely separate, with the lead from C<sub>1</sub> going to a fixed aerial on the aircraft, and used for the top three frequency ranges; while that from C<sub>2</sub>, used with a long trailing aerial, connected to the two low frequency ranges. Connecting them together, therefore, enables one aerial system to be used for all bands. In addition to the above there was also provision for a low impedance d.f. loop, but this is now ignored.

Focusing attention to the tuning heart (shown enclosed by the broken line), it will be realised that in the receiver this is contained in the long rectangular metal housing below chassis at the rear, with associated valves and r.f. transformers mounted immediately above. The tuning heart circuit, illustrated is, of course, a simplified with the coils of only one range shown, with certain filters and coil shorting circuit.

FIG. 1  
Circuit of the R1155 after modification



4d. It is felt that a simplified circuit is justified in this case, as the interior of the unit plays no important part in the modification procedure.

Transformer input on low frequency ranges, and tapped grid coils on the higher ranges are features of the aerial input connections to  $V_1$ , the r.f. stage. The r.f. stage is transformer coupled to the frequency changer,  $V_2$ ; with the hexode section functioning as a mixer-amplifier and the triode as the local oscillator. A three-gang tuning condenser, consisting of  $VC_1$ ,  $VC_2$ , and  $VC_3$ , together with a wavechange switch assembly, enables the receiver to cover the following ranges:

- (1) 18.5 to 7.5 Mc/s.
- (2) 7.5 to 3.0 Mc/s.
- (3) 1,500 to 600 kc/s (Medium wave).
- (4) 500 to 200 kc/s (Long wave).
- (5) 200 to 75 kc/s (Very Long wave).

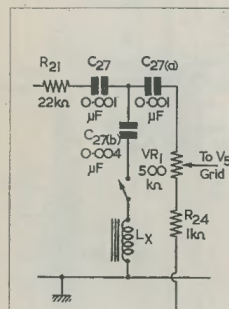


FIG. 2  
Bass Filter Circuit

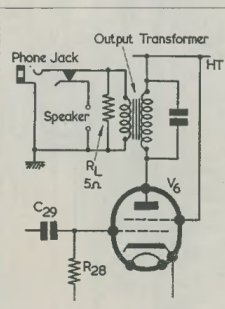


FIG. 3  
Fitting a Phone Jack

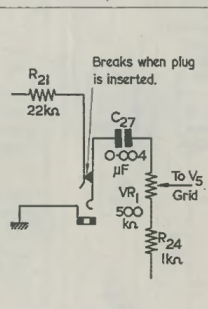


FIG. 4  
Inserting R.U. Jack  
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Of particular interest to constructors are receivers with the suffix letters L (steel case) and N (aluminium case) since, in these, the frequency range 200 to 75 kc/s which is of very little use to the average listener is omitted, a new range covering the 3 to 1.5 Mc/s (Trawler Band) being inserted in its place.

The remainder of the circuit is illustrated completely, and shows two i.f. amplifiers ( $V_3$  and  $V_4$ ) feeding, via i.f.t.3, the demodulator circuit of  $V_5$  and the a.g.c. circuit of  $V_7$ . In the case of  $V_5$  a single diode is used since the second diode was originally associated with the d.f. system. The a.f. output is developed across the filter circuit  $R_{19}$ ,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$ . In the circuit illustrated in Fig. 1, the a.f. is fed via  $C_{27}$  direct to the volume control  $VR_1$ ; the controlled output

being applied to the grid of  $V_5$ , triode acting as the first a.f. amplifier. The original system, however, is shown in Fig. 2, where it will be seen that an additional filter could be switched in to reduce audio frequencies below 300 c/s in order to limit locally generated noise in aircraft. With the original arrangement, also, the output was taken from the anode of  $V_5$  via a small 1:1 transformer to one of the Jones sockets, and had a level suitable for headphone operation. The above mentioned transformer is now replaced by the anode load resistor  $R_{22}$  to permit capacitive coupling via  $C_{29}$  to the output valve  $V_6$ .

