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*The Golden Guess*  
*Is Morning-Star to the full round of Truth.*  
-- Tennyson.

Preface

This text represents an extensive expansion and revision, both in scope and content, of the earlier work entitled "Military Cryptanalysis, Part I" by William F. Friedman. This expansion and revision was necessitated by the considerable advancement made in the art since the publication of the previous text.

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1. Scope of this text.--<sup>2</sup> This text constitutes the first of a series of six basic texts<sup>1</sup> on the art of cryptanalysis. Although most of the information contained herein is applicable to cryptograms of various types and sources, special emphasis will be laid upon the principles and methods of solving military<sup>2</sup> cryptograms. Except for an introductory discussion of fundamental principles underlying the science of cryptanalytics, this first text in the series will deal solely with the principles and methods for the analysis of monoalphabetic substitution ciphers. Even with this limitation it will be possible to discuss only a few of the many variations of this one type that are met in practice; but with a firm grasp upon the general principles few difficulties should be experienced with any modifications or variations that may be encountered.

b. This and some of the succeeding texts will deal only with basic types of cryptosystems not because they may be encountered unmodified in military operations but because their study is essential to an understanding of the principles underlying the solution of the modern, very much more complex types of codes, ciphers, and certain encrypted transmission systems that are likely to be employed by the larger governments of today in the conduct of their military affairs in time of war.

c. It is presupposed that the student has no prior background in the field of cryptology; therefore cryptography is presented concurrently with cryptanalysis. Basic terminology and preliminary cryptologic considerations are treated in Section II; other terms are usually defined upon their first occurrence, or they may be found in the Glossary (Appendix 1).

d. The cryptograms presented in the examples embrace messages from hypothetical air, ground, and naval traffic; thus, the student will have the opportunity to familiarize himself with the language and phraseology of all three Services comprising the Armed Forces of the United States.

<sup>1</sup> Each text has its accompanying course in cryptanalysis, so that the student may test his learning and develop his skill in the solution of the types of cryptograms treated in the respective texts. The problems which pertain to this text constitute Appendix 13.

<sup>2</sup> The word "military" is here used in its broadest sense. In this connection see subpar. d, below.

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2. Mental equipment necessary for cryptanalytic work.--a. Captain Parker Hitt, in the first United States Army manual<sup>3</sup> dealing with cryptology, opens the first chapter of his valuable treatise with the following sentence:

"Success in dealing with unknown ciphers is measured by these four things in the order named: perseverance, careful methods of analysis, intuition, luck."

These words are as true today as they were then. There is no royal road to success in the solution of cryptograms. Hitt goes on to say:

"Cipher work will have little permanent attraction for one who expects results at once, without labor, for there is a vast amount of purely routine labor in the preparation of frequency tables, the rearrangement of ciphers for examination, and the trial and fitting of letter to letter before the message begins to appear."

The present author deems it advisable to add that the kind of work involved in solving cryptograms is not at all similar to that involved in solving crossword puzzles, for example. The wide vogue the latter have had and continue to have is due to the appeal they make to the quite common interest in mysteries of one sort or another; but in solving a crossword puzzle there is usually no necessity for performing any preliminary labor, and palpable results become evident after the first minute or two of attention. This successful start spurs the crossword "addict" on to complete the solution, which rarely requires more than an hour's time. Furthermore, crossword puzzles are all alike in basic principles and once understood, there is no more to learn. Skill comes largely from the embellishment of one's vocabulary, though, to be sure, constant practice and exercise of the imagination contribute to the ease and rapidity with which solutions are generally reached. In solving cryptograms, however, many principles must be learned, for there are many different systems of varying degrees of complexity. Even some of the simpler varieties require the preparation of tabulations of one sort or another, which many people find irksome; moreover, it is only toward the very close of the solution that results in the form of intelligible text become evident. Often, indeed, the student will not even know whether he is on the right track until he has performed a large amount of preliminary "spade work" involving many hours of labor. Thus, without at least a willingness to pursue a fair amount of theoretical study, and a more than average amount of patience and perseverance, little skill and experience can be gained in the rather difficult art of cryptanalysis. General Givierge, the author of an excellent treatise on cryptanalysis, remarks in this connection:<sup>4</sup>

"The cryptanalyst's attitude must be that of William the Silent: No need to hope in order to undertake, nor to succeed in order to persevere."

<sup>3</sup> Hitt, Capt. Parker, Manual for the Solution of Military Ciphers. Army Service Schools Press, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1916. 2d Edition, 1918. (Both out of print.)

<sup>4</sup> Givierge, Général Marcel, Cours de Cryptographie, Paris, 1925, p. 301.

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b. As regards Hitt's reference to careful methods of analysis, before one can be said to be a cryptanalyst worthy of the name it is necessary that one should have, firstly, a sound knowledge of the basic principles of cryptanalysis, and secondly, a long, varied, and active practical experience in the successful application of those principles. It is not sufficient to have read treatises on this subject. One month's actual practice in solution is worth a whole year's mere reading of theoretical principles. An exceedingly important element of success in solving the more intricate cryptosystems is the possession of the rather unusual mental faculty designated in general terms as the power of inductive and deductive reasoning. Probably this is an inherited rather than an acquired faculty; the best sort of training for its emergence, if latent in the individual, and for its development is the study of the natural sciences, such as chemistry, physics, biology, geology, and the like. Other sciences such as linguistics, archaeology, and philology are also excellent.

c. Aptitude in mathematics is quite important, more especially in the solution of ciphers and enciphered codes than in codebook reconstruction, which latter is purely and simply a linguistic problem. Although in the early days of the emergence of the science of cryptanalytics little thought was given to the applications of mathematics in this field, many branches of mathematics and, in particular, probability and statistics, have now found cryptologic applications. Those portions of mathematics and those mathematical methods which have cryptologic applications<sup>5</sup> are known collectively as cryptomathematics.

<sup>5</sup> It is quite important to stress at this point that in professional cryptologic work the science of cryptanalytics is subordinated to the art of cryptanalysis, just as in the world of music the technical virtuosity of a great violinist is adjuvant to the expression of music, that is, the virtuosity is a "tool" for the recovery of the complete musical "plain text" conceived by the composer. Since the practice of cryptanalysis is an art, mathematical approaches cannot always be expected to yield a solution in cryptology, because art can and must transcend the cold logic of scientific method. By way of example, an experienced Indian guide can usually find his way out of a dense forest more readily than a surveyor equipped with all the refined apparatus and techniques of his profession. Likewise, an experienced cryptanalyst can generally find his way through a cryptosystem more readily than a pure mathematician equipped merely with the techniques of his field no matter how abstruse or refined they may be. A cryptomathematician of repute once stated that "the only effect of refined mathematical techniques is frequently to discourage one so much that one does nothing at all and some unmathematical ignoramus then gets the problem out in some very unethical way. This is intensely irritating." See also in this connection the remarks made in subpar. 27e in reference to the validity of statistical tests in cryptanalysis.

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d. An active imagination, or perhaps what Hitt and other writers call intuition, is essential, but mere imagination uncontrolled by a judicious spirit will be more often a hindrance than a help. In practical cryptanalysis the imaginative or intuitive faculties must, in other words, be guided by good judgment, by practical experience, and by as thorough a knowledge of the general situation or extraneous circumstances that led to the sending of the cryptogram as is possible to obtain. In this respect the many cryptograms exchanged between correspondents whose identities and general affairs, commercial, social, or political, are known are far more readily solved<sup>6</sup> than are isolated cryptograms exchanged between unknown correspondents, dealing with unknown subjects. It is obvious that in the former case there are good data upon which the intuitive powers of the cryptanalyst can be brought to bear, whereas in the latter case no such data are available. Consequently, in the absence of such data, no matter how good the imagination and intuition of the cryptanalyst, these powers are of no particular service to him. Some writers, however, regard the intuitive spirit as valuable from still another viewpoint, as may be noted in the following:<sup>7</sup>

"Intuition, like a flash of lightning, lasts only for a second. It generally comes when one is tormented by a difficult decipherment and when one reviews in his mind the fruitless experiments already tried. Suddenly the light breaks through and one finds after a few minutes what previous days of labor were unable to reveal."

This, too, is true, but unfortunately there is no way in which the intuition may be summoned at will, when it is most needed.<sup>8</sup> There are certain authors who regard as indispensable the possession of a somewhat

<sup>6</sup> The application in practical, operational cryptanalysis of "probable words" or "cribs", i.e., plain text assumed or known to be present in a cryptogram, is developed in time of war into a refinement the extent and usefulness of which cannot be appreciated by the uninitiated. Even as great a thinker as Voltaire found the subject of cryptanalysis stretching his credulity to the point that he said:

"Those who boast that they can decipher a letter without knowing its subject matter, and without preliminary aid, are greater charlatans than those who would boast of understanding a language which they have never learned."--Dictionnaire Philosophique, under the article "Poste".

<sup>7</sup> Lange et Soudart, Traité de Cryptographie, Librairie Félix Alcan, Paris, 1925, p. 104.

<sup>8</sup> The following extracts are of interest in this connection:

"The fact that the scientific investigator works 50 per cent of his time by non-rational means is, it seems, quite insufficiently recognized. There is without the least doubt an instinct for research, and often the most successful investigators of nature are quite unable to give an account of their reasons for doing such and such an experiment, or for placing side by side two apparently unrelated facts. Again, one of the most salient traits in the character of the successful scientific worker is the capacity for knowing that a point is proved when it would not appear to be proved to an outside intelligence functioning in a purely rational manner; thus the investigator feels that some proposition is true, and proceeds at once to the next set of experiments without waiting and wasting time in the elaboration of the formal proof of the point which heavier minds would need. Questionless such a scientific intuition may and does sometimes lead investigators astray, but it is quite certain that if they did not widely make use of it, they would not get a quarter as far as they do. Experiments confirm each other, and a

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rare, rather mysterious faculty that they designate by the word "flair", or by the expression "cipher brains". Even so excellent an authority as General Givierge,<sup>9</sup> in referring to this mental faculty, uses the following words:

"Over and above perseverance and this aptitude of mind which some authors consider a special gift, and which they call intuition, or even, in its highest manifestation, clairvoyance, cryptographic studies will continue more and more to demand the qualities of orderliness and memory."

Although the present author believes a special aptitude for the work is essential to cryptanalytic success, he is sure there is nothing mysterious about the matter at all. Special aptitude is prerequisite to success in all fields of endeavor. There are, for example, thousands of physicists, hundreds of excellent ones, but only a handful of world-wide fame. Should it be said, then, that a physicist who has achieved very notable success in his field has done so because he is the fortunate possessor of a mysterious faculty? That he is fortunate in possessing a special aptitude for his subject is granted, but that there is anything mysterious about it, partaking of the nature of clairvoyance (if, indeed, the latter is a reality) is not granted. While the ultimate nature of any mental process seems to be as complete a mystery today as it has ever been, the present author would like to see the superficial veil of mystery removed from a subject that has been shrouded in mystery from even before the Middle Ages down to our own times. (The principal and readily understandable reason for this is that governments have always closely guarded cryptographic secrets and anything so guarded soon becomes "mysterious".) He would, rather, have the student approach the subject as he might approach any other science that can stand on its own merits with other sciences, because cryptanalytics, like other sciences, has a practical importance in human affairs. It presents to the inquiring mind an interest in its own right as a branch of knowledge; it, too, holds forth many difficulties and disappointments, and these are all the more

false step is usually soon discovered. And not only by this partial replacement of reason by intuition does the work of science go on, but also to the born scientific worker—and emphatically they cannot be made—the structure of the method of research is as it were given, he cannot explain it to you, though he may be brought to agree *a posteriori* to a formal logical presentation of the way the method works".—Excerpt from Needham, Joseph, *The Sceptical Biologist*, London, 1929, p. 79.

"The essence of scientific method, quite simply, is to try to see how data arrange themselves into causal configurations. Scientific problems are solved by collecting data and by "thinking about them all the time." We need to look at strange things until, by the appearance of known configurations, they seem familiar, and to look at familiar things until we see novel configurations which make them appear strange. We must look at events until they become luminous. That is scientific method . . . Insight is the touchstone . . . The application of insight as the touchstone of method enables us to evaluate properly the role of imagination in scientific method. The scientific process is akin to the artistic process: it is a process of selecting out those elements of experience which fit together and recombining them in the mind. Much of this kind of research is simply a ceaseless mulling over, and even the physical scientist has considerable need of an armchair . . . Our view of scientific method as a struggle to obtain insight forces the admission that science is half art . . . Insight is the unknown quantity which has eluded students of scientific method".—Excerpts from an article entitled *Insight and Scientific Method*, by Willard Waller, in *The American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. XL, 1934

<sup>9</sup> Op. cit., p. 302.

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keenly felt when the nature of these difficulties is not understood by those unfamiliar with the special circumstances that very often are the real factors that led to success in other cases. Finally, just as in the other sciences wherein men labor long and earnestly for the true satisfaction and pleasure that comes from work well done, so the mental pleasure that the successful cryptanalyst derives from his accomplishments is very often the only reward for much of the drudgery that he must do in his daily work. General Givierge's words in this connection are well worth quoting:<sup>10</sup>

"Some studies will last for years before bearing fruit. In the case of others, cryptanalysts undertaking them never get any result. But, for a cryptanalyst who likes the work, the joy of discoveries effaces the memory of his hours of doubt and impatience."

e. With his usual deft touch, Hitt says of the element of luck, as regards the role it plays in analysis:

"As to luck, there is the old miners' proverb: 'Gold is where you find it.'"

The cryptanalyst is lucky when one of the correspondents whose cryptograms he is studying makes a blunder that gives the necessary clue; or when he finds two cryptograms identical in text but in different keys in the same system; or when he finds two cryptograms identical in text but in different systems, and so on. The element of luck is there, to be sure, but the cryptanalyst must be on the alert if he is to profit by these lucky "breaks".

f. If the present author were asked to state, in view of the progress in the field since 1916, what elements might be added to the four ingredients Hitt thought essential to cryptanalytic success, he would be inclined to mention the following:

(1) A broad, general education, embodying interests covering as many fields of practical knowledge as possible. This is useful because the cryptanalyst is often called upon to solve messages dealing with the most varied of human activities, and the more he knows about these activities, the easier his task.

(2) Access to a large library of current literature, and wide and direct contacts with sources of collateral information. These often afford clues as to the contents of specific messages. For example, to be able instantly to have at his disposal a newspaper report or a personal report of events described or referred to in a message under investigation goes a long way toward simplifying or facilitating solution. Government cryptanalysts are sometimes fortunately situated in this respect, especially where various agencies work in harmony.

(3) Proper coordination of effort. This includes the organization of cryptanalytic personnel into harmonious, efficient teams of cooperating individuals.

<sup>10</sup> Op. cit., p. 301.

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(4) Under mental equipment he would also include the faculty of being able to concentrate on a problem for rather long periods of time, without distraction, nervous irritability, and impatience. The strain under which cryptanalytic studies are necessarily conducted is quite severe and too long-continued application has the effect of draining nervous energy to an unwholesome degree, so that a word or two of caution may not here be out of place. One should continue at work only so long as a peaceful, calm spirit prevails, whether the work is fruitful or not. But just as soon as the mind becomes wearied with the exertion, or just as soon as a feeling of hopelessness or mental fatigue intervenes, it is better to stop completely and turn to other activities, rest, or play. It is essential to remark that systematization and orderliness of work are aids in reducing nervous tension and irritability. On this account it is better to take the time to prepare the data carefully, rewrite the text if necessary, and so on, rather than work with slipshod, incomplete, or improperly arranged material.

(5) A retentive memory is an important asset to cryptanalytic skill, especially in the solution of codes. The ability to remember individual groups, their approximate locations in other messages, the associations they form with other groups, their peculiarities and similarities, saves much wear and tear of the mental machinery, as well as much time in looking up these groups in indexes.

(6) The assistance of machine aids in cryptanalysis. The importance and value of these aids cannot be overemphasized in their bearing on practical, operational cryptanalysis, especially in the large-scale effort that would be made in time of war on complex, high-grade cryptosystems at a theater headquarters or in the zone of the interior. These aids, under the general category of rapid analytical machines, comprise both punched-card tabulating machinery and certain other general- and special-purpose high-speed electrical and electronic devices. Some of the more compact equipment may be employed by lower echelons within a theater of operations to facilitate the cryptanalysis of medium-grade cryptosystems found in tactical communications.

g. It may be advisable to add a word or two at this point to prepare the student to expect slight mental jars and tensions which will almost inevitably come to him in the conscientious study of this and the subsequent texts. The present author is well aware of the complaint of students that authors of texts on cryptanalysis base much of their explanation upon their foreknowledge of the "answer"--which the student does not know while he is attempting to follow the solution with an unbiased mind. They complain, too, that these authors use such expressions as "it is obvious that", "naturally", "of course", "it is evident that", and so on, when the circumstances seem not at all to warrant their use. There is no question that this sort of treatment is apt to discourage the student, especially when the point elucidated becomes clear to him only after many hours' labor, whereas, according to the book, the author noted the weak spot at the first moment's inspection. The present author can only promise to try to avoid making the steps appear to be much more simple than they really are, and to suppress glaring instances

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of unjustifiable "jumping at conclusions". At the same time he must indicate that for pedagogical reasons in many cases a message has been consciously "manipulated" so as to allow certain principles to become more obvious in the illustrative examples than they ever are in practical work. During the course of some of the explanations attention will even be directed to cases of unjustified inferences. Furthermore, of the student who is quick in observation and deduction, the author will only ask that he bear in mind that if the elucidation of certain principles seems prolix and occupies more space than necessary, this is occasioned by the author's desire to carry the explanation forward in very short, easily-comprehended, and plainly-described steps, for the benefit of students who are perhaps a bit slower to grasp but who, once they understand, are able to retain and apply principles slowly learned just as well, if not better than the students who learn more quickly.<sup>11</sup>

3. Validity of results of cryptanalysis.--Valid or authentic cryptanalytic solutions cannot and do not represent "opinions" of the cryptanalyst. They are valid only so far as they are wholly objective, and are susceptible of demonstration and proof, employing authentic, objective methods. It should hardly be necessary (but an attitude frequently encountered among laymen makes it advisable) to indicate that the validity of the results achieved by any serious cryptanalytic studies on authentic material rests upon the same sure foundations and are reached by the same general steps as the results achieved by any other scientific studies; viz., observation, hypothesis, deduction and induction, and confirmatory experiment. Implied in the latter is the possibility that two or more qualified investigators, each working independently upon the same material, will achieve identical (or practically identical) results--there is one and only one (valid) solution to a cryptogram. Occasionally a "would-be" or pseudo-cryptanalyst offers "solutions" which cannot withstand such tests; a second, unbiased, investigator working independently either cannot consistently apply the methods alleged to have been applied by the pseudo-cryptanalyst, or else, if he can apply

<sup>11</sup> In connection with the use of the word "obvious", the following extract is of interest:

"Now the word 'obvious' is a rather dangerous one. There is an incident, which has become something of a legend in mathematical circles, that illustrates this danger. A certain famous mathematician was lecturing to a group of students and had occasion to use a formula which he wrote down with the remark, 'This statement is obvious.' Then he paused and looked rather hesitantly at the formula. 'Wait a moment,' he said. 'Is it obvious? I think it's obvious.' More hesitation, and then, 'Pardon me, gentlemen, I shall return.' Then he left the room. Thirty-five minutes later he returned; in his hands was a sheaf of papers covered with calculations, on his face a look of quiet satisfaction. 'I was right, gentlemen. It is obvious,' he said, and proceeded with his lecture."--Excerpt from The Anatomy of Mathematics by Kershner and Wilcox. New York, 1950.

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them at all, the results (plaintext translations) are far different in the two cases. The reason for this is that in such cases it is generally found that the "methods" are not clear-cut, straightforward or mathematical in character. Instead, they often involve the making of judgments on matters too tenuous to measure, weigh, or otherwise subject to careful scrutiny. Often, too, they involve the "correction" of an inordinate number of "errors" which the pseudo-cryptanalyst assumes to be present and which he "corrects" in order to make his "solution" intelligible. And sometimes the pseudo-cryptanalyst offers as a "solution" plain text which is intelligible only to him or which he makes intelligible by expanding what he alleges to be abbreviations, and so on. In all such cases, the conclusion to which the unprejudiced observer is forced to come is that the alleged "solution" obtained by the pseudo-cryptanalyst is purely subjective.<sup>12</sup> In nearly all cases where this has happened (and they occur from time to time) there has been uncovered nothing which can in any way

<sup>12</sup> A mathematician is often unable to grasp the concept behind the expression "subjective solution" as used in the cryptanalytic field, since the idea is foreign to the basic philosophy of mathematics and thus the expression appears to him to represent a contradiction in terms. As an illustration, let us consider a situation in which a would-be cryptanalyst offers a solution to a cryptogram he alleges to be a simple monoalphabetic substitution cipher. His so-called solution, however, requires that he assume the presence of, let us say, approximately 50% garbles (which he claims to have been introduced by cipher clerks' errors, faulty radio reception because of adverse weather conditions, etc.). That is, the "plain text" he offers as the "solution" involves his making helter-skelter many "corrections and emendations", which, one may be sure, will be based on what his subconscious mind expects or desires to find in the cleartext message. Unfortunately, another would-be cryptanalyst working upon the same cryptogram and hypothesis independently might conceivably "degarble" the cryptogram in different spots and produce an entirely dissimilar "plain text" as his "solution". Both "solutions" would be invalid because they are based upon an erroneous hypothesis--the cryptogram actually happens to be a polyalphabetic substitution cipher which when correctly analyzed requires on the part of unbiased observers no assumption of garbles to a degree that strains their credulity. The last phrase is added here because in professional cryptanalytic work it is very often necessary to make a few corrections for errors but it is rarely the case that the garble rate exceeds more than a few percent of the characters of the cryptogram, say 5 to 10% at the outside. It is to be noted, however, that occasionally the solution to a cryptogram may involve the correction of more than this percentage of errors, but the solution would be regarded as valid only if the errors can be shown to be systematic in some significant respect, or can otherwise be explained by objective rationalization.

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be used to impugn the integrity of the pseudo-cryptanalyst. The worst that can be said of him is that he has become a victim of a special or peculiar form of self-delusion, and that his desire to solve the problem, usually in accord with some previously-formed opinion, or notion, has over-balanced, or undermined, his judgment and good sense.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Specific reference can be made to the following typical "case histories":

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## SECTION II

## BASIC CRYPTOLOGIC CONSIDERATIONS

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4. Cryptology, communication intelligence, and communication security. The occasional or frequent need for secrecy in the conduct of important affairs has been recognized from time immemorial. In the case of diplomacy and organized warfare this need is especially important in regard to communications. However, when such communications are transmitted by electrical means, they can be heard and copied by unauthorized persons. The protection resulting from all measures designed to deny to unauthorized persons information of value which may be derived from such communications is called communication security. The evaluated information concerning the enemy, derived principally from a study of his electrical communications, is called communication intelligence. The collective term including all phases of communication intelligence and communication security is cryptology.<sup>1</sup> Or, stated in broad terms, cryptology is that branch of knowledge which treats of hidden, disguised, or secret<sup>2</sup> communications.

<sup>1</sup> From the Greek kryptos (hidden) + logos (learning). The prefix "crypto-" in compound words pertains to "cryptologic", "cryptographic", or "cryptanalytic", depending upon the use of the particular word as defined.

<sup>2</sup> In this text the term "secret" will be used in its ordinary sense as given in the dictionary. Whenever the designation is used in the more restricted sense of the security classification as defined in official regulations, it will be capitalized. There are in current use the four classifications Restricted, Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret, listed in ascending order of degree.

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5. Secret communication.--a. Communication may be conducted by any means susceptible of ultimate interpretation by one of the five senses, but those most commonly used are sight and hearing. Aside from the use of simple visual and auditory signals for communication over relatively short distances, the usual method of communication between or among individuals separated from one another by relatively long distances involves, at one stage or another, the act of writing or of speaking over a telephone.

b. Privacy or secrecy in communication by telephone can be obtained by using equipment which affects the electrical currents involved in telephony so that the conversations can be understood only by persons provided with suitable equipment properly arranged for the purpose. The same thing is true in the case of electrical transmission of pictures, drawings, maps, and television images. However, this text will not treat of these aspects<sup>3</sup> of cryptology.

c. Writing may be either visible or invisible. In the former, the characters are inscribed with ordinary writing materials and can be seen with the naked eye; in the latter, the characters are inscribed by means or methods which make the writing invisible to the naked eye. Invisible writing can be prepared with certain chemicals called invisible, sympathetic, or secret inks, and in order to "develop" such writing, that is, make it visible, special processes must usually be applied. There are also methods of producing writing which is invisible to the naked eye because the characters are of microscopic size, thus requiring special photographic or microscopic apparatus to make such writing visible to the naked eye.

d. Invisible writing and unintelligible visible writing constitute secret writing.

6. Plain text and encrypted text.--a. Visible writing which is intelligible, that is, conveys a more or less understandable or sensible meaning (in the language in which written) and which is not intended to convey a hidden meaning, is said to be in plain text.<sup>4</sup> A message in plain text is termed a plaintext message, a cleartext message, or a message in clear.

<sup>3</sup> These aspects of cryptology are now known as ciphony (from cipher + telephony); cifax (from cipher + facsimile); and civision (from cipher + television).

<sup>4</sup> Visible writing may be intelligible but the meaning it obviously conveys may not be its real meaning, that is, the meaning intended to be conveyed. To quote a simple example of an apparently innocent message containing a secret or hidden meaning, prepared with the intention of escaping censorship, the sentence "Son born today" may mean "Three transports left today." Messages of this type are said to be in open code. Secret communication methods or artifices of this sort (concealment systems) are impractical for field military use but are often encountered in espionage and counter-espionage activities.

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b. Visible writing which conveys no intelligible meaning in any recognized language<sup>5</sup> is said to be in encrypted text and such writing is termed a cryptogram.<sup>6</sup>

7. Cryptography, encrypting, and decrypting.---a. Cryptography is that branch of cryptology which treats of various means, methods, and apparatus for converting or transforming plaintext messages into cryptograms and for reconverting the cryptograms into their original plaintext forms by a simple reversal of the steps used in their transformation.

b. To encrypt is to convert or transform a plaintext message into a cryptogram by following certain rules, steps, or processes constituting the key or keys and agreed upon in advance by correspondents, or furnished them by higher authority.

c. To decrypt is to reconvert or to transform a cryptogram into the original equivalent plaintext message by a direct reversal of the encrypting process, that is, by applying to the cryptogram the key or keys (usually in a reverse order) used in producing the cryptogram.

d. A person skilled in the art of encrypting and decrypting, or one who has a part in devising a cryptographic system is called a cryptographer; a clerk who encrypts and decrypts, or who assists in such work, is called a cryptographic clerk.

8. Codes, ciphers, and enciphered code.---a. Encrypting and decrypting are accomplished by means collectively designated as codes and ciphers. Such means are used for either or both of two purposes: (1) secrecy, and (2) economy or brevity. Secrecy usually is far more important in military cryptography than economy or brevity. In ciphers or cipher systems, cryptograms are produced by applying the cryptographic treatment to individual letters of the plaintext messages, whereas, in codes or code systems, cryptograms are produced by applying the cryptographic treatment to entire words, phrases, and sentences of the plaintext messages. The specialized meanings of the terms code and cipher are explained in detail later.

b. A cryptogram produced by means of a cipher system is said to be in cipher and is called a cipher message, or sometimes simply a cipher. The act or operation of encrypting a cipher message is called enciphering,

<sup>5</sup> There is a certain type of writing which is considered by its authors to be intelligible, but which is either completely unintelligible to the wide variety of readers or else requires considerable mental struggle on their part to make it intelligible. Reference is here made to so-called "modern literature" and "modern verse", products of such writers as E. E. Cummings, Gertrude Stein, James Joyce, et al.

<sup>6</sup> From kryptos + gramma (that which is written). Analogous terminology would call a plaintext message a phanerogram (phaneros = visible, manifest, open).

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and the enciphered version of the plain text, as well as the act or process itself, is often referred to as the encipherment. The cryptographic clerk who performs the process serves as an encipherer. The corresponding terms applicable to the decrypting of cipher messages are deciphering, decipherment, and decipherer. A clerk who serves as both an encipherer and decipherer of messages is called a cipher clerk.

c. A cipher device is a relatively simple mechanical contrivance for encipherment and decipherment, usually "hand-operated" or manipulated by the fingers, as for example a device with concentric rings of alphabets, manually powered; a cipher machine is a relatively complex apparatus or mechanism for encipherment and decipherment, usually equipped with a typewriter key board and often requiring an external power source.

d. A cryptogram produced by means of a code system is said to be in code and is called a code message. The text of the cryptogram is referred to as code text. This act or operation of encrypting is called encoding, and the encoded version of the plain text, as well as the act or process itself, is referred to as the encodement. The clerk who performs the process serves as an encoder. The corresponding terms applicable to the decrypting of code messages are decoding, decodement, and decoder. A cryptographic clerk who serves as both an encoder and decoder of messages is called a code clerk.

e. Sometimes, for special purposes (usually increased security), the code text of a cryptogram undergoes a further step in concealment involving superencryption, that is, encipherment of the characters comprising the code text, thus producing what is called an enciphered-code message, or enciphered code. Encoded cipher, that is, the case where the final cryptogram is produced by enciphering the plain text and then encoding the cipher text obtained from the first operation, is also possible, but rare.

