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Through the joint effort of Poland and England many/most of German radio communications were decoded.

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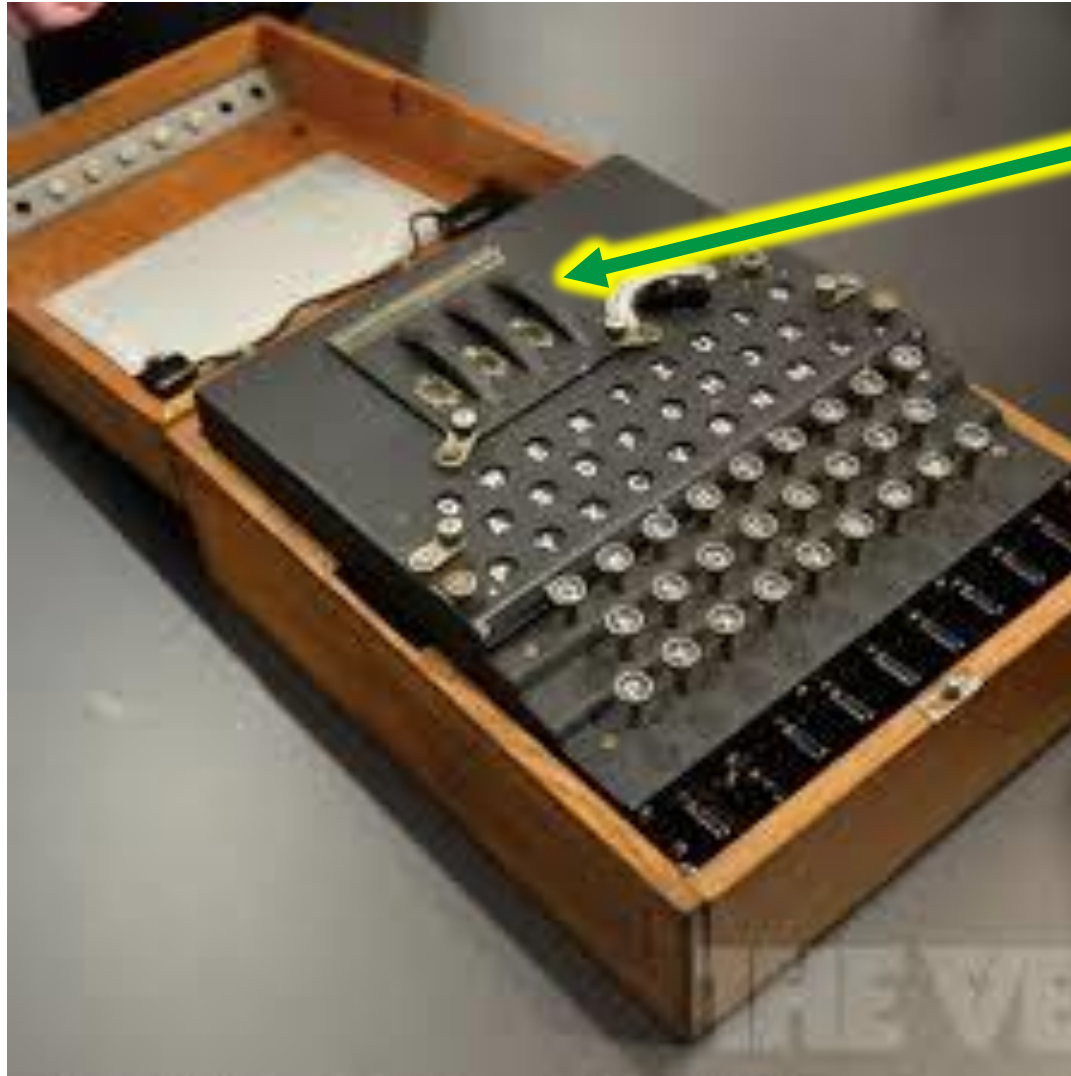
**Keyboard**

