

Hello to all of my Enigma World Code Group friends,

This month's newsletter is, "The Mareth Line." I like to study about WWII battles in which Enigma decrypts had a direct and immediate effect on a battle. For British North African Commander Bernard Montgomery on March 6, 1943, they did! His adversary was "the desert fox," Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. Always short of supplies because Enigma decrypts helped to keep sinking his supply ships, Rommel, nevertheless, was a brilliant tactician and master of swift and bold attacks. Who would win: the Enigma-supplied Montgomery, or the daring Rommel? Decrypt this month's message to find out.

Are you interested in U-boats as well as Enigma? It's really hard to pull them apart, isn't it? Enigma was vital to U-boat operations, both transmitting and receiving. I have received several requests from Group members asking that we start a sub-group (no pun intended!) for U-boat enthusiasts on our site. I think that this is a great idea. Our "Forum" looks like the best place for it. We could post photographs, interesting facts, descriptions of battles, questions—all about U-boats. My interest in U-boats is the radio room. I am an amateur radio operator, N7CLH, and for several months I have been researching the radio gear that German Type VII-C U-boats used. I could make a post about a piece of radio gear, have a picture of it, and describe its uses, for example. Someone else might be interested in U-boat torpedoes. They could post a picture of one and give us some technical specifications about it, such as its speed, type and amount of explosive, and propulsion system.

Give me a few weeks to get out this month's newsletter, quotation, picture, and (I hope) a brand new Kriegsmarine net! Yes, you heard me right!! Thanks to Bill Culkin, our resident crypto boss, we are close to completion of a new Kriegsmarine net called Officer-to-Officer. It has one totally new and very diabolical feature that you are going to love: double encryption. Let me get Officer-to-Officer out to the Group, then we can create The U-Crew, The Sub Club, or whatever creative name you can dream-up. Many thanks to those who let me know that they would like to form a U-boat club as a part of our beloved Enigma World Code Group.

Use my U-571 codesheet for May (Mag) 21, 1944, model B (default) machine

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