

Can you crack the codes sent on D-Day?

Below are real messages that were intercepted from the Germans on D-Day.
Use the key to crack the codes. What do you think each message could mean?

Key

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

First message that
was intercepted
about D-Day.

Sent at 1:52am

9	13	13	5	4	9	1	20	5

18	5	1	4	9	14	5	19	19

Third message that
was intercepted
about D-Day.

Sent at 6:45am.

2	15	1	20

8	9	20

1	14	4

19	9	14	11	9	14	7

Six message that
was intercepted
about D-Day.

Sent in the
afternoon.

20	8	5	5	14	5	13	25	9	19

15	14	2	15	20	8	19	9	4	5	19

When you are done, imagine you are a soldier during D-Day trying to tell an officer what is going on. Create at least 3 of your own secret messages using the key. You may need to use what you learnt last week to help.

Challenge? Write your own secret messages using a key you have created. Then give them to someone else to decode.

ANSWERS: Can you crack the codes sent on D-Day?

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What does it mean? This was important information as the British learnt that the Germans were getting their troops ready.

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B	O	A	T

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H	I	T

1	14	4
A	N	D

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S	I	N	K	I	N	G

What does it mean? One of the German's boats were told to sweep the coastline for enemy crafts but stumbled across an a fleet of ships who launched eighteen torpedoes at them.

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T	H	E	E	N	E	M	Y	I	S

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O	N	B	O	T	H	S	I	D	E	S

What does it mean? Admiral Theodor Krancke, who commanded the German Naval Forces, reported that the enemy was on both sides as they were surrounded by the British and Canadian's.