

The Ultra Code - Commander Travis script

Letter 1

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I would like to welcome you here at Bletchley Park on behalf of all the staff. Since taking over from Commander Denniston earlier this year, I have had the good fortune to oversee some great changes which I hope will allow us to make an outstanding contribution to the war effort. With the generous backing of Prime Minister Churchill, we have been able to bring in many new staff members to work on decrypting German intelligence.

We have been observing your previous engineering work at Dollis Hill closely, and believe that you show much potential. We are bringing you in as a code-breaker where you will be working alongside Professor Turing in Hut 8.

Your job is to help crack the German Enigma code. You shall do this by running intercepted messages through our Bombe machines and altering the plug-board settings until the messages decrypt correctly. Enigma isn't like an ordinary code though, it can't just be broken once. The rotor settings on the German Enigma machines change for each message and so you'll have to work out the correct settings for each individual message. Before getting to work on a message you'll be provided with a 'crib' by Mr. Milner-Barry. These will provide you with relevant criteria that the plugboard settings on the Bombes must reflect.

Professor Turing is waiting for you in Hut 8, he'll get you started.

Good luck, Mr Taylor.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 7-1

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Given the recent increase in 'Tunny Traffic', we've been collaborating with the boffins at Dollis Hill to construct a new set of machines capable of deciphering these messages. Mr. Newman and Mr. Morrell have been very successful so far in the creation of a machine that our staff have dubbed the 'Heath Robinson'. With increased decryption capability, the range of messages that will be available for you to work on has increased.

You may now choose to either decrypt standard Enigma messages or the more difficult 'Tunny Traffic'. Remember that though Enigma may be easier to decrypt, it is more likely that messages in 'Tunny' will contain useful information. You may however decide that the difficulty of decrypting 'Tunny' makes devoting your time to it too risky, in which case, any intelligence would be preferable to none.

I'd also like to congratulate you on your contributions to Operation Fortitude. With the information you have provided to our boys at MI5, efforts to deceive the Germans are now under way.

In the meantime, your help has been requested on 'Operation Bodyguard'. You will be required to find out anything you can regarding how successful our deception strategies are. Head down to the Operations Room for your briefing, and then get to work decrypting today's messages.

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Letter 7-2

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Letter 9-1

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Before we discuss your progress since your arrival at Bletchley Park, it will be worth discussing recent developments with regards to our American allies. With the Trident talks in progress, we've gotten word that decisions are being made between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to determine the date for our invasion of Normandy, which has been provisionally set for May next year. Plans have also been put in place for an invasion of Sicily. With this news you now have a deadline.

Given your recent success on the job, we are sure you know that this means we would like you to continue to specialise in information regarding our invasion of mainland Europe. Your contribution to the war effort has been outstanding thus far. We look forward to seeing how you progress over the year to come.

Speaking of which, we have more work for you to do. We will save the chatter for the briefing, but suffice to say it plans for a bombing campaign of Germany are being put into place under the title 'Pointblank.' I expect to see you there.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 9-2

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Unfortunately your recent work has not been enough to sway the war effort in our favour, so I hope in the coming year you and the team in Hut 8 can provide some more substantial results.

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Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 16-1

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I would like to commend you for your efforts so far, it seems we're starting to turn this war around at last. The intel you've gathered has been vital in keeping our boys on the front line alive.

But your work isn't over yet, Military Intelligence have called on us to gather intelligence for another crucial operation. 'Operation Neptune', as they have dubbed it, will plan for the paradropping of troops behind enemy lines to target German radar stations ahead of any amphibious or land assault we might mount. Hence, it will be crucial for us to ascertain the locations of said stations, as well as any other essential information of the sort.

If we want to press our advantage on the Germans, success here will be paramount. You know the score. Get to the briefing room, and then get down to decoding.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 16-2

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I would like to commend you for your efforts so far, it seems we're starting to turn this war around at last. The intel you've gathered has been vital in keeping our boys on the front line alive.

But your work isn't over yet, this is the final push before the invasion of Europe. Any information we can provide in the coming months will be crucial for an Allied victory.

Best get to it.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 16-3

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Surplus to our regular communications, I have some rather unfortunate news for you and the staff. Our old college, Mr. Newman, was recently killed whilst on board a vessel bound to America. The loss of valuable ex-staff members does not bode well for us. He will be sorely missed.

However there is no time to dwell on his death at present, because Military Intelligence have called on us to gather intelligence for another crucial operation. 'Operation Neptune', as they have dubbed it, will plan for the paratropping of troops behind enemy lines to target German radar stations ahead of any amphibious or land assault we might mount. Hence, it will be crucial for us to ascertain the locations of said stations, as well as any other essential information of the sort.

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Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 16-4

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You will be informed of the funeral date in due course. Nevertheless, for now mourning is a luxury that we cannot afford; stay focused over the coming days, and let's try to turn this war around.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 20-1

Mr. Taylor,

It is with great pleasure that I am now able to inform you that our intelligence efforts towards Operation Overlord have now been completed. Thanks to your accomplishments, as well as those of your colleagues here at Bletchley Park, our assault on the continent portends great results.

Although only time will tell how things are going to pan out for us, I believe a celebration is in order. See me and the brass in the operations room for debriefing.

Good work indeed, Mr. Taylor.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 20-2

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your excellent work thus far on decrypting vital German intelligence. Your efforts have proved vital to our war stratagems.

I would also like to offer some words of encouragement as the final stretch before Overlord looms. This may well be our last chance to get the information we need to make our landings a success.

Nevertheless, I trust that you will succeed.

Good luck.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

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Mr. Taylor,

It is with great pleasure that I am now able to inform you that our intelligence efforts towards Operation Overlord have now been completed. Thanks to your accomplishments, as well as those of your colleagues here at Bletchley Park, our assault on the continent now has at least a fighting chance of success. Although only time will tell if we have done enough to change the course of the war, we have at least opened the way to tip the scales back in our favour.

Therefore, I believe a celebration is in order. See me and the brass in the operations room for debriefing.

Good work, Mr. Taylor.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Letter 20-4

Mr. Taylor,

The clock is ticking, and with things as they are I can only hope you take seriously our current predicament.

Overlord is our last chance to turn the tide of the war, and today is our last chance to get the information we need in place to at least give ourselves a chance. It may not count for much, but I know that you and your colleagues have what it takes to get this done.

Good luck, Mr. Taylor. We may all need it.

Commander E. W. H. Travis

Victory / failure barks

Excellent work, Mr Taylor.

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A fine job, indeed.

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Victory is a little less distant.

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Well that is disappointing.

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Let's hope this isn't a major setback.

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You're going to have to do better than that, I'm afraid.