# Original Enigma, 3 rotors



**Plugboard**

# Original Enigma, 3 rotors



**Rotors**



# Original Enigma, 3 rotors



**Lamps**

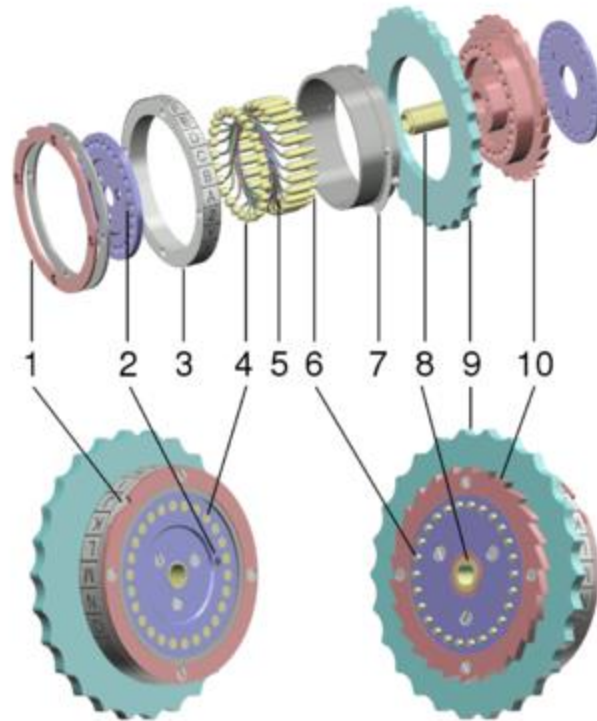


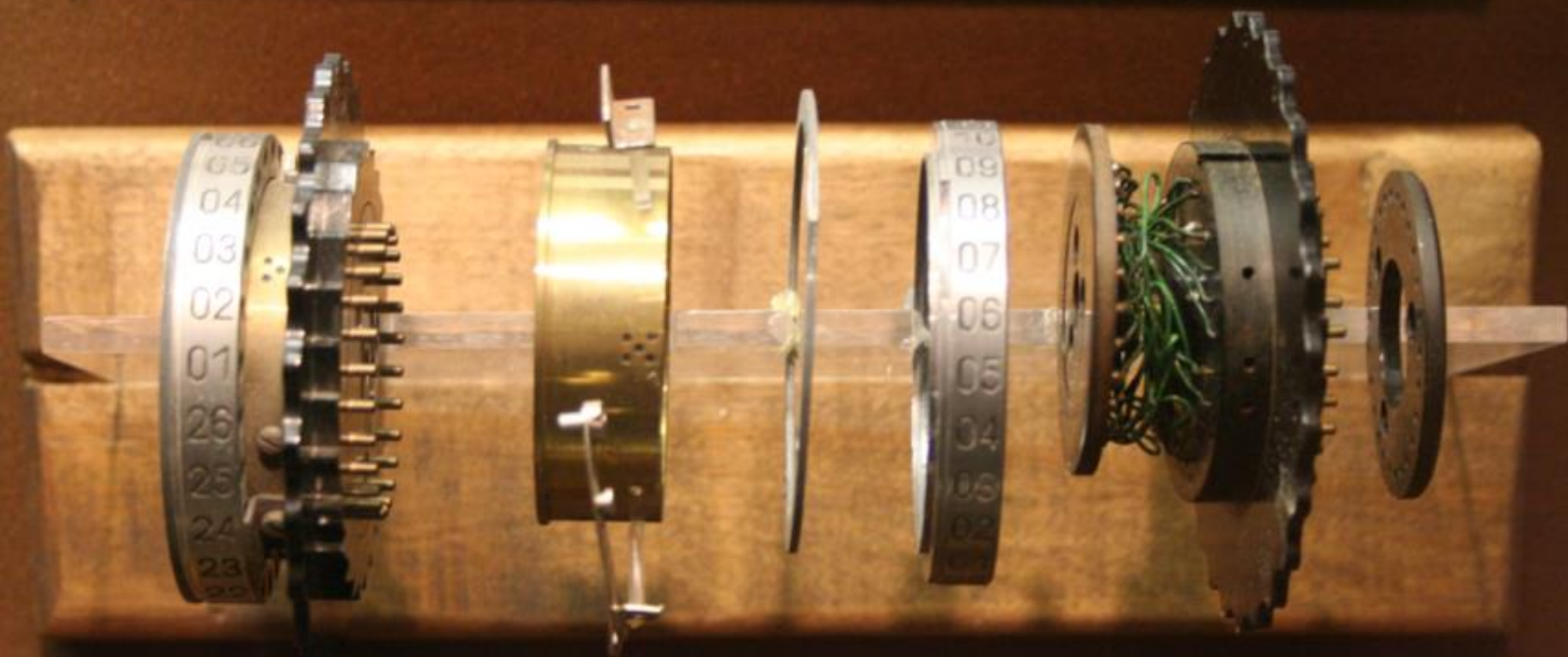
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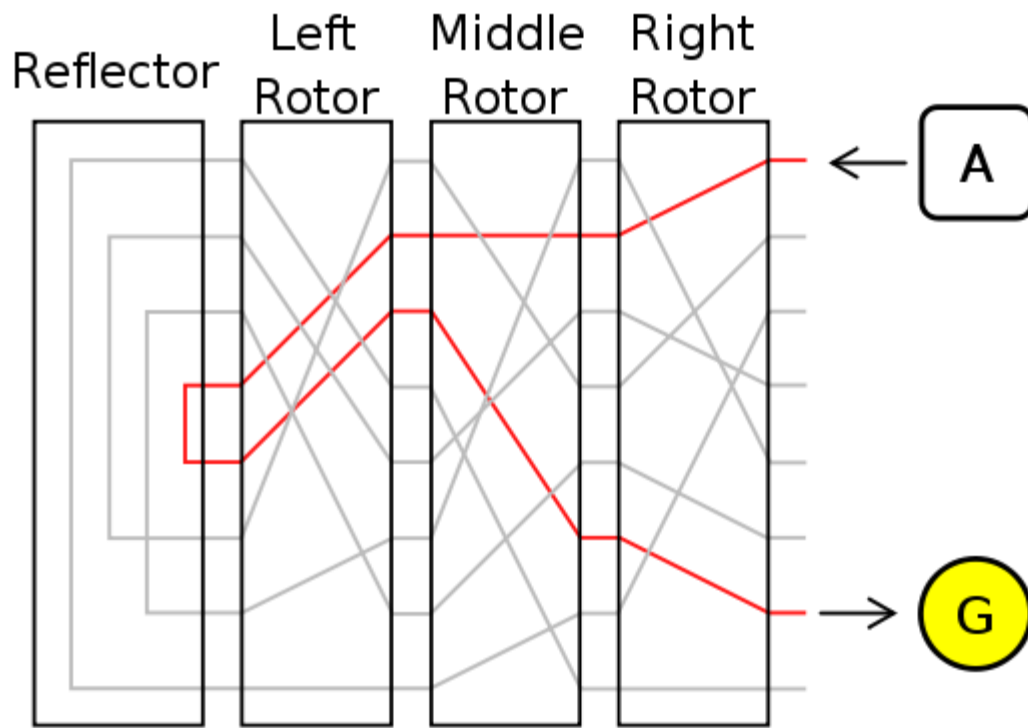
# The Rotor Assembly



