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CONSTRUCTION! DUAL BOOM

GOLD ALODIZING

11 ACTIVE ELEMENTS

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14. CONCLUSION

- 14.1 LOW-BAND PERFORMANCE: OPERATING AT & HODE THE VSWR, GAIN AND PATTERN ARE TYPICAL FOR THIS MODE. GAIN HOWEVER IS SUGHTLY LOW AND FRONT TO BACK RATIO IS NOT TOO GOOD AT 90.6mc
- 14.2 FM PERFORMANCE: GAIN DROPS FROM + 2.0 JB, TO APP. 8.0 dB AT108 HZ. THE PATTERN DETERIORATES AT THE HIGH END OF THE FM AND THE USWR IS VERY POOR.
- 14.3 HIGH-BAND PERFORMANCE; VSWR AND PATTERN ARE TYPICAL FOR THE 3/2 & MODE OPERATION. THE GAIN VARIES FROM A LOW OF 6.2 dB TO A HIGH OF 9.9 dB.
- 14.4 UHF PERFORMANCE: VERY NARROW PATTERN AT SOME POINTS (Z) TO Z) MODE OF OPERATION) GAIN VARIES FROM 10 dB AT THE CENTER OF THE BAND TO A LOW OF 4.5 dB AT THE HIGH END. THE PATTERN DETERIORATES FROM APPR. 700 NC AND UP. ANTEUNA POSITIONING IS VERY CRITICAL FOR THE HIGH GAIN PORTION OF THE BAND (17.0° BEAMWIDTH)
- 14.5 INSTALLATION IS QUITE SIMPLE. THE DOWN LEAD IS CONNECTED TO A SPECIAL TRANSMISSION LINE SECTION. THE NEW SNAP-IN MECHANISM IS QUITE SLOPPY IN TOLERANCE PERMITTING THE DIPOLES TO WOBBLE SLOPPY AND LODSE RIVITING PERMITS NOISY DIPOLE CONNECTIONS TO BOOM.
 - 14.6 FOR PERFORMANCE OF VHF/UHF/FM INDOOR COUPLER AC-80, SEE COMPETITINE PRODUCT ANALYSIS 1/5/65.





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This invention relates to antennas, and more particu- 10 larly, it relates to antennas having unidirectional radiation patterns that are essentially independent of frequency over wide bandwidths.

The antennas of the invention are coplanar dipole arrays consisting of a number of dipoles arranged in sideby-side relationship in a plane, the length and the spacing between successive dipoles varying according to a definite mathematical formula, each of the dipoles being fed by a common feeder which introduces a phase reversal of 180° between connections to successive dipoles. The 20 antennas of the invention provide unidirectional radiation patterns of constant beamwidth and nearly constant input impedances over any desired bandwidth.

The invention will be better understood from the following detailed description thereof taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a schematic plan view of an antenna made in accordance with the principles of the invention;

FIGURE 2 is an isometric view of a practical antenna embodying the invention; and

FIGURES 3 and 4 are radiation patterns of a typical antenna, in the E plane and H plane, respectively.

Referring to FIGURE 1, it will be seen that the antenna of the invention was composed of a plurality of dipoles 10, 11, 12, etc., which are coplanar and in paral-35 lel, side-by-side relationship. It will be noted that the lengths of the successive dipoles and the spacing between these dipoles is such that the ends of the dipoles fall on a pair of straight lines which intersect and form and angle α . In the preferred embodiment the antenna is 40 symmetrical about a line passing through the midpoints of the dipoles, as shown.

The antenna is fed at its narrow end from a conventional source of energy, depicted in FIGURE 1 by alternator 13, by means of a balanced feeder line consisting of conductors 14 and 16. It will be seen that the feeder lines 14 and 16 are alternated between connections to consecutive dipoles, thereby producing a phase reversal between such connections.

The lengths of the dipoles and the spacing between 50 dipoles are related by a constant scale factor τ defined by the following equations:

$\tau = \frac{L_{(n+1)}}{L_n} = \frac{\Delta S_{(n+1)}}{\Delta S_n}$

where τ is a constant having a value less than 1, L_n is the length of any intermediate dipole in the array, $L_{(n+1)}$ is the length of the adjacent smaller dipole, ΔS_n is the spacing between the dipole having the length L_n and the adjacent larger dipole, and $\Delta S_{(n+1)}$ is the spacing between 80 the dipole having the length L_n and the adjacent smaller dipole.

