#### SECTION V

#### DIS-ASSEMBLY

- 1. Bubble Assembly
- 2. Marker
- 3. Index Mirror Assembly and Gears
- 4. Lens Tube Assembly

# 1. BUBBLE ASSEMBLY

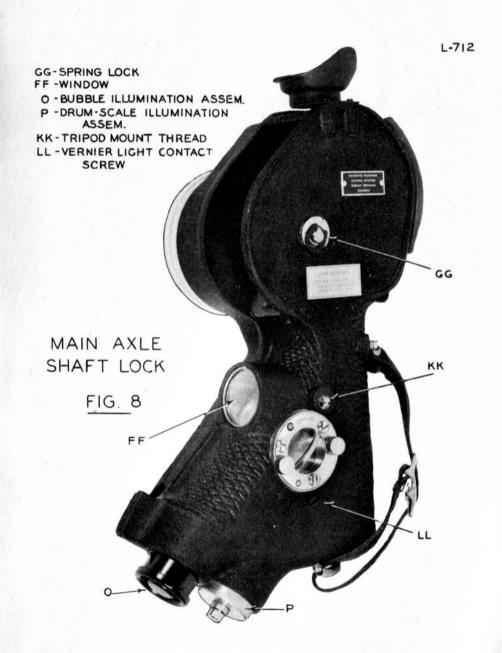
To dismantle the Sextant for repair or overhaul, proceed as follows:

- (a) Remove the rubber eye-piece.
- (b) Remove the drum, making sure that the pin "V" (Figure 11) is over the notch on the drum. If pin "V" is not in this position, rotate the drum until the vernier is at either extreme end of the scale. Continue rotating the drum by adding slightly more pressure and thereby causing a clicking sound. The drum rotates while the center pin remains stationary under these conditions. When the pin is over the notch remove the drum.
- (c) Loosen the knurled screw adjacent to the drum and remove the cover.
- (d) Remove the bubble lamp assembly by pulling straight out on the rheostat knob.
- (e) To remove the bubble chamber when, as, and if necessary, merely remove the large knurled screws and pull on the side that has the small handle. <u>CAUTION</u>: Do not try to remove bubble assembly without first removing the bubble lamp assembly. Failure to do this will result in a broken bulb in the lamp unit. <u>Under no circumstances must the three small screws be disturbed</u>. These screws are used to adjust the bubble to the Sextant, and if they are disturbed, the adjustment will be ruined.

The bubble positioning dowel pin and positioning plate holes are fitted individually. The hole in the plate which is to be precisely fitted to the pin is drilled under size and then carefully reamed to the pin size so that there is no lost motion.

#### 2. MARKER

Remove the marking pencil holder by pressing outward with the left index finger (Figure 9) to release it from the trigger "A", and push the holder upward and then merely pull the holder out the rest of the way.



- (a) Remove the three screws from the countershaft and trigger bracket assembly "N" (Figure 11). Lift bracket from assembly.
- (b) Remove the spring lock "GG" from the left hand end of index mirror shaft (Figure 8).
- (c) Lift both the assembly which carries the drum and the large split gear to a point where the split gear will clear its shaft and permit removal. The assembly which holds the drum may now be pulled out the rest of the way.
- (d) Next, loosen the clamp screw which secures the index mirror assembly to its shaft. The arm, sector, and mirror shaft assembly may now be withdrawn. CAUTION: This will free the index mirror and sun shade assembly. Care should be taken that they are not dropped.
- (e) The arm and socket assembly may now be turned over sufficiently to permit access to the socket mounting screw on the under side of the arm. Remove this screw and socket, leaving the socket attached to the wire leading to the battery.
- (f) Remove the lucite rod by removing the screw at the lower end of the rod.
- (g) Remove the wire by removing the screw "IL" (Figure 8) and turn aside the spring clips covering the wire.

#### 4. LENS TUBE ASSEMBLY

The lens tube assembly is held in place by a set screw "Q" (Figure 11). Remove this screw, and the assembly may be pulled straight out of the case.

CAUTION: Care should be taken to avoid getting finger prints on the lens tube mirror. This is a first surface mirror and very easily scratched. If there is necessity to clean it, dust particles should be removed with a camel's hair brush, and if further cleaning is necessary, a good quality of lens cleaning fluid should be used. Use only a good quality of lens tissue and be careful to avoid undue pressure. If the objective lens requires cleaning, the same precaution should be taken.

