

I. THE SHORAN RADIOPOSITIONING SYSTEM (continued)

Pulse signals originating at the mobile station are radiated from the mobile transmitter and received by one of the base stations. At this base station, the pulse is sent from the output of the receiver to the input of the transmitter, and is then retransmitted back to the mobile station. After passing through the mobile receiver, the pulse is routed to an indicating circuit where its time lag, or lapse, with respect to the original outgoing pulse is determined, and indicated in terms of distance rather than units of time.

Other pulses are transmitted to the second base station, using a different radio frequency to permit their discrimination from those intended for the first base station. These pulses are received and retransmitted by the second base station, and on their return to the mobile station are similarly sent through the indicating circuits for measurement of the time required for their round trip and the indication of corresponding distance. Thus the equipment provides continuous, essentially simultaneous, indications of the distances to both base stations.

The Shoran system operates in the VHF/UHF portion of the radio spectrum. Normally, three separate frequencies are used. Two of these are transmitted alternately by the