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#### TELEPHONE TESTING EQUIPMENT

At all exchanges it is essential that failures and interruptions on the services should receive prompt attention and that the circuits should be restored to normal working as quickly as possible.

At C.B. exchanges, a special testing position known as the "Exchange Test and Plugging-up position" is fitted with the suite of switch sections from which all preliminary tests to ascertain the cause of faults on circuits are made by a telephonist specially detailed for this duty. By this means the traffic staff are able to make sure that a fault actually exists, and are able to distinguish to some extent between traffic trouble and faults which require the attention of the engineering staff.

In addition to the above, a second testing equipment is provided in the apparatus or test room at which all fault reports passed forward from the exchange test position for attention are dealt with, and all new lines thoroughly tested out before being connected to the Exchange.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF EXCHANGE TEST AND PLUGGING-UP POSITIONS AND CIRCUITS

The exchange test and plugging-up equipment is generally fitted on the last "A" section of the switchboard in order that tests may be made with the whole of the subscribers' multiple in circuit.

An illustration of an exchange test and plugging-up position is shown in Fig. 1.

Testing Position.

Voltmeter above subscribers' Multiple, Testing Keys and Docket Distributor below junction multiple. "Plugging-up" Position.

Keys, Lamps and Jacks for 60 cord circuits below multiple. Some of the cords are fitted on the testing position.

Docket
Tube to
and
from
Test
Desk

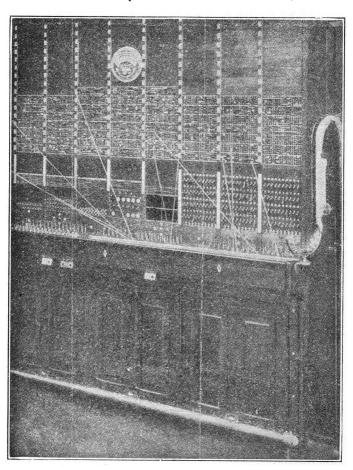


Fig. 1.—TESTING AND "PLUGGING-UP" POSITIONS.

The circuits provided on the position are as follows:-

Test Cord circuit.

Test extension lines from the Test Desk.

Test extension lines to the Test Desk.

Supervisory, Test, and Plugging-up cord circuits.

Howler Cord circuit.

Ordinary "A" position connecting cord circuits.

Order wire circuit from Test Desk.

Operator's Telephone circuit.

Ringing, Night Alarm and Pilot circuits.

Routine Testing Circuit for testing subscribers' meters.

Routine Testing Circuit for testing sleeve circuits.

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A brief description of the test cord and the plugging-up cord circuits follows; the method of using the test extension lines is given in the portion dealing with the test desk equipment (page 12).

When the test plug is inserted into a subscriber's multiple jack, the cut off relay is operated thus leaving the A and B wires of the subscriber's circuit free for conducting tests for earth, short circuits, contacts, etc. The voltmeter used is a single scale instrument, but in other respects is similar in construction to those fitted on the test desks.

The following schedule indicates the method of conducting the various tests.

#### SCHEDULE OF TESTING OPERATIONS Exchange Test Position.—(See Fig. 2.)

Test for :—	Key or Keys to be Operated.	Normal Result of Test.	Failure to obtain Normal Result indicates:—		
(a) Earth or low insulation on B-wire (see Note 1)	No. 6 (volt- meter)	No deflection or deflection steady and less than standard speci- fied by engineer.	Earth or low insulation on B-wire.		
(b) Do. A-wire (see Note r)	No. 6 and 7 (volt- meter and reversing)	Do :.	Do. A-wire.		

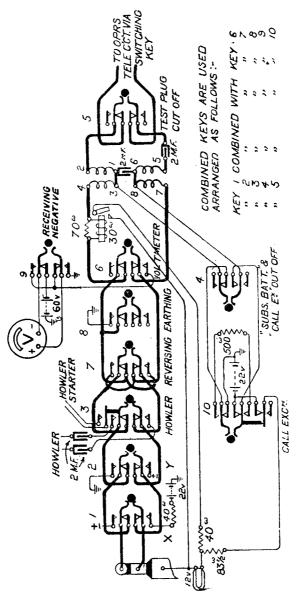


Fig. 2.—Exchange Test Position—Test Cord Circuit.

#### SCHEDULE OF TESTING OPERATIONS

#### EXCHANGE TEST POSITION.—Cont.

Test for :—	Key or Keys to be Operated.	Normal Result of Test.	Failure to obtain Normal Result indicates:—
(c) Short circuit or receiver off (see Note 2)	No. 6 and 8 (volt- meter and earthing)	No deflection or deflection steady and less than standard speci- fied by engineer.	Short circuit or receiver off.
(d) Disconnection on Sub.'s line or instru- ment	No.6 and 8, and, in addition, operate key 7 two or three times quickly	"Throw" of volt- meter needle about half way across scale each time key 7 is operated	Circuit disconnected.
(e) Current on B-wire	No. 6 and 9 (volt- meter and receiving negative)	No deflection	Stray current on B-wire. Possibly in contact with another cir- cuit.
(f) Do. A-wire	No. 6, 7 and 9	Do	Do. A-wire.
(g) Sub.'s calling equipment (using "loop" on test cord)	No. 10 (call exch.)	"A" telephonist answers call. Number of an- swering jack should agree with number of multiple jack on test position	Defective answering equipment, wrong number plate or contact in exchange.
(h) Do. (using "loop" via sub.'s telephone set)	No. 4 and 10 ("sub.'s batt. and call exch. cut off" and "call exch.")	Do. if sub.'s line is looped	Do.

#### The remaining keys provide the following facilities:—

#### SCHEDULE OF TESTING OPERATIONS EXCHANGE TEST POSITION.—Cont.

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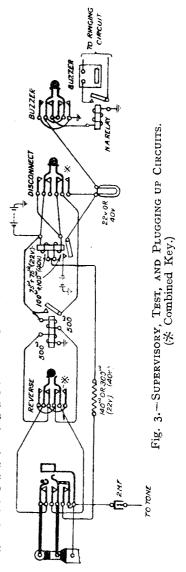
Test for :—	Key or Keys to be Operated.	Normal Result of Test.	Failure to obtain Normal Result indicates:—
(k) Ringing "Y" P.L. sub.	No. 2	Sub. answers .	Bell faulty. No reply or line disconnected.
(l) Howler	No. 3	For use when tests indicate that sub.'s receiver is off the hook	Note. —Before applying the Howler, care should be taken in every case first to ascertain that no one is listening on the line.
(m) Test plug cut off	No. 5	For use when test- ing telephonist desires to speak on another cord circuit on posi- tion without withdrawing test plug	
(n) Speaking to C.B. sub. or another telephonist via ordinary lines on position	All keys in normal position	_	

Note 1.—When making tests (a) and (b) a deflection of the voltmeter needle may be due to the line being in contact with another circuit to which a battery is connected. In order to verify that the observed deflection is not due to a "stray current" on the line, key No. 9 (receiving negative) is thrown, in cases of doubt, in addition to the keys specified in the two tests.