It will be seen from the geometry of the antennas, as given above, that the distance from the base line 0 at the vertex of the angle α to the dipoles forming the array 65 are defined by the equation:

$$\tau = \frac{X_{(n+1)}}{X_n}$$

where X_n is the distance from the base line 0 to the dipole having the length L_n , $X_{(n+1)}$ is the corresponding distance

from the base line to the adjacent smaller dipole, and τ has the significance previously given.

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The radiation pattern of the antennas of the invention, having the geometrical relationship among the several parts as defined above, is unidirectional in the negative X direction, i.e., extending to the left from the narrow end of the antenna of FIGURE 1.

The construction of an actual antenna made in accordance with the invention is shown in FIGURE 2. In this antenna the balanced line consists of two closelyspaced and parallel electrically conducting small diameter tubes 17 and 18 to which are attached the dipoles, each of which consists of two individual dipole elements, e.g., 19 and 19a, 21 and 21a, etc. It will be noted that each of the two elements making up one dipole is connected 15 to a different one of said conductors 17 and 18, in a direction perpendicular to the plane determined by said conductors 17 and 18. Moreover, considering either one of the conductors 17 and 18, consecutive dipole elements along the length thereof extend in opposite directions. It will be seen that this construction has the effect of alternating the phase of the connection between successive dipoles, as depicted schematically in FIGURE 1. Although the dipoles of FIGURE 2 are not precisely coplanar, differing therefrom by the distance between the 25^{-1} parallel conductors, in practice this distance is very small so that the dipole elements are substantially coplanar and the advantages of the invention are maintained. The antenna of FIGURE 2 may be conveniently fed by means of a coaxial cable 22 positioned within conductor 30 18, the central conductor 23 thereof extending to and making electrical connection with conductor 17 as shown.

As an example of the invention, an antenna of the type shown in FIGURE 2 was constructed using 0.125 35 inch diameter tubing for the balanced line and 0.050 inch diameter wire for the elements. The elements were attached to the feeder line with soft solder, and the array was fed with miniature coaxial cable inserted through one of the balanced line conductors. The antenna was 40 defined by the parameters $\tau = 0.95$ and $\alpha = 20^{\circ}$. The antenna was one-half of 15 dipoles, with the longest dipole element being $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long, while the shortest element was $7\frac{1}{2}$ " long.

Typical radiation patterns for the above-described antenna in the E plane and the H plane are shown in FIGURES 3 and 4, respectively. These patterns were found to remain essentially constant over the band of about <u>1100 to 1800 mc./sec</u>. The minimum front-toback ratio over this band was 17 db and the directivity over the range from about 1130 to 1750 mc./sec. was better than 9 db over isotropic.

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The performance of the above-described antenna clearly indicates that the antennas of the invention provide excellent rotatable beams for use particularly in the HF to UHF spectrum. In comparison to the well-known parasitic types of antennas which bear some resemblance to those of the invention, such as the Yagi array, the antennas of the invention provide a much wider bandwidth with essentially comparable directivity. Advantageously, however, the antennas of the invention need no adjusting for their performance over a wide bandwidth, compared to the parasitic types which must be adjusted by cut-and-try procedures for each frequency. Further experimental work with other antennas similar to that described above has indicated that the preferred values for the parameters which define the antennas of the invention include a range of values for angle α between about 20° and 100°, with τ having a value between about 0.8 and about 0.95. When these parameters have values within the preferred ranges the antennas were

found to have essentially frequency independent performance over any desired bandwidth. The upper and lower limits of the bandwidths may be adjusted as desired by fixing the lengths of the longest dipole and the shortest dipole, respectively. It has been determined experimentally that the longest dipole element should be approximately 0.47 wavelength long at the lower limit and the shortest element should be about 0.38 wavelength long at the upper limit. Moreover, in order to provide a suitable front-to-back ratio at the low frequency limit, 10 there should be at least 3 dipoles in the array and preferably about 10 to 30 dipoles.