# Rotor Exploded View







Letter A  
Encrypts  
To  
Letter G



# Manual Analysis, one rotor

m i s t e r  
F V F G R R

OFF	1	1	1	1	1	-5	1	1	1	1	1	-5	1	1	1	1	1	-5	1	1	1	1	-5	1	-1
OFF	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1

IN	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
	0	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
0	1	2	3	4	5	0	7	8	9	10	11	6	13	14	15	16	17	12	19	20	21	22	23	18	25	24
1	1	2	3	4	25	6	7	8	9	10	5	12	13	14	15	16	11	18	19	20	21	22	17	24	23	0
2	1	2	3	24	5	6	7	8	9	4	11	12	13	14	15	10	17	18	19	20	21	16	23	22	25	0
3	1	2	23	4	5	6	7	8	3	10	11	12	13	14	9	16	17	18	19	20	15	22	21	24	25	0
4	1	22	3	4	5	6	7	2	9	10	11	12	13	8	15	16	17	18	19	14	21	20	23	24	25	0
5	21	2	3	4	5	6	1	8	9	10	11	12	7	14	15	16	17	18	13	20	19	22	23	24	25	0
6	1	2	3	4	5	0	7	8	9	10	11	6	13	14	15	16	17	12	19	18	21	22	23	24	25	20

	0	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
REF	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

