

Hello to all of my Enigma World Code Group Friends,

The ghost of U-boat Admiral Donitz visited me last night in my sleep and ordered me to, "Challenge them! Challenge them!" We all know what that means, don't we? Yes, sir, it's Kriegsmarine Basic 4-rotor machine time! Thanks to member Jim Starbird, we have an actual Enigma message that was sent from U-boat Captain/Lieutenant Helmut Rosenbaum of the U-73 to U-boat headquarters on 11 August 1942 from the Mediterranean Sea. The aircraft carrier was the HMS Eagle. Rosenbaum was awarded the Knight's Cross. The closing words, in German, "Alles klar!" ("Everything is OK!"), make my blood run a little cold every time I read them.

Use the Basic Kriegsmarine 4-rotor machine, the 26th date, UKW=C, **not** B, and Gamma set on A. Click on "Kriegsmarine" on the home page to get started. Run-off copies of everything, as instructed. This will be more difficult than the regular 3-rotor machine. But if the Admiral and I are going to sign you off as fully Enigma qualified, you must show us that you know how to run the 4-rotor beast. Remember, substitute **our** machine settings for the sample machine settings that are used in the procedure.

OK, OK, I know that many of you are really pressed for time and would probably like to read an authentic U-boat Enigma message but can't take 30 minutes to work through a Kriegsmarine 4-rotor message. That's OK. Just scroll down a little and you can read the decrypted version.

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YHTD OPPB YYLG DAMC AHGJ NVRS UMKX XAVPR EYJQ ZECN BBSP WVGM EVKY GFWP PNVV GIDU
VHRU OXKD KBNI OYGR LGWV JLBN ENOG OGHW UYCP OHYZ NJGN VXZE TPMK UMAB OSWI MGQA
NGGM KFHU PHSU IPCU DNDN QGXM QVQH VBYV IQKX ANFV JGXB OZXH NKIY NPTS PGRD SEGT JOCS
WVWC FYXR BTTS CVZK HSON JWBL ZHZ FIMI YHTD OPPB

Convoy, 15 destroyers and escort ships, 2 cruisers, 9 to 10 freighters, one aircraft carrier, probably one battleship. Fan shot at aircraft carrier. Four hits from 500 meters distance. Loud sinking noises. ("Alles Klar!" in German.") Everything OK! Rosenbaum