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The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only, and no unnecessary limitations should be understood therefrom, as modifications 15 will be obvious to those skilled in the art.

What is claimed is:

1. A broadband unidirectional antenna comprising an array of substantially coplanar and parallel dipoles of progressively increasing length and spacing in side-by- 20 side relationship, the ratio of the lengths of any two adjacent dipoles being given by the formula

$$\frac{L_{(n+1)}}{L} = r$$

where L_n is the length of any intermediate dipole in the array, $L_{(n+1)}$ is the length of the adjacent smaller dipole and τ is a constant having a value less than 1, the spacing between said dipoles being given by the formula

$$\frac{\Delta S_{(n+1)}}{\Delta S_n} =$$

where ΔS_n is the spacing between the dipole having the length L_n and the adjacent larger dipole, $\Delta S_{(n+1)}$ is the spacing between the dipole having the length L_n and the adjacent smaller dipole, and τ has the significance previously assigned said dipoles being fed in series by a common feeder which alternates in phase between successive dipoles.

2. The array of claim **1** which is symmetrical about a line passing through the midpoint of each dipole in the array.

3. A broadband unidirectional antenna comprising an array of a plurality of substantially coplanar and parallel dipoles of progressively increasing length in side-by-side relationship, the ends of said dipoles falling on a V-shaped line forming an angle α at its vertex, the ratio of the lengths of any pair of adjacent dipoles being given by the formula

$$\frac{L_{(n+1)}}{L_n} = r$$

where L_n is the length of the longer dipole of the pair, $L_{(n+1)}$ is the length of the shorter dipole, and τ is a constant having a value less than 1, the dipoles in said array being fed in series by a common feeder which alternates 180° in phase between successive dipoles.

4. The antenna of claim 3 in which the angle α has a value between about 20° and 100° and the constant τ 60 has a value between about 0.8 and 0.95.

5. The antenna of claim 3 in which said feeder is a balanced line which twists 180° between the connections to successive dipoles.

6. A broadband unidirectional antenna comprising a 65 balanced feeder line consisting of two closely spaced, straight and parallel conductors, a plurality of dipoles each consisting of two dipole elements, one of which elements is connected to one of said conductors, the other element being connected directly opposite the first 70 to the other of said conductors, the elements of any dipole extending in opposite directions perpendicular to the plane determined by said conductors consecutive dipole elements on each of said conductors extending in opposite directions for elements of the elements of t

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where l_n is the length of an element of any dipole in the antenna, $l_{(n+1)}$ is the length of an element in the adjacent smaller dipole and τ is a constant having a value less than l, the spacing between said dipoles being given by the formula

$$\frac{\Delta S_{(n+1)}}{\Delta S_n} = r$$

where ΔS_n is the spacing between the dipole having the element length l_n and the adjacent larger dipole, $\Delta S_{(n+1)}$ is the spacing between the dipole having the element length l_n and the adjacent smaller dipole, and τ has the significance previously assigned.

7. The antenna of claim 6 wherein τ has a value of about 0.8 to 0.95.

8. The antenna of claim 6 wherein said feeder line conductors are tubular.

9. An aerial system including at least one set of parallel 25 dipoles spaced along and substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of a two-conductor balanced feeder to which the halves of the dipoles are connected at their inner ends, said dipoles being of different electrical lengths increasing substantially logarithmically from the con-30 nected end of the feeder to the other end and the dipole feeder connections being crossed over one another between adjacent dipoles, the spacings between which also increase substantially logarithmically from said connected end to the other end.

10. An antenna system for wide-band use comprising 35 a plurality of substantially parallel conducting dipole elements arranged in substantially collinear pairs, the opposite dipole elements of each pair constituting dipole halves, a two-conductor balanced feeder having one conductor connected to each of said elements at substantially the inner end thercof, each of said dipole halves in a pair being connected to a different feeder conductor, adjacent dipole elements being reversely connected to different conductors of the feeder, said dipole elements being selectively spaced along and substantially perpendicular to said feeder, the elements of each pair being of substantially equal length, adjacent dipole elements of different pairs differing in length with respect to each other by a substantially constant scale factor, the selective spacings between adjacent dipoles generally decreasing from one end of the feeder to the other with the greatest spacing being between the longest dipoles, and means to connect the feeder to an external circuit at substantially the location of the smallest of the dipole elements.