	0	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
0	5	0	1	2	3	4	11	6	7	8	9	10	17	12	13	14	15	16	23	18	19	20	21	22	25	24
1	25	0	1	2	3	10	5	6	7	8	9	16	11	12	13	14	15	22	17	18	19	20	21	24	23	4
2	25	0	1	2	9	4	5	6	7	8	15	10	11	12	13	14	21	16	17	18	19	20	23	22	3	24
3	25	0	1	8	3	4	5	6	7	14	9	10	11	12	13	20	15	16	17	18	19	22	21	2	23	24
4	25	0	7	2	3	4	5	6	13	8	9	10	11	12	19	14	15	16	17	18	21	20	1	22	23	24
5	25	6	1	2	3	4	5	12	7	8	9	10	11	18	13	14	15	16	17	20	19	0	21	22	23	24
6	5	0	1	2	3	4	11	6	7	8	9	10	17	12	13	14	15	16	19	18	25	20	21	22	23	24

	0	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
OUT	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

# One Letter Through One Rotor

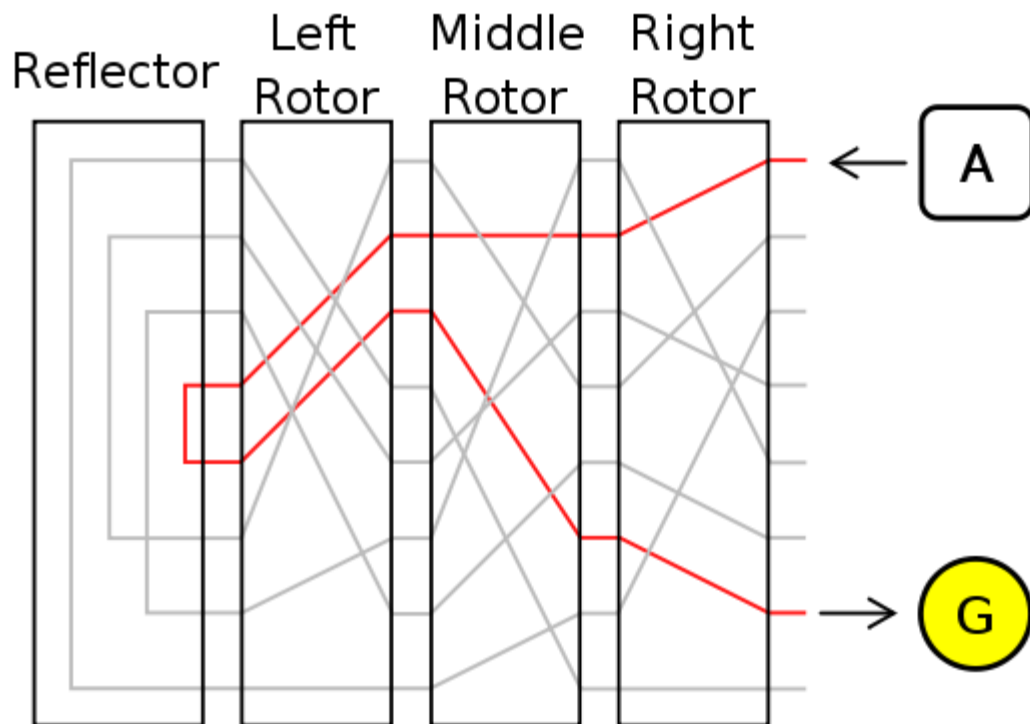
Output letter =

f(Rotor, Rotor Position, Input Letter, Transfer(+/-))