9. General system, specific key, and cryptosystem.--a. There are a great many different methods of encrypting messages, so that correspondents must first of all be in complete agreement as to which of them will be used in their secret communications, or in different types or classes of such communications. Furthermore, it is to be understood that all the detailed rules, processes, or steps comprising the cryptography agreed upon will be invariant, that is, constant or unvarying in their use in a given set of communications. The totality of these basic, invariable rules, processes, or steps to be followed in encrypting a message according to the agreed method constitutes the general cryptographic system or, more briefly, the general system.

b. It is usually the case that the general system operates in connection with or under the control of a number, a group of letters, a word, a phrase, or sentence which is used as a key, that is, the element which specifically governs the manner in which the general system will be applied in a specific message, or the exact setting of a cipher device or a cipher machine at the initial point of encipherment or decipherment of a specific

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message. This element--usually of a variable nature or changeable at the will of the correspondents, or prearranged for them by higher authority--is called the specific key. The specific key may also involve the use of a set of specially prepared tables, a special document, or even a book.

c. The term cryptosystem<sup>7</sup> is used when it is desired to designate or refer to all the cryptomaterial (device, machine, instructions for use, key lists, etc.) as a unit to provide a single, complete system and means for secret communication.

10. Cryptanalytics and cryptanalysis.--a. In theory any cryptosystem (except one<sup>8</sup>) can be "broken", i.e., solved, if enough time, labor, and skill are devoted to it, and if the volume of traffic in that system is large enough. This can be done even if the general system and the specific key are unknown at the start. In military operations theoretical rules must usually give way to practical considerations. How the theoretical rule in this case is affected by practical considerations will be discussed in Appendix 11.

b. That branch of cryptology which deals with the principles, methods, and means employed in the solution or analysis of cryptosystems is called cryptanalytics.

c. The steps and operations performed in applying the principles of cryptanalytics constitute cryptanalysis. To cryptanalyze a cryptogram is to solve it by cryptanalysis.

d. A person skilled in the art of cryptanalysis is called a cryptanalyst, and a clerk who assists in such work is called a cryptanalytic clerk.

11. Transposition and substitution.--a. Technically there are only two distinct types of treatment which may be applied to written plain text to convert it into secret text, yielding two different classes of cryptograms. In the first, called transposition, the elements or units of the plain text retain their original identities and merely undergo some change in their relative positions, with the result that the original text becomes unintelligible. In the second, called substitution, the elements of the plain text retain their original relative positions but are replaced by other elements with different values or meanings, with the result that the original text becomes unintelligible. Thus, in the case of transposition ciphers, the unintelligibility is brought about merely by a change in the original sequence of the elements or units of

<sup>7</sup> The term cryptosystem is used in preference to cryptographic system so as to permit its use in designating secret communication systems involving means other than writing, such as ciphony and cifax.

<sup>8</sup> The exception is the "one-time" system in which the key is used only once and in itself must have no systematic construction, derivation, or meaning.

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the plain text; in the case of substitution ciphers, the unintelligibility is brought about by a change in the elements or units themselves, without a change in their relative order.

b. It is possible to encrypt a message by a substitution method and then to apply a transposition method to the substitution text, or vice versa. Such combined transposition-substitution methods do not form a third class of methods. They are occasionally encountered in military cryptography, but the types of combinations that are sufficiently simple to be practicable for field use are very limited.<sup>9</sup>

c. Under each of the two principal classes of cryptograms as outlined above, a further classification can be made based upon the number of characters composing the textual elements or units undergoing cryptographic treatment. These textual units are composed of (1) individual letters, (2) combinations of letters in regular groupings, (3) combinations of letters in irregular, more or less euphonious groupings called syllables, and (4) complete words, phrases, and sentences. Methods which deal with the first type of units are called monographic methods; those which deal with the second type are called polygraphic (digraphic, trigraphic, etc.); those which deal with the third type, or syllables, are called syllabic; and, finally, those which deal with the fourth type are called lexical (of or pertaining to words).

d. It is necessary to indicate that the foregoing classification of cryptographic methods is more or less artificial in nature, and is established for purpose of convenience only. No sharp line of demarcation can be drawn in every case, for occasionally a given system may combine methods of treating single letters, regular or irregular-length groupings of letters, syllables, words, phrases, and complete sentences. When in a single system the cryptographic treatment is applied to textual units of regular length, usually monographic or digraphic (and seldom longer, or intermixed monographic and digraphic), the system is called a cipher system. Likewise, when in a single system the cryptographic treatment is applied to textual units of irregular length, usually syllables, whole words, phrases, and sentences, and is only exceptionally applied to single letters or regular groupings of letters, the system is called a code system and generally involves the use of a code book.<sup>10</sup>

12. Nature of alphabets.--a. One of the simplest kinds of substitution ciphers is that which is known in cryptologic literature as Julius Caesar's Cipher, but which, as a matter of fact, was a favorite long before his day. In this cipher each letter of the text of a message is replaced by the letter standing the third to the right of it in the

<sup>9</sup> One notable exception is the ADFGVX system, used extensively by the Germans in World War I. See in this connection the Cryptographic Supplement (Appendix 7).

<sup>10</sup> A list of single letters, frequent digraphs, trigraphs, syllables, and words is often called a syllabary; cryptographic treatment of the units of such syllabaries places them in the category of code systems.

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ordinary alphabet; the letter A is replaced by D, the letter B by E, and so on. The word cab becomes converted into FDE, which is cipher.

b. The English language is written by means of 26 simple characters called letters which, taken together and considered as a sequence of symbols, constitute the alphabet of the language. Not all systems of writing are of this nature. Chinese writing is composed of about 44,000 complex characters, each representing one sense of a word. Whereas English words are composite or polysyllabic and may consist of one to eight or more syllables, Chinese words are all monosyllables and each monosyllable is a word. Written languages of the majority of other civilized peoples of today are, however, alphabetic and polysyllabic in construction, so that the principles discussed here apply to all of them.

c. The letters comprising the English alphabet used today are the results of a long period of evolution, the complete history of which may never fully be known.<sup>11</sup> They are conventional symbols representing elementary sounds, and any other simple symbols, so long as the sounds which they represent are agreed upon by those concerned, will serve the purpose equally well. If taught from early childhood that the symbols \$, \*, and @ represent the sounds "Ay", "Bee", and "See" respectively, the combination @\$\* would still be pronounced cab, and would, of course, have exactly the same meaning as before. Again, let us suppose that two persons have agreed to change the sound values of the letters F, G, and H, and after long practice have become accustomed to pronouncing them as we pronounce the letters A, B, and C, respectively; they would then write the "word" HFG, pronounce it cab, and see nothing strange whatever in the matter. But to others no party to their arrangements, HFG constitutes cipher. The combination of sounds called for by this combination of symbols is perfectly intelligible to the two who have adopted the new sound values for those symbols and therefore pronounce HFG as cab; but HFG is utterly unpronounceable and wholly unintelligible to others who are reading it according to their own long-established system of sound and symbol equivalents. It would be stated that there is no such word as HFG, which would mean merely that the particular combination of sounds represented by this combination of letters has not been adopted by convention to represent a thing or an idea in the English language. Thus, it is seen that, in order for the written words of a language to be pronounceable and intelligible to all who speak that language, it is necessary, first, that the sound values of the letters or symbols be universally understood and agreed upon and, secondly, that the particular combination of sounds denoted by the letters should have been adopted to represent a thing or an idea. Spoken plain language consists of vocables; that is, combinations and permutations of elementary speech-sounds which have by long usage come to be adopted and recognized as representing definite things and ideas. Written plain language consists of words; that is, combinations and permutations of simple symbols, called letters, which represent visually and call forth vocally the elementary speech-sounds of which the spoken language is composed.

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d. It is clear also that in order to write a polysyllabic language with facility it is necessary to establish and to maintain by common agreement or convention, equivalency between two sets of elements, first, a set of elementary sounds and, second, a set of elementary symbols to represent the sounds. When this is done the result is what is called an alphabet, a word derived from the names of the first two letters of the Greek alphabet, "alpha" and "beta".

e. Theoretically, in an ideal alphabet each symbol or letter would denote only one elementary sound, and each elementary sound would invariably be represented by the same symbol. But such an alphabet would be far too difficult for the average person to use. It has been conservatively estimated that a minimum of 100 characters would be necessary for English alone. Attempts toward producing and introducing into usage a practical, scientific alphabet have been made, one being that of the Simplified Spelling Board in 1928, which advocated a revised alphabet of 42 characters. Were such an alphabet adopted into current usage, in books, letters, telegrams, etc., the flexibility of cryptographic systems would be considerably extended and the difficulties set in the path of the enemy cryptanalysts greatly increased. The chances for its adoption in the near future are, however, quite small. Because of the continually changing nature of every living language, it is doubtful whether an initially "perfect alphabet" could, over any long period of time, remain so and serve to indicate with great precision the exact sounds which it was originally designed to represent.

13. Types of alphabets.---a. In the study of cryptography the dual nature of the alphabet becomes apparent. It consists of two parts or components, (1) an arbitrarily-arranged sequence of sounds, and (2) an arbitrarily-arranged sequence of symbols.

b. The normal alphabet for any language is one in which these two components are the ordinary sequences that have been definitely fixed by long usage or convention. The dual nature of our normal or everyday alphabet is often lost sight of. When we write A, B, C,... we really mean:

Sequence of sounds: "Ay" "Bee" "See" ....

Sequence of symbols: A B C ....

Normal alphabets of different languages vary considerably in the number of characters composing them and the arrangement or sequence of the characters. The English, Dutch, and German alphabets each have 26; the French, 25; the Italian, 21; the Spanish, 27 (including the digraphs CH and LL); and the Russian, 31.<sup>12</sup> The Japanese language has a syllabary consisting of 72 syllabic sounds which require 48 characters for their representation.

<sup>12</sup> In contrast to the foregoing alphabets, it is of interest to note that in the Hawaiian language the alphabet consists of only 12 letters, viz, the five vowels A, E, I, O, U, and the seven consonants H, K, L, M, N, P, W.

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c. A cipher alphabet, or substitution alphabet as it is sometimes called, is one in which the elementary speech-sounds are represented by characters other than those representing them in the normal alphabet. These characters may be letters, figures, signs, symbols, or combinations of them.

d. When the plain text of a message is converted into encrypted text by the use of one or more cipher alphabets, the resultant cryptogram constitutes a substitution cipher. If only one cipher alphabet is involved, it is called a monoalphabetic substitution cipher; if two or more cipher alphabets are involved, it is called a polyalphabetic substitution cipher.

e. It is convenient to designate that component of a cipher alphabet constituting the sequence of speech-sounds as the plain component and the component constituting the sequence of symbols as the cipher component. If omitted in a cipher alphabet, the plain component is understood to be the normal sequence. For brevity and clarity, a letter of the plain text, or of the plain component of a cipher alphabet, is designated by suffixing a small letter "p" to it:  $A_p$  means A of the plain text, or of the plain component of a cipher alphabet. Similarly, a letter of the cipher text, or of the cipher component of a cipher alphabet, will be designated by suffixing a small letter "c" to it:  $X_c$  means X of the cipher text, or of the cipher component of a cipher alphabet. The expression  $A_p = X_c$  means that A of the plain text, or A of the plain component of a cipher alphabet, is represented by X in the cipher text, or by X in the cipher component of a cipher alphabet.

f. With reference to the arrangement or sequence of letters forming their components, cipher alphabets are of two types:

(1) Standard cipher alphabets, in which the sequence of letters in the plain component is the normal, and in the cipher component is the same as the normal, but reversed in direction or shifted from its normal point of coincidence with the plain component.

(2) Mixed cipher alphabets, in which the sequence of letters or characters in one or both of the components is no longer the same as the normal in its entirety.

g. Although the basic considerations of the preceding paragraphs place the student in a position to undertake the study of certain fundamental principles of cryptanalysis, this may be a good point at which to pause and to make a few remarks with regard to the role that cryptanalysis plays in the whole chain of more or less complex operations involved in deriving communication intelligence, after which these fundamental cryptanalytic principles will be treated.

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## SECTION III

## FUNDAMENTAL CRYPTANALYTIC OPERATIONS

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14. The role of cryptanalysis in communication intelligence operations.--a. Through the medium of communication intelligence an attempt is made to answer three questions concerning enemy communications: "Who?" "Where?" "What?"--Who are their originators and addressees? Where are these originators and addressees located? What do the messages say?

b. All of the foregoing questions are very important in the military application of communication intelligence. Hence, even though this text deals almost exclusively with the principles and operations involved in deriving the answer to the third question--"What do the messages say?"-- a few words on the importance of the first and second questions may be useful. It is a serious mistake to think that one can necessarily and always correctly interpret the mere text of a message without identifying and locating the originator and the addressee or, on many occasions, without having a background against which to interpret the message in order to appreciate its real import or significance.

c. The very first step in the series of activities involved in deriving communication intelligence is the collection of the raw material, that is, the interception<sup>1</sup> and copying of the transmissions constituting the messages to be studied and analyzed.

d. Then, with the raw material in hand, studies are made in order to answer the first two questions--"Who?" and "Where?" The answers to these questions are not always obvious in modern military communications, especially in the case of messages exchanged by units in the combat zone, since messages of this sort rarely indicate in plain language who the

<sup>1</sup> To intercept means, in its cryptologic sense, to gain possession of communications which are intended for other recipients, without obtaining the consent of these addressees and without preventing or ordinarily delaying the transmission of the communications to them.

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originator and the addressee are or where they are located. Consequently, certain apparatus and techniques specifically developed for finding the answers to these questions must be employed. These apparatus and techniques are embraced by that part of communication intelligence theory and practice which is known as traffic analysis. This latter subject and interception are treated briefly in Appendix 10, "Communication intelligence operations". (The serious student will derive much practical benefit from a careful reading of this appendix.)

e. The foregoing operations, interception and traffic analysis, along with cryptanalysis constitute the first three operations of communication intelligence. But generally there must follow at least one additional operation. If the plain texts recovered through cryptanalysis are in a foreign language, they must usually be translated, and translation constitutes this fourth operation. In the course of translating, it may be found that, because of errors in transmission or reception, corrections and emendations must be made in these plain texts; however, although this often requires skill and experience of a high order, it does not constitute another communication intelligence operation, since it is but an auxiliary step to the process of translation.

f. In a large-scale communication intelligence effort these four steps, interception, traffic analysis, cryptanalysis, and translation, must be properly organized and coordinated in order to gain the most benefit from the potentialities of communication intelligence, that is, the production of the maximum quantity of information from the raw traffic. This information must then be evaluated by properly trained intelligence specialists, collated with intelligence derived from other sources, and, finally, disseminated to the commanders who need the intelligence in time to be of operational use to them, rather than of mere historical interest. The foregoing operations and especially the first three--interception, traffic analysis, and cryptanalysis--usually complement one another. This, however, is not the place for elaboration on the interrelationships which exist and which when properly integrated make the operations as a whole an efficient, unified complex geared to the fulfillment of its principal goal, namely, the production of timely communication intelligence.

g. With the foregoing general background, the student is prepared to proceed to the technical considerations and principles of cryptanalysis.

15. The four basic operations in cryptanalysis.--a. The solution of practically every cryptogram involves four fundamental operations or steps:

- (1) The determination of the language employed in the plaintext version.
- (2) The determination of the general system of cryptography employed.
- (3) The reconstruction of the specific key in the case of a cipher system, or the reconstruction, partial or complete, of the code book, in the case of a code system; or both, in the case of an enciphered code system.
- (4) The reconstruction or establishment of the plain text.

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b. These operations will be taken up in the order in which they are given above and in which they usually are performed in the solution of cryptograms, although occasionally the second step may precede the first.<sup>1</sup>

16. The determination of the language employed.--a. There is not much that need be said with respect to this operation except that the determination of the language employed seldom comes into question in the case of studies made of the cryptograms of an organized enemy. By this is meant that during wartime the enemy is of course known, and it follows, therefore, that the language he employs in his messages will almost certainly be his native or mother tongue. Only occasionally nowadays is this rule broken. Formerly it often happened, or it might have indeed been the general rule, that the language used in diplomatic correspondence was not the mother tongue, but French. In isolated instances during World War I the Germans used English when their own language could for one reason or another not be employed. For example, for a year or two before the entry of the United States into that war, during the time America was neutral and the German Government maintained its embassy in Washington, some of the messages exchanged between the Foreign Office in Berlin and the Embassy in Washington were encrypted in English, and a copy of the code used was deposited with the Department of State and our censor. Another instance is found in the case of certain Hindu conspirators who were associated with and partially financed by the German Government in 1915 and 1916; they employed English as the language of their cryptographic messages. Occasionally the cryptograms of enemy agents may be in a language different from that of the enemy. But in general these

<sup>1</sup> Although the foregoing four steps represent the classical or ideal approach to cryptanalysis, the art may be reduced to the following:

Procedures in cryptanalysis

Requirements

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| 1. Arrangement and rearrangement of data to disclose non-random characteristics or manifestations (i.e., in frequency counts, repetitions, patterns, symmetrical phenomena, etc.). | Experience or ingenuity, and time (which latter may be appreciably lowered by the use of machine aids in cryptanalysis). |
| 2. Recognition of the non-random characteristics or manifestations when disclosed.   | Experience or statistics.  |
| 3. Explanation of the non-random characteristics when recognized.  | Experience or imagination, <u>and</u> intelligence.  |

In all of the foregoing, the element of luck plays a very important part, as it is possible to side-step a large amount of labor and effort, in many cases, if "hunches" or intuition lead the analyst forthwith to the right path. Therefore, the phrase "or luck" should be added to each of the requirements above.

In fact, it all boils down to the simple statement: "Find something significant, and attach some significance thereto."

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are, as has been said, isolated instances; as a rule, the language used in cryptograms exchanged between members of large organizations is the mother tongue of the correspondents. Where this is not the case, that is, when cryptograms of unknown origin must be studied, the cryptanalyst looks for any indications on the cryptograms themselves which may lead to a conclusion as to the language employed. Address, signature, and other data, if in plain text in the preamble, in the body, or at the end of the cryptogram, all come under careful scrutiny, as well as all extraneous circumstances connected with the manner in which the cryptograms were obtained, the person on whom they were found, or the locale of their origin and destination.

b. In special cases, or under special circumstances a clue to the language employed is found in the nature and composition of the cryptographic text itself. For example, if the letters K and W are entirely absent or appear very rarely in messages, it may indicate that the language is Spanish, for these letters are absent in the alphabet of that language and are used only to spell foreign words or names. The presence of accented letters or letters marked with special signs of one sort or another, peculiar to certain languages, will sometimes indicate the language used. The Japanese Morse telegraph alphabet and the Russian Morse telegraph alphabet contain combinations of dots and dashes which are peculiar to those alphabets and thus the interception of messages containing these special Morse combinations at once indicates the language involved. Finally, there are certain peculiarities of alphabetic languages which, in certain types of cryptograms, viz., pure transposition, give clues as to the language used. For example, the frequent digraph CH, in German, leads to the presence, in cryptograms of the type mentioned, of many isolated C's and H's; if this is noted, the cryptogram may be assumed to be in German.

c. In some cases it is perfectly possible to perform certain steps in cryptanalysis before the language of the cryptogram has been definitely determined. Frequency studies, for example, may be made and analytic processes performed without this knowledge, and by a cryptanalyst wholly unfamiliar with the language even if it has been identified, or who knows only enough about the language to enable him to recognize valid combinations of letters, syllables, or a few common words in that language. He may, after this, call to his assistance a translator who may not be a cryptanalyst but who can materially aid in making necessary assumptions based upon his special knowledge of the characteristics of the language in question. Thus, cooperation between cryptanalyst and translator results in solution.<sup>2</sup>

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The writer has seen in print statements that "during World War I . . . decoded messages in Japanese and Russian without knowing a word of either language." The extent to which such statements are exaggerated will soon become obvious to the student. Of course, there are occasional instances in which a mere clerk with quite limited experience may be able to "solve" a message in an extremely simple system in a language of which he has no knowledge at all; but such a "solution" calls for nothing more arduous than the ability to recognize pronounceable combinations of vowels and consonants—an ability that hardly deserves to be rated as "cryptanalytic" in any real sense. To say that it is possible to solve a cryptogram in a foreign language "without knowing a word of that language" is not quite the same as to say that it is possible to do so with only a slight knowledge of the language; and it may be stated without cavil that the better the cryptanalyst's knowledge of the language, the greater are the chances for his success and, in any case, the easier is his work.

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17. The determination of the general system.--a. Except in the case of the more simple types of cryptograms, the step referred to as diagnosis, that is, ascertaining the general system according to which a given cryptogram has been produced is usually a difficult, if not the most difficult, step in its solution. The reason for this is not hard to find.

b. As will become apparent to the student as he proceeds with his study, in the final analysis, the solution of every cryptogram involving a form of substitution depends upon its reduction to monoalphabetic terms, if it is not originally in those terms. This is true not only of ordinary substitution ciphers, but also of combined substitution-transposition ciphers, and of enciphered code. If the cryptogram must be reduced to monoalphabetic terms, the manner of its accomplishment is usually indicated by the cryptogram itself, by external or internal phenomena which become apparent to the cryptanalyst as he studies the cryptogram. If this is impossible, or too difficult, the cryptanalyst must, by one means or another, discover how to accomplish this reduction, by bringing to bear all the special or collateral information he can get from all the sources at his command. If both these possibilities fail him, there is little left but the long, tedious, and often fruitless process of elimination. In the case of transposition ciphers of the more complex type, the discovery of the basic method is often simply a matter of long and tedious elimination of possibilities. For cryptanalysis has unfortunately not yet attained, and may indeed never attain, the precision found today in qualitative analysis in chemistry, for example, where the analytic process is absolutely clear-cut and exact in its dichotomy. A few words in explanation of what is meant may not be amiss. When a chemist seeks to determine the identity of an unknown substance, he applies certain specific reagents to the substance and in a specific sequence. The first reagent tells him definitely into which of two primary classes the unknown substance falls. He then applies a second test with another specific reagent, which tells him again quite definitely into which of two secondary classes the unknown substance falls, and so on, until finally he has reduced the unknown substance to its simplest terms and has found out what it is. In striking contrast to this situation, cryptanalysis affords exceedingly few "reagents" or tests that may be applied to determine positively that a given cipher belongs to one or the other of two systems yielding externally similar results. And this is what makes the analysis of an isolated, complex cryptogram so difficult. Note the limiting adjective "isolated" in the foregoing sentence, for it is used advisedly. It is not often that the general system fails to disclose itself or cannot be discovered by painstaking investigation when there is a great volume of text accumulating from a regular traffic between numerous correspondents in a large organization. Sooner or later the system becomes known, either because of blunders and carelessness on the part of the personnel entrusted with the encrypting of the messages, or because the accumulation of text itself makes possible the determination of the general system by cryptanalytic, including statistical, studies. But in

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the case of a single or even a few isolated cryptograms concerning which little or no information can be gained by the cryptanalyst, he is often unable, without a knowledge of, or a shrewd guess as to the general system employed, to decompose the heterogeneous text of the cryptogram into homogeneous, monoalphabetic text, which is the ultimate and essential step in analysis. The only knowledge that the cryptanalyst can bring to his aid in this most difficult step is that gained by long experience and practice in the analysis of many different types of systems. In this respect the practice of cryptanalysis is analogous to the practice of medicine: correct diagnosis is the most important and often the most difficult first step toward success.

c. On account of the complexities surrounding this particular phase of cryptanalysis, and because in any scheme of analysis based upon successive eliminations of alternatives the cryptanalyst can only progress as far as the extent of his own knowledge of all the possible alternatives will permit, it is necessary that detailed discussion of the eliminative process be postponed until the student has covered most of the field. For example, the student will perhaps want to know at once how he can distinguish between a cryptogram that is in code or enciphered code from one that is in cipher. It is at this stage of his studies impracticable to give him any helpful indications on his question. In return it may be asked of him why he should expect to be able to do this in the early stages of his studies when often the experienced expert cryptanalyst is baffled on the same score!

d. Nevertheless, in lieu of more precise diagnostic tests not yet discovered, a general guide that may be useful in cryptanalysis will be built up, step by step as the student progresses, in the form of a series of charts comprising what may be designated An Analytical Key for Cryptanalysis. (See Section X.) It may be of assistance to the student if, as he proceeds, he will carefully study the charts and note the place which the particular cipher he is solving occupies in the general cryptanalytic panorama. These charts admittedly constitute only very brief outlines, and can therefore be of but little direct assistance to him in the analysis of the more complex types of cryptosystems he may encounter later on. So far as they go, however, they may be found to be quite useful in the study of elementary cryptanalysis. For the experienced cryptanalyst they can serve only as a means of assuring that no possible step or process is inadvertently overlooked in attempts to solve a difficult cryptosystem.

e. Much of the labor involved in cryptanalytic work, as referred to in par. 2, is connected with this determination of the general system. The preparation of the text, its rewriting in different forms, sometimes being rewritten in dozens of ways, the recording of letters, the establishment of frequencies of occurrences of letters, comparisons and experiments made with known material of similar character, and so on, constitute much labor that is most often indispensable, but which

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sometimes turns out to have been wholly unnecessary, or in vain. In one treatise<sup>3</sup> it is stated quite boldly that "this work once done, the determination of the system is often relatively easy." This statement can certainly apply only to the simpler types of cryptosystems; it is entirely misleading as regards the much more frequently encountered complex cryptograms of modern times.

18. The reconstruction of the specific key.--a. Nearly all practical cryptographic methods require the use of a specific key to guide, control, or modify the various steps under the general system. Once the latter has been disclosed, discovered, or has otherwise come into the possession of the cryptanalyst, the next step in solution is to determine, if necessary and if possible, the specific key that was employed to encrypt the message or messages under examination. This determination may not be in complete detail; it may go only so far as to lead to a knowledge of the number of alphabets involved in a substitution cipher, or the number of columns involved in a transposition cipher, or that a one-part code has been used, in the case of a code system. But it is often desirable to determine the specific key in as complete a form and with as much detail as possible, for this information will very frequently be useful in the solution of subsequent cryptograms exchanged between the same correspondents, since the nature or source of the specific key in a solved case may be expected to give clues to the specific key in an unsolved case.

b. Frequently, however, the reconstruction of the key is not a prerequisite to, and does not constitute an absolutely necessary preliminary step in, the fourth basic operation, viz., the reconstruction or establishment of the plain text. In many cases, indeed, the two processes are carried along simultaneously, the one assisting the other, until in the final stages both have been completed in their entireties. In still other cases the reconstruction of the specific key may follow the reconstruction of the plain text instead of preceding it and is accomplished purely as a matter of academic interest; or the specific key may, in unusual cases, never be reconstructed.

19. The reconstruction of the plain text.--a. Little need be said at this point on this phase of cryptanalysis. The process usually consists, in the case of substitution ciphers, in the establishment of equivalency between specific letters of the cipher text and the plain text, letter by letter, pair by pair, and so on, depending upon the particular type of substitution system involved. In the case of transposition ciphers, the process consists in rearranging the elements of the cipher text, letter by letter, pair by pair, or occasionally word by word, depending upon the particular type of transposition system involved, until the letters or words have been returned to their original plaintext order. In the case of code, the process consists in determining the meaning of each code group and inserting this meaning in the code text to reestablish the original plain text.

<sup>3</sup> Lange et Soudart, op. cit., p. 106.

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b. The foregoing processes do not, as a rule, begin at the beginning of a message and continue letter by letter, or group by group in sequence up to the very end of the message. The establishment of values of cipher letters in substitution methods, or of the positions to which cipher letters should be transferred to form the plain text in the case of transposition methods, comes at very irregular intervals in the process. At first only one or two values scattered here and there throughout the text may appear; these then form the "skeletons" of words, upon which further work, by a continuation of the reconstruction process, is made possible; in the end the complete or nearly complete<sup>4</sup> text is established.

c. In the case of cryptograms in a foreign language, the translation of the solved messages is a final and necessary step, but is not to be considered as a cryptanalytic process. However, it is commonly the case that the translation process will be carried on simultaneously with the cryptanalytic, and will aid the latter, especially when there are lacunae which may be filled in from the context. (See also subpar. 16c in this connection.)

20. The utilization of traffic intercepts.<sup>5</sup>--a. There are, of course, other operations which are not as basic in nature as those just outlined but which must generally be performed as preliminary steps in practical cryptanalytic work (as distinguished from academic cryptanalysis). Before a military cryptanalyst can begin the analysis of an enemy cryptosystem, it is necessary for him to study the intercept material that is available to him, isolate the messages that have been encrypted by means of the cryptosystem to be exploited, and to arrange the latter in a systematic order for analysis. This work, although apparently very simple, may require a great deal of time and effort.

b. Since, whenever practicable, two or more intercept stations are assigned to copy traffic emanating from the stations of one enemy radio net, it is natural that there should be a certain amount of duplication in the work of the several stations. This is desirable since it provides the cryptanalysts with two or more sets of the same messages, so that when one intercept station fails to receive all the messages completely and correctly, because of radio difficulties, local static, or poor operation, it is possible by studying the other sets to reconstruct accurately the entire traffic of the enemy net.