11. An antenna system for wide-band use comprising a plurality of substantially parallel conducting dipole elements arranged in substantially collinear pairs, the opposite dipole elements of each pair constituting dipole halves, a two-conductor balanced feeder having one conductor connected to each of said elements at substantially the inner end thereof, each of said dipole halves in a pair being connected to a different feeder conductor, adjacent dipole elements being reversely connected to different conductors of the feeder, said dipole elements being selectively spaced along and substantially perpendicular to said feeder, the elements of each pair being of substantially equal length, adjacent dipole elements of different pairs differing in length with respect to each other by a substantially constant scale factor, the selective spacings between the dipoles along the feeder differing from each other also by a substantially constant scale factor, the greatest spacing being between the longest dipoles, and means to connect the feeder to an external circuit at substantially the location of the smallest of the dipoles.

12. The aerial system of claim 11 in which said scale

5 factors have values within the range from about 0.8 to about 0.95.

13. An antenna system for wide-band use comprising an array of at least three linear substantially parallel conducting dipoles, each dipole being composed of two 5 opposite substantially collinear conducting elements, a two-conductor balanced feeder having one conductor connected to each of said elements at substantially the inner end thereof, adjacent parallel dipole elements being reversely connected to a different conductor of the feeder, 10 the two elements of each dipole being of substantially equal length and successive elements being of lengths which differ from one dipole to the next by a substantially constant scale factor within the range from about 0.8 to about 0.95, the dipoles being spaced from each other in 15 a generally decreasing manner in the direction of decreasing element length, and means to connect the feeder conductors to an external circuit at substantially the location of the smallest dipole elements.

14. An antenna system for wide-band use comprising 20 a minimum of three pairs of linear substantially parallel conducting elements arranged substantially coplanarly, each pair being substantially collinear and comprising the halves of a dipole, a two-conductor feeder connected to the inner ends of said collinear pairs of elements, ad- 25 jacent parallel elements being connected to different conductors of the feeder so that the halves of the dipoles connect to different conductors of the feeder and adjacent dipoles are reversely connected, the halves of each dipole being substantially the same length, adjacent dipole 30 elements being selectively spaced from each other along the feeder, the length of the successive dipole elements along the feeder decreasing in accordance with a substantially constant scale factor, each dipole and the feeder between it and the adjacent dipole constituting a cell, the 35 dimension of the several cells measured from the point of connection of one dipole and the feeder to the outer end of the next smaller adjacent dipole also decreasing from one cell to the next in the direction of decreasing dipole length according to a substantially constant scale 40 HERMAN KARL SAALBACH, Primary Examiner. factor so that the combination of cells provides a substantially uniform wide-band response, and means to

6 connect an external circuit to the feeder elements at substantially the location of the shortest of the dipoles.

15. An antenna system for wide-band use comprising a minimum of three pairs of substantially parallel and coplanar linear conducting elements arranged in substantially collinear pairs, each pair of elements comprising the halves of a dipole, a two-conductor feeder, one conductor of which is connected to each of said elements substantially at the inner end thereof, adjacent parallel elements being connected to different conductors of the feeder so that the halves of the dipoles connect to different conductors of the feeder and adjacent dipoles are reversely connected, the halves of each dipole being sub-stantially the same length, adjacent dipole elements being selectively spaced from each other along the feeder, the lengths of the elements decreasing from one end of the feeder to the other substantially in accordance with a substantially constant scale factor within the range from about 0.8 to 0.95, each dipole and the feeder between it and the adjacent dipole constituting a cell, the cell dimension from the inner end of one dipole to the outer end of the next smaller adjacent dipole also generally decreasing from one cell to the next in the direction from the longer to the shorter dipoles so that the combination of cells provides a substantially uniform wide-band response, and means to connect an external circuit to the feeder elements at substantially the location of the shortest of the dipoles.

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DIRECTIVE ANTENNA

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This invention relates to directive antennas and more particularly to directive receiving antennas of the so-called "fishbone" array.

