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Let  $S(K)$  denote the Schur subgroup of the Brauer group  $B(K)$  of an abelian extension  $K$  of the rationals  $Q$ ;  $S(K)$  is generated by those classes having a representative appearing as a simple component of the group algebra over  $K$  of some finite group. In previous papers [same *J.* **42** (1976), no. 1, 261–277; *ibid.* **44** (1977), 271–282] the author studied the relationship between  $S(K)$  and a larger subgroup  $U(K)$  of  $B(K)$ .  $U(K)$ , the group of algebras with uniformly distributed invariants, is defined to be the subgroup of  $B(K)$  generated by those classes  $[A]$  such that (1) if  $A$  has index  $m$  then  $K$  contains a primitive  $m$ th root of unity  $\beta$  and (2) if  $P$  is a prime of  $K$  and  $\alpha \in \text{Gal}(K/Q)$  with  $\alpha(\beta) = \beta^b$  then  $\text{inv}_P A = b(\text{inv}_{\alpha(P)} A) \pmod{1}$ . The present paper continues the author's investigations. Generators of  $U(K)$  are explicitly determined for  $K$  a real quadratic extension of  $Q$ . Conditions are given for  $[U(K):S(K)]$  to be infinite when  $K$  is real. It is also shown that if  $n$  is odd and divisible by at least two primes then  $S(K) = S(Q) \otimes K$  for  $K$  the maximal real subfield of  $Q(\beta)$ ,  $\beta$  a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, if and only if there is a prime congruent to  $3 \pmod{4}$  dividing  $n$ . The proofs of these results are interesting applications of the machinery of class field theory. *B. Fein*