<sup>4</sup> Sometimes in the case of code, the meaning of a small percentage of the code groups occurring in the traffic may be lacking, because there is insufficient text to establish their meaning.

<sup>5</sup> A traffic intercept is a copy of a communication gained through interception.

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c. In all intercept activities where operators are used for copying the traffic, one of the most likely errors to be found is caused by the human element in reception. For this reason cryptanalysts and their

Ltrs. and Figs.	Morse equivalent	Frequent Errors	Ltrs. and Figs.	Morse equivalent	Frequent Errors
A	..-	i, m, t, et	S	...	h, d, i, r, u
B	....	d, ts	T	-	a, e, n
C	....	f, k, r, m	U	...-	a, s, v, it
D	...-	b, s, l, ti	V	....-	h, u, x, st
E	.	t, i	W	...-	a, m, o, r, u, at
F	....	r, in	X	....-	v, k, y, tu
G	...-	m, o, z, me	Y	....-	x, c, nm
H	....	s, v, b, ii, se	Z	....	b, g, q, mi
I	..	a, n, s	1	.....	0, 2
J	....-	v, o, am, eo	2	.....	1, 3
K	...-	d, o, ta	3	.....	2, 4
L	....	r, d, ed	4	.....	3, 5
M	--	a, n, tt	5	.....	4, 6
N	--	i, m, t, te	6	.....	5, 7
O	---	g, k, w, mt	7	.....	6, 8
P	....	j, g, l, w, an	8	.....	7, 9
Q	....-	o, x, z, ma	9	.....	8, 0
R	...-	a, f, g, l, n, s, w	0	.....	9, 1

Chart 1. Most common errors in telegraphic transmission.

assistants should be familiar with the international Morse alphabet and the most common errors in wire and radio transmission methods so as to be able to correct garbled groups when they occur. In this connection, Chart 1, above, will be found useful.

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## SECTION IV

## FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR FUNDAMENTAL USES

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21. The simple or uniliteral frequency distribution.--a. It has long been known to cryptographers and typographers that the letters composing the words of any intelligible written text composed in any language which is alphabetic in construction are employed with greatly varying frequencies. For example, if on cross-section paper a simple tabulation, shown in Fig. 1, called a uniliteral frequency distribution, is made of the letters composing the words of the preceding sentence, the variation in frequency is strikingly demonstrated. It is seen that whereas certain letters, such as A, E, I, N, O, R, and T, are employed very frequently, other letters, such as C, G, H, L, P, and S are employed not nearly so frequently, while still other letters, such as F, J, K, Q, V, X, and Z are employed either seldom or not at all.



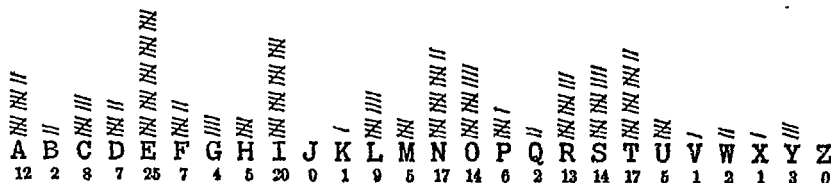
(Total=200 letters)

Figure 1.

b. If a similar tabulation is now made of the letters comprising the words of the second sentence in the preceding subparagraph, the distribution shown in Fig. 2 is obtained. Both sentences have exactly the same number of letters (200).

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(Total=200 letters)

Figure 2.

c. Although each of these two distributions exhibits great variation in the relative frequencies with which different letters are employed in the respective sentences to which they apply, no marked differences are exhibited between the frequencies of the same letter in the two distributions. Compare, for example, the frequencies of A, B, C . . . Z in Fig. 1 with those of A, B, C . . . Z in Fig. 2. Aside from one or two exceptions, as in the case of the letter F, these two distributions agree rather strikingly.

d. This agreement, or similarity, would be practically complete if the two texts were much longer, for example, five times as long. In fact, when two texts of similar character, each containing more than 1,000 letters, are compared, it would be found that the respective frequencies of the 26 letters composing the two distributions show only very slight differences. This means, in other words, that in normal plain text each letter of the alphabet occurs with a rather constant or characteristic frequency which it tends to approximate, depending upon the length of the text analyzed. The longer the text (within certain limits), the closer will be the approximation to the characteristic frequencies of letters in the language involved. However, when the amount of text being analyzed has reached a substantial volume (roughly, 1,000 letters), the practical gain in accuracy does not warrant further increase in the amount of text.<sup>1</sup>

e. An experiment along these lines will be convincing. A series of 260 official telegrams<sup>2</sup> passing through the Department of the Army Message Center was examined statistically. The messages were divided into five sets, each totaling 10,000 letters, and the five distributions shown in Table 1-A, were obtained.

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 5, page 38.

<sup>2</sup> These comprised messages from several official sources in addition to the Department of the Army and were all of an administrative character.

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TABLE 1-A.—Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in five sets of Governmental plain-text telegrams, each set containing 10,000 letters, arranged alphabetically

Set No. 1		Set No. 2		Set No. 3		Set No. 4		Set No. 5	
Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency
A	738	A	783	A	681	A	740	A	741
B	104	B	103	B	98	B	83	B	99
C	319	C	300	C	288	C	326	C	301
D	387	D	418	D	423	D	451	D	448
E	1,367	E	1,294	E	1,292	E	1,270	E	1,275
F	253	F	287	F	308	F	287	F	281
G	166	G	175	G	161	G	167	G	150
H	310	H	351	H	335	H	349	H	349
I	742	I	750	I	787	I	700	I	697
J	18	J	17	J	10	J	21	J	16
K	36	K	38	K	22	K	21	K	31
L	365	L	393	L	383	L	386	L	344
M	242	M	240	M	288	M	249	M	268
N	786	N	794	N	815	N	800	N	780
O	685	O	770	O	791	O	756	O	762
P	241	P	272	P	317	P	245	P	260
Q	40	Q	22	Q	45	Q	38	Q	30
R	760	R	745	R	762	R	735	R	736
S	658	S	583	S	585	S	628	S	604
T	936	T	879	T	894	T	958	T	928
U	270	U	233	U	312	U	247	U	238
V	163	V	173	V	142	V	133	V	155
W	166	W	163	W	136	W	133	W	132
X	43	X	50	X	44	X	53	X	41
Y	191	Y	155	Y	179	Y	213	Y	229
Z	14	Z	17	Z	2	Z	11	Z	5
Total	10,000	Total	10,000	Total	10,000	Total	10,000	Total	10,000

f. If the five distributions in Table 1-A are summed, the results are as shown in Table 2-A.

TABLE 2-A.—Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in the combined five sets of messages totaling 50,000 letters, arranged alphabetically

A	3,683	G	819	L	1,821	Q	175	V	766
B	487	H	1,694	M	1,237	R	3,788	W	780
C	1,534	I	3,676	N	3,975	S	3,058	X	231
D	2,122	J	82	O	3,764	T	4,595	Y	967
E	6,498	K	748	P	1,335	U	1,300	Z	49
F	1,416								

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g. The frequencies noted in Table 2-A above, when reduced to the basis of 1,000 letters and then used as a basis for constructing a simple chart that will exhibit the variations in frequency in a striking manner, yield the following distribution which is hereafter designated as the normal or standard uniliteral frequency distribution for English telegraphic plain text:

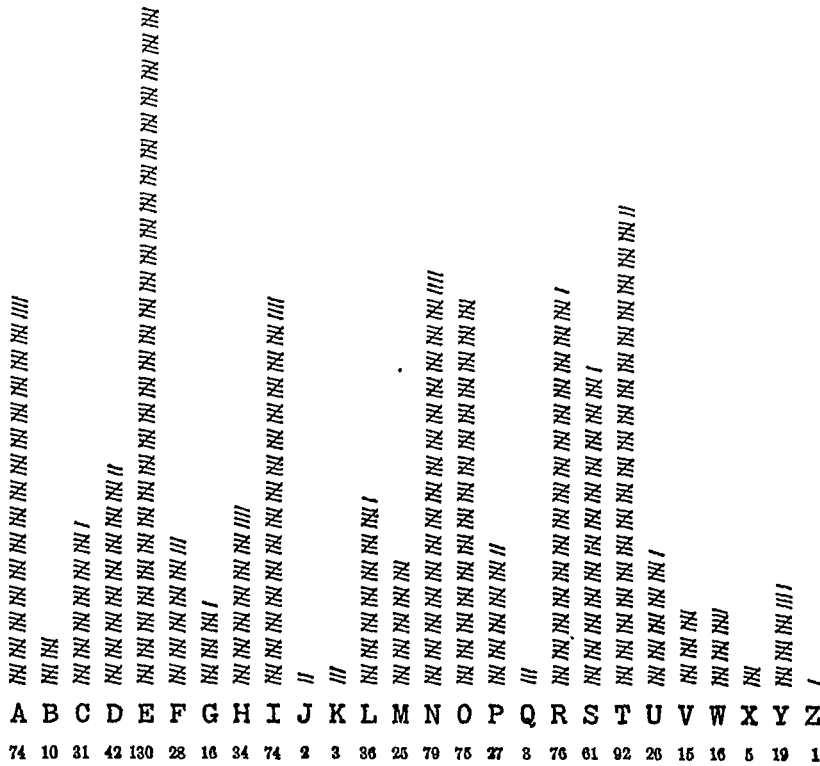


Figure 3.

22. Important features of the normal uniliteral frequency distribution.--a. When the distribution shown in Fig. 3 is studied in detail, the following features are apparent:

(1) It is quite irregular in appearance. This is because the letters are used with greatly varying frequencies, as discussed in the preceding paragraph. This irregular appearance is often described by saying that the distribution shows marked crests and troughs, that is, points of high frequency and low frequency.

(2) The relative positions in which the crests and troughs fall within the distribution, that is, the spatial relations of the crests and troughs, are rather definitely fixed and are determined by circumstances which have been explained in subpar. 13b.

(3) The relative heights and depths of the crests and troughs within the distribution, that is, the linear extensions of the lines marking the respective frequencies, are also rather definitely fixed, as would be found if an equal volume of similar text were analyzed.

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(4) The most prominent crests are marked by the vowels A, E, I, O, and the consonants N, R, S, T; the most prominent troughs are marked by the consonants J, K, Q, X, and Z.

(5) The important data are summarized in tabular form in Table 3.

TABLE 3

	Frequency	Percent of total	Percent of total in round numbers
6 Vowels: A E I O U Y	398	39.8	40
20 Consonants:			
5 High Frequency (D N R S T)	350	35.0	35
10 Medium Frequency (B C F G H L M P V W)	238	23.8	24
5 Low Frequency (J K Q X Z)	14	1.4	1
Total	1,000	100.0	100

(6) The frequencies of the letters of the alphabet, reduced to a base of 1000, are as follows:

A	74	G	16	L	36	Q	3	V	15
B	10	H	34	M	25	R	76	W	16
C	31	I	74	N	79	S	61	X	5
D	42	J	2	O	75	T	92	Y	19
E	130	K	3	P	27	U	26	Z	1
F	28								

(7) The relative order of frequency of the letters is as follows:

E	130	I	74	C	31	Y	19	X	5
T	92	S	61	F	28	G	16	Q	3
N	79	D	42	P	27	W	16	K	3
R	76	L	36	U	26	V	15	J	2
O	75	H	34	M	25	B	10	Z	1
A	74								

(8) The four vowels A, E, I, O (combined frequency 353) and the four consonants N, R, S, T (combined frequency 308) form 661 out of every 1,000 letters of plain text; in other words, less than one-third of the alphabet is employed in writing two-thirds of normal plain text.

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b. The data given in Fig. 3 and Table 3 represent the relative frequencies found in a large volume of English telegraphic text of a governmental, administrative character.<sup>3</sup> These frequencies will vary somewhat with the nature of the text analyzed. For example, if an equal number of telegrams dealing solely with commercial transactions in the leather industry were studied statistically, the frequencies would be slightly different because of the repeated occurrence of words peculiar to that industry. Again, if an equal number of telegrams dealing solely with military messages of a tactical character were studied statistically, the frequencies would differ slightly from those found above for general governmental messages of an administrative character.

c. If ordinary English literary text (such as may be found in any book, newspaper, or printed document) were analyzed, the frequencies of certain letters would be changed to an appreciable degree. This is because in telegraphic text words which are not strictly essential for intelligibility (such as the definite and indefinite articles, certain prepositions, conjunctions, and pronouns) are omitted. In addition, certain essential words, such as "stop", "period", "comma", and the like, which are usually indicated in written or printed matter by symbols not easy to transmit telegraphically and which must, therefore, be spelled out in telegrams, occur very frequently. Furthermore, telegraphic text often employs longer and more uncommon words than does ordinary newspaper or book text.

d. As a matter of fact, other tables compiled from Army sources gave slightly different results, depending upon the source of the text. For example, three tables based upon 75,000, 100,000, and 136,257 letters taken from various sources (telegrams, newspapers, magazine articles, books of fiction) gave as the relative order of frequency for the first 10 letters the following:

For 75,000 letters..... E T R N I O A S D L  
 For 100,000 letters..... E T R I N O A S D L  
 For 136,257 letters..... E T R N A O I S L D

<sup>3</sup> Just as the individual letters constituting a large volume of plain text have more or less characteristic or fixed frequencies, so it is found that digraphs and trigraphs (two- and three-letter combinations, respectively) have characteristic frequencies, when a large volume of text is studied statistically. In Table 6 of Appendix 2, "Letter frequency data - English", are shown the relative frequencies of all digraphs appearing in the 260 telegrams referred to in subpar. 2le. This appendix also includes several other kinds of tables and lists of frequency data which will be useful to the student in his work. It is suggested that the student refer to this appendix now, to gain an idea of the data available for his future reference.

Other languages, of course, each have their own individual characteristic plaintext frequencies of single letters, digraphs, trigraphs, etc. A brief summary of the letter frequency data for German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian constitute Appendix 5, "Letter frequency data - foreign languages".

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e. Frequency data applicable purely to English military text were compiled by Hitt,<sup>4</sup> from a study of 10,000 letters taken from orders and reports. The frequencies found by him are given in Tables 4 and 5.

TABLE 4.—Frequency table for 10,000 letters of literary English, as compiled by Hitt

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED					
A.....	778	G.....	174	L.....	372
B.....	141	H.....	595	M.....	288
C.....	296	I.....	667	N.....	686
D.....	402	J.....	51	O.....	807
E.....	1,277	K.....	74	P.....	223
F.....	197	Q.....	8	R.....	651
		S.....	622	T.....	855
		U.....	308	V.....	112
		W.....	176	X.....	27
		Y.....	196	Z.....	17
ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY					
E.....	1,277	R.....	651	U.....	308
T.....	855	S.....	622	Y.....	196
O.....	807	C.....	296	K.....	74
A.....	778	W.....	176	J.....	51
N.....	686	H.....	595	M.....	288
I.....	667	G.....	174	X.....	27
		D.....	402	N.....	686
		P.....	223	O.....	807
		B.....	141	T.....	855
		Z.....	17	U.....	308
		Q.....	8	V.....	112
		F.....	197	W.....	176
		V.....	112	X.....	27
		Q.....	8	Y.....	196
		K.....	74	Z.....	17
		J.....	51		
		M.....	288		
		X.....	27		
		Z.....	17		
		Q.....	8		

TABLE 5.—Frequency table for 10,000 letters of telegraphic English, as compiled by Hitt

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED					
A.....	813	G.....	201	L.....	392
B.....	149	H.....	386	M.....	273
C.....	306	I.....	711	N.....	718
D.....	417	J.....	42	O.....	844
E.....	1,319	K.....	88	P.....	243
F.....	205	Q.....	38	R.....	677
		S.....	656	T.....	634
		U.....	321	V.....	136
		W.....	166	X.....	51
		Y.....	208	Z.....	6
ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY					
E.....	1,319	S.....	656	U.....	321
O.....	844	T.....	634	F.....	205
A.....	813	C.....	306	K.....	88
N.....	718	G.....	201	X.....	51
I.....	711	W.....	166	J.....	42
R.....	677	D.....	417	M.....	273
		L.....	392	N.....	718
		P.....	243	O.....	844
		B.....	149	T.....	634
		Q.....	38	U.....	321
		Z.....	6	V.....	136
				W.....	166
				X.....	51
				Y.....	208
				Z.....	6

23. Constancy of the standard or normal uniliteral frequency distribution.--a. The relative frequencies disclosed by the statistical study of large volumes of text may be considered to be the standard or normal frequencies of the letters of written English. Counts made of smaller volumes of text will tend to approximate these normal frequencies,

<sup>4</sup> Cp. cit., pp. 6-7.

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and, within certain limits,<sup>5</sup> the smaller the volume, the lower will be the degree of approximation to the normal, until, in the case of a very short message, the normal proportions may not manifest themselves at all. It is advisable that the student fix this fact firmly in mind, for the sooner he realizes the true nature of any data relative to the frequency of occurrence of letters in text, the less often will his labors toward the solution of specific ciphers be thwarted and retarded by too strict an adherence to these generalized principles of frequency. He should constantly bear in mind that such data are merely statistical generalizations, that they will be found to hold strictly true only in large volumes of text, and that they may not even be approximated in short messages.

b. Nevertheless the normal frequency distribution or the "normal expectation" for any alphabetic language is, in the last analysis, the best guide to, and the usual basis for, the solution of cryptograms of a certain type. It is useful, therefore, to reduce the normal, uniliteral frequency distribution to a basis that more or less closely approximates the volume of text which the cryptanalyst most often encounters in individual cryptograms. As regards length of messages, counting only the letters in the body, and excluding address and signature, a study of the 260 telegrams referred to in par. 21 shows that the arithmetical average is 217 letters; the statistical mean, or weighted average<sup>6</sup>, however, is 191 letters. These two results are, however, close enough together to warrant the statement that the average length of telegrams is approximately 200 letters. The frequencies given in par. 21 have therefore been reduced to a basis of 200 letters, and the following uniliteral frequency distribution may be taken as showing the most typical distribution to be expected in 200 letters of English telegraphic text:

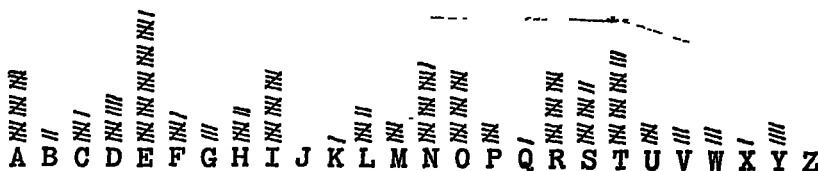


Figure 4.

<sup>5</sup>It is useless to go beyond a certain limit in establishing the normal-frequency distribution for a given language. As a striking instance of this fact, witness the frequency study made by an indefatigable German, Kaeding, who in 1898 made a count of the letters in about 11,000,000 words, totaling about 62,000,000 letters in German text. When reduced to a percentage basis, and when the relative order of frequency was determined, the results he obtained differed very little from the results obtained by Kasiski, a German cryptographer, from a count of only 1,060 letters. See Kaeding, *Haefigkeitswoerterbuch*, Steglitz, 1898; Kasiski, *Die Geheimschriften und die Dechiffir-Kunst*, Berlin, 1863.

<sup>6</sup>The arithmetical average is obtained by adding each different length and dividing by the number of different-length messages; the mean is obtained by multiplying each different length by the number of messages of that length, adding all products, and dividing by the total number of messages.

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c. The student should take careful note of the appearance of the distribution<sup>7</sup> shown in Fig. 4, for it will be of much assistance to him in the early stages of his study. The manner of setting down the tallies should be followed by him in making his own distributions, indicating every fifth occurrence of a letter by an oblique tally. This procedure almost automatically shows the total number of occurrences for each letter, and yet does not destroy the graphical appearance of the distribution, especially if care is taken to use approximately the same amount of space for each set of five tallies. Cross-section paper is very useful for this purpose.

d. The word "unilateral" in the designation "unilateral frequency distribution" means "single letter", and it is to be inferred that other types of frequency distributions may be encountered. For example, a distribution of pairs of letters, constituting a bilateral frequency distribution, is very often used in the study of certain cryptograms in which it is desired that pairs made by combining successive letters be listed. A bilateral distribution of A B C D E F would take these pairs: AB, BC, CD, DE, EF. The distribution could be made in the form of a large square divided up into 676 cells. When distributions beyond bilateral are required (trilateral, quadrilateral, etc.) they can only be made by listing them in some order, for example, alphabetically based on the 1st, 2d, 3d, . . . letter.

<sup>7</sup> The use of the terms "distribution" and "frequency distribution", instead of "table" and "frequency table", respectively, is considered advisable from the point of view of consistency with the usual statistical nomenclature. When data are given in tabular form, with frequencies indicated by numbers, then they may properly be said to be set out in the form of a table. When, however, the same data are distributed in a chart which partakes of the nature of a graph, with the data indicated by horizontal or vertical linear extensions, or by a curve connecting points corresponding to quantities, then it is more proper to call such a graphic representation of the data a distribution.

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24. The three facts which can be determined from a study of the uniliteral frequency distribution for a cryptogram.--a. The following three facts (to be explained subsequently) can usually be determined from an inspection of the uniliteral frequency distribution for a given cipher message of average length, composed of letters:

- (1) Whether the cipher belongs to the substitution or the transposition class;
- (2) If to the former, whether it is monoalphabetic<sup>8</sup> or non-monoalphabetic<sup>9</sup> in character;
- (3) If monoalphabetic, whether the cipher alphabet is standard (direct or reversed) or mixed.

b. For immediate purposes the first two of the foregoing determinations are quite important and will be discussed in detail in the next two paragraphs; the other determination will be touched upon very briefly, leaving its detailed discussion for subsequent sections of the text.

25. Determining the class to which a cipher belongs.--a. The determination of the class to which a cipher belongs is usually a relatively easy matter because of the fundamental difference between transposition and substitution as cryptographic processes. In a transposition cipher the original letters of the plain text have merely been rearranged, without any change whatsoever in their identities, that is, in the conventional values they have in the normal alphabet. Hence, the numbers of vowels (A, E, I, O, U, Y), high-frequency consonants (D, N, R, S, T), medium-frequency consonants (B, C, F, G, H, L, M, P, V, W), and low-frequency consonants (J, K, Q, X, Z) are exactly the same in the cryptogram as they are in the plaintext message. Therefore, the percentages of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants are the same in the transposed text as in the equivalent plain text. In a

<sup>8</sup> In connection with uniliteral frequency distributions, the term monoalphabetic is considered to embrace the concept of monoalphabetic-monographic-uniliteral systems only, thus excluding polygraphic and multiliteral systems, both of which, however, usually fall into the monoalphabetic category.

<sup>9</sup> The term non-monoalphabetic as applied in this instance is considered to embrace all deviations from the characteristic appearance of monoalphabetic distributions. These deviations include the phenomena inherent in polyalphabetic, polygraphic, and multiliteral cryptograms, as well as in random text, i.e., text which appears to have been produced by chance or accident, having no discernible patterns or limitations.

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substitution cipher, on the other hand, the identities of the original letters of the plain text have been changed, that is, the conventional values they have in the normal alphabet have been altered. Consequently, if a count is made of the various letters present in such a cryptogram, it will be found that the number of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants will usually be quite different in the cryptogram from what they are in the original plaintext message. Therefore, the percentages of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants are usually quite different in the substitution text from what they are in the equivalent plain text. From these considerations it follows that if in a specific cryptogram the percentages of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants are approximately the same as would be expected in normal plain text, the cryptogram probably belongs to the transposition class; if these percentages are quite different from those to be expected in normal plain text the cryptogram probably belongs to the substitution class.

b. In the preceding subparagraph the word "probably" was emphasized by italicizing it, for there can be no certainty in every case of this determination. Usually these percentages in a transposition cipher are close to the normal percentages for plain text; usually, in a substitution cipher, they are far different from the normal percentages for plain text. But occasionally a cipher message is encountered which is difficult to classify with a reasonable degree of certainty because the message is too short for the general principles of frequency to manifest themselves. It is clear that if in actual messages there were no variation whatever from the normal vowel and consonant percentages given in Table 3, the determination of the class to which a specific cryptogram belongs would be an extremely simple matter. But unfortunately there is always some variation or deviation from the normal. Intuition suggests that as messages decrease in length there may be a greater and greater departure from the normal proportions of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants, until in very short messages the normal proportions may not hold at all. Similarly, as messages increase in length there may be a lesser and lesser departure from the normal proportions, until in messages totalling a thousand or more letters there may be no difference at all between the actual and the theoretical proportions. But intuition is not enough, for in dealing with specific messages of the length of those commonly encountered in practical work the question sometimes arises as to exactly how much deviation (from the normal proportions) may be allowed for in a cryptogram which shows a considerable amount of deviation from the normal and which might still belong to the transposition rather than to the substitution class.

c. Statistical studies have been made on this matter and some graphs have been constructed thereon. These are shown in Charts 2 - 5 in the form of simple curves, the use of which will now be explained. Each chart contains two curves marking the lower and upper limits, respectively, of the theoretical amount of deviation (from the normal percentages) of vowels or consonants which may be allowable in a cipher believed to belong to the transposition class.

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d. In Chart 2, curve  $V_1$  marks the lower limit of the theoretical amount of deviation<sup>10</sup> from the number of vowels theoretically expected to appear<sup>11</sup> in a message of given length; curve  $V_2$  marks the upper limit of the same statistic. Thus, for example, in a message of 100 letters in plain English there should be between 33 and 47 vowels (A E I O U Y). Likewise, in Chart 3 curves  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  mark the lower and upper limits as regards the high-frequency consonants. In a message of 100 letters there should be between 28 and 42 high-frequency consonants (D N R S T). In Chart 4 curves  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  mark the lower and upper limits as regards the medium-frequency consonants. In a message of 100 letters there should be between 17 and 31 medium-frequency consonants (B C F G H L M P V W). Finally, in Chart 5, curves  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  mark the lower and upper limits as regards the low-frequency consonants. In a message of 100 letters there should be between 0 and 3 low-frequency consonants (J K Q X Z). In using the charts, therefore, one finds the point of intersection of the vertical coordinate corresponding to the length of the message, with the horizontal coordinate corresponding to (1) the number of vowels, (2) the number of high-frequency consonants, (3) the number of medium-frequency consonants, and (4) the number of low-frequency consonants actually counted in the message. If all four points of intersection fall within the area delimited by the respective curves, then the numbers of vowels and high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants correspond with the numbers theoretically expected in a normal plaintext message of the same length; since the message under investigation is not plain text, it follows that the cryptogram may certainly be classified as a transposition cipher. On the other hand, if one or more of these points of intersection fall outside the area delimited by the respective curves, it follows that the cryptogram is probably a substitution cipher. The distance that the point of intersection falls outside the area delimited by these curves is a more or less rough measure of the improbability of the cryptogram's being a transposition cipher.

e. Sometimes a cryptogram is encountered which is hard to classify with certainty even with the foregoing aids, because it has been consciously prepared with a view to making the classification difficult. This can be done either by selecting peculiar words (as in "trick cryptograms") or by employing a cipher alphabet in which letters of approximately similar normal frequencies have been interchanged. For example, E may be replaced by O, T by R, and so on, thus yielding a cryptogram giving external indications of being a transposition cipher but which is really a substitution cipher. If the cryptogram is not too short, a close study will usually disclose what has been done, as well as the futility of so simple a subterfuge.

<sup>10</sup> In Charts 2 - 5, inclusive, the limits of the upper and lower curves have been calculated to include approximately 70 percent of messages of the various lengths.

<sup>11</sup> The expression "the number of ... theoretically expected to appear" is often condensed to "the theoretical expectation of ..." or "the normal expectation of ..."

