Hello to all of my Enigma World Code Group friends,

   Here is the May/June Newsletter, just to keep those Enigma skills of yours alive and sharp. The first message is for our newer members who would like a shorter and less-complicated challenge.

   The second message is a little more lengthy and is a good test for our intermediate Enigma code members. The third message—well, let's just say that you really have to know your stuff to get this one. This month's quotation is not too difficult, and everyone can enjoy the photograph provided to us by a gentleman I'm proud to call my friend and U-boat research advisor, Captain Jerry Mason, USN (ret.), http://uboatarchive.net/ and http://candotg.org/ .

   When Keith David Wentzel, ham radio station KD4ITI, emails me, I pay attention! He always sends really neat stuff. Attached to this email is the booklet he sent me, "German Cipher Machines of World War II." It gives summaries of German code machines other than Enigma that were used during the war. It will make you a more well-rounded WWII German code machine enthusiast. Please read it. Keith also has compiled several short BBC videos about Bletchley Park and the veterans who worked there during the war. It has some very interesting historical footage. Click on the link: http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-36446422.

   I am often asked by members how to find another member with whom to be an "Enigma message buddy" or "Enigma pen-pal" using our Member List. My suggestion is to find 3 names or places that look interesting, and send each person a short, in-the-clear email message asking if the person would like to answer a short "hello" Enigma message from you. If a "yes" answer comes back from any of the 3, you have your partner. If not, choose 3 more names, and repeat the process. This is a group for Enigma **users**, and there just has to be somebody out there who wants to use his Enigma skills to talk to you!

Message #1:

Use my U-571 codesheet for April 6, 1944. **No** Kengruppen in use. Begin decrypting with the letters "BRYSW . . . .."

1830   1tle   1tle   70   RLO   ODO

BRYSW PCSPI OLJFL FUCYQ AHAYI JKHIR DKTXT XPMJU PNINX AJYVX VPQYB IWEDF PCWIR TFGCN

Message #2:

Use my U-571 codesheet for April 12, 1944. A Kengruppen **is** in use.

2030   1tle   1tle   243   BQE   BPR

ISLBC YJAUH XDWRM NCOAL GNNTB MULRJ CQXLO PIPOK VHRRV DYOYCQC QWUEI ZBMYP WJQIE ROASN OBAQC AWJTW UWXSU MWEQZ JZKKH DFVAI JGWMZ WTPNG BFPZG DQSZX NYDAG AARUA VDUEO THKSD EYREM HOGOB OXJPA WWZFQ EVOGF EGGQK XFLFZ PLZMF YVNCY ZFUNH SHNSM FGWMM LHYPL XWGOO PVMZN XHTKK SDMCB LFVHP REZAF OWBES CIZ

Message #3:

Go to "Kriegsmarine" on home page. Click on "Basic Procedure Decrypting." This is a U-boat 4-rotor Enigma message. Difficult, it is!

BRU   1836   23   001   56

BTZD AFYH LTSP RWVR PJGY LPPP UJKO KKRU TLLR CNUA TKUC GLUN LICV YMVD OOCP RLZJ UJVN BAJC UZKR DSNX
UYUV SWIA WMQZ TDPB UMGK UYQG AGPW HIGX HKTH NBYF RJTG MHFD VYPE EJSR UJAK WMRV RIYL PIHH CBLK
WYWE ORZA XBQA VTED UTAH KZMQ EOAP BQEO GSMC HSYT BUJQ HHLF ALLX BBVR PALO BTZD AFYH

Quotation:

Use my U-571 codesheet for April 8, 1944. A Kengruppen is **not** in use. Begin decrypting with the letters "UQHYR …."

UQHYR ONJXY UTBJR XVCCB QWIOF RDZXS KKQQO PQJRH LDFSG PFZII QHBEB QPBP

Photograph:

Here is another rare photo of an Enigma machine inside of a U-boat, thanks to my good friend Capt. Jerry Mason, USN (ret.). The radioman struggles with the Enigma's bulk and weight in tight quarters.