Under the latter condition, a deflection indicates that there is a fault "current on the line" which may be due to a contact or to a faulty spring on the cut off relay, etc. Note 2.—Short circuit or "Receiver Off" faults. When applying test (c), if there is any doubt as to whether a certain deflection is caused by "receiver off" or "short circuit" on line, test (g) or (h) should be applied. If the "A" telephonist can then be heard distinctly, it may be assumed that the fault is due to "receiver off." A short circuit will cause the "A" telephonist to be heard very faintly.

Note 3.—Contact or overhearing faults. If, after applying tests (a), (b), (c),(e) and (f), the circuits reported to be in contact test clear of fault, test (l) (Howler) should be applied to one circuit. whilst the testing telephonist listens on the other circuit. There should be practically no "howler" sound heard if the circuits are clear of fault.

Plugging-up cords (see Fig. 3). In the course of the normal exchange working there are always a number of faults which are due to subscribers wrongly operating their telephones and switching apparatus, and others due to inattention on the part of the subscriber when called by the exchange. There are numerous cases when faults of other descriptions occur which necessitate plugging-up the circuit at the test position in order that it may be kept under supervision.



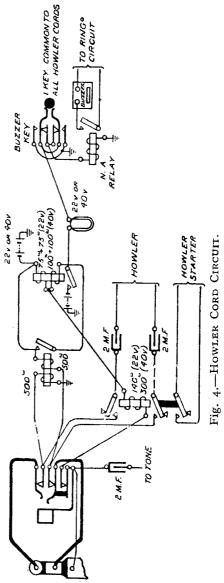
The circuit shewn in Fig. 3 provides for the supervision of faulty circuits as follows:—  $\,$ 

·pa	A B S	and B-wires	A B A
Circuit conditions established.	Soow AEE	As above, except that the A- and B-wires are reversed.	70% Fig. B
Position of Control Key.	" Normal " (centre).	"Reverse"	"Disconnect"
Nature of Faults.	(1) Short circuit, receiver off, earth on B, receiving current on A-wire.	(2) Earth on A-wire, receiving current on B-wire.	(3) Disconnections

In the case of (1) and (2), the disappearance of the fault will be signalled by the glowing of the lamp associated with the particular pluggingup circuit in use. In the case of (3), the disappearance of the fault will be indicated as above, but only when the subscriber removes his receiver to initiate a call. On receipt of the signal, the telephoniston the plugging-up position will take steps to verify the circuit conditions and restore the normal service.

The break-jack associated with each plugging-up circuit is for the purpose of allowing voltmeter tests to be carried out without removing the plug or disturbing the circuit connections on the line plugged up. An "out of order" tone is connected to the sleeve of these circuits.

For the purpose of gaining the attention of a subscriber who has left his receiver off the switch hook, a device known as a "Howler" is connected to a separate "Howler" cord circuit. The Howler



consists of a special form of buzzer associated with an induction coil. Fig. 4 shows the connections of the complete circuit which is available for the use of the testing telephonist.

The Howler is automatically applied when the plug is inserted in the multiple jack of a subscriber's circuit, and the lamp associated with the Howler cord will glow when the receiver is replaced. An "out of order tone" is connected to the sleeve circuit. Before applying the "Howler," care should be taken in every case first to ascertain that no one is listening on the faulty circuit.

In addition to the circuits mentioned in the foregoing the following circuits are provided:—Routine Testing circuit for subscribers' meters (Loose Leaf Diagram K.1709A) and Routine Testing circuit for sleeve circuits (Diagram K.1716 for 40 volt and K.1701A for 22 volt systems). These circuits are designed to ensure the accurate working of subscribers' meters. Further reference is made to these circuits in pamphlet D.16—Routine Testing for Telephone Exchanges.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ENGINEER'S TEST DESK AND CIRCUITS

**Duties of Test Clerk.**—The principal duties which a test clerk is called upon to perform are comprised in the following list:—

- (i) The testing of all circuits in respect of which a fault docket has been issued by the Traffic Staff.
- (ii) The control of the procedure to be adopted in the localisation and clearance of all faults.
- (iii) The distribution of fault work to the various responsible faultsmen.
- (iv) The co-operation with faultsmen in the clearance of faults.
- (v) The verification in every instance of the satisfactory condition of a circuit before the faultsman leaves (includes speaking efficiency test).
- (vi) The entering of the necessary details on the fault cards and responsibility for the compilation of summary and analysis forms.
- (vii) The completion and care of the fault and other testroom card records.

Test Desk Equipment and Use of Circuits.—In addition to the equipment which is detailed later, each position of the desk is provided with fault card and docket sorting compartments, each compartment being numbered or otherwise designated for sorting purposes.

Each faultsman is identified by a number corresponding to the fault section in which he is working, and fault cards similarly numbered are accommodated in the compartment bearing the assigned number, pending the clearance of the fault.

Twelve sorting compartments are provided on each position, but it is only in very exceptional cases that a test clerk has to deal with that number of faultsmen.

The circuits provided on the desk and the general purposes they serve are given in the following schedule:—

Note.—In the later issues of diagrams of test desks and test cases, the key numbers have been omitted.

The keys are now designated according to their functions and in addition given code letters, the code letters and designations on the diagrams appearing in proximity to the keys.

The keys on the face panels and face equipment drawings of test and test cases in connection with new installations will be similarly designated and code lettered.