Method of removal of the forehead bead and eye piece is obvious. The circular glass in the top of the Sextant window is held in place merely by a snap ring. Remove battery case "D" (Figure 8) by pulling straight out.

#### SECTION VI

#### ASSEMBLY

General
 Lens Tube
 Bubble Assembly
 Arm and Index Mirror
 Vernier Plate and Light
 Marking Pencil
 Brake (Marking Drum)
 Filling Bubble Cell

. Split Gears 10. Caution

#### GENERAL

After any necessary replacement parts or assemblies have been obtained, reassembly of the Sextant should be done as follows:

#### 2. LENS TUBE ASSEMBLY

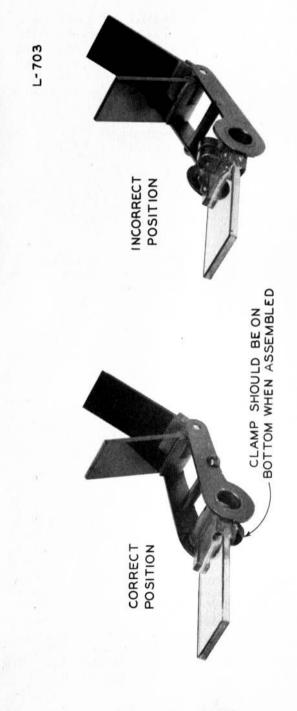
- (a) Assemble the objective lens "HH" (Figure 5) into the adjustable sleeve of the lens tube and lock the lens in place with the snap ring. Then screw the sleeve into the lens tube assembly.
- (b) A hole will be noted in the side of the lens tube, and a set screw on the arm side of the Sextant, approximately opposite the tripod mounting socket. The tube assembly should be slid into the Sextant in such a way that the hole will line up with the locking screw hole. The screw should be removed from the hole while the tube is inserted, and when it can be seen that the hole is properly lined up, insert the locking screw and tighten securely.

#### 3. BUBBLE ASSEMBLY

To replace the assembly, simply slide the unit straight into the Sextant housing with the dowel holes aligned with their respective pins. With the assembly thus correctly positioned, the spring will immediately rotate it to its proper place as indicated by the arrow. Insert the two knurled screws and tighten them finger tight. (It is not necessary to use a wrench.)

#### 4. ARM AND INDEX MIRROR

- (a) Attach the light socket, with its wire securely soldered to the Sextant arm.
- (b) Before installing the index mirror into the Sextant, the assembly must be turned so that the clamping screw is underneath instead of above (Figure 10).



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(c) Hold the sun shade and mirror assembly in the Sextant with the thumb and fingers of the left hand and insert the Sextant arm shaft through the side of the Sextant. Extend this shaft through the sun shade and mirror assembly to the other side of the Sextant.

This shaft must fit freely, (have no bind) but no slack or lost motion should be evident.

(d) Fasten illuminating wire along frame with clips and also replace socket and screw "IL".

#### 5. SPLIT GEARS

Installation of the split gear and the split gear sector (Figure 11) and proper tension on each is obtained as follows:

- (a) Swing the Sextant arm to the right to a position well off scale (see Figure 11). This will leave the left hand portion of the sector gear exposed during ensuing assembly. With both halves of the gear opposite each other, the movable part of the gear sector should be rotated two teeth on the fixed portion, and then clamped in this position with a small C clamp. Before putting the large split gear in place, one half should be rotated against the other half one tooth, then the two halves held in this position by a small C clamp located near the edge of the gears. Do not tighten these clamps too tightly.
- (b) Insert the drum shaft assembly mechanism in the hollow index mirror shaft and lower it part way into place. Holding this shaft with one hand, place the large split gear over its bearing with the other hand. Both the large gear and the drum shaft assembly may now be lowered into place while oscillating the large gear slightly so that its pinion will mesh properly with the sector gear. Replace locking spring "GG" (Figure 8). With these two assemblies in place, replace the spider bracket and secure it with its three screws. The two small clamps may now be removed and the spring lock replaced on left hand end of index mirror shaft.

# 6. VERNIER PLATE AND LIGHT

(a) If the vernier plate has been removed, it should now be replaced. The plate holes are drilled over size to allow for adjustment, and when replaced, the position of the plate should be about midway of its available adjustment. It should be shimmed as necessary to bring its surface flush with the surface of the altitude scale. There should be approximately .002" clearance between the vernier and the altitude scale throughout the reading range. (See "Adjustments".)