The 6G6 output stage is completely new, and replaces the double triode d.f. switching stage originally occupying the position. Output suitable for operating a loudspeaker is now available and, for an impedance of 3Ω, the output transformer ratio should be

in the region of 60:1. In order to provide an output socket, suitable for phones, the arrangement shown in Fig. 3 was adopted. Here it will be seen that a resistive load is always across the output transformer secondary, so that the output valve is always reasonably matched whether or not the loudspeaker is connected (a useful feature in the workshop). Phones or an alternative speaker fitted with a jack plug can be connected, thereby automatically cutting out the main speaker. Cheap low impedance (about 50Ω) phones may therefore be used, and while the mismatch does not effect the output stage due to RL the decrease in volume is compensated by the gain of the additional output stage.

While on the subject of additional connections, reference to Fig. 4 shows how a pick-up

jack may be inserted. Of course, the a.f. stages cannot be considered hi-fi, nor does the inclusion of this facility turn the receiver into a radiogram; nevertheless the facility does prove useful on occasion for test purposes.

Valve  $V_7$  is another double diode triode, and is mounted with some associated components inside a screened box located above chassis to the left of the tuning dial. The double diodes, wired together, rectify the carrier to produce a d.c. voltage suitable for a.g.c. purposes. The triode section, in conjunction with the tuned circuit using  $L_{22}$ , operates as a series fed Colpitts oscillator, and when switch  $S_3$  (HET) is on, a c.w. signal of about 280 kc/s is applied to the final i.f.t. Its second harmonic, beating with the signal

only. Incidentally, in the original arrangement the r.f. gain control was ganged to the volume control  $VR_1$  but, in the rebuild, separate controls are used, following normal communication receiver practice. As with the previous system, the a.g.c. voltage is also used to control the Magic Eye shadow; thus the reception of a signal will produce an a.g.c. voltage and close the shadow.

The power supply unit is a conventional transformer-fed full wave rectification h.t. arrangement; the mains transformer also containing two low voltage windings to provide current for the rectifier filament, and other valve heaters. Notice that the negative h.t. line from the centre tap on the transformer secondary is taken to a negative bias rail, not direct to the chassis. The potential

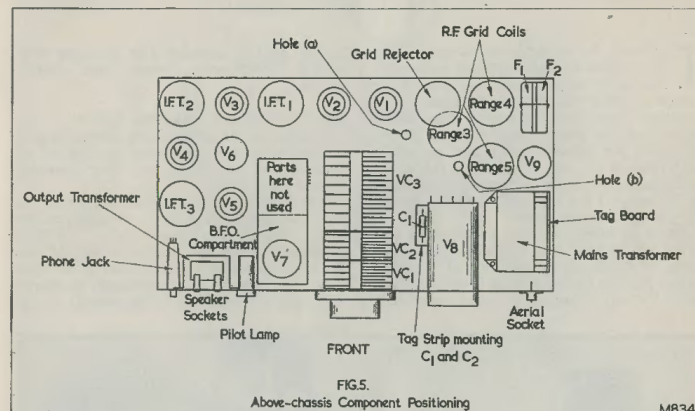


FIG. 5  
Above-chassis Component Positioning

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carrier (converted to i.f. at 560 kc/s), produces an audible note. The tone can be adjusted by the pre-set capacitor  $C_{46}$ .

The b.f.o. facility described above enables an unmodulated c.w. signal to be easily read. Even if the constructor is not interested in c.w. reception, however, the device is worth retaining since it is often useful when calibrating a signal generator or other r.f. oscillator.

The R1155 receiver is very sensitive, consequently the gain control circuits need to be fairly comprehensive. In the original arrangement, the master control switch allowed for two possible systems: automatic volume control, and manual control from the r.f. gain control  $VR_2$ . These alternatives were a part of the master control switching, but in the modified arrangement a simple two-way switch provides these two facilities

difference across resistors  $R_{40}$ ,  $R_{34}$  and  $R_{33}$  is used for the gain control and biasing circuits.