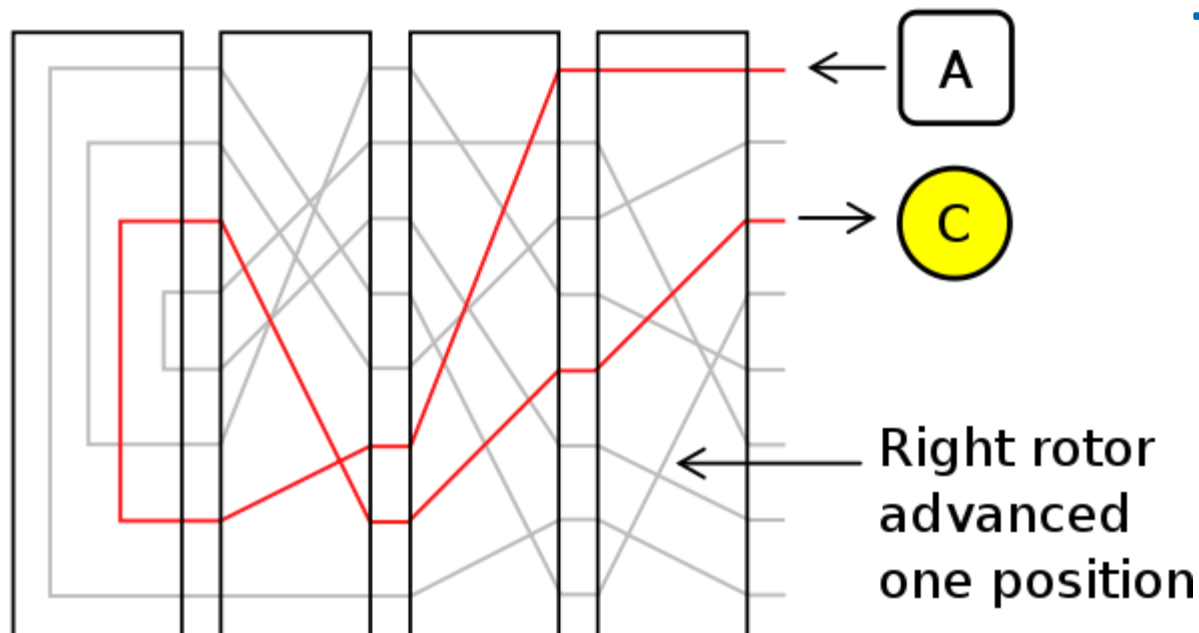
**: Through-A-Rotor**

```
RotorForward SlotIII    RotorPosition SlotIII
    @ 2 pick + #letters mod ( position)
    swap @      + Sc@      ( transfer)
    + #letters mod ;      ( output)
```





