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This application has been examined.

[ ] Responsive to communication filed on __________.

[ ] This action is made final.

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FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE WILL CAUSE THE APPLICATION TO BECOME ABANDONED.

PART I

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. [ ] Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892.

2. [ ] Notice of Informal Patent Drawing, PTO-948.

3. [ ] Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152

4. [ ]

PART II

SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. [ ] Claims _______ are pending in the application.
   
   Of the above, claims _______ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. [ ] Claims _______ have been cancelled.

3. [ ] Claims _______ are allowed.

4. [ ] Claims _______ are rejected.

5. [ ] Claims _______ are objected to.

6. [ ] Claims _______ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. [ ] The formal drawings filed on _______ are acceptable.

8. [ ] The drawing correction request filed on _______ has been ______ approved, ______ disapproved.

9. [ ] Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [ ] been received, [ ] not been received, [ ] been filed in parent application; serial no. _______ filed on _______.

10. [ ] Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

11. [ ] Other
Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite for misdescription. The expression "a single battery powered alarm means device" is indefinite because the word "single" could refer to battery, alarm means, or device.

Also, the word "device" is indefinite because it implies that there is not only an alarm means but also an alarm device.

Also, "a common portion" is indefinite because there is no recitation of two separate means which could have a shared part.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 USC 251 as improper for reissue because they tend to increase the scope of the claims more than two years after issuance of the patent by reciting expressly only one "battery powered alarm means device".

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Ogden et al.

Claims 1, 7-11 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Witzke et al. Note that circuit portions 38, 60, and 83 monitor different conditions.

The patent to Winters is cited because it shows combined alarm functions.
NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED

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(See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05 (a).)