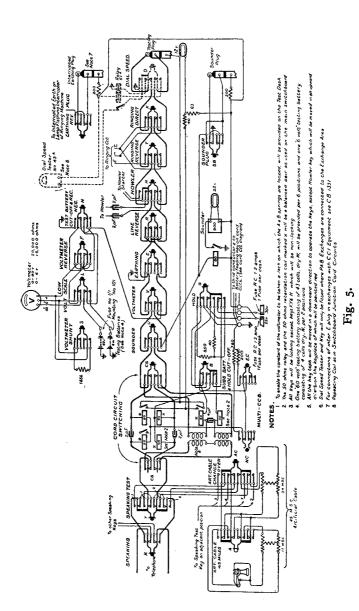
The following schedule shows the code letters and designations which will be used:—

Fig. No.	Designation of Key,	Coo Lett	
5	Ringing Direct and X		
"	Ringing Y	Ŷ	
"	Howler	. l H	
,,	Line Reversing	R	
,,	Earthing	.   Ē	
"	Voltmeter	$\ddot{\mathbf{v}}$	
,,	Sounder	l u	Ī
,,	Cord Circuit Switching	C	3
,,	Speaking Test	Т	
,,	Speaking	. К	
,,	Earthing Plug Reversing	El	
,,		N	
"		. j F	•
,,	6v. Scale	L	
"	Shunt 6v. Scale	. s	
,,	Sounder Plug	.   SI	
,,	Holding Coil	.   0	
,,	Subs. Batt. and Holding Coil Cut off	.   B	
,,		. A	
,,	Artif. Cable (45 miles)	. A	
,,		. E0	
10		. NO	
10		· H	
,,		. B.	
"		.   o.w.	
"	Ringing Key (Ans. Cord)	X. X.	
"	Din - 17 (C-11 C1)	X	
**	Diminima an'i Casalin'a IZan	370	
ii	Continuous Ringing	XS an	
	Speaking	:   Â	
,,	D	Y	
13	Transmitted Cut out		$\overline{Z}$

Reference is made in pages 15, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 40 to key numbers, and where new installations are concerned the code letters shown in the above schedule should be substituted for the key numbers referred to.

**Test Desk Circuits** 

Circuit Designation.	Object of Circuit.	Fig. No. (22-volt system only)
Test cord circuit	For complete testing of circuits, including speaking test over artificial cable	5
Interrupted earthing plug circuit	For use when testing two circuits reported to be in contact	5
Sounder plug circuit. (Note.—This circuit should not be used on loaded cables.)	For use when requiring:—(1) a heavy current to break down the resistance of a fault; (2) localisation of intermittent faults whenever an audible signal is required	5
Howler circuit	For gaining the attention of a subscriber who has left his receiver off the hook. The key in connection with this circuit is reversed to prevent accidental operation.	_
Test extension circuits to plugging-up position	For testing circuits via the multiple	6
Test extension circuits from plugging-up position	For extending to the desk circuits on which faultsmen desire to report the result of a fault investigation	7
Test extension circuit to last working "B" position of switchboard	For testing circuits via the "B" multiple	6
M.D.F. test and interception circuit	For testing lines at the M.D.F. and for intercepting circuits on which intermittent faults exist	8
Test circuit to test jacks	For testing circuits passing through test jacks	9
Speaking cord, connecting cord, and O.W. circuits Ringing cord circuit	For general use in connection with the circuits on the desk For continuous application of	10
	ringing current to a circuit for bell adjustments, etc.	
Direct Exchange line Circuits to Exchange test position, monitor's desk, fitting bench, chief test clerk, etc.	For ordinary Exchange service For communications between the staff controlling the positions	
O/G order wire circuits to test and plugging-up positions	For controlling the use of the test extension circuits	_
Test circuit to M.D.F. for lines under construction	For testing out new circuits before connecting to Exchange equipment	12
Telephone circuit	·· ·· ·· ··	13
Ringing distribution circuit		
Line lamp pilot circuit		_



Test Cord, Interrupted Earth Plug and Sounder Plug Circuits.—These circuits terminate on switchboard plugs located in front of the test clerk. By means of the various testing circuits to the switchboard and M.D.F., the test clerk is able readily to connect his testing apparatus to any circuit in the exchange. A detailed description and an explanation of the use of these circuits is given later.

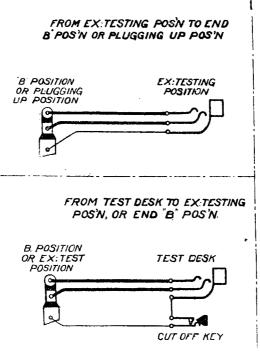


Fig. 6.

#### Test Extension Circuit TO the Test and Plugging-up Position. The circuit terminates on a plug at the plugging up

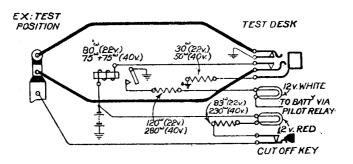
—The circuit terminates on a plug at the plugging-up position and is designed for the purpose of testing lines via the multiple, thus allowing a complete test to be made inclusive of switchboard wiring. At the test desk the circuit terminates on a jack with which is associated a "cut-off" key connected in series with the sleeve conductor. The depression of the C.O. key releases the cut-off relay of the subscriber's circuit under test. The key is used when the test clerk desires to call in the telephonist at the "A" position on which the circuit under test is terminated.

Approximately 90 per cent. of the tests on subscribers circuits are made *via* the multiple, connection to any desired circuit being effected by the telephonist at the plugging-up position on a request being made by the test clerk over the order wire.

Upon the insertion of a test extension plug into a multiple jack on the switchboard, an "engaged test" is not given until the test clerk's plug is inserted into the test extension jack at the desk. A straight through circuit is thus obtained via the multiple and distribution frames to the subscriber's line, and tests may be carried out as desired. On completion of a test, the telephonist at the plugging-up position will be advised by order wire to withdraw the test extension plug. It will be observed that the circuit is so designed that if the plug at the switchboard is left inserted in a subscriber's jack and the test plug is withdrawn from the jack on the desk, the subscriber is able to call the exchange. It is important that these circuits should be used only for tests originated by the test clerk.

When carrying out tests via the test extension circuits the test clerk verifies, by calling in the "A" telephonist, that he is actually connected to the circuit reported on the docket.

#### FROM EXCHANGE TESTING POSITION TO TEST DESK



MUST NOT BE INSTALLED UNLESS
THE TEST CLERK IS IN CONSTANT ATTENDANCE
AT THE TEST POSITION.