After  
Rotor  
Advance  
Letter A  
Encrypts  
To Letter C





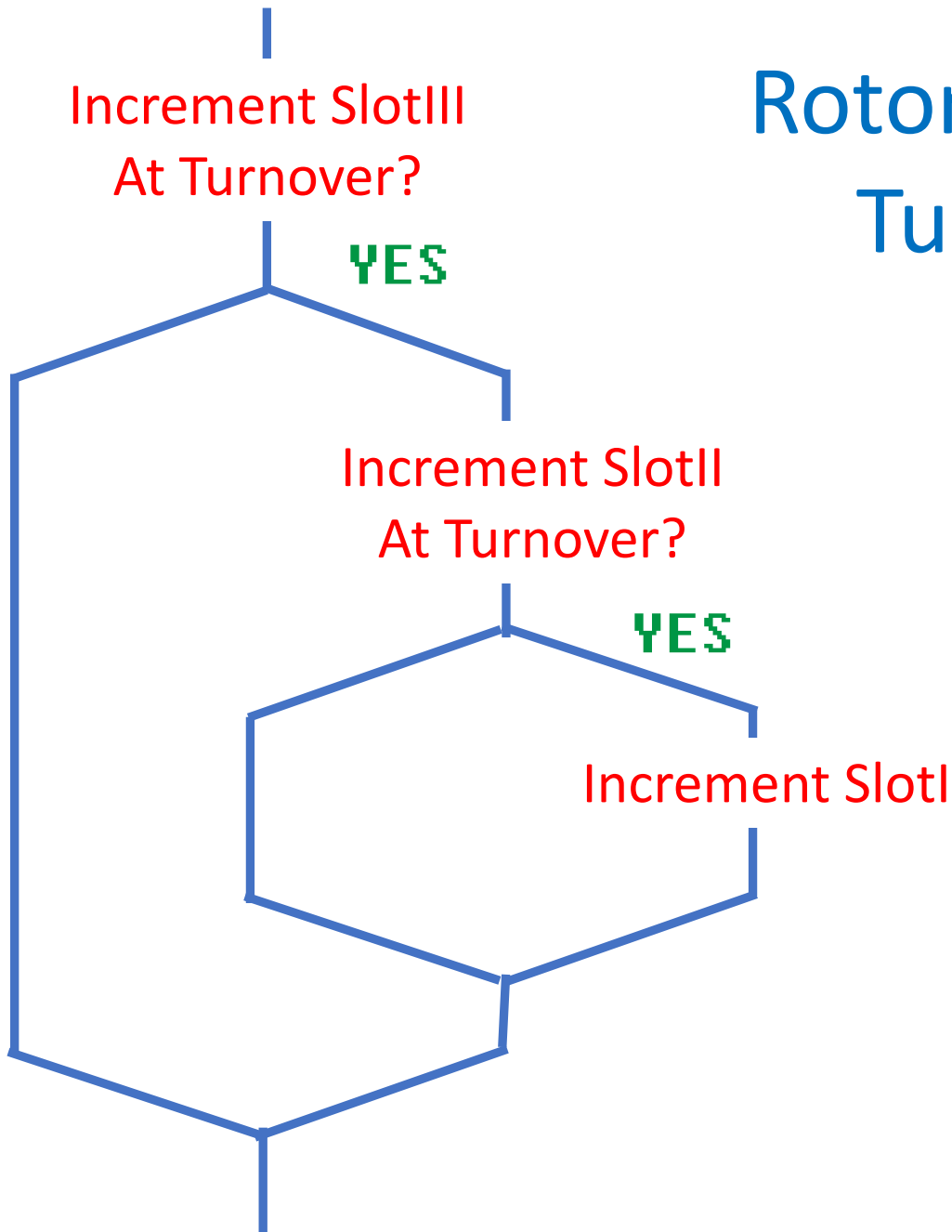
## Turnover SlotIII to SlotII to SlotI

I	II	III
3	25	20
3	25	21
3	25	22
4	0	23
4	0	24
4	0	25
4	0	0
4	0	1
4	0	2



```
: EntryComplete \ Do turnover
RotorPosition SlotIII @ >step dup
RotorPosition SlotIII !
RotorTurnover SlotIII @ =
  if RotorPosition SlotII @ >step dup
    RotorPosition SlotII !
    RotorTurnover SlotII @ =
      if RotorPosition SlotI @ >step
        RotorPosition SlotI !
      then then ;
```

# Rotor to Rotor Turnover



# Rotor A with +/- Offsets

```
CREATE RotorA-Forward #letters allot
```

```
\    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9   10   11   12  letter in  
    1    1    1    1    1   -5    1    1    1    1    1   -5    1
```

```
\   13   14   15   16   17   18   19   20   21   22   23   24   25  letter in  
    1    1    1    1   -5    1    1    1    1    1   -5    1   -1
```

```
CREATE RotorA-Reverse #letters allot
```

```
\    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9   10   11   12  letter in  
    5   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1    5   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1    5
```

```
\   13   14   15   16   17   18   19   20   21   22   23   24   25  letter in  
   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1    5   -1   -1   -1   -1   -1    1   -1
```

# The Reflector with +/- Offsets

```
CREATE Reflector #letters allot
```

```
\  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12  
   13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13
```

```
\ 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
  -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13 -13
```

# A Slot Definer

```
: Define-Slot ( RotorxFwd, RotorxRev, Its_Position, Its_Turnover )  
  CREATE 4 cells allot  
  DOES> + ; \ Yield the field address within this array's data.
```

```
Define-Slot SlotI  
Define-Slot SlotII  
Define-Slot SlotIII  
Define-Slot ReflectorI  
Define-Slot Plug Board (omitted)  
Define-Slot Keyboard (omitted)
```

```
0 CONSTANT RotorForward  
1 CELLS CONSTANT RotorReverse  
2 CELLS CONSTANT RotorPosition  
3 CELLS CONSTANT RotorTurnover
```

# Daily Setup By An Enigma Operator

Which rotor is in which slot.

Initial position of each rotor.

Turnover point of each rotor.

Plugboard settings. (omitted here)