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f. In the majority of cases, in practical work, the determination of the class to which a cipher of average length belongs can be made from a mere inspection of the message, after the cryptanalyst has acquired a familiarity with the normal appearance of transposition and of substitu-

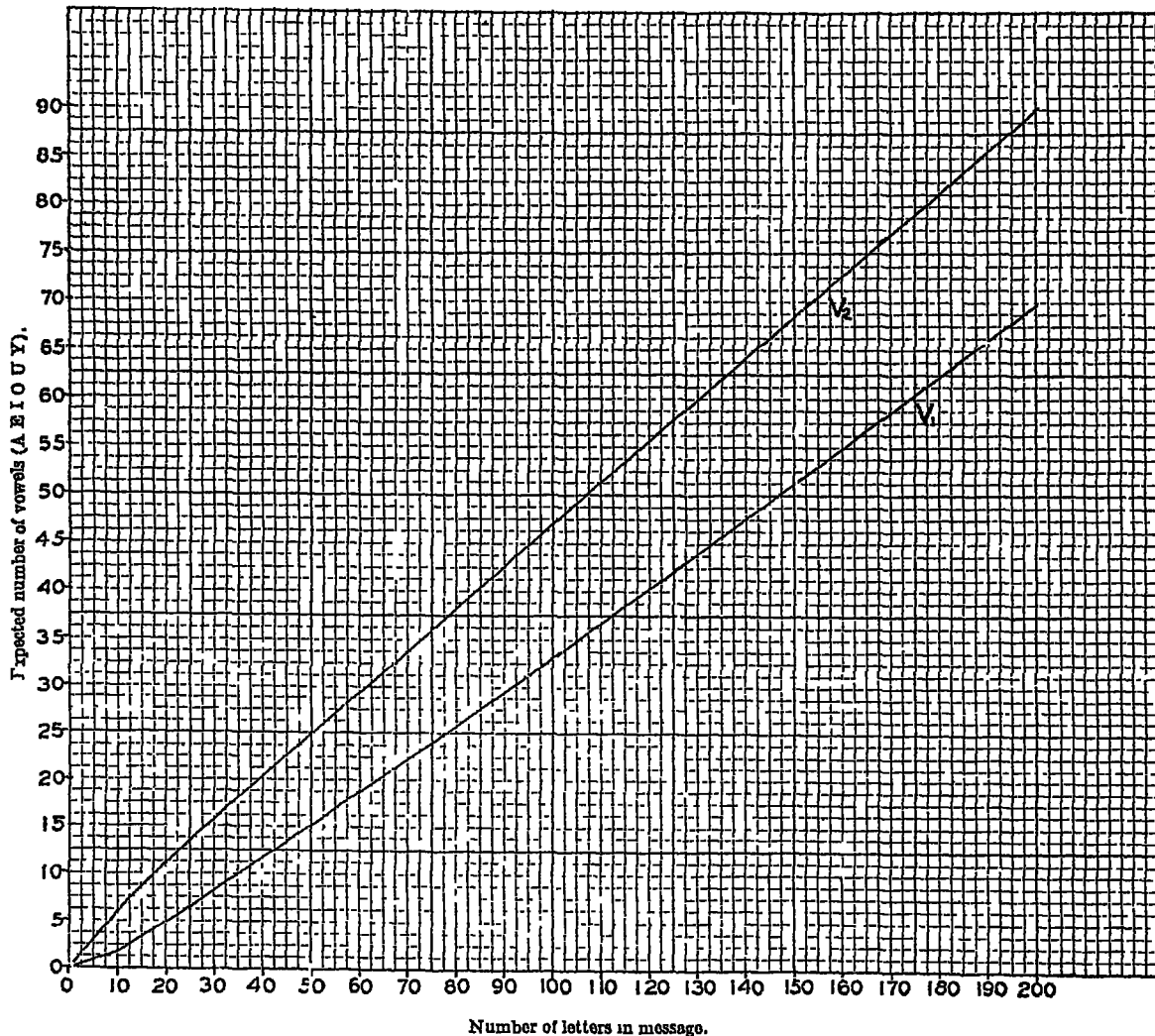


Chart 2. Curves marking the lower and upper limits of the theoretical amount of deviation from the number of vowels theoretically expected in messages of various lengths. (See subpar. 25d.)

tion ciphers. In the former case, his eyes very speedily note many high-frequency letters, such as E, T, N, R, O, and S, with the absence of low-frequency letters, such as J, K, Q, X, and Z; in the latter case, his eyes just as quickly note the presence of many low-frequency letters, and a corresponding absence of some of the high-frequency letters.

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g. Another rather quickly completed test, in the case of the simpler varieties of ciphers, is to look for repetitions of groups of letters. As will become apparent very soon, recurrences of syllables, entire words and short phrases constitute a characteristic of all normal plain text. Since a transposition cipher involves a change in the sequence of the letters

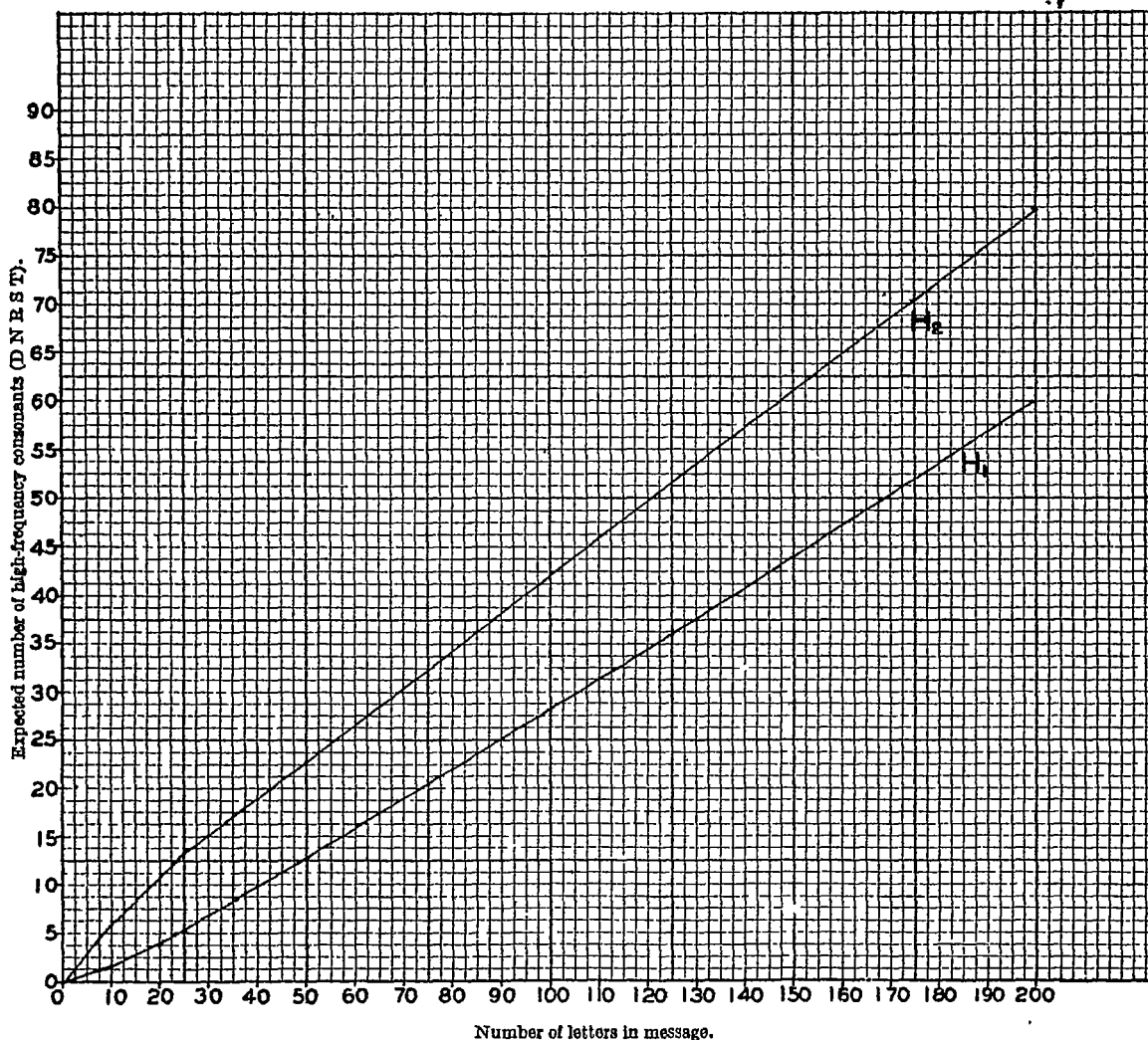


Chart 3. Curves marking the lower and upper limits of the theoretical amount of deviation from the number of high-frequency consonants theoretically expected in messages of various lengths. (See subpar. 25d.)

composing a plaintext message, such recurrences are broken up so that the cipher text no longer will show repetitions of more or less lengthy sequences of letters. But if a cipher message does show many repetitions and these are of several letters in length, say over four or five, the

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conclusion is at once warranted that the cryptogram is most probably a substitution and not a transposition cipher. However, for the beginner in cryptanalysis, it will be advisable to make the uniliteral frequency distribution, and note the frequencies of the vowels and of the high-

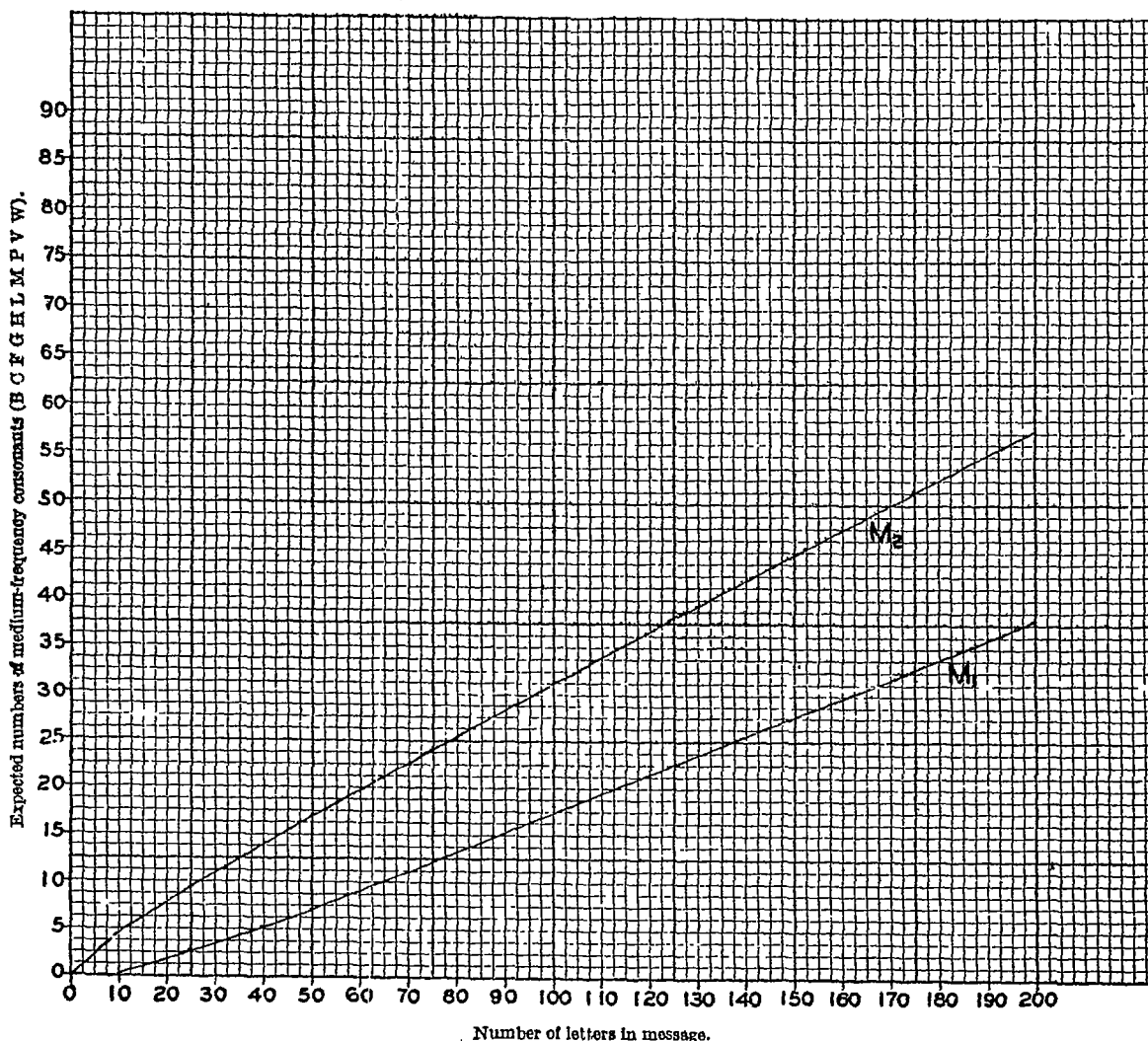


Chart 4. Curves marking the lower and upper limits of the theoretical amount of deviation from the number of medium-frequency consonants theoretically expected in messages of various lengths. (See subpar. 25d.)

medium-, and low-frequency consonants. Then, referring to Charts 2 to 5, he should carefully note whether or not the observed frequencies for these categories of letters fall within the limits of the theoretical frequencies for a normal plaintext message of the same length, and be guided accordingly.

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h. It is obvious that the foregoing rule applies only to ciphers composed wholly of letters. If a message is composed entirely of figures, or of arbitrary signs and symbols, or of intermixtures of letters, figures and other symbols, it is immediately apparent that the cryptogram is a substitution cipher.

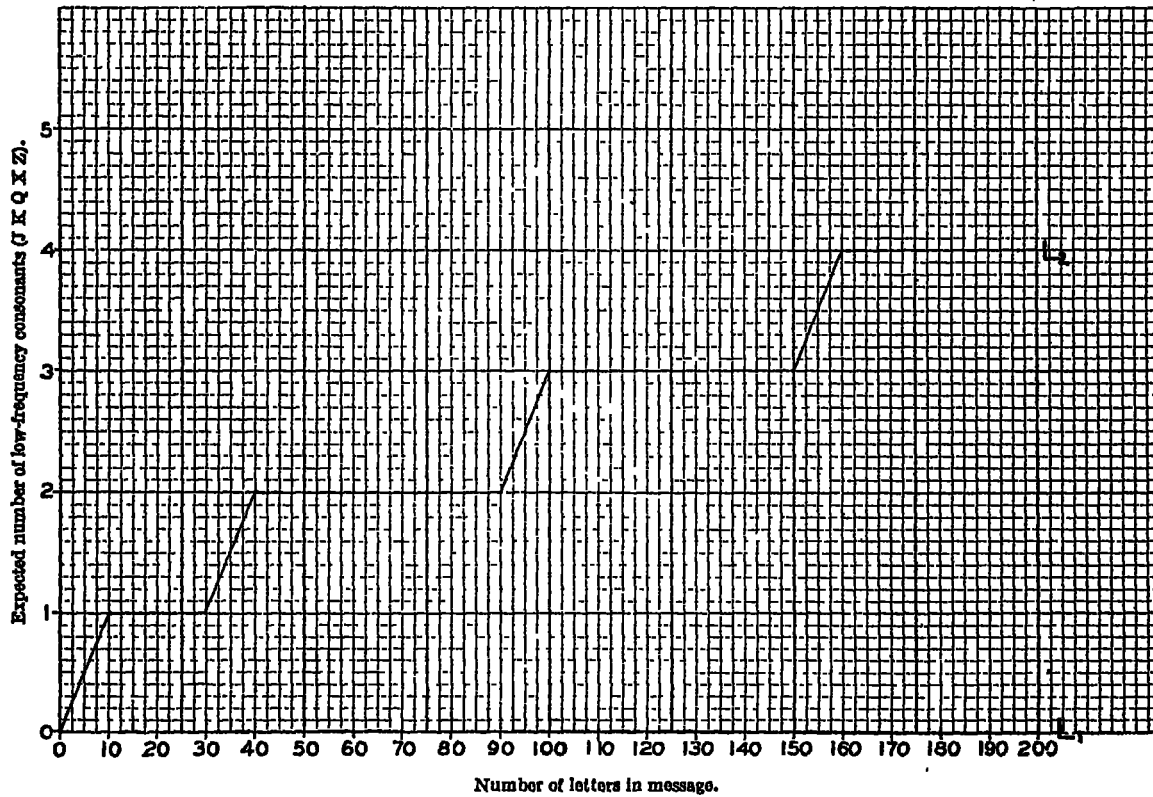


Chart 5. Curves marking the lower and upper limits of the theoretical amount of deviation from the number of low-frequency consonants theoretically expected in messages of various lengths. (See subpar. 25d.)

i. Finally, it should be mentioned that there are certain kinds of cryptograms whose class cannot be determined by the method set forth in subparagraph d above. These exceptions will be discussed in a subsequent section of this text.<sup>12</sup>

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26. Determining whether a substitution cipher is monoalphabetic or non-monoalphabetic.--a. It will be remembered that a monoalphabetic substitution cipher is one in which a single cipher alphabet is employed throughout the whole message; that is, a given plaintext letter is invariably represented throughout the message by one and the same letter in the cipher text. On the other hand, a polyalphabetic substitution cipher is one in which two or more cipher alphabets are employed within the same message; that is, a given plaintext letter may be represented by two or more different letters in the cipher text, according to some rule governing the selection of the equivalent to be used in each case. From this it follows that a single cipher letter may represent two or more different plaintext letters. A similar situation prevails in the case of multi-literal substitution, in which a particular cipher letter may constitute a part of the equivalents for several plaintext letters, giving rise to phenomena resembling those of polyalphabeticity.

b. It is easy to see why and how the appearance of the uniliteral frequency distribution for a substitution cipher may be used to determine whether the cryptogram is monoalphabetic or non-monoalphabetic in character. The normal distribution presents marked crests and troughs by virtue of two circumstances. First, the elementary sounds which the symbols represent are used with greatly varying frequencies, it being one of the striking characteristics of every alphabetic language that its elementary sounds are used with greatly varying frequencies.<sup>13</sup> In the second place, except for orthographic aberrations peculiar to certain languages (conspicuously, English and French), each such sound is represented by the same symbol. It follows, therefore, that since in a monoalphabetic substitution cipher each different plaintext letter (=elementary sound) is represented by one and only one cipher letter (=elementary symbol), the uniliteral frequency distribution for such a cipher message must also exhibit the irregular crest-and-trough appearance of the normal distribution, but with this important modification--the absolute positions of the crests and troughs will not be the same as in the normal. That is, the letters accompanying the crests and the troughs in the distribution for the cryptogram will be different from those accompanying the crests and the troughs in the normal distribution. But the marked irregularity or "roughness" of the distribution, that is, the presence of accentuated crests and troughs, is in itself an indication that each symbol or cipher letter always represents the same plaintext letter in that cryptogram. Hence the general rule: A marked crest-and-trough appearance in the uniliteral frequency distribution for a given cryptogram indicates that a single cipher alphabet is involved and constitutes one of the tests for a monoalphabetic substitution cipher.

c. On the other hand, suppose that in a cryptogram each cipher letter represents several different plaintext letters. Some of them are of high frequency, others of low frequency. The net result of such a

<sup>13</sup> The student who is interested in this phase of the subject may find the following reference of value: Zipf G.K., Selected Studies of the Principle of Relative Frequency in Language, Cambridge, Mass., 1932.

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situation, so far as the uniliteral frequency distribution for the cryptogram is concerned, is to prevent the appearance of any marked crests and troughs and to tend to reduce the elements of the distribution to a more or less common level. This imparts a "flattened out" appearance to the distribution. For example, in a certain cryptogram of polyalphabetic construction,  $K_c = E_p$ ,  $G_p$ , and  $J_p$ ;  $R_c = A_p$ ,  $D_p$ , and  $B_p$ ;  $X_c = O_p$ ,  $L_p$ , and  $F_p$ . The frequencies of  $K_c$ ,  $R_c$ , and  $X_c$  will be approximately equal because the summations of the frequencies of the several plaintext letters each of these cipher letters represents at different times will be about equal. If this same phenomenon were true of all the letters of the cryptogram, it is clear that the frequencies of the 26 letters, when shown by means of the ordinary uniliteral frequency distribution, would show no striking differences and the distribution would have the flat appearance of a typical polyalphabetic substitution cipher. Hence, the general rule: The absence of marked crests and troughs in the uniliteral frequency distribution indicates that a complex form of substitution is involved. The flattened-out appearance of the distribution, then, is one of the criteria for the rejection of a hypothesis of monoalphabetic<sup>14</sup> substitution.

d. The foregoing test based upon the appearance of the frequency distribution is only one of several means of determining whether a substitution cipher is monoalphabetic or non-monoalphabetic in composition. It can be employed in cases yielding frequency distributions from which definite conclusions can be drawn with more or less certainty by mere ocular examination. In those cases in which the frequency distributions contain insufficient data to permit drawing definite conclusions by such examination, certain statistical tests can be applied. One of these tests, called the  $\phi$  (phi) test, warrants detailed treatment and is discussed in paragraph 27 below.

e. At this point, however, one additional test will be given because of its simplicity of application. This test, the  $\Lambda$  (lambda) or blank-expectation test, may be employed in testing messages up to 200 letters in length, it being assumed that in messages of greater length ocular examination of the frequency distribution offers little or no difficulty. This test concerns the number of blanks in the frequency distribution, that is, the number of letters of the alphabet which are entirely absent from the message. It has been found from statistical studies that rather definite "laws" govern the theoretically expected number of blanks in normal plaintext messages and in frequency distributions for cryptograms of different natures and of various sizes. The results of certain of these studies have been embodied in Chart 6.

f. This chart contains two curves. The one labeled P applies to the average number of blanks theoretically expected in frequency distributions based upon normal plaintext messages of the indicated lengths. The other curve, labeled R, applies to the average number of blanks theoretically expected in frequency distributions based upon perfectly random assortments of letters; that is, assortments such as would be found by random

<sup>14</sup> Cf., footnote 8 on page 40.

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selection of letters out of a hat containing thousands of letters, all of the 26 letters of the alphabet being present in equal proportions, each letter being replaced after a record of its selection has been made. Such random assortments correspond to polyalphabetic cipher messages in which the number of cipher alphabets is so large that if uniliteral frequency distributions are made of the letters, the distributions are practically identical with those which are obtained by random selections of letters out of a hat.

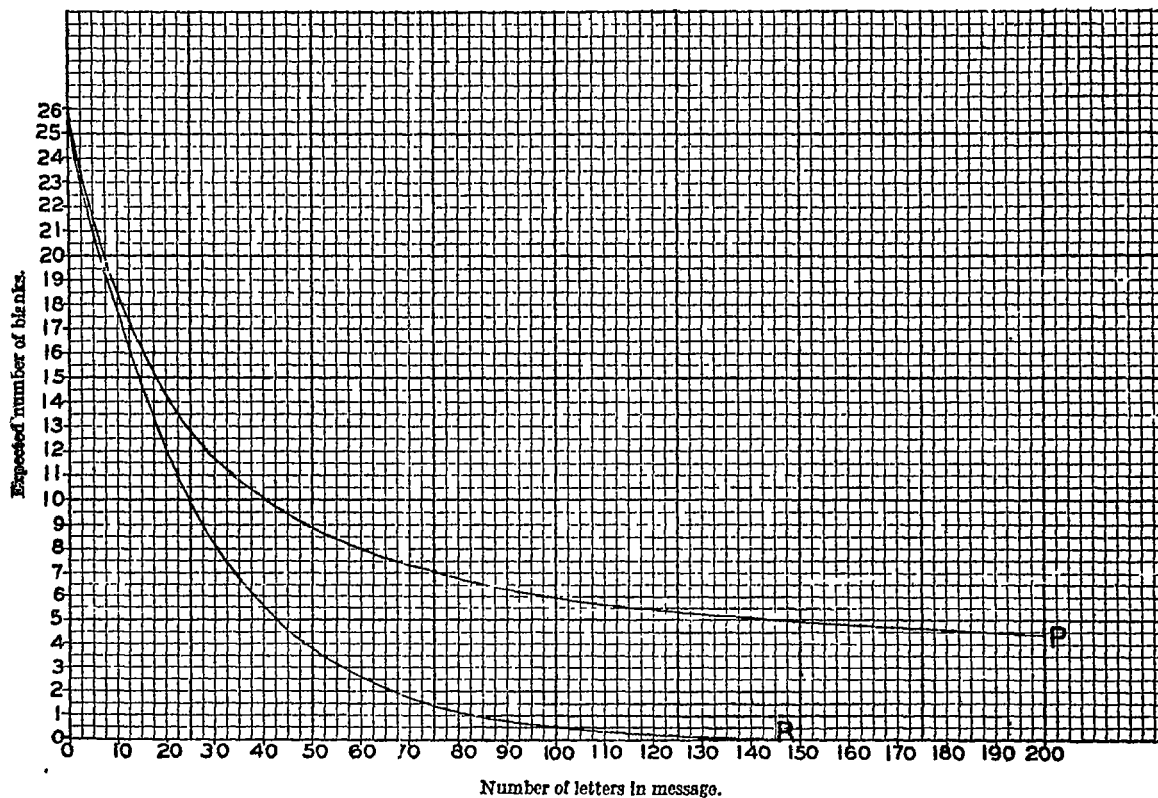


Chart 6. Curves showing the average number of blanks theoretically expected in distributions for plain text (P) and for random text (R) for messages of various lengths. (See subpar. 26f.)

g. In using this chart, one finds the point of intersection of the vertical coordinate corresponding to the length of the message, with the horizontal coordinate corresponding to the observed number of blanks in the distribution for the message. If this point of intersection falls closer to curve P than it does to curve R, the number of blanks in the message approximates or corresponds more closely to the number theoretically expected in a plaintext message than it does to a random (ciphertext) message of the same length; therefore, this is evidence that the cryptogram is monoalphabetic. Conversely, if this point of intersection falls

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closer to curve R than to curve P, the number of blanks in the message approximates or corresponds more closely to the number theoretically expected in a random text than it does to a plaintext message of the same length; therefore, this is evidence that the cryptogram is non-monoalphabetic.

27. The  $\phi$  (phi) test for determining monoalphabeticity.--a. The student has seen in the preceding paragraph how it is possible to determine by ocular examination whether or not a substitution cipher is monoalphabetic. This tentative determination is based on the presence of a marked crest-and-trough appearance in the uniliteral frequency distribution, and also on the number of blanks in the distribution. However, when the distribution contains a small number of elements, ocular examination and evaluation becomes increasingly difficult and uncertain. In such cases, recourse may be had to a mathematical test, known as the  $\phi$  test, to determine the relative monoalphabeticity or non-monoalphabeticity of a distribution.

b. Without going into the theory of probability at this time, or into the derivation of the formulas involved, let it suffice for the present to state that with this test the "observed value of  $\phi$ " (symbolized by  $\phi_o$ ) is compared with the "expected value of  $\phi$  random" ( $\phi_r$ ) and the "expected value of  $\phi$  plain" ( $\phi_p$ ). The formulas are  $\phi_r = .0385N(N-1)$  and, for English military text,  $\phi_p = .0667N(N-1)$ , where  $N$  is the total number of elements in the distribution.<sup>15</sup> The use of these formulas is best illustrated by an example.

c. The following short cryptogram with its accompanying uniliteral frequency distribution is at hand:

Q C Y C H A D S K S Y Z Z Q E C Y K Y K Q Z Y S K  
L S Z A C T K F C X L K L K C E S Z M X K I S Z X

≡ N=50  
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

<sup>15</sup> The constant .0385 is the decimal equivalent of 1/26, i.e., the reciprocal of the number of elements in the alphabet. The constant .0667 is the sum of the squares of the probabilities of occurrence of the individual letters in English plain text. These constants are treated in detail in Military Cryptanalysis, Part II.

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$\phi_0$  is calculated by applying the formula  $f(f-1)$  to the frequency ( $f$ ) of each letter and totaling the result; or, expressed in mathematical notation,<sup>16</sup>  $\phi_0 = \sum f(f-1)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccccccccccccccccccc} \sum f & = & 2 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 & 3 & 1 & & 3 & 6 & 1 & & 3 & 5 & 6 & = & 50 \\ & & A & B & C & D & E & F & G & H & I & J & K & L & M & N & O & P & Q & R & S & T & U & V & W & X & Y & Z \\ \sum f(f-1) & = & 2 & 30 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 56 & 6 & 0 & & 6 & 30 & 0 & & 6 & 20 & 30 & = & 188 \end{array}$$

For this distribution,  $\phi_r = .0385N(N-1) = .0385 \times 50 \times 49 = 94$ , and  
 $\phi_p = .0667N(N-1) = .0667 \times 50 \times 49 = 163$ .

Now since  $\phi_0$ , 188, is in fact greater than  $\phi_p$ , we have a mathematical corroboration of the hypothesis that the cryptogram is a monoalphabetic substitution cipher. If  $\phi_0$  were nearer to  $\phi_r$ , then the assumption would be that the cryptogram is not a monoalphabetic cipher. If  $\phi_0$  were just half way between  $\phi_r$  and  $\phi_p$ , then decision would have to be suspended, since no further statistical proof in the matter is possible with this particular test.<sup>17</sup>

d. Two further examples may be illustrated:

$$(1) \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccc} \bar{A} & \bar{B} & \bar{C} & \bar{D} & \bar{E} & \bar{F} & \bar{G} & \bar{H} & \bar{I} & \bar{J} & \bar{K} & \bar{L} & \bar{M} & \bar{N} & \bar{O} & \bar{P} & \bar{Q} & \bar{R} & \bar{S} & \bar{T} & \bar{U} & \bar{V} & \bar{W} & \bar{X} & \bar{Y} & \bar{Z} & N=25 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & 12 & 2 & & & 0 & & & 12 & 2 & 0 & & & & & & & & & 0 & 6 & \sum f(f-1)=42 \end{array}$$

<sup>-16</sup> The more usual mathematical notation for expressing  $\phi_0$  would be  $\sum_{i=A}^Z f_i(f_i-1)$ , which is read as "the sum of all the terms for all integral values of  $f$  from  $A$  to  $Z$  inclusive. In turn,  $\sum_{i=A}^Z f_i(f_i-1)$  would be expanded as  $f_A(f_A-1) + f_B(f_B-1) + f_C(f_C-1) + \dots + f_Z(f_Z-1)$ . However, in the interest of simplicity the notation  $\sum f(f-1)$  is employed; likewise, the notations  $\phi_r$  and  $\phi_p$  are employed in lieu of the more usual  $E(\phi_r)$  and  $E(\phi_p)$ .