Test Extension Circuit FROM the Test and Plugging-up Position.—This circuit is only installed at exchanges where a test clerk is constantly in attendance during the ordinary working hours. When a faultsman desires to communicate with the test clerk he will ask the "A" telephonist for "Test Clerk No. ....." The particulars of the call are then passed over an order wire to the plugging-up telephonist who inserts a disengaged test extension plug, allocated to the use of the test clerk required, into the multiple jack of the circuit on which the call originated. The "A" telephonist will then withdraw her answering plug. The insertion of the test extension plug into a jack on the switchboard will cause the relevant red and white lamps on the test desk to glow, the red lamp indicating that the sleeve circuit is continuous and the white lamp that the "A" and "B" lines of the connected circuit are looped.

An "engaged" test is given immediately the test extension plug is inserted into the multiple jack of the line concerned, irrespective of whether there is a plug in the jack on the test desk or not.

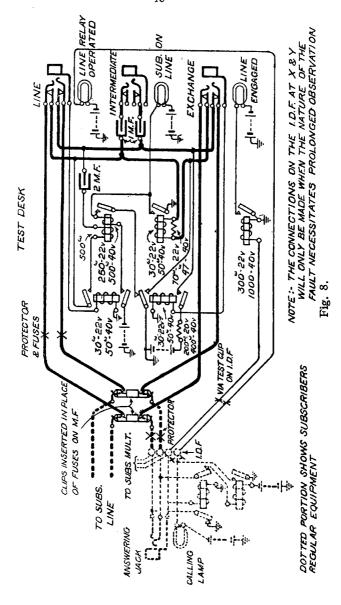
It is important that these circuits be used for calls to the test clerk only during ordinary hours of duty.

Calls after working hours are completed via the direct exchange line which terminates on ordinary generator calling equipment at the desk. The calling subscriber is then able to "flash" in the "A" telephonist at the switchboard in case the test clerk is not in attendance. In these cases the operating staff should be informed as to the hours of attendance of the test room staff.

Calls for the test clerk from distant exchanges are completed via the circuits outgoing at the "B" positions and terminating on jacks at the plugging-up position. The plugging-up telephonist effects the connection by inserting a disengaged test extension plug, allocated to the use of the test clerk required, into the jack of the line from the "B" position.

A proportion of the calls from faultsmen operating in the exchange area should be checked by the test clerk by calling in the "A" telephonist to verify that the tests are actually being carried out on the circuits reported to be faulty.

At exchanges where a test clerk is not in constant attendance and, consequently, where test extension circuits from the plugging-up position are not installed, all calls to the test clerk are set up by the plugging-up telephonist on receipt of a request from the "A" telephonist. The plugging-up telephonist effects the connection by means of an "A" cord



circuit via the ordinary exchange line to the test desk. When the test clerk desires to make a test on a circuit which has been so extended, he orders up the connection on a test extension circuit (Fig. 6) in the usual way. The plugging-up telephonist then replaces the "A" cord circuit plug by the test extension plug.

Main Frame Test—Interception Circuit.—This is a combined test-interception circuit and by its use a test clerk can intercept any circuit at the line side of the M.D.F. Double plugended test cords are used at the M.D.F. for extending to the test desk the line and exchange sides of the circuit under test.

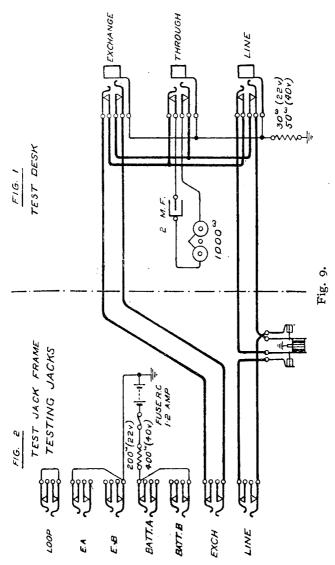
When necessary for purposes of observing the working of a circuit, a connection to the lamp and sleeve wires of the intercepted circuit are made at the I.D.F. by means of the test clips, plugs and jacks provided.

For ordinary testing purposes the circuit operates as follows:—

Normally, the circuit extended to the desk is in a "through" condition and if there is a "loop" on the line the lamp labelled "sub. on line" will glow, due to the operation of the supervisory relay in series with the A line. Upon the insertion of the test plug into either the "line" or "exchange" jacks, calling equipment is automatically connected to the side of the circuit not under test. The "sub. on line" lamp will glow if a call be made on that side of the circuit not under test. The "intermediate" jack is provided for bridging-in purposes.

When a connection is also made to the subscriber's circuit at the I.D.F. the lamps labelled "Line relay operated" and "Line engaged" respectively, are brought into use, the first named being connected in parallel with the subscriber's ordinary calling lamp on the switchboard and the latter being connected to a relay which is in parallel with the subscriber's cut off relay. When a plug is inserted into the subscriber's answering or multiple jack on the switchboard, the "line engaged" lamp will glow if the sleeve circuit is continuous. By means of these lamps the progress of a call can be followed and any failure of the subscriber's circuit apparatus readily detected.

The test clerk is responsible for ensuring that plugs are not left inserted in the jacks when the test desk is vacated at night. With the exception of circuits under observation, all circuits should be restored to their normal working conditions at the end of the day, heat coils and fuses being replaced.



Test Circuit to Test Jack Frame.—This circuit is for the purpose of allowing tests to be carried out on circuits connected to jacks at the test jack frame.

Three jacks are provided on the circuit at the desk, labelled "Exchange," "Line" and "Through" respectively. The first two jacks are connected to two similarly labelled jacks on the test jack frame, double plug-ended cords being used for effecting connection between the test circuit and both sides of the line required for test.

The "Through" jack is for bridging-in purposes. Inserting the test cord circuit plug into either the "Exchange" or "Line" jacks connects the test clerk's testing equipment to one side of the circuit, whilst the side not under test is connected to a  $1000^{\Omega}$  bell and condenser on the desk.

Testing facilities for use in conjunction with Trunk and other circuits passing through test jacks are provided at C.B. Exchanges and the connections of the special jacks are shown in Fig. 9.

Double plug-ended 2-way cords are used for connecting the special jacks as requested by a distant testing station as follows:—

To disconnect.—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and let other plug remain free and insulated.

To "loop."—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and other plug into jack labelled "loop."

To earth the A-wire.—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and other plug into jack labelled EA.

To earth the B-wire.—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and other plug into jack labelled EB.

To connect battery to A-wire.—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and other plug into jack labelled "BATT. A."

To connect battery to B-wire.—Insert one plug into jack of line under test and other plug into jack labelled "BATT, B."

Speaking Cord and Connecting Cord Circuits.—These cord circuits are provided for general use in connection with the miscellaneous jack-ended circuits on the desk.