# Assign Rotors to Slots and Reset

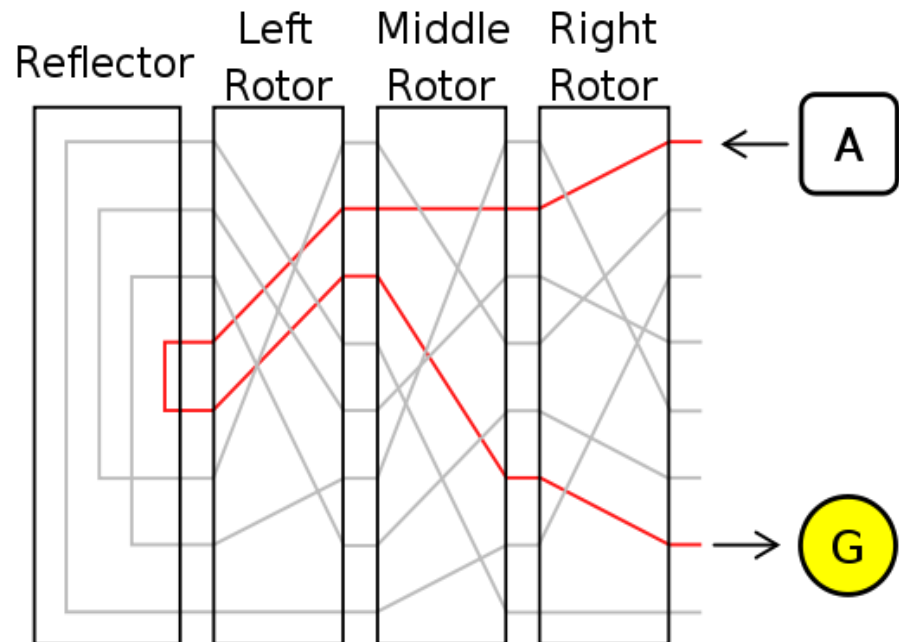
The daily setup by the Enigma operator.

: **Start**

RotorA-Fwd	RotorForward	SlotI	!
RotorA-Rev	RotorReverse	SlotI	!
0	RotorPosition	SlotI	!
0	RotorTurnover	SlotI	!
RotorB-Fwd	RotorForward	SlotII	!
RotorB-Rev	RotorReverse	SlotII	!
0	RotorPosition	SlotII	!
0	RotorTurnover	SlotII	!
RotorC-Fwd	RotorForward	SlotIII	!
RotorC-Rev	RotorReverse	SlotIII	!
0	RotorPosition	SlotIII	!
0	RotorTurnover	SlotIII	!
Reflector	RotorForward	ReflectorI	!
Reflector	RotorReverse	ReflectorI	!
0	RotorPosition	ReflectorI	!
0	RotorTurnover	ReflectorI	! ;

# Encrypting One Letter

```
: A-letter ( letter_in --- letter_out )  
  RotorForward SlotIII      RotorPosition SlotIII      one-level  
  RotorForward SlotII       RotorPosition SlotII       one-level  
  RotorForward SlotI        RotorPosition SlotI        one-level  
  RotorForward ReflectorI    RotorPosition ReflectorI   one-level  
  RotorReverse SlotI        RotorPosition SlotI        one-level  
  RotorReverse SlotII       RotorPosition SlotII       one-level  
  RotorReverse SlotIII      RotorPosition SlotIII      one-level  
  EntryComplete            ;
```



# Setup For A Test

start

```
5 RotorPosition SlotIII ? 12 RotorTurnover SlotIII ?  
5 RotorPosition SlotII ? 6 RotorTurnover SlotII ?  
20 RotorPosition SlotI ? 21 RotorTurnover SlotI ?  
Full-Alpha-Test
```

# Encoding A 26 Letter Message “The Alphabet”

In	#	III	II	I	Re	I	II	III	OUT
A	0	21	22	23	10	9	8	7	H
B	1	2	3	24	11	10	9	8	I
C	2	3	4	5	18	23	22	21	U
D	3	24	25	0	13	12	11	10	K
E	4	5	6	7	20	19	20	19	T
F	5	6	1	2	15	14	13	12	M
G	6	1	2	3	16	15	14	13	N
H	7	8	9	10	23	2	1	0	A
I	8	9	10	5	18	17	16	15	P
J	9	4	5	6	19	18	19	18	S
K	10	9	10	5	18	17	16	15	P
L	11	12	13	14	1	0	5	4	E
M	12	13	14	15	2	1	0	25	Z
N	13	8	9	10	23	2	1	0	A
O	14	15	16	11	24	23	22	21	U
P	15	16	17	18	5	10	9	8	I
Q	16	11	6	7	20	19	18	17	R
R	17	18	19	20	7	6	11	10	K
S	18	19	18	19	6	5	4	3	D
T	19	14	15	16	3	4	3	2	C
U	20	21	22	17	4	3	2	1	A
V	21	22	23	24	11	16	15	14	O
W	22	17	12	13	0	25	24	23	X
X	23	22	23	24	11	16	15	14	O
Y	24	25	20	21	8	7	6	5	F
Z	25	0	1	2	15	14	13	12	M