From the above circuit description it will be seen that the modification incurs the use of very few additional components; these being the mains transformer, rectifier and output valves, smoothing choke, output transformer, plugs and sockets, front panel; and condensers shown marked on the drawing as  $C_{49}$ ,  $C_{50}$ ,  $C_{30}$ ,  $C_{48}$  and  $C_{29}$ . The last two condensers are paper tubular types, replacing the bulky canned types originally installed.

The insertion of a power output stage and power supply unit raises the operating temperature of the receiver. This problem is overcome by providing two rows of ½in ventilation holes, spaced 1in apart, at the top and bottom of each side panel.

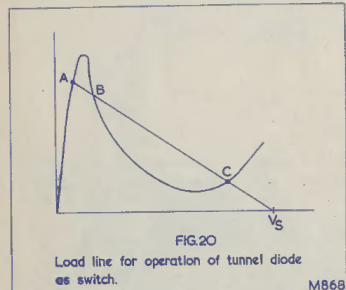
Therefore a negative resistance can lead to amplification; but precautions are needed to prevent oscillation.

#### Equivalent Circuit

The equivalent circuit of a typical tunnel diode is shown in Fig. 16. The diode itself has a negative resistance in parallel with a capacity, but the leads have inductance and resistance.

#### Operating Conditions

There are two main ways in which tunnel diodes can be operated and in each case the biasing and circuit resistance are most important. One method causes the tunnel diode to operate as a switch whilst the other enables it to amplify, oscillate, etc.



#### Amplifier or Oscillator

Any tunnel diode used as an amplifier or oscillator must be biased so that the operating point is on the negative resistance part of the curve. In addition the equivalent series resistance,  $R_s$ , of the circuit must be numerically less than the negative diode resistance,  $r$ , or switching will occur. The load line representing  $R_s$  (its slope =  $1/R_s$ ) is then steeper than the slope of the diode characteristic ( $1/r$ ) and consequently the load line can cut the characteristic in only one place (see Fig. 17). The type of circuit used is shown in Fig. 18 with some typical values, and its Thevenin equivalent circuit in Fig. 19. The d.c. resistance of the load must be less than 90Ω when the circuit values shown in Fig. 18 are used no matter whether the diode is used as an oscillator or as an amplifier. The total d.c. resistance must be negative.

The a.c. circuit resistance determines whether the tunnel diode circuit will amplify or oscillate, assuming that the necessary d.c. condition mentioned above has been fulfilled. Oscillation occurs if the total a.c. circuit resistance is negative and amplification if it is positive, but it is most important to note that the total a.c. resistance is the

negative resistance of the tunnel diode ( $-R_2$ ) in parallel with the circuit a.c. resistance ( $R_1$ ). The resulting a.c. resistance is not therefore the series value of  $R_1 - R_2$ , but the parallel value

$$\left( \frac{-R_1 R_2}{R_1 - R_2} \right)$$

This is positive if  $R_1$  is less than  $R_2$  numerically and is negative if  $R_1$  is numerically greater than  $R_2$ . A tunnel diode circuit will therefore oscillate if the negative resistance of the diode is numerically less than the circuit a.c. resistance. In order to avoid oscillation and obtain amplification, however, the numerical resistance of the diode must be greater than the a.c. circuit resistance. This is exactly opposite to the effect which would have been expected.

Another way of looking at the a.c. resistance problem is from the point of view of the load lines. If the load line of Fig. 20 represents the a.c. circuit resistance (dynamic load line), the circuit will oscillate between points A and C. The a.c. circuit resistance is greater than the numerical value of the tunnel diode negative resistance if the dynamic load line cuts the characteristic in more than one place. If the dynamic load line can be represented as in Fig. 17 and cuts the characteristic at a single point, amplification will occur.

The adjustment of the tunnel diode circuit values is much more difficult for amplifier operation than it is for operation as an oscillator. It must be mentioned that the above discussion assumes that the operating frequency is not high enough for the diode reactances to affect the operation of the circuit.