The Speaking Cord has a  $600^{\Omega}$  coil permanently connected across the speaking side of the key. The circuit is used in cases where it is desired to "hold" a line whilst the test clerk carries out tests on another circuit and also for speaking to Monitor or "A" telephonist, etc., via the lines to and from the switchboard.

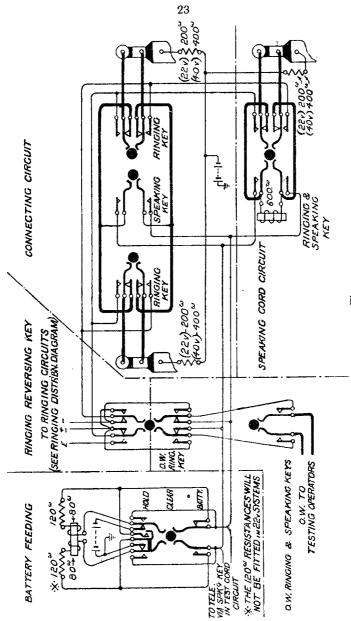


Fig. 10.

To speak to a faultsman via the test extension lines it is necessary to throw the "battery" key in order to supply current for talking purposes. The "speaking" and "battery" keys should be replaced in their normal positions when the Speaking Cord circuit is not in use. A ringing key is provided for ringing purposes when required.

The Connecting Cords consist of a pair of straight through cords without any supervisory apparatus, a ringing key being provided for each plug and one speaking key for listening-in purposes. To "hold" a line, or to connect "battery" for talking or signalling purposes in connection with C.B. circuits, the "hold" or "battery" key should be manipulated as required.

Unless the speaking key No. 14 associated with the test cord circuit (Fig. 5) is in the normal position, the speaking keys on the miscellaneous cord circuits cannot be used, as the test clerk's telephone circuit is wired *via* the inner springs of key No. 14.

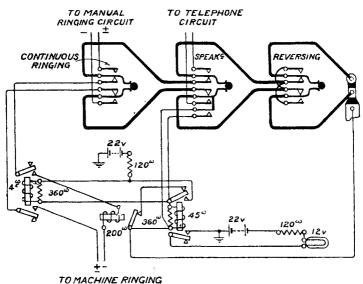


Fig. 11.

Ringing Cord Circuit.—This circuit, which terminates on a plug on the test desk, is designed to operate either as a keyless ringing circuit or a manual ringing circuit, and is intended to be used when a faultsman requires ringing current for bell adjustments, etc. Current for talking purposes is obtained by throwing the "battery" key associated with the Speaking and Connecting Cords.

When the keys on the ringing cord circuit are in the normal position the insertion of the ringing cord plug into a jack on the desk immediately connects interrupted ringing current to the A and B wires of the circuit. The removal of the subscriber's receiver actuates a tripping relay which disconnects the ringing current as in the case of an ordinary keyless ringing junction circuit, at the same time causing a lamp to glow on the test desk.

When it is desired to send out uninterrupted ringing current, the "continuous ringing" key is thrown. The key is a locking key and should therefore be restored by hand when the ringing current has to be disconnected.

Direct Exchange Line.—This circuit, which terminates on subscribers' calling equipment at an "A" position, is an ordinary exchange connection and is used for miscellaneous incoming and outgoing calls. The "Speaking" cord circuit shown in Fig. 10 is used for operating this line.

Lines to Exchange Test Position, Monitor's Desk, etc.—These circuits are used for intercommunication between the test clerk and the testing telephonist, monitors, etc., as required. The A- and B-wires are reversed in order that the battery on the test clerk's test cord circuit, when used on these circuits, will not oppose the battery on the switchroom cord circuits and thereby prevent the actuation of the supervisory relays.

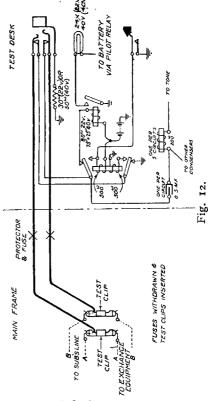
Outgoing Order Wire Circuits.—The order wire circuits to the test and plugging-up positions of the switchboard are provided for the purpose of ordering up and clearing the circuits required for test *via* the test extension lines.

Test Circuit to M.D.F. for New Lines.—These circuits are provided for the purpose of facilitating the joining up of new subscribers' lines. The cable pairs allocated for the new subscribers are connected by means of the test clips and cords to the appropriate jacks on the line side of the M.D.F., which are wired to jacks on the test desk.

When the connected line is "looped" at the distant end, the lamp on the desk glows and the test clerk may carry out tests by inserting his test plug into the relevant jack. Ιf there is no one on the line the test clerk depresses the key associated with the circuit concerned, thus locking out the line relay and lamp until the "loop" is removed, when the normal connections are restored automatically and the attention of the test clerk can then be obtained in the standard way.

"Tone" is provided on the circuit to enable the workman to identify it readily when dealing with a number of circuits.

Before a workman leaves the premises of a subscriber to



which a new line has been connected, the test clerk measures the loop resistance of the circuit and records the result on the fault card for future reference. The test is made by means of the ordinary voltmeter equipment. The subscriber's earth connection is tested at the same time. The resistance to earth must only slightly exceed half the loop resistance.

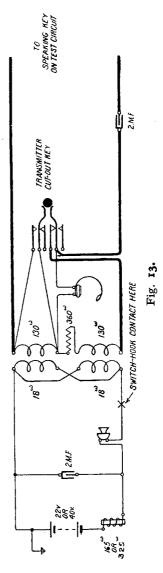
#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TEST CORD CIRCUIT (See Fig. 5.)

When all the test keys are in the normal (i.e., centre) position, the circuit is equivalent to an ordinary "A" position

cord circuit. When connected to a subscriber's line the actuations of the subscriber's switch hook will cause the supervisory lamp on the desk to flash in the usual manner.

The telephone for the test clerk's use is connected in series with a condenser, and by throwing the "Speaking" key (No. 14) it is connected to the test cord through the equivalent of an "A" or "B" cord circuit according to the position of the "Cord circuit switching" key (No. 11).

In order to gain the attention of an "A" telephonist when testing the exchange side of a subscriber's circuit via the M.D.F. test-interception circuit (see Fig. 5), the "Holding coil" key (No. 15) should be thrown. When testing via the multiple, the C.O. key of the test extension circuit in use for the test should also be depressed in order to release the subscriber's cut-off relay. listen on a circuit without interfering with the signalling conditions, the "Subscriber's battery and Holding coil cut-off" key (No. 12) should be thrown in conjunction with the "Speaking" key (No. 14), all other keys remaining in the normal position.