IN = 15 = P

OUT = 8 = I

I	II	III	In	Out	Check
20	5	5	0	7	0
20	5	6	1	8	1
20	5	7	2	21	2
20	5	8	3	10	3
20	5	9	4	19	4
20	5	10	5	12	5
20	5	11	6	13	6
21	6	12	7	0	7
21	6	13	8	15	8
21	6	14	9	18	9
21	6	15	10	15	10
21	6	16	11	4	11
21	6	17	12	25	12
21	6	18	13	0	13
21	6	19	14	21	14
21	6	20	15	8	15
21	6	21	16	17	16
21	6	22	17	10	17
21	6	23	18	3	18
21	6	24	19	2	19
21	6	25	20	1	20
21	6	0	21	14	21
21	6	1	22	23	22
21	6	2	23	14	23
21	6	3	24	5	24
21	6	4	25	12	25 ok

## In Action Summary

Encrypting a 26  
letter message:

00 = A

to

25 = Z

# Small Words

: **ASCII>Integer**    ASCII A - ;

: **Integer>ASCII**    ASCII A + ;

: **SignExtend**    \ extend 8 bits to 32  
    dup 128 and  
    if -256 ( 0xFFFFFFFF00 ) or then ;

: **bounded**    \ keep in 0..25 range  
    #letters mod ;

## Forth Code

**: encode**

```
sample-out 200 erase start
sample-out sample-in count
0 do dup i + c@ A-letter
    2 pick i + 1+ c!
    i 1+ 2 pick c! loop 2drop ;
```

**: decode**

```
sample-check 200 erase start
sample-check sample-out count
0 do dup i + c@ A-letter
    2 pick i + 1+ c!
    i 1+ 2 pick c! loop 2drop ;
```

# Encryption & Decryption

**Plain Text**

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## Plain Text

MISTER WATSON COME HERE I WANT TO SEE YOU

For Encryption, adding word separators “X”

MISTERXWATSONXCOMEXHEREXIXWANTXTOXSEEXYOUYXXX

# Encryption & Decryption

## Plain Text

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For Encryption, adding X word separators

MISTERXWATSONXCOMEXHEREXIXWANTXTOXSEEXYOUYXXX

## Encrypted

FXFGLKIJNGFZEIUBZLIURQLOXIUNAGCMBCFRRCNBHICCC

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## Encrypted

FXFGLKIJNGFZEIUBZLIURQLOXIUNAGCMBCFRRRCNBHICCC

## As transmitted

FXFGL KIJNG FZEIU BZLIU RQLOX IUNAG CMBCF RRCNB HICCC

# Encryption & Decryption

## Plain Text

MISTER WATSON COME HERE I WANT TO SEE YOU

## For Encryption, adding X word separators

MISTERXWATSONXCOMEXHEREXIXWANTXTOXSEEXYOUYXXX

## Encrypted

FXFGLKIJNGFZEIUBZLIURQLOXIUNAGCMBCFRRRCNBHICCC

## As transmitted

FXFGL KIJNG FZEIU BZLIU RQLOX IUNAG CMBCF RRCNB HICCC

## Decrypted

MISTERXWATSONXCOMEXHEREXIXWANTXTOXSEEXYOUYXXX

# Performance

FXFGL KIJNG FZEIU BZLIU RQLOX IUNAG CMBCF RRCNB HICCC

= 62 microseconds

MISTERXWATSONXCOMEXHEREXIXWANTXTOXSEEXYOUYXXX

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# Use In Attack

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With analysis, lots of messages, electromechanical aids and German operator errors (most) messages were read through the entire war. Ultimately, about 30 cypher systems were in use.

# Comments

The original Bletchley Park attack used sliding rods with inscribed alphabets. It depended on technical discoveries and German operator errors.

The expansion of Enigma to four slots and eight rotors blocked decryption for seven months (April, 1942 to October, 1942).

Development of the electromechanical 'bombes' led by Alan Turing delivered decryption ranging from one hour to 60 hours.



# Summary

Enigma existed in about 20 production variations from 1923 to 1942.

Enigma encryption was in use until about 1960.

Its decryption was still a British Top Secret until 1974.

Many software implementations exist for personal use of this technology.

Recovered February, 2021



# References

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# Questions?