<sup>17</sup> Another method of determining the relative monoalphabeticity of a cryptogram is based upon comparing the index of coincidence (abbr. I.C.) of the cryptogram under examination with the theoretical I.C. of plain text. The I.C. of a message is defined as the ratio of  $\phi_0$  to  $\phi_r$ ; thus, in the example above, the I.C. is  $\frac{188}{94}$ , which equals 2. The theoretical I.C. of English plain text is 1.73, which is the decimal equivalent of  $\frac{.0667}{.0385}$ , the ratio of the "plain constant" to the "random constant". The I.C. of random text is 1, i.e.,  $\frac{.0385}{.0385}$ .

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$$(2) \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccc} \bar{A} & \bar{B} & \bar{C} & \bar{D} & \bar{E} & \bar{F} & \bar{G} & \bar{H} & \bar{I} & \bar{J} & \bar{K} & \bar{L} & \bar{M} & \bar{N} & \bar{O} & \bar{P} & \bar{Q} & \bar{R} & \bar{S} & \bar{T} & \bar{U} & \bar{V} & \bar{W} & \bar{X} & \bar{Y} & \bar{Z} \\ 0 & & & & & & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 2 & & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} N=25 \\ \leq f(f-1)=18 \end{array}$$

Since both distributions have 25 elements, then for both

$$\phi_r = .0385 \times 25 \times 24 = 21, \text{ and}$$

$$\phi_p = .0667 \times 25 \times 24 = 40.$$

Hence distribution (1) is monoalphabetic, while (2) is not.

e. The student must not assume that statistical tests in cryptanalysis are infallible or absolute in themselves<sup>18</sup>; statistical approaches serve only as a means to the end, in guiding the analyst to the most probably fruitful sources of attack. Since no one test in cryptanalysis gives definite proof of a hypothesis (in fact, not even a battery of tests gives absolute proof), all applicable statistical means at the disposal of the cryptanalyst should be used; thus, in examination for monoalphabeticity, the  $\phi$  test,  $\Lambda$  test, and even other tests<sup>19</sup> could profitably be employed. To illustrate this point, if the  $\phi$  test is taken on the distribution of the plaintext letters of the phrase

A QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccc} \bar{A} & \bar{B} & \bar{C} & \bar{D} & \bar{E} & \bar{F} & \bar{G} & \bar{H} & \bar{I} & \bar{J} & \bar{K} & \bar{L} & \bar{M} & \bar{N} & \bar{O} & \bar{P} & \bar{Q} & \bar{R} & \bar{S} & \bar{T} & \bar{U} & \bar{V} & \bar{W} & \bar{X} & \bar{Y} & \bar{Z} \\ 2 & & & & 2 & & & & & & & & & & 12 & & 2 & & & & 2 & & & & & & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} N=33 \\ \leq f(f-1)=20 \end{array}$$

$$\phi_r = 41; \phi_p = 70$$

it will be noticed that  $\phi_o$  is less than half of  $\phi_r$ , thus conclusively "proving" that the letters of this phrase could not possibly constitute plain text nor a monoalphabetic encipherment of plain text in any language! The student should be able to understand the cause of this cryptologic curiosity.

<sup>18</sup> The following quotation from the Indian mathematician P. C. Mahalanobis, concerning the fallibility of statistics, is particularly appropriate in this connection: "If statistical theory is right, predictions must sometimes come out wrong; on the other hand, if predictions are always right, then the statistical theory must be wrong."--Sankhya, Vol. 10, Part 3, p. 203. Calcutta, 1950.

<sup>19</sup> One of these, the chi-square test, will be treated in a subsequent text.

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28. Determining whether a cipher alphabet is standard (direct or reversed) or mixed.--a. Assuming that the uniliteral frequency distribution for a given cryptogram has been made, and that it shows clearly that the cryptogram is a substitution cipher and is monoalphabetic in character, a consideration of the nature of standard cipher alphabets<sup>20</sup> almost makes it obvious how an inspection of the distribution will disclose whether the cipher alphabet involved is a standard cipher alphabet or a mixed cipher alphabet. If the crests and troughs of the distribution occupy positions which correspond to the relative positions they occupy in the normal frequency distribution, then the cipher alphabet is a standard cipher alphabet. If this is not the case, then it is highly probable that the cryptogram has been prepared by the use of a mixed cipher alphabet. A mechanical test may be applied in doubtful cases arising from lack of material available for study; just what this test involves, and an illustration of its application will be given in the next section, using specific examples.

b. Of course, if it has been determined that a standard cipher alphabet is involved in a particular instance, it goes without saying that at the same time it must have been found whether the alphabet is a direct standard or reversed standard cipher alphabet. The difference between the distribution of a direct standard alphabet cipher and one of a reversed standard alphabet cipher is merely a matter of the direction in which the sequence of crests and troughs progresses--to the right, as is done in normally reading or writing the alphabet (A B C ... Z), or to the left, that is, in the reversed direction (Z ... C B A). With a direct standard cipher alphabet the direction in which the crests and troughs of the distribution progress is the normal direction, from left to right; with a reversed standard cipher alphabet this direction is reversed, from right to left.

<sup>20</sup> See par. 12.

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## SECTION V

## UNILITERAL SUBSTITUTION WITH STANDARD CIPHER ALPHABETS

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29. Types of standard cipher alphabets.--a. Standard cipher alphabets are of two types:

(1) Direct standard, in which the cipher component is the normal sequence but shifted to the right or left of its point of coincidence in the normal alphabet. Example:

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Plain:    ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Cipher:    QRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNPO

It is obvious that the cipher component can be applied to the plain component at any one of 26 points of coincidence, but since the alphabet that results from one of these applications coincides exactly with the normal alphabet, a series of only 25 (direct standard) cipher alphabets results from the shifting of the cipher component.

(2) Reversed standard, in which the cipher component is also the normal sequence but runs in the opposite direction from the normal. Example:

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Plain:    ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Cipher:    QPONMLKJIHGFEDCBAZYXWVUTSR

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Here the cipher component can be applied to the plain component at any of 26 points of coincidence, each yielding a different cipher alphabet. There is in this case, therefore, a series of 26 (reversed standard) cipher alphabets.

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b. It is often convenient to refer to or designate one of a series of cipher alphabets without ambiguity or circumlocution. The usual method is to indicate the particular alphabet to which reference is made by citing a pair of equivalents in that alphabet, such as, in the example above,  $A_p=Q_c$ . The key for the cipher alphabet just referred to, as well as that preceding it, is  $A_p=Q_c$ , and it is said that the key letter for the cipher alphabet is  $Q_c$ .

c. The cipher alphabet in subpar. a(2), above, is also a reciprocal alphabet; that is, the cipher alphabet contains 13 distinct pairs of equivalents which are reversible. For example, in the alphabet referred to,  $A_p=Q_c$  and  $Q_p=A_c$ ;  $B_p=P_c$  and  $P_p=B_c$ , etc. The reciprocity exists throughout the alphabet and is a result of the method by which it was formed. (Reciprocal alphabets may be produced by juxtaposing any two components which are identical but progress in opposite directions.)

30. Procedure in encipherment and decipherment by means of uniliteral substitution.--a. When a message is enciphered by means of uniliteral substitution, or simple substitution (as it is often called), the individual letters of the message text are replaced by the single-letter equivalents taken from the cipher alphabet selected by prearrangement. Example:

Message: EIGHTEEN PRISONERS CAPTURED

Enciphering alphabet: Direct standard,  $A_p=T_c$

Plain: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Cipher: TUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNQPORS

Letter-for-letter encipherment:

EIGHTEEN PRISONERS CAPTURED  
XBZAMXXG IKBLHGXXKL VTIMNKXW

The cipher text is then regrouped, for transmission, into groups of five.

Cryptogram:

XBZAM XXGIK BLHGX KLVTI MNKXW

b. The procedure in decipherment is merely the reverse of that in encipherment. The cipher alphabet selected by prearrangement is set up with the cipher component arranged in the normal sequence and placed above the plain component for ease in deciphering. The letters of the cryptogram are then replaced by their plaintext equivalents, as shown below.

Cipher: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Plain: HIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI

The message deciphers thus:

Cipher: XBZAM XXGIK BLHGX KLVTI MNKXW

Plain: EIGHT EENPR ISONE RSCAP TURED

The deciphering clerk rewrites the text in word lengths:

EIGHTEEN PRISONERS CAPTURED

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c. In subpar. a, above, the cryptogram was prepared in final form for transmission by dividing the cryptographic text into groups of five. This is generally the case in military communications involving cipher systems. It promotes accuracy in telegraphic transmission since an operator knows he must receive a definite number of characters in each group, no more and no less. Also, it usually makes solution of the messages by unauthorized persons more difficult because the length of the words, phrases, and sentences of the plain text is hidden. If the last group of the cipher text in subpar. 30a had not been a complete group of five letters, it might have been completed by adding a sufficient number of meaningless letters (called mulls).

31. Principles of solution by construction and analysis of the uniliteral frequency distribution.--a. The analysis of monoalphabetic cryptograms prepared by the use of standard cipher alphabets follows almost directly from a consideration of the nature of such alphabets. Since the cipher component of a standard cipher alphabet consists either of the normal sequence merely displaced 1, 2, 3, . . . intervals from the normal point of coincidence, or of the normal sequence proceeding in a reversed-normal direction, it is obvious that the uniliteral frequency distribution for a cryptogram prepared by means of such a cipher alphabet employed monoalphabetically will show crests and troughs whose relative positions and frequencies will be exactly the same as in the uniliteral frequency distribution for the plain text of that cryptogram. The only thing that has happened is that the whole set of crests and troughs of the distribution has been displaced to the right or left of the position it occupies in the distribution for the plain text; or else the successive elements of the whole set progress in the opposite direction. Hence, it follows that the correct determination of the plaintext value of the cipher letter marking any crest or trough of the uniliteral frequency distribution, coupled with the correct determination of the relative direction in which the plain component sequence progresses, will result at one stroke in the correct determination of the plaintext values of all the remaining 25 letters respectively marking the other crests and troughs in that distribution. The problem thus resolves itself into a matter of selecting that point of attack which will most quickly or most easily lead to the determination of the value of one cipher letter. The single word identification will hereafter be used for the phrase "determination of the value of a cipher letter"; to identify a cipher letter is to find its plaintext value.

b. It is obvious that the easiest point of attack is to assume that the letter marking the crest of greatest frequency in the frequency distribution for the cryptogram represents  $E_p$ . Proceeding from this initial point, the identifications of the remaining cipher letters marking the other crests and troughs are tentatively made on the basis that the letters of the cipher component proceed in accordance with the normal

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alphabetic sequence, either direct or reversed. If the actual frequency of each letter marking a crest or a trough approximates to a fairly close degree the normal or theoretical frequency of the assumed plaintext equivalent, then the initial identification  $\theta_c = E_p$  may be assumed to be correct and therefore the derived identifications of the other cipher letters also may be assumed to be correct.<sup>1</sup> If the original starting point for assignment of plaintext values is not correct, or if the direction of "reading" the successive crests and troughs of the distribution is not correct, then the frequencies of the other 25 cipher letters will not correspond to or even approximate the normal or theoretical frequencies of their hypothetical plaintext equivalents on the basis of the initial identification. A new initial point, that is, a different cipher equivalent, must then be selected to represent  $E_p$ ; or else the direction of "reading" the crests and troughs must be reversed. This procedure, that is, the attempt to make the actual frequency relations exhibited by the uniliteral frequency distribution for a given cryptogram conform to the theoretical frequency relations of the normal frequency distribution in an effort to solve the cryptogram, is referred to technically as "fitting the actual uniliteral frequency distribution for a cryptogram to the theoretical uniliteral frequency distribution for normal plain text", or, more briefly, as "fitting the frequency distribution for the cryptogram to the normal frequency distribution", or, still more briefly, "fitting the distribution to the normal." In statistical work the expression commonly employed in connection with this process of fitting an actual distribution to a theoretical one is "testing the goodness of fit." The goodness of fit may be stated in various ways, mathematical in character.<sup>2</sup>

c. In fitting the actual distribution to the normal, it is necessary to regard the cipher component (that is, the letters A . . . Z marking the successive crests and troughs of the distribution) as partaking of the nature of a circle, that is, a sequence closing in upon itself, so that no matter with what crest or trough one starts, the spatial and frequency relations of the crests and troughs are constant. This manner of regarding the cipher component as being cyclic in nature is valid because it is obvious that the relative positions and frequencies of the crests and troughs of any uniliteral frequency distribution must remain the same regardless of what letter is employed as the initial point of the distribution. Fig. 5 gives a clear picture of what is meant in this connection, as applied to the normal frequency distribution.

<sup>1</sup> The Greek letter  $\theta$  (theta) is used to represent a character or letter without indicating its identity. Thus, instead of the circumlocution "any letter of the plain text", the symbol  $\theta_p$  is used; and for the expression "any letter of the cipher text", the symbol  $\theta_c$  is used.

<sup>2</sup> One of these tests for expressing the goodness of fit, the  $\chi$  (chi) test, will be treated in Military Cryptanalysis, Part II.

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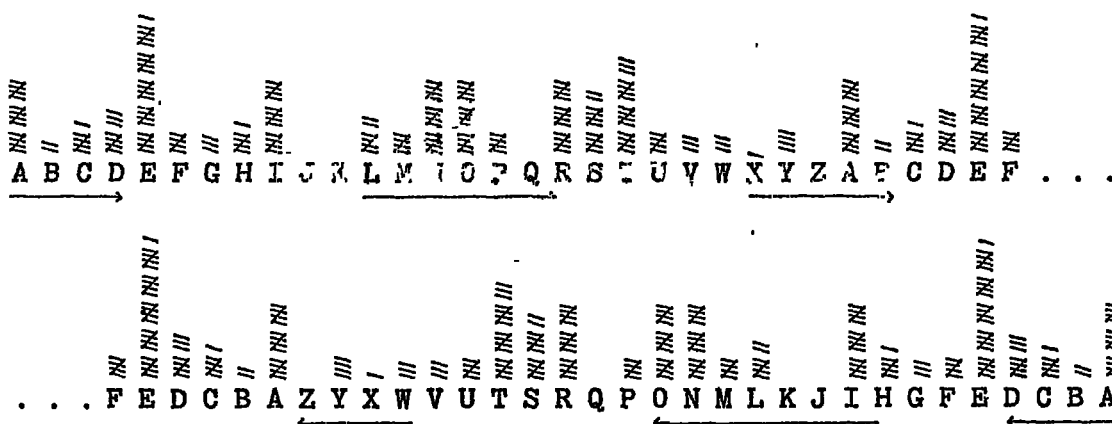
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Figure 5.

d. In the third sentence of subparagraph b, the phrase "assumed to be correct" was advisedly employed in describing the results of the attempt to fit the distribution to the normal, because the final test of the goodness of fit in this connection (that is, of the correctness of the assignment of values to the crests and troughs of the distribution) is whether the consistent substitution of the plaintext values of the cipher characters in the cryptogram will yield intelligible plain text. If this is not the case, then no matter how close the approximation between actual and theoretical frequencies is, no matter how well the actual frequency distribution fits the normal, the only possible inferences are that (1) either the closeness of the fit is a pure coincidence in this case and that another equally good fit may be obtained from the same data, or else (2) the cryptogram involves something more than simple monoalphabetic substitution by means of a single standard cipher alphabet. For example, suppose a transposition has been applied in addition to the substitution. Then, although an excellent correspondence between the uniliteral frequency distribution and the normal frequency distribution has been obtained, the substitution of the cipher letters by their assumed equivalents will still not yield plain text. However, aside from such cases of double encipherment, instances in which the uniliteral frequency distribution may be easily fitted to the normal frequency distribution and in which at the same time an attempted simple substitution fails to yield intelligible text are rare. It may be said that, in practical operations whenever the uniliteral frequency distribution can be made to fit the normal frequency distribution, substitution of values will result in solution; and, as a corollary, whenever the uniliteral frequency distribution cannot be made to fit the normal frequency distribution, the cryptogram does not represent a case of simple, monoalphabetic substitution by means of a standard alphabet.

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32. Theoretical example of solution.--a. The foregoing principles will become clearer by noting the encryption and solution of a theoretical example. The following message is to be encrypted.

HOSTILE FORCE ESTIMATED AT ONE REGIMENT INFANTRY AND TWO PLATOONS CAVALRY MOVING SOUTH ON QUINNIMONT PIKE STOP HEAD OF COLUMN NEARING ROAD JUNCTION SEVEN THREE SEVEN COMMA EAST OF GREENACRE SCHOOL FIRED UPON BY OUR PATROLS STOP HAVE DESTROYED BRIDGE OVER INDIAN CREEK.

b. First, solely for purposes of demonstrating certain principles, the uniliteral frequency distribution for this plaintext message is presented in Figure 6.

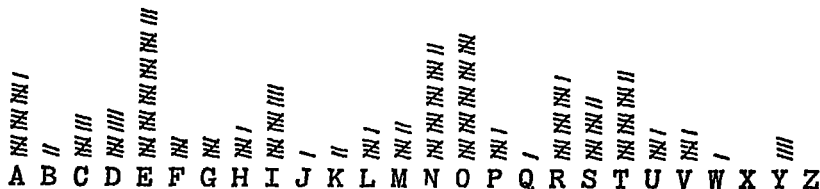


Figure 6.

c. Now let the foregoing message be encrypted monoalphabetically by the following standard cipher alphabet, yielding the cryptogram shown below and the frequency distribution shown in Figure 7.

Plain	- - -	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
Cipher	- - -	G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F
Plain	- - -	H O S T I L E F O R C E E S T I M A T E D A T O N E R E G I M E N T I N F A N T R Y A N D
Cipher	- - -	N U Y Z O R K L U X I K K Y Z O S G Z K J G Z U T K X K M O S K T Z O T L G T Z X E G T J
Plain	- - -	T W O P L A T O O N S C A V A L R Y M O V I N G S O U T R O N Q U I N N I M O N T P I K E
Cipher	- - -	Z C U V R G Z U U T Y I G B G R X E S U B O T M Y U A Z N U T W A O T T O S U T Z V O Q K
Plain	- - -	S T O P H E A D O F C O L U M N N E A R I N G R O A D J U N C T I O N S E V E N T H R E E
Cipher	- - -	Y Z U V N K G J U L I U R A S T T K G X O T M X U G J P A T I Z O U T Y K B K T Z N X K K
Plain	- - -	S E V E N C O M M A E A S T O F G R E E N A C R E S C H O O L F I R E D U P O N B Y O U R
Cipher	- - -	Y K B K T I U S S G K G Y Z U L M X K K T G L X K Y I N U U R L O X K J A V U T H E U A X
Plain	- - -	P A T R O L S S T O P H A V E D E S T R O Y E D B R I D G E O V E R I N D I A N C R E E K
Cipher	- - -	V G Z X U R Y Y Z U V N G B K J K Y Z X U E K J H X O J M K U B K X O T J O G T I X K K Q

## Cryptogram

N U Y Z O	R K L U X	I K K Y Z	O S G Z K	J G Z U T	K X K M O
S K T Z O	T L G T Z	X E G T J	Z C U V R	G Z U U T	Y I G B G
R X E S U	B O T M Y	U A Z N U	T W A O T	T O S U T	Z V O Q K
Y Z U V N	K G J U L	I U R A S	T T K G X	O T M X U	G J P A T
I Z O U T	Y K B K T	Z N X K K	Y K B K T	I U S S G	K G Y Z U
L M X K K	T G I X K	Y I N U U	R L O X K	J A V U T	H E U A X
V G Z X U	R Y Y Z U	V N G B K	J K Y Z X	U E K J H	X O J M K
U B K X O	T J O G T	I X K K Q			

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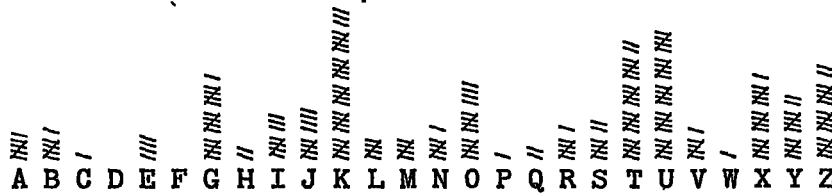
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Figure 7.

d. Let the student now compare Figs. 6 and 7, which have been superimposed in Fig. 8 for convenience in examination. Crests and troughs are present in both distributions; moreover their relative positions and frequencies have not been changed in the slightest particular. Only the absolute position of the sequence as a whole has been displaced six places to the right in Fig. 7, as compared with the absolute position of the sequence in Fig. 6.

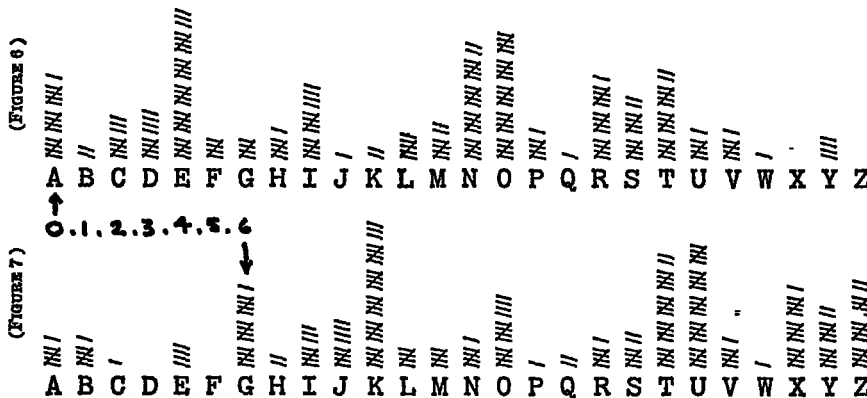


Figure 8.

e. If the two distributions are compared in detail the student will clearly understand how easy the solution of the cryptogram would be to one who knew nothing about how it was prepared. For example, the frequency of the highest crest, representing  $E_p$  in Fig. 6 is 28; at an interval of four letters before  $E_p$  there is another crest representing  $A_p$  with frequency 16. Between A and E there is a trough, representing the medium-frequency letters B, C, D. On the other side of E, at an interval of four letters, comes another crest, representing I with frequency 14. Between E and I there is another trough, representing the medium-frequency letters F, G, H. Compare these crests and troughs with their homologous crests and troughs in Fig. 7. In the latter, the letter K marks the highest crest in the distribution with a frequency of 28; four letters before K there is another crest, frequency 16, and four letters on the other side of K there is another crest, frequency 14. Troughs corresponding to B, C, D and F, G, H are seen at H, I, J and L, M, N in Fig. 7. In fact, the two distributions may be made to coincide exactly, by shifting the frequency distribution for the cryptogram six places to the left with respect to the distribution for the equivalent plaintext message, as shown herewith.

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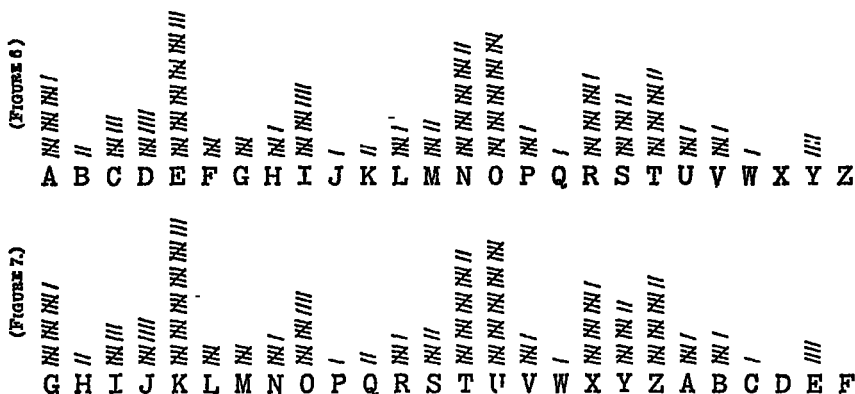
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Figure 9.

f. Let us suppose now that nothing is known about the process of encryption, and that only the cryptogram and its uniliteral frequency distribution is at hand. It is clear that simply bearing in mind the spatial relations of the crests and troughs in a normal frequency distribution would enable the cryptanalyst to fit the distribution to the normal in this case. He would naturally first assume that  $K_C = E_p$ , from which it would follow that if a direct standard alphabet is involved,  $L_C = F_p$ ,  $M_C = G_p$ , and so on, yielding the following (tentative) deciphering alphabet:

Cipher - - - 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  
 Plain - - - U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T

g. Now comes the final test! If these assumed values are substituted in the cipher text, the plain text immediately appears. Thus:

N U Y Z O R K L U X I K K Y Z O S G Z K J G Z U T etc.  
 H O S T I L E F O R C E E S T I M A T E D A T O N etc.

h. It should be clear, therefore, that the initial selection of  $G_C$  as the specific key (that is, to represent  $A_p$ ) in the process of encryption has absolutely no effect upon the relative spatial and frequency relations of the crests and troughs of the frequency distribution for the cryptogram. If  $Q_C$  had been selected to represent  $A_p$ , these relations would still remain the same, the whole series of crests and troughs being merely displaced further to the right of the positions they occupy when  $G_C = A_p$ .

### 33. Practical example of solution by the frequency method.--

a. The case of direct standard alphabet ciphers.--(1) The following cryptogram is to be solved by applying the foregoing principles:

N W N V H C A X X Y B J C C J L T R W P X D A Y X B R C R X  
 W B N J B C X O W N F C X W B C X Y Y N C H A B L X U R W O

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(2) From the presence of so many low-frequency letters such as B, W, and X it is at once suspected that this is a substitution cipher. But to illustrate the steps, that must be taken in difficult cases in order to be certain in this respect, a uniliteral frequency distribution is constructed, and then reference is made to Charts 2 to 5 to note whether the actual numbers of vowels, high-, medium-, and low-frequency consonants fall inside or outside the areas delimited by the respective curves.



Figure 10 a.

Letters	Frequency	Position with respect to areas delimited by curves
Vowels (A E I O U Y).....	10	Outside, chart 1.
High-frequency Consonants (D N R S T).....	12	Outside, chart 2.
Medium-frequency Consonants (B C F G H L M P V W).....	26	Outside, chart 3.
Low-frequency Consonants (J K Q X Z) .....	12	Outside, chart 4.
Total.....	60	

(3) All four points falling completely outside the areas delimited by the curves applicable to these four classes of letters, the cryptogram is clearly a substitution cipher.

(4) The appearance of the frequency distribution, with marked crests and troughs, indicates that the cryptogram is probably monoalphabetic. At this point the  $\phi$  test is applied to the distribution. The observed value of  $\phi$  is found to be 258, while the expected value of  $\phi$  plain and  $\phi$  random are calculated to be 236 and 136, respectively. The fact that the observed value is not only closer to but greater than  $\phi_p$  is taken as statistical evidence that the cryptogram is monoalphabetic. Furthermore, reference being made to Chart 6, the point of intersection of the message length (60 letters) and the number of blanks (8) falls directly on curve P; this is additional evidence that the message is probably monoalphabetic.

(5) The next step is to determine whether a standard or a mixed cipher alphabet is involved. This is done by studying the positions and the sequence of crests and troughs in the frequency distribution, and trying to fit the distribution to the normal.

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(6) The first assumption to be made is that a direct standard cipher alphabet is involved. The highest crest in the distribution occurs over  $X_c$ . Let it be assumed that  $X_c = E_p$ . Then  $Y_c, Z_c, A_c, \dots = F_p, G_p, H_p, \dots$ , respectively; thus:

Cipher....	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
Plain.....	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Figure 10b.

It may be seen quickly that the approximation to the expected frequencies is very poor. There are too many occurrences of  $J_p, Q_p, U_p$  and  $F_p$  and too few occurrences of  $N_p, O_p, R_p, S_p, T_p$  and  $A_p$ . Moreover, if a substitution is attempted on this basis, the following is obtained for the first two cipher groups:

Cipher....	N	W	N	V	H	C	A	X	X	Y
"Plain text"	U	D	U	C	O	J	H	E	E	F

This is certainly not plain text and it seems clear that  $X_c$  is not  $E_p$ , if the hypothesis of a direct standard alphabet cipher is correct. A different assumption will have to be made.

(7) Suppose  $C_c = E_p$ . Going through the same steps as before, again no satisfactory results are obtained. Further trials<sup>3</sup> are made along the same lines, until the assumption  $N_c = E_p$  is tested:

Cipher....	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
Plain.....	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q

Figure 10c.