In the case of calling equipment associated with prepayment C.C.B. circuits the attention of the "A" telephonist will be obtained by the following procedure:—

(a) To test Normal Call Conditions, operate the test cord circuit keys in the following order:—

(i) Reversing key.

- (ii) N.C. key, and then the Cut-off key of the test extension line.
- (b) To test Emergency Call Conditions proceed as in (a) but use the E.C. key in place of the N.C. key.

The following schedules indicate the functions of the different keys in the test cord circuit and miscellaneous cord circuits on the desk:—

#### Test Cord Circuit Keys. (See Figs. 5 and 10.)

Key Numbers, Designations, and Functions.

Key X. Ringing Direct and X.—For ringing ordinary and "X" party line subscribers. Connects ringing current to the A-wire and battery to the B-wire.

Key Y. Ringing Y.—For ringing "Y" party line subscribers. Connects ringing current to the B-wire and earth

to the A-wire.

- Key H. Howler.—For gaining the attention of a subscriber who has left his receiver off the hook. Before applying the "Howler" care should be taken in every case first to ascertain that there is no one listening on the circuit.
  - Key R. Line Reversing.—For reversing the A- and B-wires.
- Key E. **Earthing.**—For earthing the A-wire of a circuit under test, or in conjunction with the "Line reversing" key (R) for earthing the B-wire,
- Key U. **Sounder.**—For use when requiring a heavy current to break down a fault and for assisting in the localisation of faults when an audible signal is required. Connects an  $80^{\circ}$  relay and exchange battery to the B-wire. The A-wire is left disconnected.
- Key CS. Gord Gircuit Switching.—For testing lines under actual working conditions. Changes over the circuit conditions from the equivalent of an "A" cord circuit to those of a "B."
- Key B. **Subs. Battery and Holding Goil C.O.**—For use when speaking on a circuit not requiring battery current or a loop from the test desk. Disconnects the battery feed and holding coil from the test cord circuit.
- Key T. **Speaking Test.**—For use when carrying out a speaking efficiency test through the artificial cable. Used in conjunction with the artificial cable keys (AC and A) common to a 2-position desk.

- Key K. **Speaking.**—For use when the test clerk desires to speak on the circuit under test. Connects the test clerk's telephone to the test cord circuit. (This key must be in the normal position when the test clerk desires to speak on any other cord circuit on the desk.)
- Key O. Holding Coil.—For "calling" or "holding" purposes on exchange circuits. Disconnects battery feed and connects holding coil across the test cord circuit.
- Key V. **Voltmeter.**—For use in general testing. Connects voltmeter and test battery to the *B*-wire and disconnects the *A*-wire.
- Key L. **6-Volt Scale.**—For use in conjunction with "Voltmeter" key (V) for conductivity tests. Changes the scale reading of the voltmeter and the voltage of the testing battery from 60 to 6.
- Key S. **Shunt 6-Volt Scale.**—For use in conjunction with "Voltmeter" and "6-Volt scale" keys (V and L) for measuring conductor resistances. Connects a  $\frac{1}{10}$ th shunt across the 6-volt coil of the voltmeter.
- Key N. **Test Batt. C.O. and Receiving Negative.**—For testing for stray negative currents. Disconnects testing battery and connects the negative terminal of the voltmeter to the *B*-wire of the circuit under test, and the positive terminal to earth.
- Key F. Voltmeter Reversing.—For use when testing for 'received currents' in conjunction with "Test battery C.O. and Receiving Negative" key (N). Reverses the connection of the voltmeter.
- Key E.R. **Earthing Plug Reversing.**—For use with the earthing plug. With the key in normal position the B-wire of the earthing plug is connected to an interrupted earth and, when key is thrown, the A-wire is connected to interrupted earth.
- Key SB. Sounder Plug Reversing.—For use with the sounder plug. With key in normal position the sounder relay is connected to the B-wire and an earth to the A-wire. When key is thrown the connections are reversed.
- Key Z. Transmitter Gut Out.—For use when desiring to cut out the transmitter noise during a listening test. Disconnects secondary of induction coil and connects test clerk's receiver and condenser only across cord circuit.
- Keys HC and BT. Battery, Clear, Hold.—For use in conjunction with the "Connecting" and "Ringing" cord circuits. In the normal position, i.e., "Clear," battery feed and holding coil are disconnected. In the position marked "Battery" the battery feed is connected via a retardation coil. In the "Hold" position a holding coil is connected across the circuit.

# Test Cord Circuit. (See Fig. 5.)

# KEYS TO BE OPERATED IN CONDUCTING THE VARIOUS TESTS

(Where not otherwise stated the tests are to be made in conjunction with the test plug on the test cord circuit).

Fest. Fa			
_	Fault tested for.	Designation and numbers of the keys to be operated.	Observed result if the fault exists.
(a) Eart vo	Barth on B-wire (60- volt test) Barth on A-wire 60- volt test) Loop or s/c (60-volt	Key W (voltmeter)  Key R (line revers- ing) and key W and shunted volt- voltmeter)  Keys E (earthing) and W (voltmeter)	Voltmeter deflection in excess of figure specified by engineer.
(d) Looi	Loop or s/c (6-volt	Keys E (earthing), V (voltmeter), and L	
(e) Looi tec	Loop or s/c (6-volt test with shunted voltmeter)	(0-voit scale) Keys <b>E</b> (earthing), <b>V</b> (voltmeter), <b>L</b> (6-volt scale), and <b>S</b> (shunt 6-volt scale)	Do. do. If test indicates that subscriber's receiver is off the hook, "Howler" key (No. 5) should be operated, after first ascertaining that no one is listening on
(f) Disc	Disconnection	Keys <b>E</b> (earthing) and <b>V</b> (voltmeter)	the graun under test.  No deflection or deflection within limit specified by engineer. If "reversing" key (No. 7) is also operated several times when a subscriber's circuit is under test, the absence of a "throw "from condenser discharge on the voltmeter needle indicates
(i) Rece (ii) Cou (iii) Rece (iii) Rece (iv) Inter	Receiving negative current on B-wire Do. on A-wire current on B-wire current on B-wire Do. on A-wire Intermittent earth on B-wire or intermittent slot	Keys V (voltmeter) and N (test battery C.O. and receiving negative) Keys R (line reversing), V, and N Keys V, N, and F (voltmeter reversing) Keys R, V, N, and F Insert sounder plug only	a disconnection.  Deflection will be obtained on voltmeter.  If a readable deflection be not obtained, operate key L to utilise the more sensitive low voltage scale.

