

Harry's Game part 2B solution

I fear that our communication lines are being watched and have taken the extra precaution of writing this letter backwards, in case the enemy cryptanalysis is better than they let on.

From a correspondent within the enemy's ranks (who will remain nameless in case this message is intercepted) the general feel is one of victory. They appear to vastly underestimate our strength, which is good, they will be more relaxed, they will make mistakes. We need to guess where these mistakes will lie and exploit them. My correspondent also implies that their cryptography is second-rate, however we must also consider the possibility that he is a clever ruse to weaken our guards, to extract information. I am therefore not giving my correspondent more information than is necessary until he can be proved trustworthy.

At your suggestion this is encrypted with a simple cipher. If there is wind of cryptanalysis from the enemy, a securer cipher must be used, perhaps some kind of matrix or multiple key cipher. Messages hidden in the keys will prevent them being deduced from the body of the plaintext, if anything is intercepted.

Harry