The directive "fishbone" receiving array now s used in commercial radio reception consists of a number of parallel, equally spaced, similar size collector wires or doublets connected through small coupling capacitors to a common transmission line which conducts the signal to the radio receiver. The length of the collector wires and the size of the coupling condensers are chosen to give maximum received signal for a desired band of frequencies. Such an arrangement is described

in U. S. Patent No. 1,821,402, granted September 15 1, 1931, to Harold O. Peterson. It has been found, however, that this antenna array responds rather markedly to only a relatively small frequency band, so that it is necessary to use several arrays to effectively cover the commercial 20 frequency spectrum.

The present invention provides an improved directive antenna in the form of a "fishbone" array which gives more uniform response over a wide frequency band and thus makes it possible

25 to efficiently receive over a much wider frequency spectrum, so that for a given frequency range to be covered, a smaller number of antenna arrays will be required.

A better understanding of the present invenso tion may be had by referring to the following detailed description which is accompanied by drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 illustrates a known type of antenna in the form of a so-called "fishbone" array;

- Fig. 2 is a graph showing curves explanatory of the operation of Fig. 1; Figs. 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d illustrate four different
- embodiments of the present Invention; and Fig. 4 is a graph showing curves explanatory of
- to the operation of the antennas of the invention. Referring to Fig. 1, there is shown a directive.

antenna of known type comprising a two wire transmission line TL to which are coupled transverse doublets I. The wires of transmission line TL are closely spaced in order to avoid their picking up received energy. One terminal of the transmission line is connected to suitable high frequency apparatus, herein indicated conventionally in box form by the designation "radio reto ceiver." To make the antenna unilateral in directivity, the end of the line TL nearest the desired transmitting station and farthest removed from the radio receiver is closed by a suitable terminating resistance R whose impedance is equal to the surge impedance of the line as loaded by

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energy collecting doublets 1. Resistance R absorbs energy approaching from the direction of the radio receiver and thereby prevents its reflection back to the receiver.

Fig. 2 shows various graphs illustrating frequency versus effective height characteristics of an antenna of the type shown in Fig. 1. Graph a is the frequency response curve for a "fishbone" 25 antenna having one particular length of doublet wire and value of coupling condenser. Graph b shows a similar frequency response curve for a shorter length of doublet, and graph c represents a frequency response curve for a still shorter 30 length of doublet.

Referring to Fig. 3a which illustrates one embodiment of the present invention, there are shown two sets of doublets 10 and 11 having different lengths, all capacity coupled to the 35 line TL in the same manner as shown in Fig. 1. The doublets 10 and 11, it will be observed, are grouped together in two different lengths.

Fig. 3b shows another embodiment of the invention which is quite similar to the system of 40 Fig. 3a except that there are here shown a "fishbone" array having groups of doublets of three different lengths, namely T, 8 and 9. In this embodiment doublets 3 contribute the greater partion of the energy at the lower frequencies, 45 doublets 8 at intermediate frequencies and doublets 7 at the higher frequencies. Now, at the higher frequencies where doublets I are contributing the greater portion of the signal energy doublets 9 may load the transmission line 50 TL quite heavily. Therefore, it is advantageous to place these doublets ahead of doublet I so that the useful signal energy passing from I to the transmission line and thence to the receiver is not absorbed by the loading of doublets #.

Fig. 3c illustrates a still further embodiment of the invention wherein there is employed a tapered array comprising doublets which taper continuously in length from one end of the antenna to the other.

In Fig. 3d, which illustrates a further embodiment, the spacings between adjacent doublets along the transmission line TL are made greater for the longer doublets 12 than for the shorter 10 ones 13. In this manner there is obtained roughly the same number of doublets per wavelength along the transmission line of the mean operating

frequency for those doublets in each group. Reverting for a moment to the graphs of Fig.

18 2, it will be evident that each group of collector doublets of a particular length will respond most efficiently to its corresponding band of frequencies, so that the combination of two or more of such groups, as represented by curves a, b and 20 c, will give the result of high response for a wider

frequency band. Figs. 3a, 3b and 3c employ this principle and give the result of high response for a wider frequency band, as shown in the two curves a' and b' of Fig. 4, which represent respectively the arrangements of Figs. 3a and 3b. The use of a tapered array such as shown in Fig. 3c results in a more uniform response over the desired fre-

quency spectrum.
The capacitors through which the doublets of Figs. 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d are coupled to line TL need not be all of equal capacitance but rather, the capacitance should be properly proportioned for each length of doublet to give optimum transfer of voltage to the line TL without imposing adverse loading. The method of selecting the desired value of capacitance is well known in the art.