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(b) The lucite light conducting rod may now be slipped over the lamp on one end and locked into position by the screw on the other end.

#### 7. MARKING PENCIL

To replace the marking pencil, merely insert it and push into place until the pin on the trigger falls into its notch (Figure 9). Put in new marking lead.

#### 8. BRAKE

- (a) If the drum brake has been removed and is replaced, its final position is determined by screw "U" (Figure 11). Tightening the screw decreases the brake action; backing off the screw increases it. There should be sufficient brake action so that the drum will not accidentally be rotated by ordinary handling of the Sextant, but the tension should not be such as to interfere with easy turning of the drum by nand. Replace cover, making sure that the edges fit securely all around. Replace drum.
- (b) When the drum is replaced, the positioning pin "V" (Figure 11) must line up with the large pin "W". If the two pins do not line up, merely raise the drum flange "L" and rotate it as necessary.

#### 9. FILLING BUBBLE CELL

A special Bristo set screw will be observed on the recessed (small) end of the bubble housing. This screw must be removed with a standard Bristo wrench. Fill a hypodermic needle in Xylene CP. (Chemically pure xylene is specified since commercial or purified grades are not sufficiently pure for use in the bubble chamber.) Turn the bubble housing so that the inlet is at the top, and insert the needle into the opening where the set screw has been removed. Add small quantities of xylene until the desired size bubble is obtained. If too much fluid is injected, the hypodermic needle should be emptied, the assembly turned with the inlet to the bottom, and the chamber partially emptied by forcing in air with the needle. Repeat the procedure for filling.

Note that the bubble is formed by filling the chamber with fluid and <u>not</u> by <u>withdrawing</u> fluid or by injecting air into the chamber.

When the proper size bubble has been obtained, the set screw should be replaced and snugged into place. Since the special pointed screw seats on a relatively sharp edge, it is not necessary to apply excessive pressure in replacing this screw.

All bubble assemblies, beginning with bubble assembly serial number 1,000, are provided with a small steel ball underneath the Bristo set screw in the tapped hole through which the bubble cell is filled. Caution must be exercised when removing the set screw to prevent the ball from dropping out and becoming lost. The ball should be removed when refilling the chamber and must be replaced before tightening the set screw to prevent the cell from leaking. (See Figure 12.)

Occasionally, even when great care is exercised in filling a bubble cell, small bits of dirt or other foreign matter get into the chamber. Also, due to a variety of reasons, a bubble may be somewhat sluggish. In any of these cases, the foregoing procedure is executed, but the method of emptying the chamber is that of forcing in air and refilling several times with clean fluid to remove any impurities.

Do not attempt to clean a bubble chamber by injecting fluid and then withdrawing it with a hypodermic needle. It must be forced out with air, since by withdrawing the fluid with a needle, the dirt is simply lodged in the hypodermic cell or the needle itself, and will generally find its way back when the bubble is refilled.

#### 10. CAUTION:

WHEN THE INSTRUMENT IS COMPLETE, THERE MUST BE NO BIND ANYWHERE IN THE MECHANISM AND THERE MUST BE NO PLAY OR LOST MOTION BETWEEN THE INDEX MIRROR SHAFT AND THE HOUSING. ACCURACY CANNOT BE OBTAINED OTHERWISE.

#### SECTION VII

#### ADJUSTMENT

- 1. General
- 2. Objective Lens
- 3. Index Mirror and Vernier Plate
- 4. Bubble Housing
- . Index Error
- 6. Marking Pencil

#### 1. GENERAL

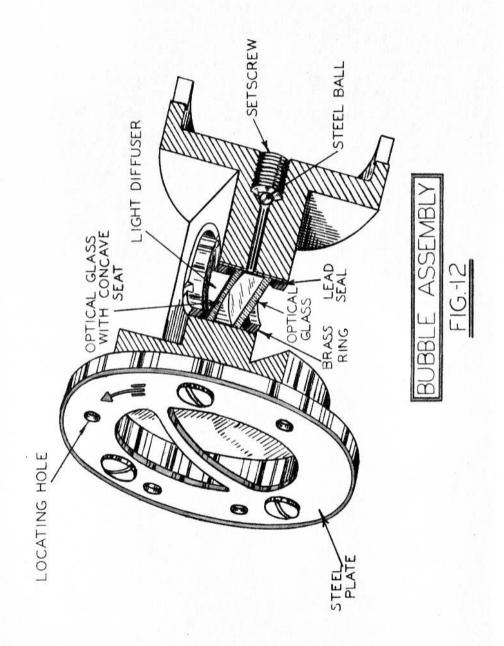
Adjustment of the Sextant requires that an object of known altitude be used. By sighting upon this object, the Sextant is properly adjusted to give the same reading as the known altitude. One method of doing this is by making use of a celestial body at a pre-computed altitude and time, and then checking that the indicated altitude, suitably corrected for refraction, etc., agrees with the computed altitude.