	The sounder will give an audible signal and sounder lamp will glow.	•		An interrupted deflection on the voltmeter will be obtained.	"Howler" will be heard.  Note.—Before applying the "Howler," throw key K (speaking) and ascertain that no one is listening on circuit to which the test plus is connected.	Use key X (ringing direct and X) or 2 (ringing Y) for ringing the subscriber.		Line lamp on switchboard glows.	Line lamp on switchboard flashes.	The artificial cable switching keys ( <b>Ac</b> and <b>A</b> ) should also be thrown if necessary, the latter only when 45-mile test is required.		ounder plug is connected is not "looped"
Intermittent earth on   Insert sounder plug and throw key SB   A-wise or inter-	Insert sounder and earthing plugs only	Do. do. and throw keys ER (earthing plug reversing) and SB (sounder plug reversing)	Insert sounder and earthing plugs and throw key <b>SB</b> (sounder plug reversing)	Throw key V (voltmeter) and insert test plug into one jack and earthing plug into other jack of circuits under test. If a "loop" cannot be obtained on each of the two circuits, also operate keys R, then R and FR. then ER	Insert test plug into one jack and "speak- ing" plug into other jack of circuits under test. Throw "speaking cord" key SK and "howler" key H	Throw key K (speaking) only	Throw keys <b>K</b> (speaking) and <b>0</b> (holding coil)		Throw keys R., E.C. and cut-off key on test extension line	Throw keys <b>T</b> (speaking test) and <b>K</b> (speaking)	Throw keys <b>68</b> (cord circuit switching) and <b>K</b> (speaking)	In tests $(m)$ , $(n)$ , and $(o)$ it is assumed that the circuit to which the sounder plug is connected is not "looped" at any point.
Intermittent earth on A-wire or inter-	Contact between B- wires of two circuits	Do. do. A-wires	Contact between A-wire of one circuit and B-wire of another circuit (see	Contact between two circuits (voltmeter method)	Overhearing between two circuits (cross- talk)	Speaking to a sub-	Speaking to Ex-	Normal call on prepay-	Emergency call on prepayment C.C.B.	Speaking efficiency	Noise under junction circuit conditions	In tests $(m)$ , $(n)$ , and $(c)$
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- Key SK. Ringing and Speaking.—For use in conjunction with "Speaking" cord. A  $600^{\Omega}$  coil is connected across the circuit when the key is in normal position or when speaking key is operated. The non-locking side of the key connects ringing current to the circuit, and disconnects holding coil.
- Keys XA, KC and XC. Ringing and Speaking.—For use in conjunction with "Connecting" cords. A ringing key is provided for each plug. The speaking key (KC) connects the cords to the "Battery, Clear, and Hold" key (HC and BT) and to the test clerk's telephone circuit.
- Key O.W. Ring. **Order Wire Ringing.**—For use in conjunction with the O.W. keys.
- Key CC. Ringing Reversing.—For use in conjunction with "Speaking" and "Connecting" cord circuits. Reverses the connections of the ringing circuit.
- Key XR. Gontinuous Ringing.—For use in conjunction with "Ringing" cord circuit. Connects uninterrupted ringing current to A-wire and battery to B-wire.
- Key KR. **Speaking.**—For enabling test clerk to speak on "Ringing" cord circuit. Connects test clerk's telephone across cord and trips ringing.
- Key YR. Reversing.—For reversing ringing on "Ringing" cord circuit.
- Key AC. Artificial Cable Changeover. 34 miles. (Common to two-position desk.)—For use in conjunction with test cord circuit keys T and K when carrying out speaking efficiency tests. In the normal position of the key, 34 miles of standard cable is connected to the left hand test desk position. When thrown the 34 miles of cable is connected to the right hand position.
- Key A. Artificial Gable. 45 miles. (Common to two-position desk.)—Used in conjunction with test cord circuit keys T and K when it is desired to speak on a line through 45 miles of standard cable. The ordinary D.P. Receiver on the desk supplements the test clerk's H.G. Receiver when the 45 miles of cable is in use. In the operated position key A connects an additional 11 miles of standard cable to the 34 miles and brings into circuit a  $60^{\Omega}$  D.P. Receiver when removed from the switchhook.

Figs. 14 to 21 inclusive illustrate diagrammatically the connections of the Test Desk test cord when carrying out certain tests as specified in the foregoing table.

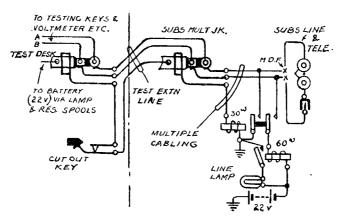


Fig. 14.—Connections when Testing a Line via a Test Extension Line from the Test Desk.

Fig. 15.—Test for Earth or Low Insulation on B-Wire.

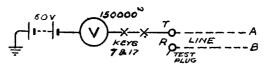


Fig. 16.—Test for Earth or Low Insulation on A-Wire.

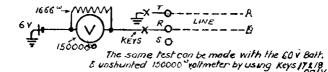


Fig. 17.—Test for Loop or Subs. Reck. off or S/C (6 volt Test with Shunted Voltmeter).

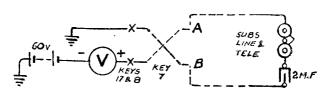


Fig. 18.—Test for Disconnection on Subs. Line cct. (Voltmeter "Kick Method") with Keys 17 and 8 Thrown. Operate the Line Reversing Key (No. 7) Two or Three Times Quickly.

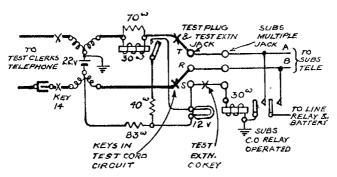


Fig. 19.—Connections of Test Cord cct. when Speaking to C.B. Subs. [Throw Speaking Key (No. 14.)]

