

The RCA Victor BP-10



Around 400 BP-10 receivers were issued to the French Resistance pending the production of the British MCR 1 'biscuit tin' receiver.

Some were delivered into France, during a clandestine landing (operation 'Orion'), to Commander Paul Riviere.

Operating on the Medium Wave Band, the BP10's could only be used for broadcast reception, so were only supplied as a stop gap measure.

The Germans had ceased all radios in France and it became vital that resistance groups could listen to coded messages from the BBC.

The BP10 was a milestone in radio technology, utilizing miniaturized valves, small batteries, internal aerial and a modern appearance.