#### Switching

A higher series resistance,  $R_s$ , is required in a tunnel diode switching circuit so that the slope of the load line is less; the load line can then cut the diode characteristic in three places (see Fig. 20). It is not difficult to see that the point B is unstable. If a minute increase in the voltage across the diode occurs so that B moves down the curve, the current will decrease and this will result in further voltage increase leading to a cumulative effect. Stability will be reached at point C. Alternatively the operating point at B may start to move up the curve and it will not then stop until it reaches A.

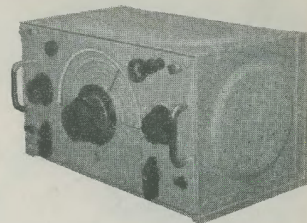
The points A and C can both be made stable, so that the tunnel diode forms a useful "flip flop" switch with a switching time as little as a milli-microsecond. This is about 100 times faster than the best transistor. The tunnel diode switching circuit will certainly be useful in computers, etc.

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## The R1155 as a General Purpose Receiver

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Part 2



#### Modification Procedure

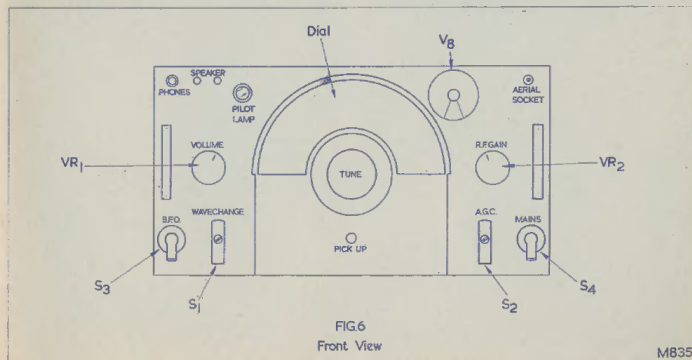
The first step is to remove all unwanted components, most of this work concerning the d.f. circuits. At first glance the constructor may well assume that the work is going to become very complicated if the removal of wanted parts of the circuit is to be avoided. Actually the process is relatively simple, since unwanted sections are nearly completely independent. Being drastic, therefore, all components below the tuning indicator are removed, including Jones sockets, valveholders, originally taking the two VR99 or VR99A triode hexode d.f. valves, several metal can condensers, various chokes and transformers, and the master switch assembly. One valveholder is refitted later for the rectifier.

The tuning indicator may be temporarily unbolted from the front panel at this stage. It will be refitted later with the new panel.

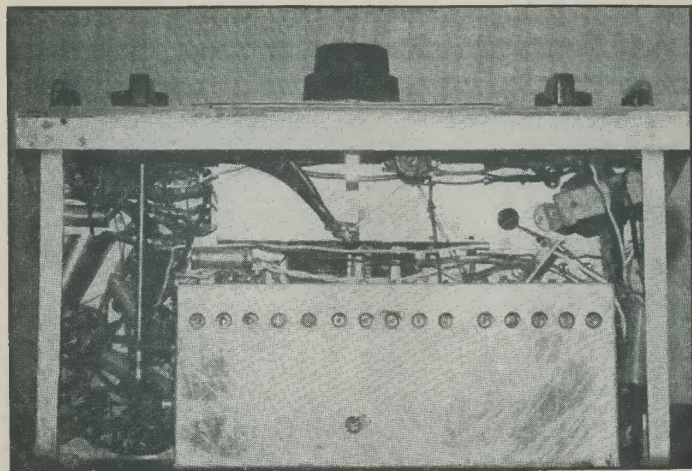
Next comes the clearance of the front panel with the removal of the following controls:

METER BALANCE, FILTER IN, METER AMPLITUDE (to be re-installed later as the new i.f. gain control VR<sub>2</sub>), METER DEFLECTION, AURAL SENSE, and SWITCH SPEED. Also to be removed from the front panel is the wiring running in ducts at the top and bottom. Some of this wiring goes to tag-strips leading to components mounted in a screen behind the b.f.o. compartment. These parts, although not used in the modified version, can be left in position, as space here is not essential. Other wiring goes to the valveholder shown in Fig. 5 as V<sub>6</sub>. This takes the VR102 double triode valve which is no longer required, the valveholder being used for the 6G6 output stage instead; thus heater leads going to pins 2 and 7 can be retained. Where wiring appears to go into wanted sections of the circuit, it should be left hanging for the time being, as it can be easily identified and linked up later.

