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IMPROVEMENT OF SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

Do you think YOU can improve ANY Signals Equipment?

Can you suggest:

(a) An improvement in design or shape?
(b) A better method of installation, operating or maintenance including the tools you use?
(c) Other equipments which might do the job better?

The War Office is interested in your ideas. Apply to your Troop Commander for details of the method whereby suggestions may be passed by YOU to the War Office. War Office Memorandum to C.S.Os, reference 42540 (Signals 3(c)) dated 30th March 1948 refers.

Suggestions from Other Arms of the Service will be welcomed but should be passed to the nearest Chief Signal Officer.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. PURPOSE. The Charging Set, Pedal Driven, 60 Watt, No. 2, is a lightweight portable (Man Pack) charging set designed for charging one 12 Volt or two series connected 6 Volt portable secondary batteries at an average rate of 3.5 Amps.

Suppressors are fitted and the set may be used to charge batteries connected to a working wireless set, i.e. float charge, without undue interference.

The set may be erected for either Pedal or Hand operation as shown in figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 1
2. CARRIAGE. The complete set forms a man pack load complete with carrying harness, weighs approximately 31 lbs. and is carried as shown in figs. 3 and 4.

The harness is strapped to the body by means of the BREAST and WAIST straps which are fitted with quick release buckles. In an emergency it is anticipated the waist strap should not be fastened, the load may then be removed quickly by pulling on the quick release tab of the breast strap.

The set consists of two frameworks, the generator frame on which the generator is mounted, and the seat frame to which the carrying harness is permanently attached.
3. PERFORMANCE. The charging current is approximately 3.5 Amps. at the normal pedalling speed of 60 r.p.m., and increases with speed to 5 Amps. at 66 r.p.m.

4. CHARGING INDICATOR. A lamp indicator fitted to the generator case and visible to the operator, lights when the charging current reaches approximately 2.5 Amps. and becomes brighter for increasing values of charging current. The lamp is of the standard 2.5 Volt torch bulb type, an immediate spare is carried in a holder fitted to the generator case.
The charging set will function without the indicator lamp but a check should be kept on speed since without a charging indicator it is difficult to determine whether useful work is being done.

5. CUT OUT. An automatic cut out prevents the battery discharging through the generator when the output voltage is less than that of the battery.

6. DESSICATOR. The generator is tropically sealed and fitted with a dessicator to keep the interior dry.
7. CONNECTORS. Connectors are provided for the connection of batteries with or without fitted sockets and for connecting two 6 Volt batteries together.

To assist identification at night the positive leads are longer than the negative and the positive generator terminal, raised higher than the negative, has a raised + on its upper face.

The connectors and tools, listed below, are carried in a Satchels Signals, No.7, strapped to the seat frame.

FA 16771 Screwdrivers, electricians, 3 in ... ... 1
Spanners,
FA 17190 B.A. Open jaw, D.E. 4-5 ... ... 1
FA 17233 B.S.W. Open jaw, D.E. 1/8 in x 3/16 in 1
FA 17234 B.S.W. Open jaw, D.E. 1/4 in x 5/16 in 1
ZA 26289 Box, 2 B.A. x 0.B.A., special No.1 ... 1
Connectors,
ZA 32186 Single, No.157 ... ... 1
ZA 32184 Twin, No.317 ... ... 1
ZA 32185 Twin, No.318 ... ... 1
XB 19075 Twin, 6 ft. ... ... 1

The designation of the lamp used in the charging indicator is:

Y3/X951129 Lamps, filament, Vac, MESC, clear, 2.5 V, 0.75 W.
ERECITION

Place the pack load on the ground, generator uppermost. Unfasten the securing strap and separate the two frames.

To erect, for either Pedal or Hand Operation, proceed as follows.

OPEN THE GENERATOR FRAME AS IN FIGS. 5-8.

FOR PEDAL GENERATOR CONTINUE OVERLEAF.
FOR HAND GENERATOR TURN TO PAGE 11.
LOCK THE FRONT SECTIONS AS IN FIGS. 9 and 10. TIGHTEN THE BUTTERFLY NUTS.
LOCK THE REAR SECTIONS AS IN FIGS. 11 and 12.