(8) The fit in this case is quite good; possibly there are too few occurrences of  $A_p, D_p,$  and  $R_p$ . But the final test remains: trial of the substitution alphabet on the cryptogram itself. This is done and the results are as follows:

C:	N	W	N	V	H	C	A	X	X	Y	B	J	C	C	J	L	T	R	W	P	X	D	A	Y	X	B	R	C	R	X
P:	E	N	E	M	Y	T	R	O	O	P	S	A	T	I	A	C	K	I	N	G	O	U	R	P	O	S	I	T	I	O
C:	W	B	N	J	B	C	X	O	W	N	F	C	X	W	B	C	X	Y	Y	N	C	N	A	B	L	X	U	R	W	O
P:	N	S	E	A	S	T	O	F	N	E	W	T	O	N	S	T	O	P	P	E	T	E	R	S	C	O	L	I	N	F

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<sup>3</sup> It is unnecessary, of course, to write out all the alphabets and pseudo-decipherments, as shown above, when testing assumptions. This is usually done mentally.

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(9) It is always advisable to note the specific key. In this case the correspondence between any plaintext letter and its cipher equivalent will indicate the key. Although other conventions are possible, and equally valid, it is usual, however, to indicate the key by noting the cipher equivalent of  $A_p$ . In this case  $A_p = J_c$ .

b. The case of reversed standard alphabet ciphers.--(1) Let the following cryptogram and its frequency distribution be studied.

F W F X L    Q S V V U    R J Q Q J    H Z B W D    V P S U V    R B Q B V  
W R F J R    Q V E W F    N Q V W R    Q V U U F    Q F S R H    V Y B W E

(2) The preliminary steps illustrated above, under subpar. a (1) to (4) inclusive, in connection with the test for class and monoalphabeticity, will here be omitted, since they are exactly the same in nature. The result is that the cryptogram is obviously a substitution cipher and is monoalphabetic.

(3) Assuming that it is not known whether a direct or a reversed standard alphabet is involved, attempts are at once made to fit the frequency distribution to the normal direct sequence. If the student will try them he will soon find out that these are unsuccessful. All this takes but a few minutes.

(4) The next logical assumption is now made, viz., that the cipher alphabet is a reversed standard alphabet. When on this basis  $F_c$  is assumed to be  $E_p$ , the distribution can readily be fitted to the normal, practically every crest and trough in the actual distribution corresponding to a crest or trough in the expected distribution.

Cipher....	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
Plain.....	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K

Figure 10d.

(5) When the substitution is made in the cryptogram, the following is obtained.

Cryptogram...F W F X L    Q S V V U    R J Q Q J  
Plain text...E N E M Y    T R O O P    S A T T A

(6) The plaintext message is identical with that in subpar. a. The specific key in this case is also  $A_p = J_c$ . If the student will compare the frequency distributions in the two cases, he will note that the relative positions and extents of the crests and troughs are identical; they merely progress in opposite directions.

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c. General note on solution by the frequency method.--In actual practice, the procedure of subpars. a and b are given a more rapid treatment than that just described, the practical treatment being based, not on the initial finding of some single crest or trough, but rather on locating the more readily-discernible clusters of crests which usually appear in a distribution, such as the distinctive crest-patterns representing "A...E...I" and "RST". These crest-patterns are searched for, with a quick scanning of the distribution, and then the relative placement with respect to each other is tested to see if it conforms to the expectation for a direct standard cipher alphabet, and, if not, then for a reversed standard cipher alphabet. During this latter step, which consists of little more than counting in one direction and then (when necessary) in the other, the blank (or nearly-blank) expectation of "JK" followed by the characteristic curve for "LMNOP" and the blank "Q" are considered, as a means of either substantiating or invalidating the original "identification" of the crests.

34. Solution by completing the plain-component sequence.---

a. The case of direct standard alphabet ciphers.---(1) The foregoing method of analysis, involving as it does the construction of a uniliteral frequency distribution, was termed a solution by the frequency method because it involves the construction of a frequency distribution and its study. There is, however, another method which is much more rapid, almost wholly mechanical, and which, moreover, does not necessitate the construction or study of any frequency distribution whatever. An understanding of the method follows from a consideration of the method of encipherment of a message by the use of a single, direct standard cipher alphabet.

(2) Note the following encipherment:

Message----- TWO CRUISERS SUNK

Enciphering Alphabet

Plain----- 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

Cipher----- G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F

Encipherment

Plain text----- T W O C R U I S E R S S U N K

Cryptogram----- Z C U I X A O Y K X Y Y A T Q

Cryptogram

Z C U I X A O Y K X Y Y A T Q

(3) The enciphering alphabet shown above represents a case wherein the sequence of letters of both components of the cipher alphabet is the normal sequence, with the sequence forming the cipher component merely shifted six places to the left (or 20 positions to the right) of the position it occupies in the normal alphabet. If, therefore, two strips

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of paper bearing the letters of the normal sequence, equally spaced, are regarded as the two components of the cipher alphabet and are juxtaposed at all of the 25 possible points of coincidence, it is obvious that one of these 25 juxtapositions must correspond to the actual juxtaposition shown in the enciphering alphabet directly above.<sup>4</sup> It is equally obvious that if a record were kept of the results obtained by applying the values given at each juxtaposition to the letters of the cryptogram, one of these results would yield the plain text of the cryptogram.

(4) Let the work be systematized and the results set down in an orderly manner for examination. It is obviously unnecessary to juxtapose the two components so that  $A_c=A_p$ , for on the assumption of a direct standard alphabet, juxtaposing two direct normal components at their normal point of coincidence merely yields plain text. The next possible juxtaposition, therefore, is  $A_c=B_p$ . Let the juxtaposition of the two sliding strips therefore be  $A_c=B_p$ , as shown here:

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Plain----- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Cipher----- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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The values given by this juxtaposition are substituted for the letters of the cryptogram and the following results are obtained.

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Cryptogram----- Z C U I X   A O Y K X   Y Y A T Q
1st Test--"Plain text" A D V J Y   B P Z L Y   Z Z B U R
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This certainly is not intelligible text; obviously, the two components were not in the position indicated in this first test. The plain component is therefore slid one interval to the left, making  $A_c=C_p$ , and a second test is made. Thus

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Plain----- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Cipher----- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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Cryptogram----- Z C U I X   A O Y K X   Y Y A T Q
2d Test--"Plain text" B E W K Z   C Q A M Z   A A C V S
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Neither does the second test result in disclosing any plain text. But, if the results of the two tests are studied a phenomenon that at first seems quite puzzling comes to light. Thus, suppose the results of the two tests are superimposed in this fashion.

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Cryptogram----- Z C U I X   A O Y K X   Y Y A T Q
1st Test--"Plain text" A D V J Y   B P Z L Y   Z Z B U R
2d Test--"Plain text" B E W K Z   C Q A M Z   A A C V S
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<sup>4</sup> One of the strips should bear the sequence repeated. This permits juxtaposing the two sequences at all 26 possible points of coincidence so as to have a complete cipher alphabet showing at all times.

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(5) Note what has happened. The net result of the two experiments was merely to continue the normal sequence begun by the cipher letters at the heads of the columns of letters. It is obvious that if the normal sequence is completed in each column the results will be exactly the same as though the whole set of 25 possible tests had actually been performed. Let the columns therefore be completed, as shown in Fig. 11.

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Z C U I X A O Y K X Y Y A T Q
A D V J Y B P Z L Y Z Z B U R
B E W K Z C Q A M Z A A C V S
C F X L A D R B N A B B D W T
D G Y M B E S C O B C C E X U
E H Z N C F T D P C D D F Y V
F I A O D G U E Q D E E G Z W
G J B P E H V F R E F F H A X
H K C Q F I W G S F G G I B Y
I L D R G J X H T G H H J C Z
J M E S H K Y I U H I I K D A
K N F T I L Z J V I J J L E B
L O G U J M A K W J K K M F C
M P H V K N B L X K L L N G D
N Q I W L O C M Y L M M O H E
O R J X M P D N Z M N N P I F
P S K Y N Q E O A N O O Q J G
Q T L Z O R F P B O P P R K H
R U M A P S G Q C P Q Q S L I
S V N B Q T H R D Q R R T M J
*T W O C R U I S E R S S U N K
U X P D S V J T F S T T V O L
V Y Q E T W K U G T U U W P M
W Z R F U X L V H U V V X Q N
X A S G V Y M W I V W W Y R O
Y B T H W Z N X J W X X Z S P

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Figure 11.

An examination of the successive horizontal lines of the diagram discloses one and only one line of plain text, that marked by the asterisk and reading T W O C R U I S E R S S U N K.

(6) Since each column in Fig. 11 is nothing but a normal sequence, it is obvious that instead of laboriously writing down these columns of letters every time a cryptogram is to be examined, it would be more convenient to prepare a set of strips each bearing the normal sequence doubled (to permit complete coincidence for an entire alphabet at any setting), and have them available for examining any future cryptograms. In using such a set of sliding strips in order to solve a cryptogram prepared by means of a single direct standard cipher alphabet, or to make a test to determine whether a cryptogram has been so prepared, it is only necessary to "set up" the letters of the cryptogram on the strips, that is, align them in a single row across the strips (by sliding the individual strips

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up or down). The successive horizontal lines, called generatrices (singular, generatrix)<sup>5</sup>, are then examined in a search for intelligible text. If the cryptogram really belongs to this simple type of cipher, one of the generatrices will exhibit intelligible text all the way across; this text will practically invariably be the plain text of the message. This method of analysis may be termed a solution by completing the plain-component sequence. Sometimes it is referred to as "running down" the sequence. The principle upon which the method is based constitutes one of the cryptanalyst's most valuable tools.<sup>6</sup>

b. The case of reversed standard alphabets.---(1) The method described under subpar. a may also be applied, in slightly modified form, in the case of a cryptogram enciphered by a single reversed standard alphabet. The basic principles are identical in the two cases, as will now be demonstrated.

(2) Let two sliding components be prepared as before, except that in this case one of the components must be a reversed normal sequence, the other, a direct normal sequence.

(3) Let the two components be juxtaposed A to A, as shown below, and then let the resultant values be substituted for the letters of the cryptogram. Thus:

	CRYPTOGRAM
	N K S E P   M Y O C P   O O M T W
Plain-----	ABCDEFGHIJKLMN O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Cipher-----	ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHG FEDCBAZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHG FEDCBA
Cryptogram-----	N K S E P   M Y O C P   O O M T W
1st Test--"Plain text"	N Q I W L   O C M Y L   M M O H E

(4) This does not yield intelligible text, and therefore the reversed component is slid one space forward and a second test is made. Thus:

	ABCDEFGHIJKLMN O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Plain-----	ABCDEFGHIJKLMN O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Cipher-----	ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHG FEDCBAZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHG FEDCBA
Cryptogram-----	N K S E P   M Y O C P   O O M T W
2d Test--"Plain text"	O R J X M   P D N Z M   N N P I F

(5) Neither does the second test yield intelligible text. But let the results of the two tests be superimposed. Thus:

Cryptogram-----	N K S E P   M Y O C P   O O M T W
1st Test--"Plain text"	N Q I W L   O C M Y L   M M O H E
2d Test--"Plain text"	O R J X M   P D N Z M   N N P I F

<sup>5</sup> Pronounced: jěn'ēr-ā-trī'sēz and jěn'ēr-ā'trīks, respectively.

<sup>6</sup> A set of heavy paper strips, suitable for use in completing the plain-component sequence, has been prepared for use as a training aid in connection with the courses in Military Cryptanalysis.

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(6) It is seen that the letters of the "plain text" given by the second trial are merely the continuants of the normal sequences initiated by the letters of the "plain text" given by the first trial. If these sequences are "run down"--that is, completed within the columns--the results must obviously be the same as though successive tests exactly similar to the first two were applied to the cryptogram, using one reversed normal and one direct normal component. If the cryptogram has really been prepared by means of a single reversed standard alphabet, one of the generatrices of the diagram that results from completing the sequences must yield intelligible text.

(7) Let the diagram be made, or better yet, if the student has already at hand the set of sliding strips referred to in footnote 6 to page 69, let him "set up" the letters given by the first trial. Fig. 12 shows the diagram and indicates the plaintext generatrix.

N	K	S	E	P	M	Y	O	C	P	O	O	M	T	W
N	Q	I	W	L	O	C	M	Y	L	M	M	O	H	E
O	R	J	X	M	P	D	N	Z	M	N	N	P	I	F
P	S	K	Y	N	Q	E	O	A	N	O	O	Q	J	G
Q	T	L	Z	O	R	F	P	B	O	P	P	R	K	H
R	U	M	A	P	S	G	Q	C	P	Q	Q	S	L	I
S	V	N	B	Q	T	H	R	D	Q	R	R	T	M	J
*T	W	O	C	R	U	I	S	E	R	S	S	U	N	K
U	X	P	D	S	V	J	T	F	S	T	T	V	O	L
V	Y	Q	E	T	W	K	U	G	T	U	U	W	P	M
W	Z	R	F	U	X	L	V	H	U	V	V	X	Q	N
X	A	S	G	V	Y	M	W	I	V	W	W	Y	R	O
Y	B	T	H	W	Z	N	X	J	W	X	X	Z	S	P
Z	C	U	I	X	A	O	Y	K	X	Y	Y	A	T	Q
A	D	V	J	Y	B	P	Z	L	Y	Z	Z	B	U	R
B	E	W	K	Z	C	Q	A	M	Z	A	A	C	V	S
C	F	X	L	A	D	R	B	N	A	B	B	D	W	T
D	G	Y	M	B	E	S	C	O	B	C	C	E	X	U
E	H	Z	N	C	F	T	D	P	C	D	D	F	Y	V
F	I	A	O	D	G	U	E	Q	D	E	E	G	Z	W
G	J	B	P	E	H	V	F	R	E	F	F	H	A	X
H	K	C	Q	F	I	W	G	S	F	G	G	I	B	Y
I	L	D	R	G	J	X	H	T	G	H	H	J	C	Z
J	M	E	S	H	K	Y	I	U	H	I	I	K	D	A
K	N	F	T	I	L	Z	J	V	I	J	J	L	E	B
L	O	G	U	J	M	A	K	W	J	K	K	M	F	C
M	P	H	V	K	N	B	L	X	K	L	L	N	G	D

Figure 12.

(8) The only difference in procedure between this case and the preceding one (where the cipher alphabet was a direct standard alphabet) is that the letters of the cipher text are first "deciphered" by means of any reversed standard alphabet and then the columns are "run down", according to the normal A B C . . . Z sequence. For reasons which will

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become apparent very soon, the first step in this method is technically termed converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents; the second step is the same as before, viz., completing the plain-component sequence.

35. Special remarks on the method of solution by completing the plain-component sequence.--a. The terms employed to designate the steps in the solution set forth in par. 34b(8), viz., "converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents" and "completing the plain-component sequence", accurately describe the process. Their meaning will become more clear as the student progresses with the work. It may be said that whenever the components of a cipher alphabet are known sequences, no matter how they are composed, the difficulty and time required to solve any cryptogram involving the use of those components is considerably reduced. In some cases this knowledge facilitates, and in other cases is the only thing that makes possible, the solution of a very short cryptogram that might otherwise defy solution. Later on an example will be given to illustrate what is meant in this regard.

b. The student should take note, however, of two qualifying expressions that were employed in a preceding paragraph to describe the results of the application of the method. It was stated that "one of the generatrices will exhibit intelligible text all the way across; this text will practically invariably be the plain text." Will there ever be a case in which more than one generatrix will yield intelligible text through its extent? That obviously depends almost entirely on the number of letters that are aligned to form a generatrix. If a generatrix contains but a very few letters, only five, for example, it may happen as a result of pure chance that there will be two or more generatrices showing what might be "intelligible text." Note in Fig. 11, for example, that there are several cases in which 3-letter and 4-letter English words (LAD, COB, MESH, MAPS, etc.) appear on generatrices that are not correct, these words being formed by pure chance. But there is not a single case, in this diagram, of a 5-letter or longer word appearing fortuitously, because obviously the longer the word the smaller the probability of its appearance purely by chance; and the probability that two generatrices of 15 letters each will both yield intelligible text along their entire length is exceedingly remote, so remote, in fact, that in practical cryptology such a case may be considered nonexistent.<sup>7</sup>

c. The student should observe that in reality there is no difference whatsoever in principle between the two methods presented in subpars. a and b of par. 34. In the former the preliminary step of converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents is apparently not present but in reality it is there. The reason for its apparent absence is that in that case the plain component of the cipher alphabet is identical in all respects with the cipher component, so that the cipher letters

<sup>7</sup> A person with patience and an inclination toward the curiosities of the science might construct a text of 15 or more letters which would yield two "intelligible" texts on the plain-component completion diagram.

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require no conversion, or, rather, they are identical with the equivalents that would result if they were converted on the basis  $A_c = A_p$ . In fact, if the solution process had been arbitrarily initiated by converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents at the setting  $A_c = O_p$ , for example, and the cipher component slid one interval to the right thereafter, the results of the first and second tests of par. 34a would be as follows:

Cryptogram-----	Z C U I X A O Y K X Y Y A T Q
1st Test--"Plain text"---	N Q I W L O C M Y L M M O H E
2d Test--"Plain text"---	O R J X M P D N Z M N N P I F

Thus, the foregoing diagram duplicates in every particular the diagram resulting from the first two tests under par. 34b: a first line of cipher letters, a second line of letters derived from them but showing externally no relationship with the first line, and a third line derived immediately from the second line by continuing the direct normal sequence. This point is brought to attention only for the purpose of showing that a simple, broad principle is the basis of the general method of solution by completing the plain-component sequence, and once the student has this firmly in mind he will have no difficulty whatsoever in realizing when the principle is applicable, what a powerful cryptanalytic tool it can be, and what results he may expect from its application in specific instances.

d. In the two foregoing examples of the application of the principle, the components were normal sequences; but it should be clear to the student, if he has grasped what has been said in the preceding subparagraph, that these components may be mixed sequences which, if known (that is, if the sequence of letters comprising the sequences is known to the cryptanalyst), can be handled just as readily as can components that are normal sequences.

e. It is entirely immaterial at what points the plain and the cipher components are juxtaposed in the preliminary step of converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents. For example, in the case of the reversed alphabet cipher solved in par. 34b, the two components were arbitrarily juxtaposed to give the value  $A_p = A_c$ , but they might have been juxtaposed at any of the other 25 possible points of coincidence without in any way affecting the final result, viz., the production of one plaintext generatrix in the completion diagram.

36. Value of mechanical solution as a short cut.--a. It is evident that the very first step the student should take in his attempts to solve an unknown cryptogram that is obviously a substitution cipher is to try the mechanical method of solution by completing the plain-component sequence, using the normal alphabet, first direct, then reversed. This takes only a very few minutes and is conclusive in its results. It saves the labor and trouble of constructing a frequency distribution in case the cipher is of this simple type. Later on it will be seen how certain variations of this simple type may also be solved by the application of this method. Thus, a very easy short cut to solution is afforded, which even the experienced cryptanalyst never overlooks in his first attack on an unknown cipher.

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b. It is important now to note that if neither of the two foregoing attempts is successful in bringing plain text to light and the cryptogram is quite obviously monoalphabetic in character, the cryptanalyst is warranted in assuming that the cryptogram involves a mixed cipher alphabet.<sup>8</sup>

37. Basic reason for the low degree of : yptosecurity afforded by monoalphabetic cryptograms involving standard cipher alphabets.--The student has seen that the solution of monoalphabetic cryptograms involving standard cipher alphabets is a very easy matter. Two methods of analysis were described, one involving the construction of a frequency distribution, the other not requiring this kind of tabulation, being almost mechanical in nature and correspondingly rapid. In the first of these two methods it was necessary to make a correct assumption as to the value of but one of the 26 letters of the cipher alphabet and the values of the remaining 25 letters at once became known; in the second method it was not necessary to assume a value for even a single cipher letter. The student should understand what constitutes the basis of this situation, viz., the fact that the two components of the cipher alphabet are composed of known sequences. What if one or both of these components are, for the cryptanalyst, unknown sequences? In other words, what difficulties will confront the cryptanalyst if the cipher component of the cipher alphabet is a mixed sequence? Will such an alphabet be solvable as a whole at one stroke, or will it be necessary to solve its values individually? Since the determination of the value of one cipher letter in this case gives no direct clues to the value of any other letter, it would seem that the solution of such a cipher should involve considerably more analysis and experiment than has the solution of either of the two types of ciphers so far examined. The steps to be taken in the cryptanalysis of a mixed-alphabet cipher will be discussed in the next section.

<sup>8</sup> There is but one other possibility, already referred to under subpar. 31d which involves the case where transposition and monoalphabetic substitution processes have been applied in successive steps. This is unusual, however, and will be discussed in its proper place.

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## SECTION VI

## UNILITERAL SUBSTITUTION WITH MIXED CIPHER ALPHABETS

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38. Literal keys and numerical keys.--a. As has been previously mentioned, most cryptosystems involve the use of a specific key to control the steps followed in encrypting or decrypting a specific message (see subpar. 9b). Such a key may be in literal form or in numerical form.

b. It is convenient to designate a key which is composed of letters as a literal key. As already mentioned, a literal key may consist of a single letter, a single word, a phrase, a sentence, a whole paragraph, or even a book; and, of course, it may consist merely of a sequence of letters chosen at random.

c. Certain cryptosystems involve the use of a numerical key, which may consist of a relatively long sequence of numbers difficult or impossible for the average cipher clerk to memorize. Several simple methods for deriving such sequences from words, phrases, or sentences have been devised, and a numerical key produced by any of these methods is called a derived numerical key (as opposed to a key consisting of randomly-selected numbers). One of the commonly-used methods consists of assigning numerical values to the letters of a selected literal key in accordance with their relative positions in the ordinary alphabet, as exemplified in the following subparagraph.

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d. Let the prearranged key word be the word LOGISTICS. Since G, the penultimate letter of the key word, appears in the normal alphabet before any other letter of the key word, it is assigned the number 1:

L O G I S T I C S  
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The next letter of the normal alphabet that occurs in the key word is G, which is assigned the number 2. The letter I, which occurs twice in the key word, is assigned the number 3 for its first occurrence and the number 4 for its second occurrence; and so on. The final result is:

L O G I S T I C S  
5 6 2 3 7 9 4 1 8

This method of assigning the numbers is very flexible and varies with different uses to which numerical keys are put. It may, of course, be applied to phrases or to sentences, so that a very long numerical key, ordinarily impossible to remember, may be thus derived at will from an easily-remembered key text.

e. As far as the cryptanalyst is concerned, the derivation of a numerical key from a specific literal key is of interest to him because this knowledge may assist in subsequent solutions of cryptograms prepared according to the same basic system, or in identifying the source from which the literal key was selected - perhaps an ordinary book, a magazine, etc. However, it should be pointed out that in some instances the cryptanalyst may be unaware that a literal key has in fact been used as the basis for deriving a numerical key.

39. Types of mixed cipher alphabets.--a. It will be recalled that in a mixed cipher alphabet the sequence of letters or characters in one of the components (usually the cipher component) does not correspond to the normal sequence. There are various methods of composing the sequence of letters or elements of this mixed component, and those which are based upon a scheme that is systematic in its nature are very useful because they make possible the derivation of one or more mixed sequences from any easily-remembered word or phrase, and thus do not necessitate the carrying of written memoranda. Alphabets involving a systematic method of mixing are called systematically-mixed cipher alphabets.

b. One of the simplest types of systematically-mixed cipher alphabets is the keyword-mixed alphabet. The cipher component consists of a key word or phrase (with repeated letters, if present, omitted after

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their first occurrence)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the letters of the alphabet in their normal sequence (with letters already occurring in the key omitted of course). Example, with GOVERNMENT as the key word:

Plain: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
 Cipher: GOVERNMENTABCDEFGHIJKLPQSUWXYZ

c. It is possible to disarrange the sequence constituting the cipher component even more thoroughly by applying a simple method of transposition to the keyword-mixed sequence. Two common methods are illustrated below, using the key word TELEPHONY.

(1) Simple columnar transposition:

T E L P H O N Y  
 A B C D F G I J  
 K M Q R S U V W  
 X Z

Mixed sequence (formed by transcribing the successive columns from left to right):

TAKXEZBMZLQCQDRHFSOGUNIVYJW

(2) Numerically-keyed columnar transposition:

7-1-3-6-2-5-4-8  
 T E L P H O N Y  
 A B C D F G I J  
 K M Q R S U V W  
 X Z

Mixed sequence (formed by transcribing the columns in a sequence determined by the numerical key derived from the key word itself):

EBMZHFSLCQNIVOGUPDRITAKXYJW

<sup>1</sup> Mixed alphabets formed by including all repeated letters of the key word or key phrase in the cipher component were common in Edgar Allan Poe's day but are impractical because they are ambiguous, making decipherment difficult; an example:

	Plain:	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
(a) Alphabet for enciphering.--	Cipher:	NOWISTHETIMEFORALLGOODMENTI
	Cipher:	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
(b) Inverse form of (a),	Plain:	P VHMSGD QKAB OEF C
for deciphering.-----		L J RWYN I
		X T Z
		U

The average cipher clerk would have considerable difficulty in decrypting a cipher group such as TOOEF, each letter of which has three or more equivalents, and from which the plaintext fragments (N)INTH., ..FT THI(S), IT THI..., etc. can be formed on decipherment.

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d. The last two systematically-mixed sequences are examples of transposition-mixed sequences. Almost any method of transposition may be used to produce such sequences.

e. Another simple method of forming a mixed sequence is the decimation method. In this method, letters in the normal alphabet, or in a keyword-mixed sequence, are "counted off" according to any selected interval. As each letter is decimated--that is, eliminated from the basic sequence by counting off--it is entered in a separate list to form the new mixed sequence. For example, to form a mixed sequence by this method from a keyword-mixed sequence based on the key phrase SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE with 7 the interval selected, proceed as follows:

Keyword-mixed (or basic) sequence:

SINGAOFXPECBDHJKLMQRTUVWYZ

When the letters are counted off by 7's from left to right, F will be the first letter arrived at, H the second, T the third:

S I N G A O F X P E C B D H J K L M Q R T U V W Y Z  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

These letters are entered in a separate list (F first, H second, T third, and so on) and eliminated from the keyword-mixed sequence. When the end of the keyword-mixed sequence is reached, return to the beginning, skipping the letters already eliminated:

S I N G A O F X P E C B D H J K L M Q R T U V W Y Z  
 1 2 3 4 5  
 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The decimation-mixed sequence:

FHTIEMZPQNDWCVBSLXAGOKYJRU

f. Practical considerations, of course, set a limit to the complexities that may be introduced in constructing systematically-mixed alphabets. Beyond a certain point there is no object in further mixing. The greatest amount of mixing by systematic processes will give no more security than that resulting from mixing the alphabet by random selection, such as by putting the 26 letters in a box, thoroughly shaking them up, and then drawing the letters out one at a time. Whenever the laws of chance operate in the construction of a mixed alphabet, the probability of producing a thorough disarrangement of letters is very great. Random-mixed alphabets give more cryptographic security than do the less complicated systematically-mixed alphabets, because they afford no clues to positions of letters, given the position of a few of them. Their chief disadvantage is that they must be reduced to writing, since they cannot readily be remembered, nor can they be reproduced at will from an easily-remembered key word.

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40. Additional remarks on cipher alphabets.--a. All cipher alphabets may be classified on the basis of their arrangement as enciphering or deciphering alphabets. An enciphering alphabet is one in which the sequence of letters in the plain component coincides with the normal sequence and is arranged in that manner for convenience in encipherment. In a deciphering alphabet the sequence of letters in the cipher component coincides with the normal, for convenience in deciphering. For example, (1), below, shows a mixed cipher alphabet arranged as an enciphering alphabet; (2) shows the corresponding deciphering alphabet. An enciphering alphabet and its corresponding deciphering alphabet present an inverse relationship to each other. To invert a deciphering alphabet is to write the corresponding enciphering alphabet; to invert an enciphering alphabet is to write the corresponding deciphering alphabet.

Enciphering Alphabet

(1) Plain: ABCDEFGHILJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Cipher: JKQVXZWESTRNUITOLGAPHCMYBDF

Deciphering Alphabet

(2) Cipher: ABCDEFGHILJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Plain: RXUYHZQTNABPVLOSCKIJMDGEWF

b. A series of related reciprocal alphabets may be produced by juxtaposing at all possible points of coincidence two components which are identical but progress in opposite directions. This holds regardless of whether the components are composed of an even or an odd number of elements. The following reciprocal alphabet is one of such a series of 26 alphabets:

Plain: HYDRAULICBEFGJKMNOPQSTVWXZ  
Cipher: GFEBCLJARDYHZXWVTSQPONMKJ

A single or isolated reciprocal alphabet may be produced in one of two ways:

(1) By constructing a complete reciprocal alphabet by arbitrary or random assignments of values in pairs. That is, if  $A_p$  is made the equivalent of  $K_c$ , then  $K_p$  is made the equivalent of  $A_c$ ; if  $B_p$  is made  $R_c$ , then  $R_p$  is made  $B_c$ , and so on. If the two components thus constructed are slid against each other no additional reciprocal alphabets will be produced.