With regard to the clearance of unwanted parts to the left, or volume control side of







Under-chassis view of the R1155. Compare with Fig. 7

the receiver, more caution should be exercised. First comes the filter inductor assembly mounted immediately behind the volume control, and associated with the FILTER IN switch. This should be removed complete with attached components, the latter being put carefully on one side, as some will be re-installed later. Last component to be removed is the original output transformer, which is mounted below chassis next to the switched marked HET ( $S_3$  in Fig. 1).

With all the above components removed, space should now be available in between the r.f. transformers associated with the tuning heart and the front panel, on the chassis below the tuning indicator, and below chassis to the side and front of the tuning heart. With regard to the latter position, some receivers are fitted with a single h.f. coil. This is part of a filter circuit connected with the tuning heart, and should, therefore, be retained.

#### Fitting the New Front Panel

Before proceeding to link up the circuit, the additional major components and new front panel must be installed. First the front panel.

As the existing panel carries all the weight, the new panel which will be fitted on top need not be of heavy material; actually 22 gauge aluminium is adequate. Before it

can be mounted, however, the existing front panel has to be cleared of parts such as handles, control labels, and so on. Controls which will remain in the modified version will have to be slipped back on their wiring by releasing the securing nuts. The wave-change spindle is difficult to remove, and should be allowed to remain with the spindle bush slipped back. Also to be temporarily removed are the tuning dial escutcheon, this being accomplished by removal of all perimeter screws and five 4BA bolts visible from the front, and the fixed knob scale (although the tuning knobs themselves can stay put).\*

The new front panel must be made to exactly fit the existing one and, as the latter is not necessarily square, it is advisable to cut slightly larger to begin with (say  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$  in) and, when the panels are firmly fixed together, remove the surplus with a file. In order to fit the new panel initially, however, a hole for the wavechange switch spindle, and a cut-out for the dial and tuning assembly must be made. The dial cut-out should be marked out on the new panel using the dial escutcheon as a guide. The cut-out is then made  $\frac{3}{8}$  in inside the marking

\*This comment applies to R1155s in which the knobs are coupled direct to the tuning condenser spindle instead of being mounted lower and coupled thereto by slow-motion gearing.—Editor.

so that the escutcheon covers the join. When the cut-out has been made, the panel will have an appearance similar to a railway tunnel entrance.

Once the plate has been made to lay flat on the existing front panel, it should be firmly secured, first by the wavechange switch spindle, and then by four 4BA nuts and bolts, which temporarily replace the case securing bolts. To ensure that the holes in the new panel line up with those in the existing one it is recommended that a fine pilot drill be used first, followed by one of the correct size. The latter will guide itself into the correct position.

