

# SCR-288 Notes from the Signal Corps Green Books

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**The Rmergency:** [https://history.army.mil/html/books/010/10-16/CMH\\_Pub\\_10-16-1.pdf](https://history.army.mil/html/books/010/10-16/CMH_Pub_10-16-1.pdf)

**The Test:** [https://history.army.mil/banner\\_images/focus/150th\\_signal\\_corps/the\\_test.pdf](https://history.army.mil/banner_images/focus/150th_signal_corps/the_test.pdf)

**The Outcome:** [https://history.army.mil/banner\\_images/focus/150th\\_signal\\_corps/the\\_outcome.pdf](https://history.army.mil/banner_images/focus/150th_signal_corps/the_outcome.pdf)

## **The Emergency, p118, footnote.**

(4) C&E Cases No. 3, Purchase of 1500 Additional SCR-288 Radio Sets, 15 Nov 41;

## **The Emergency, p248, (FY 1941)**

Change kept altering the procurement outlook as much as delay. Orders for 3,855 of the SCR-131's, 161's, and 171's which had been "critical" in June simply because nothing else was ready were canceled late in the year in favor of SCR-288's. This was the set which the Swedish Government had ordered; the manufacturer was tooled up for it; and until production could begin on the new American sets which were due to replace the old series, it made an acceptable stopgap. Accordingly, the supply program classified it under "limited procurement" and the 131, 161, and 171 under "limited standard."<sup>56</sup>

## **The Emergency, p249, (FY 1941)**

The last week in the calendar year, a month after the Chief Signal Officer had expressed confidence, sounded warnings. There was no delivery of the radars SCR-268, 270, and 271; none of the short-range SCR-288, the temporary replacement for the SCR-131, 161, and 171; none of the long-range SCR-197, the temporary stand-by until the SCR-299 could be made ready.

## **The Emergency, p250, (1942)**

In March delivery of the SCR-206 and SCR-288 commenced, with 5 sets each.

## **The Emergency, p312, (1942)**

APPENDIX: SIGNAL CORPS EQUIPMENT, WORLD WAR II  
II. *Ground radio communication*

A. Short-range: up to 25 miles (usually five miles or less for radiotelephone sets)

1. Portable sets  
.....d. SCR-288: a stopgap set for SCR-284.....

**The Test, p31**

On 20 December the Signal Corps wired officials of the General Electric Company, Bendix Radio Corporation, Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, Radio Corporation of America Manufacturing Company, Aircraft Radio Corporation, and Western Electric Company inviting them to meet with certain officers of the Signal Corps at the Philadelphia Signal Corps Procurement District on the afternoon of 23 December to discuss procurement plans and facilities.<sup>100</sup>

Neither contracting nor delivery was progressing well. Some critical items for which money had been allotted under the fiscal year 1941 procurement program had not been contracted for; in particular 1,500 SCR-288's, substitute short-range radio sets for ground troops, who needed them badly,.....

**The Test, p75**

**THE CALL FOR EQUIPMENT**

While infantrymen had to wait until 1943 before they got their first FM portables (hand-tuned VHF, on 40-48 megacycles—the SCR-300's), they received several AM field sets: the SCR-284 and its temporary substitute SCR-288, the SCR-511, and the SCR-536.

Footnote:

44 In August 1941 the Acting Chief Signal Officer had informed the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 that the Infantry would have to wait till perhaps February 1942 for its first SCR-284's, accepting meanwhile the substitute SCR-288. Actually the 284 did not appear till the week ending 8 June 1942, when 31 sets were delivered, out of 17,681 on contract