A much more convenient and in general more accurate method of checking error is by use of a collimator such as the Link Test Collimator, which may be set to any desired altitude. For example: let it be supposed that the Sextant is to be checked for index (scale) error. Simply set the collimator to any altitude (say 30 degrees even), center the collimator "star" in the center of the bubble, and adjust the vernier scale of the index to indicate exactly 30°.

If the Sextant is once adjusted with a certain bubble chamber in place and another bubble assembly is to be inserted, it is quite probable that the readings with the second assembly will be in error. This is due to the fact that in the process of manufacture, bubble assemblies will vary slightly; consequently each bubble assembly must be adjusted to the Sextant with which it is to be used. After several assemblies are once adjusted to a particular Sextant, they may be interchanged at will. The method of adjustment is described in the following paragraphs.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE LENS

(a) With the Sextant completely assembled and all parts working properly, the first step is to focus or collimate the bubble objective lens. This focusing is accomplished by means of the threaded adjustment which carries the lens. It will be observed that the threaded member in which the lens is contained is notched



so as to facilitate the adjustment. It is advisable to use a tool that will properly fit these notches. This adjustment should be screwed in or out, as necessary, until a clear image of the bubble is obtained.

(b) Next, remove the eye piece bracket from the Sextant and mount the Sextant on a tripod. Adjust the Sextant altitude so that a star (actual or collimated) is in the top edge of the black rim of the bubble. Move the head and eye up and down as far as possible without losing sight of a clear image of the bubble. When the objective lens is properly focused, the star will retain its position on the rim of the bubble throughout the above movement. If the lens is not properly focused, the star will appear to move away from the bubble rim as the head and eye is moved up and down. To correct this, make slight adjustments to the lens as outlined above. When the star remains fixed relative to the bubble, regardless of movement of the eye across or over the entire field of vision, the collimation or focusing is correct.

#### 3. INDEX MIRROR AND VERNIER PLATE

See that the vernier plate on the Sextant arm is approximately midway between the extremes of its adjustment range, then by means of the drum, crank the arm to forty-five degrees altitude (this being a convenient adjustment angle). Using a collimator set at forty-five degrees, adjust the index mirror until the reflected image coincides with the center of the bubble. Clamp the index mirror to its shaft and check the arm again to see that it is still at forty-five degrees (it may have shifted while the clamp was being tightened). If the star is off center more than an amount equal to one-half the width of the bubble rim, (not the width of the whole bubble), the index mirror should be readjusted to get as near to the center as possible. Any remaining small adjustment should then be made on the vernier plate. During this final adjustment, the clearance between the vernier plate and the altitude scale should be established between two and four thousandths of an inch. Replace the eye piece bracket, and the Sextant is ready for use. The Sextant is now adjusted for the particular bubble assembly which is in place; any further adjustments for other bubble assemblies are made with the assemblies themselves and not with the index mirror. (See Paragraph 4, "Bubble Housing".)

#### 4. BUBBLE HOUSING

The spare bubble housing assembly for any given instrument should be carried in the case with that particular instrument. Before this bubble assembly is added to the case, however, it should be adjusted to that particular Sextant. In making this adjustment to a second bubble assembly, all of the adjustment must be done in

the bubble assembly itself so as not to disturb Sextant adjustments which fit the original bubble assembly.

It will be noted that the handle by which the bubble housing is removed from the Sextant is part of the positioning plate disc which contains five screws and two dowel pin holes, the purpose of which have already been mentioned in an earlier section. The back end of the bubble housing assembly is notched by means of which the housing assembly may be rotated.