TURN THE SEAT FRAME SUPPORTS OUTWARDS

FIT THE SEAT FRAME

UNHOOK THE SEAT STRAPS

OPEN THE SEAT FRAME
ERECTION - PEDAL

HOOK THE SEAT FRAME TO GENERATOR FRAME

Fig. 17

RE-HOOK THE SEAT STRAPS

Fig. 18

TURN THE WAIST PAD OVER TO FORM A BACK REST

Fig. 19

PUSH THE PEDAL BARS OUTWARDS

LOOSEN THE GENERATOR WING BOLT AS SHOWN IN FIG. 19, MOVE THE GENERATOR TO A SUITABLE POSITION, TIGHTEN WING BOLT.
LOCK THE REAR SECTION

PLACE THE REAR SECTION ON GROUND TO FORM A BASE

LIFT THE FOOT OF THE GENERATOR FRAME ON TO THE BASE AND FIRMLY ENGAGE THE SLOTS IN THE FOOT WITH THE BASE LUGS AS SHOWN IN FIG. 22.

PUSH THE PEDAL BARS OUTWARDS.
LOOSE THE GENERATOR WING BOLT AND RAISE THE GENERATOR TO THE TOP OF THE FRAME.
TIGHTEN WING BOLT.
FIG. 23. CHARGING 12V BATTERY
CONNECTOR SINGLE № 157
CONNECTOR TWIN 6FT

FIG. 24. CHARGING TWO 6V BATTERIES.
CONNECTOR TWIN № 318
WIRELESS SET CONNECTOR
CONNECTOR TWIN № 317

FIG. 25. FLOAT CHARGING 12V BATTERY
WIRELESS SET CONNECTOR
CONNECTOR TWIN 6FT

FIG. 26. FLOAT CHARGING TWO 6V BATTERIES
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Connect the lugs at one end of the appropriate twin connector (see figs. 23-26) to the generator terminals, the longer (RED) lead to the positive and the shorter (BLACK) lead to the negative.

2. Connect the batteries as shown in the figure illustrating the required arrangement.

   Note 1. When connecting direct to the battery terminals the positive (RED) lead must be connected to the battery positive terminal and the negative (BLACK) lead to the negative terminal as shown in figs. 24, 25 and 26, which also show the correct location of the positive terminal on 12 Volt and 6 Volt batteries.

   Note 2. When connecting two 6 Volt batteries for float charging as shown in fig. 26 it is possible to connect the two wireless set battery plugs incorrectly, so that the charging generator is short circuited. To check this, turn the pedals, slowly at first, and increase the speed until the lamp lights. If it lights in a succession of bright flashes accompanied by jerky movements of the pedals, change over the two wireless set battery plugs to the opposite batteries.

3. Turn the generator pedals at 60 r.p.m. at which speed the charging current is approximately 3.5 Amps. The charging indicator lamp, which is lit by the charging current, should light, fluctuating with the movement of the pedals. The indicator lamp begins to glow when the charging current is approximately 2 Amps.

   If the indicator lamp does not light, check the battery connection by verifying that whilst pedalling fast, with the battery disconnected, a sudden braking action is felt when the battery connection is re-made.

   Should the battery connection be found in order, replace the indicator lamp with the spare.
Turn the back rest over and unhook seat straps

Unhook and close the seat frame

Hook the seat straps over satchel's signals No. 7.

Separate the frames and fold the generator frame as in Figs. 30-32.
PLACE THE SEAT FRAME ON THE GROUND

HOOK THE GENERATOR FRAME ON TO THE SEAT FRAME

FASTEN THE SECURING STRAP
1. Tighten all nuts and bolts.

2. Keep the apparatus, especially the terminals and plugs and sockets of all connectors, clean.

3. Examine leads for wear. Ensure that the positive lead can be clearly identified.

4. Report when the dessicator indicator is PINK in colour.
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