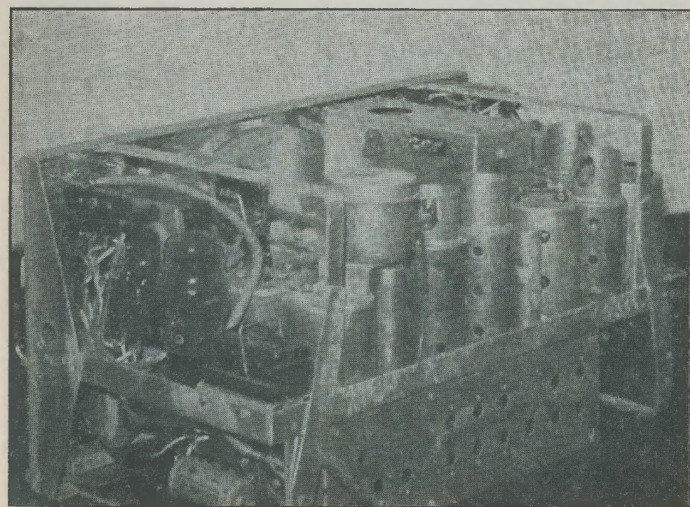
With the new panel secured, fit the escutcheon plate in place and check that the pointer assembly does not foul. Then, using the same method as suggested for the corner bolts, bore the five 4BA holes used to secure the escutcheon. Next the smaller holes to take the self-tapping screws round the dial perimeter may be drilled. It was found that the original self-tapping screws were not quite long enough, consequently they should be replaced by  $\frac{3}{8}$  in 6BA self tapping screws (obtainable from radio dealers). The original screws may be used later for further strengthening around the panel edge.

Using the pilot drill method, holes may now be drilled for switch  $S_3$  (HET); the

volume control, handles, tuning indicator, and original master switch position. The latter will now accommodate the new r.f. gain control. A series of small pilot holes can be used for the tuning indicator hole, these being linked up with a rat-tail file to produce the large cut-out.

New holes are required for the pilot lamp (situated on the side of the tuning scale opposite the tuning indicator), the a.g.c. switch  $S_2$ , and mains switch  $S_4$  (situated on the right hand side of the receiver to balance the wavechange switch and b.f.o. switch  $S_3$ ). Attention should also be given to the connecting arrangements for loudspeaker, phones, aerial, and pick-up. Fig. 6 illustrates where these are positioned in the writer's receiver. Individual constructors, however, may wish to preserve a less cluttered front panel by mounting the sockets either at the side or back of the equipment, in which case special mounting panels will have to be provided and corresponding holes cut in the case. Finally, provision has to be made for the output transformer, which is also mounted on the front panel just above the volume control.

Certain controls, removed from the receiver earlier, are re-installed in new parts of the circuit, and in new positions on the front panel. First the r.f. gain control, VR<sub>2</sub>.



General view of the chassis



This was formerly the section of the ganged volume control located furthest from the front panel which is not employed in the modified circuit. The control occupying the METER AMPLITUDE position is now fitted in the VR<sub>2</sub> position. With regard to the mains switch S<sub>4</sub>, the switch occupying the old SWITCH SPEED position is re-employed. For the a.v.c. switch S<sub>2</sub>, a single pole change-over wafer type is required but, if it is to match the range switch opposite the knob arrangement should be similar. The easiest solution is to dismantle the original master switch and, after shortening the operating spindle and inserting a new stop to provide only two positions of the index (a 6BA self tapping screw may be used for this), re-assemble the switch with one wafer only. All controls should now be fitted in the positions indicated in Fig. 6.

The smoothing choke goes below chassis just behind switches S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>4</sub>. Close to the smoothing choke, mounted on the side of the tuning heart, is a tagboard with several small condensers. These are removed and the tag strip is later used to mount components C<sub>49</sub>, C<sub>50</sub>, C<sub>48</sub>, and R<sub>40</sub>.

Above chassis, between the tuning condenser and the mains transformer, should be mounted a small tagstrip to hold condensers C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>. This can be fabricated from parts previously removed from the receiver. A further pair of tags are required on the inside of the front panel adjacent to switch S<sub>3</sub> for securing resistor R<sub>21</sub> and condenser C<sub>27</sub>. Finally to complete the metal work, a 3/16" hole should be drilled in the rear of the case in order to admit the mains lead adjacent to the power unit.

With the above work completed, a suitable

simple wiring colour code adopted, which is as follows: Red—h.t. positive; Blue—I.t. positive; Yellow—h.t. negative; Black—earth; Green—grids.

Starting at the mains lead, the neutral connection is taken direct to one side of the mains transformer primary, while the live lead goes via S<sub>4</sub> and the mains fuse carrier to the transformer adjuster strip. Note that the switch used is actually a changeover type; thus it can only be used to break one lead.