To adjust spare bubble assemblies to agree with a Sextant which is already in proper adjustment, proceed as follows: With the Sextant mounted on a tripod and trained on a star or other object, as previously outlined, carefully adjust the Sextant so the object is exactly centered in the bubble. Note the Sextant reading. Remove the original bubble assembly and replace it with the one that is to be adjusted. Then note the position of the bubble relative to the object. If the object is not exactly centered in the bubble, loosen the three small screws after slightly backing off the two knurled screws. By means of the notches on the back of the bubble housing, rotate the housing as necessary to exactly center the bubble over the object, simultaneously checking that the dowel hole (with the arrow) is against the pin. With the bubble properly centered, tighten the three small screws and recheck the bubble position.

When this adjustment is carefully completed, the bubble assembly is ready for use in the Sextant. Again it is emphasized; once the bubble chamber has been adjusted to the Sextant, the three small screws must not be disturbed at any time.

#### 5. INDEX ERROR

Once the above settings have been accomplished, there should be no error in the instrument excepting for scale error and errors set in by means of mishandling. These errors may be found by setting a collimator up at various altitudes and checking to see if the Sextant agrees with these readings. If there is a difference, and usually it is less than plus or minus two minutes, this difference is called the index error or instrument correction. Errors greater than plus or minus two minutes should be eliminated as described under Section VII, paragraph 3 - "Index Mirror and Vernier Plate".

The index correction is plus when the Sextant reads less than the collimator setting and the correction is minus when the Sextant reading is greater than the collimator setting.

Example: Set the collimator to 30 degrees and adjust the Sextant to center the star in the center of the bubble in center of the field. The Sextant scale reads 29 degrees 58 minutes instead of 30 degrees.

Therefore, the index correction is plus 2. The index correction would have been minus 2 if the Sextant had read 30 degrees 2 minutes.

#### 6. MARKING PENCIL

The only adjustment required is that of the marking lead itself. This lead should be sharpened to a point and positioned such that when the trigger is pressed, a definite line will be traced on the recorder drum. Care must be taken that the lead will not press hard enough to cause it to break. The position of the lead is locked in place by a set screw.

#### SECTION VIII

#### MAINTENANCE

- 1. Batteries
- 2. Sun Shades
- 3. Index Mirror
- 4. Temperature Effect
- 5. Lubrication

#### 1. BATTERIES

Always remove the batteries from the battery cases. This is necessary to prevent old (dead) batteries from expanding and corroding. When a battery expands it "freezes" the case to the Sextant housing necessitating cutting the battery case and reaming out the corroded parts. Replace batteries as soon as they become noticeably weak. See that there are four fresh batteries in the case at all times.

#### 2. SUN SHADES

Make sure the shade glasses are closed or in the clamped position before placing the Sextant in the box in order to avoid breakage.

#### 3. INDEX MIRROR

Keep fingers off the index mirror. The oil from the fingers, if left on the index mirror for a short time, will etch the glass causing distortion of the observed body. This leads to errors in altitude shots. This applies also to the shade glasses since they too will be etched by the oil from the fingers.

It is also very important not to rub the index mirror with anything but soft cleansing paper such as lens paper, etc. This, too, applies to the filters. When adjusting the filters touch only the edges of the glass, but not the flat areas.

# 4. TEMPERATURE EFFECT

Except for change in the size of the bubble, extreme temperatures do not affect the operation of the Link Sextant.

In cold temperatures the bubble will increase in size. It has been found in practice that the bubble may be warmed sufficiently for a series of sights by holding it in the hand or pocket just prior to taking the sights.

In warm temperatures the bubble will decrease in size. Decrease in size may be noticeable when the Sextant is used on the ground

during hot weather. However, in flight, temperatures are usually sufficiently low so that the bubble size is approximately normal.

# 5. LUBRICATION

When repairing the Sextant use a light lubricant such as vaseline on the gears and shafts. If it is known that cold operating conditions are to be encountered for a period of time it is best to lubricate with a light gun oil.