It is to be distinctly understood that the present invention is not limited to the precise arrangements shown and described since various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It should also be understood that although the invention

45 has been described particularly with reference to a receiving system, it is not limited thereto since the antenna may equally well be used for transmitting purposes. Although the doublets have been shown capacitively coupled to the transmisit of the transmis-

50 sion line TL, it should be understood that the "fishbone" type of array is not limited to such manner of coupling, since the doublets may, if desired, be alternatively connected either resistively or directly to the line TL in the same man-

55 ner as described in United States Patent No. 1,841,402, supra, and the present invention is applicable to any of these or other types of "fishbone" antennae wherein any desired type of coupling is used between doublets and line.

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L A directive receiving antenna comprising a transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of transverse relatively closely spaced aerial elements of dif-

65 ferent lengths loosely coupled to said line for enabling communication with waves over a relatively wide frequency band, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

 A directive receiving antenna capable of receiving a wide band of frequencies comprising a straight two wire transmission line, a plurality of relatively closely spaced doublets of different lengths externally and loosely coupled to said.
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which are coupled to different wires of said line, and high frequency apparatus coupled to one end of said line, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

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3. A directive receiving antenna capable of receiving a wide band of frequencies comprising a two wire transmission line, a plurality of doublets of different lengths externally coupled to said line transversely, each doublet having two arms which are coupled to different wires of said line, 10 high frequency apparatus coupled to one end of said line, and a resistance substantially equal to the surge impedance of said line as loaded by said doublets coupled to the other end thereof, said doublets having lengths which decrease from the end at which said resistance is located toward said high frequency apparatus, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

4. A directive antenna comprising a transmis- 20 sion line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of transverse aerial elements of different lengths coupled to said line for enabling communication with waves over a relatively wide frequency band, each of said aerial 25 elements comprising a pair of arms capacitively coupled externally to said line, there being a group of aerial elements for each different length, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

5. A directive antenna for communication over a band of frequencies comprising a transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of relatively closely spaced actial elements continuously decreasing in length 35 toward said high frequency apparatus, said elements being loosely coupled to said line, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band. のないのでは、

6. A directive receiving antenna capable of receiving a wide band of frequencies comprising a relatively closely spaced straight two wire transmission line, a plurality of energy pick-up doublets coupled transversely and externally to said line, each doublet having two arms which are 45 coupled capacitively to different wires of said line, high frequency apparatus coupled to one end of said line and a damping resistance coupled to the other end of said line, said doublets being divided into groups having different lengths of conductors, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

7. A directive receiving antenna comprising a transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of aerial elements, all of different lengths, continuously tapering in length from one end of said antenna to the other and coupled capacitively to said line, the longest aerial element being located farthest from said high frequency apparatus, said antenna being aperiodic over a wide band of frequencies.

8. A directive antenna comprising a straight transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of transverse 63 relatively closely spaced aerial elements of different lengths loosely coupled to said line for enabling communication with waves over a relatively wide frequency band, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said 70 band.

9. A directive antenna comprising a transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of relatively closely spaced aerial elements of different lengths coupled 75

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to said line through limiting impedances for enabling communication with waves over a relatively wide frequency band, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

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10. A directive antenna comprising a trans-mission line, high frequency translating apparatus coupled to said line at one end, and three groups of transverse aerial elements of differ-ent lengths coupled to said line along the length 10 thereof for enabling communication with waves over a relatively wide frequency band, the aerial elements in each group being of the same length. each of said aerial elements comprising a doublet having a pair of arms capacitively coupled exis ternally to said line, said doublets increasing in

size from the end of the line to which the translating apparatus is coupled, said antenna being aperiodic for waves of all frequencies in said band.

11. A directive antenna comprising a transmission line, high frequency apparatus coupled to said line, and a plurality of groups of aerial elements of different lengths coupled to said line along the length thereof, the spacings between 10 adjacent elements for the longer elements being greater than for the shorter elements, said antenna being aperiodic over a wide band of frequencies,

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