The I.t. secondaries are next, with the 5V winding taken to pins 8 and 2 of V<sub>9</sub>, while the 6.3V heater chain goes, via a twisted pair, to pins 2 and 7 of V<sub>6</sub>. From here the remaining valve heater chain may be traced through the various stages until it disappears through the hole marked (c) in Fig. 7. As the interior of the tuning heart has not been touched, it may be assumed to be in order.

Now the h.t. wiring, with the ends of the mains secondary going to pins 4 and 6 of V<sub>9</sub>, while the centre tap is taken to a convenient tag on the strip mounted on the side of the tuning heart near the smoothing choke. Components C<sub>48</sub>, C<sub>49</sub>, C<sub>50</sub>, and R<sub>40</sub> may now be fitted in place. Next the h.t. line is completed from pin 8 on V<sub>9</sub> to C<sub>50</sub>, thence to the smoothing choke, and from the other side to C<sub>49</sub>; continuing to the inner tag on R<sub>39</sub>, then to the pole of switch S<sub>3</sub>.

At this stage it would perhaps be best to trace the circuit through from the aerial terminal. A screened lead is fitted from the aerial socket to condensers C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> mounted on the tagstrip to the front of the r.f. transformers. From the other side of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> connection is made to the leads protruding through the hole marked (b) in Fig. 5. If necessary, these leads can be traced to the relevant switch wafers as illustrated in Fig. 7 and Fig. 1.

While the tuning heart is opened for the above investigation, an ideal opportunity arises to remove unwanted leads originating from this unit at their source. Leads appearing at hole (c) in Fig. 7 and hole (a) in Fig. 5 should be left connected however. At this point the tuning heart may be closed.

The lead originating through hole (a) in Fig. 5 is the gain control line, and may be connected to the wiper of switch S<sub>2</sub>.

Four leads emerge through hole (c) in Fig. 7. The brown lead should already be connected to the earthing tag on V<sub>3</sub>, while the blue carries the heater supply, connecting to pin 7 of V<sub>6</sub>. One yellow lead carries the bias supply, and goes to the outer tag of R<sub>26</sub> (see Fig. 7); while the other carries h.t. from a centre tag on i.f.t.<sub>2</sub>. Following this lead through further it will be noticed that R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> feed the screen of V<sub>3</sub> (the anode decoupling resistor R<sub>14</sub> is inside i.f.t.<sub>2</sub>);

while the h.t. lead continues to pin 1 on V<sub>4</sub>, where resistors R<sub>16</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> are supplied. From this pin, the h.t. lead reconnects to pin 4 of V<sub>6</sub>, and from here joins up with the main h.t. connection at R<sub>39</sub>.

The signal wiring between V<sub>3</sub> and V<sub>4</sub> i.f. stages is straightforward and should not have been disturbed, but it may be checked by reference to the diagrams.

The a.f. signal emerges from i.f.t.<sub>3</sub> and is taken to the filter network of which R<sub>19</sub> is a part; then to the coupling condenser C<sub>27</sub> and through the chassis to the top of VR<sub>1</sub> volume control, which is the section nearest the front panel. From the wiper of VR<sub>1</sub>, a screened lead is taken to the grid cap of V<sub>5</sub>; and from the bottom connection, a lead is taken to the junction of C<sub>28</sub> and R<sub>24</sub>.