#### SECTION IX

#### PARTS LIST

- 1. Numerical Parts List
- 2. Assembly Parts List

# 1. NUMERICAL PARTS LIST

PART N	O. NOMENCLATURE	PER ARTICLE
6407	Case - Marking Lead	1
6841*	Screw-Drive Parker Kalon Type "C" #2 x 1/8	3
7096	Screw - Fill. HIM #5-40 x 5/16 White Nickel	4
7107	Eyelet085 Dia. x 1/8 Brass	1
7198	Clip - Spring .094 x .020	î
7630	Plate- Sextant Patent	1
7654	Plunger - Pencil Pressure (See 11653 for old Order No.)	1
7655	Screw - Set Bristo Hdless I Cup Point #6-32 x : (See 11316 for Old Order No.)	1/9
7819**	Screw-Drive Parker Kalon Type "U" #00 x 1/8	1
9296	Plate - Sextant Name (Commercial)	4
9344	Screw - RHBM #2-56 x 3/16 Painted	1
9419	Diffuser - Bubble	8
10260	Wire - #20-Stranded Tinned Copper White - Blue Tracer	1
10606	Screw - 0. H. Fill. I.M. #5-40 x 1/4	10"
10984	Cement - G. E. Glyptal	1
11316	Screw - Set Bristo Hdless 1 Cup Point #6-32 x 1	1/9 1
11500	(See 7655 for New Order No.)	
11500 11501	Drum-Median Knob-Rheostat	1
22 22 22 22 22 22	Lens - Sextant	1
11507 11510	Rheostat - 30 OHM	1
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11529	Shaft-Vernier Arm (Median Type)	1
11533 11535	Clip - Sun Shade Ring - Bubble Window Locking	1
11535	Strap - Housing	1
11538	Window - Bubble	1
11538	Piece - Eye	1
11546	Ring - Lens Locking	1
11561	Shaft - Sun Shade Bearing	
11564	Arm - Sun Shade Frame (Oxidized)	. 1
11566	Washer Brass192188 x 5/16 x .053049	
11567	Shim-Vernier (.002)	1

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		TOTAL QTY.
PART NO.	NOMENCLATURE	PER ARTICLE
11572	Lamp - 2 Volts06 Amps	1
11572	Battery-Size "C"	2
11573	Bearing-Flanged Oilite (F-336)	1
	Bracket Assembly - Eye Piece Holder	î
11577	Dowel - Bubble Chamber	i
11578	Gear - Countershaft	2
11582	Bearing-Flanged Oilite (F337)	1
11589	Tube-Vernier Illuminating	1
11600	[1]	1
11605	Trigger - Pencil	1
11608	Cap - Battery Housing	2773
11609	Arm - Pencil	1
11610	Bracket - Countershaft Bearing	1
11611	Bead - Forehead	2
11613	Lamp - 1.1 Volts22 Amps	1
11618	Support - Auxiliary Battery Switch Contact	1
11619	Button - Aux. Battery Switch	1
11620	Contact - Auxiliary Battery Switch	1
11622	Screw - Fill. HBM #2-56 x 1/4 (Black Oxidize	
11624	Spring - Auxiliary Battery Switch	1
11627	Plate - Forehead Rest	2
11628	Screw-Cap Bristo Socket Hd #5-40 x 3/8	1
11631	Spring - Gear Take up	2
11637	Housing - Bubble Lamp	1
11651	Screw - Pencil Clamping	1
11653	Plunger - Pencil Pressure (See 7654 for new	
	Order No.)	1
11657	Shaft - Trigger	1
11658	Pin - Trigger	1
11662	Pad - Brake	1
11665	Screw - Lens Tube Locking	1
11667	Screw - Cover	1
11668	Spring - Pencil Plunger	1
11672	Sleeve - Lens Adjusting	1
11674	Scale - Vernier (Black)	1
11675	Scale - Altitude (Black)	1
11676	Screw-Fill. HBM #5-40 x 3/4 Black Oxidized	3
11680	Stud - Aux. Battery Terminal	1
	Insulator - Aux. Battery Term. (Long)	1
11681	Insulator - Aux. Battery Term. (Short)	i
11682	Screw - FHBM #6-32 x 3/8 Black Oxidized	î
11685	Screw RHBM #5-40 x 5-16 Black Oxidized	3
11691		2
11698	Screw - Vernier Scale Screw-FHBM #2-56 x 1/8 Black Oxidized	1
11699		1
11701	Cover - Median Type Housing	1
11703	Screw-RHBM #6-32 x 3/16 Black Oxidized	2
11709	Clamp - Wire	2