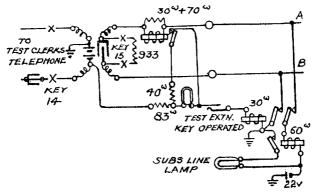
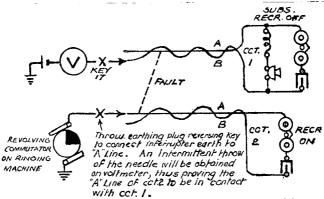


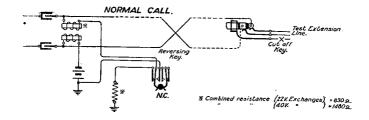
Fig. 20.—Connections of Test Cord Circuit when Holding a Line or Calling in the "A" Telephonist during a Test on a Subs. Line. (Throw Keys 15 and 14 and Depress Cut out Key on Test Extn. Line in Use for Test.)



NOTE: The sounder plug may be used in lieu of the voltmeter according to nature of fault.

Fig. 21.—Test for Contact Between One Circuit and Another (Using Voltmeter and Interrupted Earth Plug).

**Contact Tests.** Voltmeter Tests for contacts on subscribers' circuits are generally made with the subscriber's receiver off the hook, the voltmeter and test battery being applied to one circuit whilst an interrupted earth is connected to the other circuit (see Fig. 21).



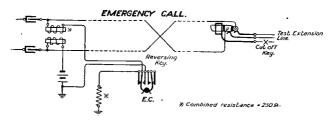


Fig. 22.—Test for Emergency Calling Condition, Prepayment Coin Box Lines.

**Speaking Efficiency Tests.** In order to carry out this test a "Cable, Artificial, 34 + 11" is provided on the test desk, and by the operation of the "Speaking Test" and "Speaking" keys (No. 13 & 14) in the test cord circuit and the relevant cable switching keys (No. 43 & 44) common to the desk, the test clerk can connect in circuit 34 or 45 miles of artificial cable.

Generally, all speaking efficiency tests are made with 34 miles in circuit, but in exceptional cases, e.g., when a subscriber complains of defective transmission over trunk circuits, the severer test of 45 miles is applied. In the latter case it is essential that silent conditions prevail at the two ends of the circuit and a "Bell" receiver is provided on the desk which, in conjunction with the test clerk's headgear receiver, assists in obtaining these conditions. The "Bell" receiver cannot be used on the 34 mile cable.

**Particulars of Voltmeter.** The Voltmeter associated with the test cord circuit on the latest type of desks is of the D'Arsonval deadbeat type and has two scales, one reading from 0 to 60 and the other from 0 to 6. The resistance between the terminals is  $150,000^{\Omega}$  for the 60 volt and  $15,000^{\Omega}$ 

for the 6 volt calibration. The moving coil of the voltmeter has a resistance of  $1,000^{\Omega}$  and the sensitivity of the instrument is such that a current of 0.4 milliampères gives a full scale of deflection. For further details of the construction of this type of voltmeter see Workman's Pamphlet A. 6.

A one-tenth shunt (1,666 $\Omega$ ) is associated with Key No. 19 (shunt 6-volt scale), and shunts the 15,000 $\Omega$  circuit of the voltmeter.

The voltmeter is provided with an index pointer which can be set to any position on the scale. This is used in cases where a standard deflection is decided upon and the object of the test is to determine whether the resistance of the circuit under test is greater or less than the standard.

**Test Battery.** Two voltages are provided for testing purposes, viz., 6 and 60, the former obtained from a battery of 4 primary cells common to a two position desk. The 60 volts for insulation testing purposes is obtained from a battery of 43 primary cells, and this battery usually serves all the test desk positions.

Resistance Measurements. The resistances corresponding to the voltmeter deflections when the voltage of the test battery is 6 and 60 respectively are shown in the "Resistance chart for voltmeter" at the end of this pamphlet.

When it is desired to obtain a higher degree of accuracy or when the testing voltage differs from the standard figure, the following formula should be used:—

$$R = V\left(\frac{D}{D_1} - 1\right)$$

where R = resistance under test.

V = resistance of voltmeter.

D = deflection obtained when the test plug is inserted into a short circuited jack on the desk and relevant keys operated.

D<sub>1</sub> = deflection obtained when resistance under test is in circuit.

Generally when the resistance to be measured :-

- (1) Exceeds  $45,000\Omega$  the 60-volt scale is used.
- (2) Exceeds  $4,500^{\Omega}$  and does not exceed  $45,000^{\Omega}$  the 6-volt scale unshunted is used.
- (3) Is less than  $4,500\Omega$  the 6-volt scale and one-tenth shunt is used.

**Conductivity Tests.** In testing lines for conductor resistance three conditions have to be met as follow:—

- (i) A-wire earthed at distant end (Operate Keys 17, 18, 19 & 7).
- (ii) B-wire earthed at distant end (Operate Keys 17, 18 & 19).
- (iii) A- & B-wires looped at distant end (Operate Keys 17, 18, 19 & 8).

Before making tests (i) and (ii) it should be ascertained by means of tests for receiving current that the deflection is not due to potential difference between the earth at distant end and testing earth.

Where an incoming current is not received the deflections in the case of tests (i) (ii) and (iii) can be interpreted in terms of ohms by reference to the "Resistance chart for voltmeter" at the end of this pamphlet.

Where an incoming current is received it will be necessary to compute the resistance on the following basis:—

Set the keys for "Receiving negative current" and note the deflection (d), then

$$R = V \left( \frac{D}{D_1 + d} - 1 \right)$$

If the deflection when the keys are set for "Receiving negative currents" is in the opposite direction to the scale readings, the "voltmeter reversing" key (No. 22) should be thrown in order to bring the deflection on to the scale; then

$$R = V \left( \frac{D}{D_1 - d} - 1 \right)$$

**Insulation Tests.** In testing for insulation resistance of A- or B-wires the distant end of the line should be disconnected. If the A-wire of the pair under test is required to be connected to earth, throw "Earthing" key (No. 8) (see Figs. 15 and 16).

Ballistic Tests. The capacity of a line and any condensers connected to it, can be tested by means of the voltmeter. The voltmeter is so constructed that the sudden reversal of the charge at a potential of 60 volts of the 2  $\mu$ F. condenser in the bell circuit of a subscriber's telephone, will cause the needle to be thrown to a point near the centre of the scale. To make this capacity test the "voltmeter" and "earthing" keys must first be thrown, then the "line reversing" key must be operated quickly several times, a "throw" of the needle occurring at each reversal. In the case of a bell and condenser connected from one side of a subscriber's line to earth, the "throw" will be equal to about one-half the "throw" obtained with the condenser and bell bridged across the line. This is due to the fact that in the former case there is no reversal of the charge in the condenser.

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