(2) By juxtaposing a sequence comprising an even number of elements against the same sequence shifted exactly half way to the right (or left), as seen below:

ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ,  
ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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41. Preliminary steps in the analysis of a monoalphabetic, mixed-alphabet cryptogram.--a. The student is now ready to resume his cryptanalytic studies. Note the following cryptogram:

SFDZF IOGHL PZFGZ DYSFF HBZDS GVRTF UPLVD FGYVJ VVHTI GADZZ AITFD ZYFZJ  
 ZITGPT VTZBD VFHTZ DFXSB GIDZY VTXOI YVTEF VMGZZ THLLV XZDFM HTZAI TYDZY  
 BDVFH TZDFK ZDZZJ SXISG ZYGAV FSLGZ DTHHT CDZRS VTYZD OZFFH TZAIT YDZYG  
 AVDGZ ZTKHI TYZYS DZGHU ZFZTG UPGDI XWGHX ASRUZ DFUID EGHIV EAGXX

b. A casual inspection of the text discloses the presence of several long repetitions as well as of many letters of normally low frequency, such as F, G, V, X, and Z; on the other hand, letters of normally high frequency, such as the vowels, and the consonants N and R, are relatively scarce. The cryptogram is obviously a substitution cipher and the usual mechanical tests for determining whether it is possibly of the monoalphabetic, standard-alphabet type are applied. The results being negative, a uniliteral frequency distribution is immediately constructed, as shown in Figure 13, and the  $\phi$  test is applied to it.

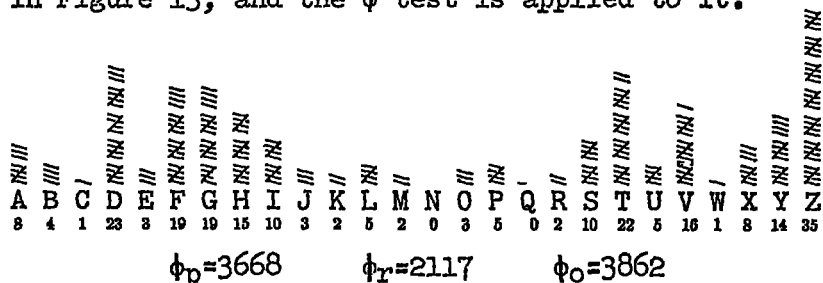


Figure 13.

c. The fact that the frequency distribution shows very marked crests and troughs indicates that the cryptogram is very probably monoalphabetic, and the results of the  $\phi$  test further support this hypothesis. The fact that the cryptogram has already been tested by the method of completing the plain-component sequence and found not to be of the monoalphabetic, standard-alphabet type, indicates with a high degree of probability that it involves a mixed cipher alphabet. A few moments might be devoted to making a careful inspection of the distribution to insure that it cannot be made to fit the normal; the object of this would be to rule out the possibility that the text resulting from substitution by a standard cipher alphabet had not subsequently been transposed. But this inspection in this case is hardly necessary, in view of the presence of long repetitions in the message.<sup>2</sup> (See subpar. 25g.)

<sup>2</sup> This possible step is mentioned here for the purpose of making it clear that the plain-component sequence completion method cannot solve a case in which transposition has followed or preceded monoalphabetic substitution with standard alphabets. Cases of this kind will be discussed in a later text. It is sufficient to indicate at this point that the frequency distribution for such a combined substitution-transposition cipher would present the characteristics of a standard alphabet cipher and yet the method of completing the plain-component sequence would fail to bring out any plain text.

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d. One might, of course, attempt to solve the cryptogram by applying the simple principles of frequency. One might, in other words, assume that  $Z_c$  (the letter of greatest frequency) represents  $E_p$ ,  $D_c$  (the letter of next greatest frequency) represents  $T_p$ , and so on. If the message were long enough this simple procedure might more or less quickly give the solution. But the message is relatively short and many difficulties would be encountered. Much time and effort would be expended unnecessarily, because it is hardly to be expected that in a message of only 235 letters the relative order of frequency of the various cipher letters should exactly coincide with, or even closely approximate the relative order of frequency of letters of normal plain text found in a count of 50,000 letters. It is to be emphasized that the beginner must repress the natural tendency to place too much confidence in the generalized principles of frequency and to rely too much upon them. It is far better to bring into effective use certain other data concerning normal plain text, such as digraphic and trigraphic frequencies.

42. Preparation of the work sheet.--a. The details to be considered in this paragraph may at first appear to be superfluous, but long experience has proved that systematization of the work and preparation of the data in the most utilizable, condensed form is most advisable, even if this seems to take considerable time. In the first place, if it merely serves to avoid interruptions and irritations occasioned by failure to have the data in an instantly available form, it will pay by saving mental wear and tear. In the second place, especially in the case of complicated cryptograms, painstaking care in these details, while it may not always bring about success, is often the factor that is of greatest assistance in ultimate solution. The detailed preparation of the data may be irksome to the student, and he may be tempted to avoid as much of it as possible, but, unfortunately, in the early stages of solving a cryptogram he does not know (nor, for that matter, does the expert always know) just which data are essential and which may be neglected. Even though not all of the data may turn out to have been necessary, as a general rule, time is saved in the end if all the usual data are prepared as a regular preliminary to the solution of most cryptograms.

b. First, the cryptogram is recopied in the form of a work sheet. This sheet should be of a good quality of paper so as to withstand considerable erasure. If the cryptogram is to be copied by hand, cross-section paper of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch squares is extremely useful. The writing should be in ink, and plain, carefully-made roman capital letters should be used in all cases.<sup>3</sup> If the cryptogram is to be copied on a typewriter, the ribbon employed should be impregnated with an ink that will not smear or smudge under the hand.

<sup>3</sup> It is advisable to use, for this purpose, the system of standardized manual printing adopted by Service communications personnel. The use of this system, which is included in Appendix 7, assures that work sheets are completely legible, not only to the person preparing them, but to others as well.

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c. The arrangement of the characters of the cryptogram on the work sheet is a matter of considerable importance. If the cryptogram as first obtained is in groups of regular length (usually five characters to a group) and if the uniliteral frequency distribution shows the cryptogram to be monoalphabetic, the characters should be copied without regard to this grouping. It is advisable to allow one space between letters (this is especially true for work sheets prepared on the typewriter), and to write a constant number of letters per line, approximately 25. At least two spaces, preferably three spaces, should be left between horizontal lines, to allow room for multiple assumptions. Care should be taken to avoid crowding the letters in any case, for this is not only confusing to the eye but also mentally irritating when later it is found that not enough space has been left for making various sorts of marks or indications. If the cryptogram is originally in what appears to be word lengths (and this is the case, as a rule, only with the cryptograms of amateurs), naturally it should be copied on the work sheet in the original groupings.<sup>4</sup> If further study of a cryptogram shows that some special grouping is required, it is often best to recopy it on a fresh work sheet rather than to attempt to indicate the new grouping on the old work sheet.

d. In order to be able to locate or refer to specific letters or groups of letters with speed, certainty, and without possibility of confusion, it is advisable to use coordinates applied to the lines and columns of the text as it appears on the work sheet. To minimize possibility of confusion, it is best to apply letters to the horizontal lines of the text, numbers to the vertical columns. In referring to a letter, the horizontal line in which the letter is located is usually given first. Thus, referring to the work sheet shown below, coordinates A17 designate the letter Y, the 17th letter in the first line. The letter I is usually omitted from the series of line indicators so as to avoid confusion with the figure 1. If lines are limited to 25 letters each, then each set of 100 letters of the text is automatically blocked off by remembering that 4 lines constitute 100 letters.

e. Above each character of the cipher text may be some indication of the frequency of that character in the whole cryptogram. This indication may be the actual number of times the character occurs, or, if colored pencils are used, the cipher letters may be divided up into three categories or groups--high-frequency; medium-frequency, and low-frequency. It is perhaps simpler, if clerical help is available, to indicate the actual frequencies. This saves constant reference to the frequency tables, which interrupts the train of thought, and saves considerable time in the end, since it enables the student better to visualize frequency-patterns of words. In any case, it is recommended that the frequencies of the letters comprising the repetitions be inscribed over their

<sup>4</sup> In some cryptosystems, certain low-frequency letters are employed as word separators to indicate the end of a word; if the meaning of these letters is discovered, it is tantamount to having the cryptogram in word lengths and thus the work sheet is made accordingly. See also in this connection the treatment on word separators in Section VII.

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respective letters; likewise, the frequencies of the first 10 and last 10 letters should also be inscribed, as these positions often lend themselves readily to attack.<sup>5</sup>

f. After the special frequency distribution, explained in Par. 43 below, has been constructed, repetitions of digraphs and trigraphs should be underscored. In so doing, the student should be particularly watchful for trigraphic repetitions which can be further extended into tetragraphs and polygraphs of greater length. Repetitions of more than ten characters should be set off by heavy vertical lines, as they indicate repeated phrases and are of considerable assistance in solution. If a repetition continues from one line to the next, put an arrow at the end of the underscore to signal this fact. Reversible digraphs and trigraphs should also be indicated by an underscore with an arrow pointing in both directions. Anything which strikes the eye as being peculiar, unusual, or significant as regards the distribution or recurrence of the characters should be noted. All these marks should, if convenient, be made with ink so as not to cause smudging. The work sheet will now appear as shown below (not all the repetitions are underscored):

	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
A	10	19	23	35	19	10	3	10	15	5	5	35	19	19	35	23	14	10	5	19	15	4	35	23	10
	S	F	D	Z	F	I	O	G	H	L	P	Z	F	G	<u>Z</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Y</u>	S	P	F	H	B	Z	D	S
	←-----→																								
B	10	16	15	22	19	5	5	5	16	23	19	19	14	16	3	16	10	16	15	22	19	8	23	35	35
	G	V	H	T	F	U	P	L	<u>V</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>V</u>	J	V	F	V	H	T	G	A	D	Z	Z
C	8	10	22	14	23	35	14	19	35	3	35	22	19	5	22	16	22	35	4	23	16	19	15	22	35
	A	<u>I</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Z</u>	J	Z	T	G	P	T	V	T	Z	<u>B</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Z</u>
	←-----→																								
D	23	19	8	10	4	19	10	23	35	14	16	22	8	3	10	14	16	22	3	19	16	2	19	35	35
	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>X</u>	O	I	Y	V	T	E	F	V	M	G	Z	Z
	←-----→																								
E	22	15	5	5	16	8	35	23	19	2	15	22	35	8	10	22	14	23	35	14	4	23	16	19	15
	T	H	L	L	V	X	<u>Z</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>
F	22	35	23	19	2	35	23	35	35	3	10	8	10	10	19	35	14	19	8	16	19	10	5	19	35
	<u>T</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	K	Z	D	Z	Z	J	S	X	I	S	G	Z	Y	G	A	V	F	S	L	G	Z
G	23	22	15	15	23	1	23	35	2	10	16	22	14	35	23	8	35	19	19	15	22	35	8	10	22
	D	T	H	H	T	C	D	Z	R	S	V	T	Y	Z	D	O	Z	F	F	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>T</u>
H	14	23	35	14	19	8	16	23	19	35	35	22	2	15	10	22	14	35	14	10	23	35	19	15	5
	<u>Y</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	T	K	H	<u>I</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>U</u>
J	35	19	35	22	19	5	5	19	23	10	8	1	19	15	8	8	10	2	5	35	23	19	5	10	23
	Z	F	Z	T	G	U	P	G	D	I	X	W	G	H	X	A	S	R	U	<u>Z</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>
K	3	19	15	22	16	3	8	19	8	8															
	E	G	H	T	V	E	A	G	X	X															

<sup>5</sup> See Appendix 4 in this connection.

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43. Triliteral frequency distributions,--a. In what has gone before, a type of frequency distribution known as a uniliteral frequency distribution was used. This, of course, shows only the number of times each individual letter occurs. In order to apply the normal digraphic and trigraphic frequency data (given in Appendix 2) to the solution of a cryptogram of the type now being studied, it is obvious that the data with respect to digraphs and trigraphs occurring in the cryptogram should be compiled and should be compared with the data for normal plain text. In order to accomplish this in suitable manner, it is advisable to construct a more comprehensive form of distribution termed a triliteral frequency distribution.<sup>6</sup>

b. Given a cryptogram of 50 or more letters and the task of determining what trigraphs are present in the cryptogram, there are three ways in which the data may be arranged or assembled. One may require that the data show (1) each letter with its two succeeding letters; (2) each letter with its two preceding letters; (3) each letter with one preceding letter and one succeeding letter.

c. A distribution of the first of the three foregoing types may be designated as a "triliteral frequency distribution showing two suffixes"; the second type may be designated as a "triliteral frequency distribution showing two prefixes"; the third type may be designated as a "triliteral frequency distribution showing one prefix and one suffix." Quadriliteral and pentaliteral frequency distributions may occasionally be found useful.

d. Which of these three arrangements is to be employed at a specific time depends largely upon what the data are intended to show. For present purposes, in connection with the solution of a monoalphabetic substitution cipher employing a mixed alphabet, possibly the third arrangement, that showing one prefix and one suffix, is most satisfactory.

e. It is convenient to use  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch cross-section paper for the construction of a triliteral frequency distribution in the form of a distribution showing crests and troughs, such as that in Figure 14. In that figure the prefix to each letter to be recorded is inserted in the left half of the cell directly above the cipher letter being recorded; the suffix to each letter is inserted in the right half of the cell directly above the letter being recorded; and in each case the prefix and the suffix to the letter being recorded occupy the same cell, the prefix being directly to the left of the suffix. The number in parentheses gives the total frequency for each letter.

<sup>6</sup> It is felt advisable here to distinguish between two closely related terms. A triliteral distribution of A B C D E F would consider the groups A B C, B C D, C D E, D E F; a trigraphic distribution would consider only the trigraphs A B C and D E F. (See also subpar. 23d.)

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CONDENSED TABLE OF REPETITIONS

Digraphs			Trigraphs		Longer Polygraphs
DZ-9	TZ-5	VF-4	DZY-4	FHT-3	HTZAITYDZY-2
ZD-9	TY-5	VT-4	HTZ-4	TYD-3	BDVFHTZDF-2
HT-8	FH-4	ZF-4	ITY-4	YDZ-3	ZAITYDZY-3
ZY-6	GH-4	ZT-4	ZDF-4	ZAI-3	FHTZ-3
DF-5	IT-4	ZZ-4	AIT-3		
GZ-5					

IE																												
ZF																												
GI																												
SZ																												
VG	DU	AX																										
YZ	ZZ	EH																										
ZO	FH	WH																										
CZ	ZF	PD																										
ZT	VS	TU	GT																									
ZZ	DK	ZH	GX																									
ZF	VH	DZ	GU																									
BV	DM	YA	KI																									
YZ	EV	LZ	FT																									
ZF	DX	YA	HT	UD																								
IZ	VH	SZ	TH	DX																								
ZF	YZ	MZ	FT	HT																								
EG	BV	VV	BI	MT	AT																							
XS	YZ	DG	TP	TL	XS																							
GV	AZ	TU	TA	FT	AT	SG	UG																					
ZI	VF	PH	FY	VT	OY	LV	GT																					
GV	YD	VS	VA	ZG	SV	VT	GD	ZS	HL	DZ	UL																	
ZI	SG	ZS	VA	ZG	SV	VT	GD	ZS	HL	DZ	UL																	
ZI	ZD	ZY	DG	ZI	FZ	FB	AT	ZZ	TH	PV	FH	XI	SF	SU	YP	HG	HZ	LD	XG	FS	DS	DF						
GD	HZ	TD	FZ	TF	SD	OH	GL	FO	VV	FZ	HP	VG	IG	LZ	ZS	-F	HF	FP	GH	XG	FS	DS	DF					
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			
(8)	(4)	(1)	(23)	(8)	(18)	(19)	(15)	(10)	(8)	(2)	(6)	(8)	(9)	(3)	(6)	(6)	(2)	(10)	(22)	(6)	(10)	(1)	(8)	(24)	(35)			

FIGURE 14.

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f. The trilateral frequency distribution is now to be examined with a view to ascertaining what digraphs and trigraphs occur two or more times in the cryptogram. Consider the pair of columns containing the prefixes and suffixes to  $D_c$  in the distribution, as shown in Fig. 14. This pair of columns shows that the following digraphs appear in the cryptogram:

Digraphs based on prefixes  
(arranged as one reads up  
the column)

FD, ZD,  $\lambda$ D, VD, AD, YD, BD,  
ZD, ID, ZD, YD, BD, ZD, ZD,  
ZD, CD, ZD, YD, VD, SD, GD,  
ZD, ID

Digraphs based on suffixes  
(arranged as one reads up  
the column)

DZ, DY, DS, DF, DZ, DZ, DV,  
DF, DZ, DF, DZ, DV, DF, DZ,  
DT, DZ, DO, DZ, DG, DZ, DI,  
DF, DE

The nature of the trilateral frequency distribution is such that in finding what digraphs are present in the cryptogram it is immaterial whether the prefixes or the suffixes to the cipher letters are studied, so long as one is consistent in the study. For example, in the foregoing list of digraphs based on the prefixes to  $D_c$ , the digraphs FD, ZD, ZD, VD, etc., are found; if now, the student will refer to the suffixes of  $F_c$ ,  $Z_c$ ,  $V_c$ , etc., he will find the very same digraphs indicated. This being the case, the question may be raised as to what value there is in listing both the prefixes and the suffixes to the cipher letters. The answer is that by so doing the trigraphs are indicated at the same time. For example, in the case of  $D_c$ , the following trigraphs are indicated:

FDZ, ZDY, ZDS, VDF, ADZ, YDZ, BDV, ZDF, IDZ, ZDF, YDZ, BDV, ZDF,  
ZDZ, ZDT, CDZ, ZDO, YDZ, VDG, SDZ, GDI, ZDF, IDE.

g. The repeated digraphs and trigraphs can now be found quite readily. Thus, in the case of  $D_c$ , examining the list of digraphs based on suffixes, the following repetitions are noted:

DZ appears 9 times; DF appears 5 times; DV appears 2 times

Examining the trigraphs with  $D_c$  as central letter, the following repetitions are noted:

ZDF appears 4 times; YDZ appears 3 times; BDV appears 2 times

h. It is unnecessary, of course, to go through the detailed procedure set forth in the preceding subparagraphs in order to find all the repeated digraphs and trigraphs. The repeated trigraphs with  $D_c$  as central letter can be found merely from an inspection of the prefixes and suffixes opposite  $D_c$  in the distribution. It is necessary only to find those cases in which two or more prefixes are identical at the same time that the suffixes are identical. For example, the distribution shows at once that in four cases the prefix to  $D_c$  is  $Z_c$  at the same time that the suffix to this letter is  $F_c$ . Hence, the trigraph ZDF appears four times. The repeated trigraphs may all be found in this manner.

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ZD, CD, ZD, YD, VD, SD, GD,  
ZD, ID

Digraphs based on suffixes  
(arranged as one reads up  
the column)

DZ, DY, DS, DF, DZ, DV,  
DF, DZ, DF, DZ, DV, DF, DZ,  
DF, DZ, DO, DZ, DG, DZ, DI,  
DF, DE

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i. The most frequently repeated digraphs and trigraphs are then assembled in what is termed a condensed table of repetitions, so as to bring this information prominently before the eye. As a rule, in messages of average length, digraphs which occur less than four or five times, and trigraphs which occur less than three or four times may be omitted from the condensed table as being relatively of no importance in the study of repetitions. In the condensed table the frequencies of the individual letters forming the most important digraphs, trigraphs, etc., should be indicated.

44. Classifying the cipher letters into vowels and consonants.---

a. Before proceeding to a detailed analysis of the repeated digraphs and trigraphs, a very important step can be taken which will be of assistance not only in the analysis of the repetitions but also in the final solution of the cryptogram. This step concerns the classification of the high-frequency cipher letters into two groups--(1) those which most probably represent vowels, and (2) those which most probably represent consonants. For if the cryptanalyst can quickly ascertain the equivalents of the four vowels, A, E, I, and O, and of only the four consonants, N, R, S, and T, he will then have the values of approximately two-thirds of all the cipher letters that occur in the cryptogram; the values of the remaining letters can almost be filled in automatically.

b. The basis for the classification will be found to rest upon a comparatively simple phenomenon: the associational or combinatory behavior of vowels is, in general, quite different from that of consonants. If an examination be made of Table 7-B in Appendix 2, showing the relative order of frequency of the 18 digraphs composing 25 percent of English telegraphic text, it will be seen that the letter E enters into the composition of 9 of the 18 digraphs; that is, in exactly half of all the cases the letter E is one of the two letters forming the digraph. The digraphs containing E are as follows:

ED	EN	ER	ES		
	NE	RE	SE	TE	VE

The remaining nine digraphs are as follows:

AV	ND	OR	ST
IN	NT		TH
ON			TO

c. None of the 18 digraphs is a combination of vowels. Note now that of the 9 combinations with E, 7 are with the consonants N, R, S, and T, one is with D, one is with V, and none is with any vowel. In other words, E<sub>p</sub> combines most readily with consonants but not with other vowels, or even with itself. Using the terms often employed in the chemical analogy, E shows a great "affinity" for the consonants N, R, S, T, but not for the vowels. Therefore, if the letters of highest frequency occurring in a given cryptogram are listed, together with the number of times each of them combines with the assumed cipher equivalent of E<sub>p</sub>, those which show considerable combining power or affinity for the cipher equivalent

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of  $E_p$  may be assumed to be the cipher equivalents of  $\bar{N}$ ,  $\bar{R}$ ,  $S$ ,  $T_p$ ; those which do not show any affinity for the cipher equivalent of  $E_p$  may be assumed to be the cipher equivalents of  $A$ ,  $I$ ,  $O$ ,  $U_p$ . Applying these principles to the problem in hand, and examining the trilateral frequency distribution, it is quite certain that  $Z_c = E_p$ , not only because  $Z_c$  is the letter of highest frequency, but also because it combines with several other high-frequency letters, such as  $D_c$ ,  $F_c$ ,  $G_c$ , etc. The nine letters of next highest frequency are:

23	22	19	19	16	15	14	10	10
D	T	F	G	V	H	Y	S	I

Let the combinations these letters form with  $Z_c$  be indicated in the following manner:

Number of times $Z_c$ occurs as prefix---	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡
Cipher Letter-----	D(23)	T(22)	F(19)	G(19)	V(16)	H(15)	Y(14)	S(10) I(10)
Number of times $Z_c$ occurs as suffix---	≡	≡	=	≡				

d. Consider  $D_c$ . It occurs 23 times in the message and 18 of those times it is combined with  $Z_c$ , 9 times in the form  $Z_c D_c (=E_p)$ , and 9 times in the form  $D_c Z_c (=E_p)$ . It is clear that  $D_c$  must be a consonant. In the same way, consider  $T_c$ , which shows 9 combinations with  $Z_c$ , 4 in the form  $Z_c T_c (=E_p)$  and 5 in the form  $T_c Z_c (=E_p)$ . The letter  $T_c$  appears to represent a consonant, as do also the letters  $F_c$ ,  $G_c$ , and  $Y_c$ . On the other hand, consider  $V_c$ , occurring in all 16 times but never in combination with  $Z_c$ ; it appears to represent a vowel, as do also the letters  $H_c$ ,  $S_c$ , and  $I_c$ . So far, then, the following classification would seem logical:

Vowels	Consonants
$Z_c (=E_p)$ , $V_c$ , $H_c$ , $S_c$ , $I_c$	$D_c$ , $T_c$ , $F_c$ , $G_c$ , $Y_c$

45. Further analysis of the letters representing vowels and consonants.---a.  $O_p$  is usually the vowel of second highest frequency. Is it possible to determine which of the letters  $V$ ,  $H$ ,  $S$ ,  $I_c$  is the cipher equivalent of  $O_p$ ? Let reference be made again to Table 6 in Appendix 2, where it is seen that the 10 most frequently occurring diphthongs are:

Diphthong-----	IO	OU	EA	EI	AI	IE	AU	EO	AY	UE
Frequency-----	41	37	35	27	17	13	13	12	12	11

If  $V$ ,  $H$ ,  $S$ ,  $I_c$  are really the cipher equivalents of  $A$ ,  $I$ ,  $O$ ,  $U_p$  (not respectively), perhaps it is possible to determine which is which by examining the combinations they make among themselves and with  $Z_c (=E_p)$ . Let the combinations of  $V$ ,  $H$ ,  $S$ ,  $I$ , and  $Z$  that occur in the message be listed. There are only the following:

$ZZ_c$ --4	$VH_c$ --2	$HH_c$ --1	$HI_c$ --1	$IS_c$ --1	$SV_c$ --1
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$ZZ_c$  is of course  $EE_p$ . Note the doublet  $HH_c$ ; if  $H_c$  is a vowel, then the chances are excellent that  $H_c = O_p$  because the doublets  $AA_p$ ,  $II_p$ ,  $UU_p$ , are practically non-existent, whereas the double vowel combination  $OO_p$  is of

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next highest frequency to the double vowel combination  $EE_p$ . If  $H_c=O_p$ , then  $V_c$  must be  $I_p$  because the digraph  $VH_c$  occurring two times in the message could hardly be  $AO_p$ , or  $UO_p$ , whereas the diphthong  $IO_p$  is the one of high frequency in English. So far then, the tentative (because so far unverified) results of the analysis are as follows:

$$Z_c=E_p \quad H_c=O_p \quad V_c=I_p$$

This leaves only two letters,  $I_c$  and  $S_c$  (already classified as vowels) to be separated into  $A_p$  and  $U_p$ . Note the digraphs:

$$HI_c=OO_p \quad IS_c=OO_p \quad SV_c=OI_p$$

Only two alternatives are open:

- (1) Either  $I_c=A_p$  and  $S_c=U_p$ ,
- (2) Or  $I_c=U_p$  and  $S_c=A_p$ .

If the first alternative is selected, then

$$HI_c=OA_p \quad IS_c=AU_p \quad SV_c=UI_p$$

If the second alternative is selected, then

$$HI_c=OU_p \quad IS_c=UA_p \quad SV_c=AI_p$$

The eye finds it difficult to choose between these alternatives; but suppose the frequency values of the plaintext diphthongs as given in Table 6 of Appendix 2 are added for each of these alternatives, giving the following:

$HI_c=OA_p$ , frequency value= 7	$HI_c=OU_p$ , frequency value=37
$SV_c=UI_p$ , frequency value= 5	$SV_c=AI_p$ , frequency value=17
$IS_c=AU_p$ , frequency value=13	$IS_c=UA_p$ , frequency value= 5

Total----- 25

Total----- 59

Mathematically, the second alternative appears to be more probable than the first.<sup>7</sup> Let it be assumed to be correct and the following (still tentative) values are now at hand:

$$Z_c=E_p \quad H_c=O_p \quad V_c=I_p \quad S_c=A_p \quad I_c=U_p$$

b. Attention is now directed to the letters classified as consonants: How far is it possible to ascertain their values? The letter  $D_c$ , from considerations of frequency alone, would seem to be  $T_p$ , but its frequency, 23, is not considerably greater than that for  $I_c$ . It is not

<sup>7</sup> A more accurate guide for choosing between the alternative groups of digraphs could be obtained through a consideration of the logarithmic weights of their assigned probabilities, rather than their plaintext frequency values. These weights are given in Appendix 2, along with an explanation of the method for their derivation; a detailed treatment of their application is presented in Military Cryptanalysis, Part II.

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much greater than that for  $F_c$  or  $G_c$ , with a frequency of 19 each. But perhaps it is possible to ascertain not the value of one letter alone but of two letters at one stroke. To do this one may make use of a tetragraph of considerable importance in English, viz.,  $TION_p$ . For if the analysis pertaining to the vowels is correct, and if  $VH_c = IO_p$ , then an examination of the letters immediately before and after the digraph  $VH_c$  in the cipher text might disclose both  $T_p$  and  $N_p$ . Reference to the text gives the following:

$GVHT_c$	$FVHT_c$
$\cdot \theta IO_e_p$	$\theta IO_e_p$

The letter  $T_c$  follows  $VH_c$  in both cases and very probably indicates that  $T_c = N_p$ ; but as to whether  $G_c$  or  $F_c$  equals  $T_p$  cannot be decided. However, two conclusions are clear: first, the letter  $D_c$  is neither  $T_p$  nor  $N_p$ , from which it follows that it must be either  $R_p$  or  $S_p$ ; second, the letters  $G_c$  and  $F_c$  must be either  $T_p$  and  $S_p$ , respectively, or  $S_p$  and  $T_p$ , respectively, because the only tetragraphs usually found (in English) containing the diphthong  $IO_p$  as central letters are  $SION_p$  and  $TION_p$ . This in turn means that as regards  $D_c$ , the letter cannot be either  $R_p$  or  $S_p$ ; it must be  $R_p$ , a conclusion which is corroborated by the fact that  $ZD_c (=ER_p)$  and  $DZ_c (=RE_p)$  occur 9 times each. Thus far, then, the identifications, when inserted in an enciphering alphabet, are as follows:

Plain-----	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	
Cipher-----	S			Z				V										T	H			D	G	F	I		
																										F	G

46. Substituting deduced values in the cryptogram.--a. Thus far the analysis has been almost purely hypothetical, for as yet not a single one of the values deduced from the foregoing analysis has been tried out in the cryptogram. It is high time that this be done, because the final test of the validity of the hypotheses, assumptions, and identifications made in any cryptographic study is, after all, only this: do these hypotheses, assumptions, and identifications ultimately yield verifiable, intelligible plain text when consistently applied to the cipher text?

b. At the present stage in the process, since there are at hand the assumed values of but 9 out of the 25 letters that appear, it is obvious that a continuous "reading" of the cryptogram can certainly not be expected from a mere insertion of the values of the 9 letters. However, the substitution of these values should do two things. First, it should immediately disclose the fragments, outlines, or "skeletons" of "good" words in the text; and second, it should disclose no places in the text where "impossible" sequences of letters are established. By the first is meant that the partially deciphered text should show the outlines or skeletons of words such as may be expected to be found in the communication; this will become quite clear in the next subparagraph. By the second is meant that sequences, such as "AOEEN" or "TNRSENO" or the like, obviously not possible or extremely unusual in normal English text, must not result from the substitution of the tentative identifications resulting from the analysis. The appearance of several such extremely unusual or impossible sequences would at once signify that one or more of the assumed values is incorrect.