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PART	NO. NOMENCLATURE	PER ARTICLE
11710	Bushing- Aux. Battery Terminal	1
11721	Plate - Sextant Name (Army)	2
11723	Shim - Vernier (.005)	1
11724	Spring - Strap Hanger	1
11756	Lead - Marking	1
11766	Screw - BHIM #5-40 x 3/16 Chrome Plated	3
11769	Spring - Countershaft Gear Take Up	2
11770	Clip - Spring (Oxidize & Lacquer)	2
11776	Housing - Battery	1
11777	Bushing - Battery	1
11778	Screw-Set Bristo Full Dog Pt. #5-40 x 3/16	1
11779	Ball - 1/16 Hardened and Polished Steel Ball	1
	Bearing (See 11794 for new Order No.)	1
11785	Screw-Bubble Clamp	2
11786	Spring - Bubble Housing	1
11787	Stud - Bubble Stop	1
11788	Plate - Spherical Bubble	1
11791	Bearing - Oilite .374 x .475 x .350	1
11792	Bearing - 0111te .374 x .475 x .250	1
11794	Ball - 1/16 Hardened and Polished Steel Ball	
	Bearing (See 11779 for old Order No.)	1

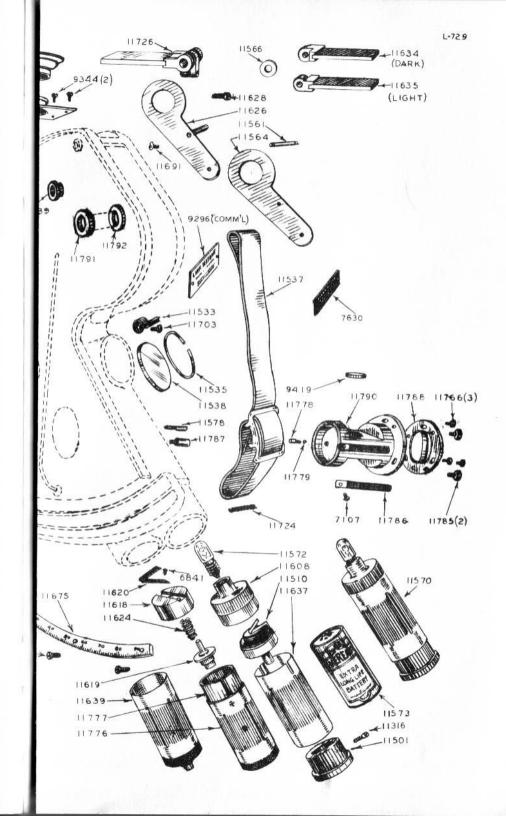
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PART NO	NOMENCLATURE
11570	Bubble Lamp Assembly
11626	Arm Assembly-Sun Shade Frame
11634	Shade Assembly-Sun (Dark)
11635	Shade Assembly-Sun (Light)
11639	Vernier Lamp Assembly
11648	Counter Shaft and Gear Assembly
11659	Brake Assembly - Drum
11683	Terminal Assembly - Vernier Lamp
11688	Sleeve Assembly - Lens Adjusting
11726	Minor Assembly - Index
11733	Arm Assembly - Median Type Vernier
11755	Shaft Assembly - Drum
11760	Trigger Assembly - Median Sextant
11761	Bracket Assembly - Trigger and Counter Shaft Bearing
11790	Bubble Assembly - Spherical
11514	Socket - Miniature Screw Base

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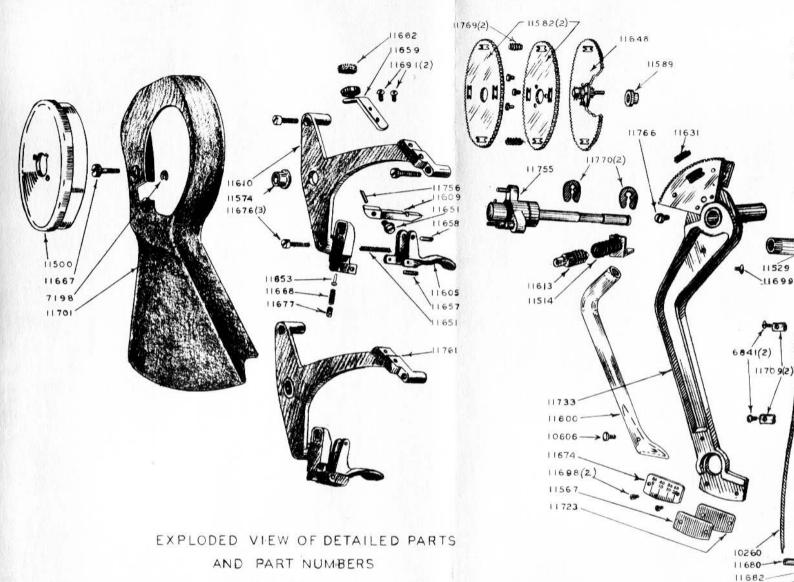


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