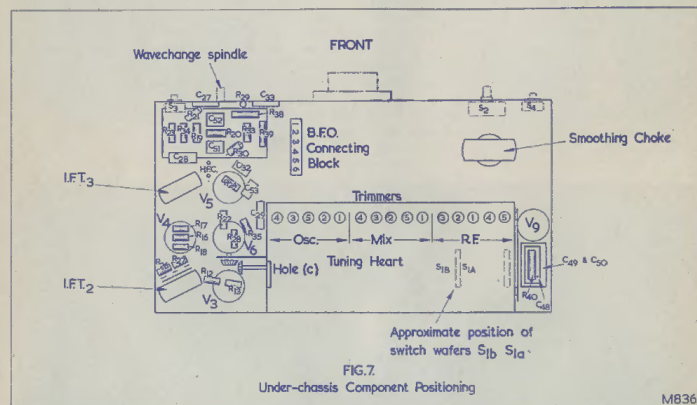
Referring now to V<sub>5</sub>, a check should be made to ensure that C<sub>53</sub> is still connected to pin 3. Resistor R<sub>22</sub> should now be inserted along with condenser C<sub>29</sub>. Resistor R<sub>22</sub> takes its h.t. from pin 4 of V<sub>6</sub>, while the other side of C<sub>29</sub> takes the a.f. signal to the grid of V<sub>6</sub> (pin 5). The bottom connection of the grid leak R<sub>28</sub>, along with the cathode bias network C<sub>30</sub>, R<sub>35</sub>, is taken to the negative bias line at pin 6 of V<sub>5</sub>.

Connection to the output transformer primary (made by a twisted pair from pins 3 and 4 of V<sub>6</sub>), and output connections from the secondary winding, complete the a.f. wiring.

The a.g.c. and biasing network comes next, starting from pin 6 of V<sub>5</sub>, where a lead is taken to the bottom end of the r.f. gain control VR<sub>2</sub>, and thence to the junction of R<sub>40</sub>, C<sub>48</sub>, C<sub>49</sub>, and C<sub>50</sub>. From pin 6 of V<sub>5</sub> also check connections to R<sub>23</sub>, R<sub>24</sub>, and R<sub>34</sub>. From the other side of R<sub>34</sub>, the intermediate bias line connects to R<sub>33</sub> and R<sub>27</sub>, and should also be linked to the top end of VR<sub>2</sub>. The slider of VR<sub>2</sub> goes to one of the contacts on switch S<sub>2</sub>; the other contact being taken to the a.g.c. line which is picked up at the junction of R<sub>30</sub> and C<sub>33</sub>.

Now the tuning indicator and pilot lamp can be connected, with the I.t. voltage for both being taken from the 6.3V heater winding on the mains transformer. The h.t. connection to V<sub>8</sub> runs direct to C<sub>49</sub> and the smoothing choke, with R<sub>41</sub> wired to the valve holder as before. The cathode connection is made direct to the top end of VR<sub>2</sub>, and finally the grid is connected to the a.g.c. contact on S<sub>2</sub>.

If the pick-up jack facility is required, screened leads should be used to connect it to R<sub>21</sub> and C<sub>27</sub>, as illustrated in Fig. 4, where it will be seen that the insertion of the jack plug disconnects the receiver signal automatically. Some breakthrough may be experienced, but can be overcome by setting S<sub>2</sub> to OFF and VR<sub>2</sub> to minimum signal.



Now comes the mounting of internal major components, the biggest of these being the mains transformer. The best position for this component is below, and to the right of the tuning indicator. In order to prevent the necessity of large chassis drilling operations a component with upright fixing brackets is preferable to the "drop-through" type. A transformer measuring 7 x 3 x 3in was easily accommodated, although it was necessary to fit the r.f. gain control first.

One of the original d.f. valveholders is used for the rectifier valve, and a two-way fuse bridge can be accommodated in the other valve position. The rectifier valveholder should be minus the screening can base, otherwise the 5Z4G valve cannot be inserted.

stage is reached for the painting process. A Valspar battleship grey was used by the writer. Also painted was the whole case exterior. No attempt was made to remove the previous black crackle finish, which was fairly good condition; and the crackle effect came through the grey to enhance the finish.

#### Wiring Up

When wiring a completely new piece of equipment it is wise to follow through the circuits in a logical fashion; starting with the power unit and heater supplies first, then proceeding through the circuit one stage at a time. In the case of an extensive modification process, as in this instance, similar techniques are best followed. Before commencing, however, it is useful to know the