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c. Here are the results of substituting the nine values which have been deduced by the reasoning based on a classification of the high-frequency letters into vowels and consonants and the study of the members of the two groups:

	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
A	10	16	23	35	19	10	3	19	15	5	5	35	19	19	35	23	14	10	5	19	15	4	35	23	10
	S	F	L	Z	F	I	O	G	H	L	P	Z	F	G	Z	D	Y	S	P	F	H	B	Z	D	S
	A	T	R	E	T		S	O		E	T	S	E	R	A	T	O	E	R	A					
	S		S		T				S	T				S					S						
B	19	16	15	22	19	5	5	5	16	23	19	10	14	16	3	16	19	16	15	22	19	8	23	35	35
	G	V	H	T	F	U	P	L	V	D	F	G	Y	V	J	V	F	V	H	T	G	A	D	Z	Z
	S	I	O	N	T			I	R	T	S		I		I	T	I	O	N	S	R	E	E		
	T		S					S	T			S			S				T						
C	8	10	23	14	23	35	14	19	35	3	35	23	19	5	22	16	22	35	4	23	16	19	15	22	35
	A	I	T	Y	D	Z	Y	F	Z	J	Z	T	G	P	T	V	T	Z	B	D	V	F	H	T	Z
		N	R	E	T	E			E	N	S		N	I	N	E		R	I	T	O	N	E		
					S					T									S						
D	23	19	8	10	4	19	10	23	35	14	16	23	8	3	10	14	16	23	3	10	16	2	19	35	35
	D	F	X	S	B	G	I	D	Z	Y	V	T	X	O	I	Y	V	T	E	F	V	M	G	Z	Z
	R	T	A	S	R	E	I	N							I	N	T	I	S	E	E				
	S			T															S			T			
E	22	15	5	5	16	8	35	23	19	2	15	23	35	8	10	22	14	23	35	14	4	23	16	19	15
	T	H	L	L	V	X	Z	D	F	M	H	T	Z	A	I	T	Y	D	Z	Y	B	D	V	F	H
	N	O			I	E	R	T	O	N	E			N	R	E			R	I	T	O			
								S																	
F	22	35	23	19	2	35	23	35	35	3	10	8	10	10	19	35	14	19	8	16	19	10	5	10	35
	T	Z	D	F	K	Z	D	Z	Z	J	S	X	I	S	G	Z	Y	G	A	V	F	S	L	G	Z
	N	E	R	T	E	R	E	E	A		A	S	E	S	I	T	A	S	E						
				S									T		T		S								
G	23	22	15	15	22	1	23	35	2	10	16	22	14	35	23	3	35	19	19	15	22	35	8	10	22
	D	T	H	H	T	C	D	Z	R	S	V	T	Y	Z	D	O	Z	F	F	H	T	Z	A	I	T
	R	N	O	O	N	R	E	A	I	N	E	R	E	T	T	O	N	E							
H	14	23	35	14	19	8	16	23	19	35	35	22	2	15	10	22	14	35	14	10	23	35	19	15	5
	Y	D	Z	Y	G	A	V	D	G	Z	Z	T	K	H	I	T	Y	Z	Y	S	D	Z	G	H	U
	R	E	S		I	R	S	E	E	N	O	N	E	A	R	E	S	O							
				T				T																	
J	35	19	35	22	19	5	5	19	23	10	8	1	24	15	8	8	10	2	5	35	23	19	5	10	23
	Z	F	Z	T	G	U	P	G	D	I	X	W	G	H	X	A	S	R	U	Z	D	F	U	I	D
	E	T	E	N	S			S	R			S	O		A		E	R	T						
	S		T		T							T													
K	3	19	15	22	16	3	8	19	8	8															
	E	G	H	T	V	E	A	G	X	X															
	S	O	N	I		S																			
	T																								

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d. No impossible sequences are brought to light, and, moreover, several long words, nearly complete, stand out in the text. Note the following portions:

A<sub>21</sub>  
H B Z D S G V H T F  
(1) O ? E R A S I O N T  
                  T           S

C<sub>15</sub>  
T V T Z B D V F H T Z D F  
(2) N I N E ? R I T O N E R T  
                          S           S

F<sub>22</sub>  
S L G Z D T H H T  
(3) A ? S E R N O O N  
                  T

The words are obviously OPERATIONS, NINE PRISONERS, and AFTERNOON. The value  $G_c$  is clearly  $T_p$ ; that of  $F_c$  is  $S_p$ ; and the following additional values are certain:

$$B_c = P_p \quad L_c = F_p$$

47. Completing the solution.--a. Each time an additional value is obtained, substitution is at once made throughout the cryptogram. This leads to the determination of further values, in an ever-widening circle, until all the identifications are firmly and finally established, and the message is completely solved. In this case the decipherment is as follows:

	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
A	S	F	D	Z	F	I	O	G	H	L	P	Z	F	G	Z	D	Y	S	P	F	H	B	Z	D	S
B	A	S	R	E	S	U	L	T	O	F	Y	E	S	T	E	R	D	A	Y	S	O	P	E	R	A
C	G	V	H	T	F	U	P	L	V	D	F	G	Y	V	J	V	F	V	H	T	G	A	D	Z	Z
D	T	I	O	N	S	B	Y	F	I	R	S	T	D	I	V	I	S	I	O	N	T	H	R	E	E
E	A	I	T	Y	D	Z	Y	F	Z	J	Z	T	G	P	T	V	T	Z	B	D	V	F	H	T	Z
F	H	U	N	D	R	E	D	S	E	V	E	N	T	Y	N	I	N	E	P	R	I	S	O	N	E
G	D	F	X	S	B	G	I	D	Z	Y	V	T	X	O	I	Y	V	T	E	F	V	M	G	Z	Z
H	R	S	C	A	P	T	U	R	E	D	I	N	C	L	U	D	I	N	G	S	I	X	T	E	E
I	T	H	L	L	V	X	Z	D	F	M	H	T	Z	A	I	T	Y	D	Z	Y	B	D	V	F	H
J	N	O	F	F	I	C	E	R	S	X	O	N	E	H	U	N	D	R	E	D	P	R	I	S	O
K	T	Z	D	F	K	Z	D	Z	Z	J	S	X	I	S	G	Z	Y	G	A	V	F	S	L	G	Z
L	N	E	R	S	W	E	R	E	E	V	A	C	U	A	T	E	D	T	H	I	S	A	F	T	E
M	D	T	H	H	T	C	D	Z	R	S	V	T	Y	Z	D	O	Z	F	F	H	T	Z	A	I	T
N	R	N	O	O	N	Q	R	E	M	A	I	N	D	E	R	L	E	S	S	O	N	E	H	U	N
O	Y	D	Z	Y	G	A	V	D	G	Z	Z	T	K	H	I	T	Y	Z	Y	S	D	Z	G	H	U
P	D	R	E	D	T	H	I	R	T	E	E	N	W	O	U	N	D	E	D	A	R	E	T	O	B
Q	Z	F	Z	T	G	U	P	G	D	I	X	W	G	H	X	A	S	R	U	Z	D	F	U	I	D
R	E	S	E	N	T	B	Y	T	R	U	C	K	T	O	C	H	A	M	B	E	R	S	B	U	R
S	E	G	H	T	V	E	A	G	X	X															
T	G	T	O	N	I	G	H	T	X	X															

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Message: AS RESULT OF YESTERDAYS OPERATIONS BY FIRST DIVISION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PRISONERS CAPTURED INCLUDING SIXTEEN OFFICERS ONE HUNDRED PRISONERS WERE EVACUATED THIS AFTERNOON REMAINDER LESS ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN WOUNDED ARE TO BE SENT BY TRUCK TO CHAMBERSBURG TONIGHT

b. The solution should, as a rule, not be considered complete until an attempt has been made to discover all the elements underlying the general system and the specific key to a message. In this case, there is no need to delve further into the general system, for it is merely one of uniliteral substitution with a mixed cipher alphabet. It is necessary or advisable, however, to reconstruct the cipher alphabet because this may give clues that later may become valuable.

c. Cipher alphabets should, as a rule, be reconstructed by the cryptanalyst in the form of enciphering alphabets because they will then usually be in the form in which the encipherer used them. This is important for two reasons. First, if the sequence in the cipher component gives evidence of system in its construction or if it yields clues pointing toward its derivation from a key word or a key phrase, this may often corroborate the identifications already made and may lead directly to additional identifications. A word or two of explanation is advisable here. For example, refer to the skeletonized enciphering alphabet given at the end of subpar. 45b:

Plain-----	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
Cipher-----	S					Z			V							TH			DGFI							

Suppose the cryptanalyst, looking at the sequence DGFI or DFGI in the cipher component, suspects the presence of a keyword-mixed alphabet. Then DFGI is certainly a more plausible sequence than DGFI. Examining the skeleton cipher component more carefully, he notes that S . . . Z would allow for insertion of three of the missing letters UWXY, since the letters T and V occur later, probably in the keyword itself; further, he notes that the key word probably begins under F<sub>p</sub> and ends in TH, making it probable that the TH is followed by AB or BC. This would mean that either P, Q<sub>p</sub>=A, B<sub>c</sub> or B, C<sub>c</sub>. Assuming that P, Q<sub>p</sub>=A, B<sub>c</sub>, he refers to the frequency distribution and finds that the assumptions P<sub>p</sub>=A<sub>c</sub> and Q<sub>p</sub>=B<sub>c</sub> are not good; on the other hand, assuming that P, Q<sub>p</sub>=B, C<sub>c</sub>, the frequency distribution gives excellent corroboration. A trial of these values would materially hasten solution because it is often the case in cryptanalysis that if the value of a very low-frequency letter can be surely established it will yield clues to other values very quickly. Thus, if Q<sub>p</sub> is definitely identified it almost invariably will identify U<sub>p</sub>, and will give clues to the letter following the U<sub>p</sub>, since it must be a vowel. In the case under discussion the identification P, Q<sub>p</sub>=B, C<sub>c</sub> would have turned out to be correct. For the foregoing reason an attempt should always be made in the early stages of the analysis to determine, if possible, the basis of construction or derivation of the cipher alphabet; as a rule this can be done only by means of the enciphering alphabet, and

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not the deciphering alphabet. For example, the skeletonized deciphering alphabet corresponding to the enciphering alphabet directly above is as follows:

Cipher-----	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
Plain-----	R   T S O U                   A N   I       E
	S T

Here no evidences of a keyword-mixed alphabet are seen at all. However, if the enciphering alphabet has been examined and shows no evidences of systematic construction, the deciphering alphabet should then be examined with this in view, because occasionally it is the deciphering alphabet which shows the presence of a key or keying element, or which has been systematically derived from a word or phrase. The second reason why it is important to try to discover the basis of construction or derivation of the cipher alphabet is that it affords clues to the general type of key words or keying elements employed by the enemy. This is a psychological factor, of course, and may be of assistance in subsequent studies of his traffic. It merely gives a clue to the general type of thinking indulged in by certain of his cryptographers.

d. In the case of the foregoing solution, the complete enciphering alphabet is found to be as follows:

Plain-----	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
Cipher-----	S U X Y Z L E A V N W O R T H B C D F G I J K M P

Obviously, the letter Q, which is the only letter not appearing in the cryptogram, should follow P in the cipher component. Note now that the letter is based upon the keyword LEAVENWORTH, and that this particular cipher alphabet has been composed by shifting the mixed sequence based upon this keyword five intervals to the right so that the key for the message is  $A_p=S_c$ .<sup>8</sup> Note also that the deciphering alphabet fails to give any evidence of keyword construction based upon the word LEAVENWORTH.

Cipher-----	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
Plain-----	H P Q R G S T O U V W F X J L Y Z M A N B I K C D E

e. If neither the enciphering nor the deciphering alphabet exhibits characteristics which give indication of derivation from a key word by some form of mixing or disarrangement, the use of such a key word for this purpose is nevertheless not finally excluded as a possibility. For the reconstruction of such mixed alphabets the cryptanalyst must use ingenuity and a knowledge of the more common methods of suppressing the appearance of key words in the mixed alphabets. Several of these methods are given detailed treatment in par. 51 below.

f. It is very important in practical cryptanalytic work to prepare a technical summary of the solution of a system. Step-by-step

<sup>8</sup> It is usual practice to employ as the specific key the equivalent of either  $A_p$ , or the equivalent of the first letter of the plain component when this component is a mixed sequence.

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commentaries should accompany an initial solution; the steps taken should be jotted down as they are made, and at the end they should be combined into a complete résumé of the analysis. The résumé should be brief and concise, yet comprehensive enough that at any future time the solution may be reconstructed following the exact manner in which it was originally accomplished. Assumptions of words, etc., should be referred to with work sheet line- and column-indicators, and should be couched in the proper cryptologic language or symbols. A short exposition of the mechanics of the general system, enciphering alphabets, enciphering diagrams, etc., as well as all key words (together with their derivation) and specific keys should be included. On the work sheet there should be a letter-for-letter decryptment under the cipher text; the final plaintext version should be in word lengths, with any errors or garbles corrected. Nulls or indicators showing sentence separation, change of key, etc., may be enclosed in parentheses. All work sheets and notes should be kept together with the solution.

48. General remarks on the foregoing solution.--a. The example solved above is admittedly a more or less artificial illustration of the steps in analysis, made so in order to demonstrate general principles. It was easy to solve because the frequencies of the various cipher letters corresponded quite well with the normal or expected frequencies. However, all cryptograms of the same monoalphabetical nature can be solved along the same general lines, after a certain amount of experimentation, depending upon the length of the cryptogram, and the skill and experience of the cryptanalyst.<sup>9</sup>

b. It is no cause for discouragement if the student's initial attempts to solve a cryptogram of this type require much more time and effort than were apparently required in solving the foregoing purely illustrative example. It is indeed rarely the case that every assumption made by the cryptanalyst proves in the end to have been correct; more often it is the case that a good many of his initial assumptions are incorrect, and that he loses much time in casting out the erroneous ones. The speed and facility with which this elimination process is conducted is in many cases all that distinguishes the expert from the novice.

<sup>9</sup> The use of monoalphabetic substitution in modern military operations is exceedingly rare because of the simplicity of solution. However, such cases have occurred, and one rather illuminating instance may be cited. In an important communication on 5 August 1918, General Kress von Kressenstein used a single mixed alphabet, and the intercepted radio message was solved at American GHQ very speedily. A day later another message, but in a very much more difficult cipher system, was intercepted and solved. When translated, it read as follows:

"GHQ Kress:

The cipher prepared by General von Kress was at once solved here. Its further use and employment is forbidden.

Chief Signal Officer, Berlin."

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c. Nor will the student always find that the initial classification into vowels and consonants can be accomplished as easily and quickly as was apparently the case in the illustrative example. The principles indicated are very general in their nature and applicability, and there are, in addition, some other principles that may be brought to bear in case of difficulty. Of these, perhaps the most useful are the following:

(1) In normal English it is unusual to find more than two consonants in succession, each of high frequency. If in a cryptogram a succession of three or four letters of high-frequency appear in succession, it is practically certain that at least one of these represents a vowel.<sup>10</sup>

(2) Successions of three vowels are rather unusual in English.<sup>11</sup> Practically the only time this happens is when a word ends in two vowels and the next word begins with a vowel.<sup>12</sup>

(3) When two letters already classified as vowel-equivalents are separated by a sequence of six or more letters, it is either the case that one of the supposed vowel-equivalents is incorrect, or else that one or more of the intermediate letters is a vowel-equivalent.<sup>13</sup>

(4) Reference to Table 7-B of Appendix 2 discloses the following:

Distribution of first 18 digraphs forming 25 percent of English text

Number of consonant-consonant digraphs-----	4
Number of consonant-vowel digraphs-----	6
Number of vowel-consonant digraphs-----	8
Number of vowel-vowel digraphs-----	0

Distribution of first 53 digraphs forming 50 percent of English text

Number of consonant-consonant digraphs-----	8
Number of consonant-vowel digraphs-----	23
Number of vowel-consonant digraphs-----	18
Number of vowel-vowel digraphs-----	4

<sup>10</sup> Sequences of seven consonants are not impossible, however, as in STRENGTH THROUGH.

<sup>11</sup> Note that the word RADIOED, past tense of the verb RADIO, is coming into usage.

<sup>12</sup> A sequence of seven vowels is not impossible, however, as in THE WAY YOU EARN.

<sup>13</sup> Some cryptanalysts place a good deal of emphasis upon this principle as a method of locating the remaining vowels after the first two or three have been located. They recommend that the latter be underlined throughout the text and then all sequences of five or more letters showing no underlines be studied attentively. Certain letters which occur in several such sequences are sure to be vowels. An arithmetical aid in the study is as follows: Take a letter thought to be a good possibility as the cipher equivalent of a vowel (hereafter termed a *possible vowel-equivalent*) and find the length of each interval from the possible vowel-equivalent to the next *known* (fairly surely determined) vowel-equivalent. Multiply the interval by the number of times this interval is found. Add the products and divide by the total number of intervals considered. This will give the *mean* interval for that possible vowel-equivalent. Do the same for all the other possible vowel-equivalents. The one for which the mean is the greatest is most probably a vowel-equivalent. Underline this letter throughout the text and repeat the process for locating additional vowel-equivalents, if any remain to be located.

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The latter tabulation shows that of the first 53 digraphs which form 50 percent of English text, 41 of them, that is, over 75 percent, are combinations of a vowel with a consonant. In short, in normal English the vowels and the high-frequency consonants are in the long run distributed fairly evenly and regularly throughout the text.

(5) As a rule, repetitions of trigraphs in the cipher text are composed of high-frequency letters forming high-frequency combinations. The latter practically always contain at least one vowel; in fact, if reference is made to Table 10-A of Appendix 2 it will be noted that 36 of the 56 trigraphs having a frequency of 100 or more contain one vowel, 17 of them contain two vowels, and only three of them contain no vowel. In the case of tetragraph repetitions, Table 11-A of Appendix 2 shows that no tetragraph listed therein fails to contain at least one vowel; 27 of them contain one vowel, 25 contain two vowels, and 2 contain three vowels.

(6) Quite frequently when two known vowel-equivalents are separated by six or more letters none of which seems to be of sufficiently high frequency to represent one of the vowels A E I O, the chances are good that the cipher-equivalent of the vowel U or Y is present.

d. To recapitulate the general principles, vowels may then be distinguished from consonants in that they are usually represented by:

- (1) high-frequency letters;
- (2) high-frequency letters which do not readily contact each other;
- (3) high-frequency letters which have a great variety of contact;
- (4) high-frequency letters which have an affinity for low-frequency letters (i.e., low-frequency plaintext consonants).

e. In the foregoing example the amount of experimentation or "cutting and fitting" was practically nil. (This is not true of real cases as a rule.) Where such experimentation is necessary, the underscoring of all repetitions of several letters is very essential, as it calls attention to peculiarities of structure that often yield clues.

f. After a few basic assumptions of values have been made, if short words or skeletons of words do not become manifest, it is necessary to make further assumptions for unidentified letters. This is accomplished most often by assuming a word.<sup>14</sup> Now there are two places in every message which lend themselves more readily to successful attack by the assumption of words than do any other places--the very beginning and the very end of the message. The reason is quite obvious, for although words may begin or end with almost any letter of the alphabet, they usually begin

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This process does not involve anything more mysterious than ordinary, logical reasoning; there is nothing of the subnormal or supernormal about it. If cryptanalytic success seems to require processes akin to those of medieval magic, if "hocus-pocus" is much to the fore, the student should begin to look for items that the claimant of such success has carefully hidden from view, for the mystification of the uninitiated. If the student were to adopt as his personal motto for all his cryptanalytic ventures the quotation (from Tennyson's poem *Columbus*) appearing on the back of the title page of this text, he will frequently find "short cuts" to his destination and will not too often be led astray!

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and end with but a few very common digraphs and trigraphs. Very often the association of letters in peculiar combinations will enable the student to note where one word ends and the next begins. For example suppose, E, N, S, and T have been definitely identified, and a sequence like the following is found in a cryptogram:

. . . E N T S N E . . .

Obviously the break between two words should fall either after the S of E N T S or after the T of E N T, so that two possibilities are offered: . . . E N T S / N E . . ., or . . . E N T / S N E . . . . Since in English there are very few words with the initial trigraph S N E, it is most likely that the proper division is . . . E N T S / N E . . . . Of course, when several word divisions have been found, the solution is more readily achieved because of the greater ease with which assumptions of additional new values may be made.

g. Although a considerable amount of detailed treatment has been devoted to vowel-consonant analysis, it is felt advisable again to caution the student against the natural tendency to accept without question the results of any one cryptanalytic technique exclusively, even one such as vowel-consonant analysis which seems quite scientific in character.

49. The "probable-word" method; its value and applicability.--a. In practically all cryptanalytic studies, short cuts can often be made by assuming the presence of certain words in the message under study. Some writers attach so much value to this kind of an "attack from the rear" that they practically elevate it to the position of a method and call it the "intuitive method" or the "probable-word method." It is, of course, merely a refinement of what in everyday language is called "assuming" or "guessing" a word in the message. The value of making a "good guess" can hardly be overestimated, and the cryptanalyst should never feel that he is accomplishing a solution by an illegitimate subterfuge when he has made a fortunate guess leading to solution. A correct assumption as to plain text will often save hours or days of labor, and sometimes there is no alternative but to try to "guess a word", for occasionally a system is encountered the solution of which is absolutely dependent upon this artifice.

b. The expression "good guess" is used advisedly. For it is "good" in two respects. First, the cryptanalyst must use care in making his assumptions as to plaintext words. In this he must be guided by extra-neous circumstances leading to the assumption of probable words--not just any words that come to his mind. Therefore he must use his imagination but he must nevertheless carefully control it by the exercise of good judgement. Second, only if the "guess" is correct and leads to solution, or at least puts him on the road to solution, it is a good guess. But, while realizing the usefulness and the time and labor-saving features of a solution by assuming a probable word, the cryptanalyst should exercise discretion in regard to how long he may continue in his efforts with this method. Sometimes he may actually waste time by adhering to the method too long, if straightforward, methodical analysis will yield results more quickly.

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c. Obviously, the "probable-word" method has much more applicability when working upon material the general nature of which is known, than when working upon more or less isolated communications exchanged between correspondents concerning whom or whose activities nothing is known. For in the latter case there is little or nothing that the imagination can seize upon as a background or basis for the assumptions.<sup>15</sup> However, in the case of military cryptanalysis in time of active operations there is, indeed, so great a probability that certain words and expressions are present in certain cryptograms that those words and expressions ("cliches") are often referred to as "cribs" (as defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: "...a plagiarism; hence, a translation, etc., to aid a student in reciting."). The cryptanalyst is quite sure they are present in the cryptogram under examination--what he must do is to "fit" the crib to the text", that is, locate it in the cipher text.

d. Very frequently, the choice of probable words is aided or limited by the number and positions of repeated letters. These repetitions may be patent--that is, externally visible in the cryptographic text as it originally stands--or they may be latent--that is, externally invisible but susceptible of being made patent as a result of the analysis. For example, in a monoalphabetic substitution cipher, such as that discussed in the preceding paragraph, the repeated letters are directly exhibited in the cryptogram; later the student will encounter many cases in which the repetitions are latent, but are made patent by the analytical process. When the repetitions are patent, then the pattern or formula to which the repeated letters conform is of direct use in assuming plaintext words; and when the text is in word-lengths, the pattern is obviously of even greater assistance. Suppose the cryptanalyst is dealing with military text, in which case he may expect such words as DIVISION, BATTALION, etc., to be present in the text. The positions of the repeated letter I in DIVISION, of the reversible digraph AI, IA in BATTALION, and so on, constitute for the experienced cryptanalyst tell-tale indications of the presence of these words, even when the text is not divided up into its original word lengths.

e. The important aid that a study of word patterns can afford in cryptanalysis warrants the use of definite terminology and the establishment of certain data having a bearing thereon. The phenomenon herein under discussion, namely, that many words are of such construction as regards the number and positions of repeated letters as to make them readily identifiable, will be termed idiomorphism (from the Greek "idios"=one's own, individual, peculiar + "morphe"=form). Words which show this phenomenon will be termed idiomorphic. It will be useful to deal with the idiomorphisms symbolically and systematically as described below.

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General Glivierge in his *Cours de Cryptographie* (p 121) says. "However, expert cryptanalysts often employ such details as are cited above [in connection with assuming the presence of 'probable words'], and the experience of the years 1914 to 1918, to cite only those, prove that in practice one often has at his disposal elements of this nature, permitting assumptions much more audacious than those which served for the analysis of the last example. The reader would therefore be wrong in imagining that such fortuitous elements are encountered only in cryptographic works where the author deciphers a document that he himself enciphered. Cryptographic correspondence, if it is extensive, and if sufficiently numerous working data are at hand, often furnishes elements so complete that an author would not dare use all of them in solving a problem for fear of being accused of obvious exaggeration."

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f. When dealing with cryptograms in which the word lengths are determined or specifically shown, it is convenient to indicate their lengths and their repeated letters in some easily recognized manner or by formulas. This is exemplified, in the case of the word DIVISION, by the formula ABCBDBEF; in the case of the word BATTALION, by the formula ABCBDEFG. If the cryptanalyst, during the course of his studies, makes note of striking formulas he has encountered, with the words which fit them, after some time he will have assembled a quite valuable body of data. And after more or less complete lists of such formulas have been established in some systematic arrangement, a rapid comparison of the idiomorphs in a specific cryptogram with those in his lists will be feasible and will often lead to the assumption of the current word. Such lists can be arranged according to word length, as shown herewith:

3/aba : DID, EVE, EYE, etc.  
 abb : ADD, ALL, ILL, OFF, etc.  
 4/abac : ARAB, AWAY, etc.  
 abbc : ALLY, BEEN, etc.  
 abca : AREA, BOMB, DEAD, etc.  
 abcb : ANON, CEDE, etc.  
 etc. etc.

g. When dealing with cryptographic text in which the lengths of the words are not indicated or otherwise determinable, lists of the foregoing nature are not so useful as lists in which the words (or parts of words) are arranged according to the intervals between identical letters, in the following manner:

<u>1 Interval</u>	<u>2 Intervals</u>	<u>3 Intervals</u>	<u>Repeated digraphs</u>
-DiD-	AbbAcy	AbeyAncy	COCOa
-EvE-	ArAbiA	hAbitAble	-dIERER
-EyE-	AbIAtive	lAborAtory	ICICle
dIvIision	AbOArD	AbreAst	-INING
revIision	-AcIA-	AbroAd	bAGgAGE
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

h. The most usual practice, however, in designating idiomorphic patterns and classifying them into systematic lists is to assign a literal nomenclature to that portion of a word (or sequence of plaintext letters) which contains the distinctive pattern, beginning with the first letter which is repeated in the pattern and ending with the last letter which is repeated in the pattern. Thus, the word DIVISION would be termed as an idiomorph of the abaca class (based on the sequence IVISI contained therein), and the word BATTALION as an idiomorph of the abba class (based on the sequence ATTA). In Appendix 3 will be found a compendium of the more frequent military words in English, arranged according to word-lengths in alphabetical order and in rhyming order; in addition, there will be found in this appendix a listing of idiomorphs arranged first according to pattern and then according to the first letter of the idiomorphic sequence.

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50. Solution of additional cryptograms produced by the same components.--a. To return, after a rather long digression, to the cryptogram solved in pars. 44 - 47, once the components of a cipher alphabet have been reconstructed, subsequent messages which have been enciphered by means of the same components may be solved very readily, and without recourse to the principles of frequency, or application of the probable-word method. It has been seen that the illustrative cryptogram treated in paragraphs 41 - 47 was enciphered by juxtaposing the cipher component against the normal sequence so that  $A_p = S_c$ . It is obvious that the cipher component may be set against the plain component at any one of 26 different points of coincidence, each yielding a different cipher alphabet. After the components have been reconstructed, however, they become known sequences and the method of converting the cipher letters into their plain-component equivalents and then completing the plain-component sequence<sup>16</sup> begun by each equivalent can be applied to solve any cryptogram which has been enciphered by these components.

b. An example will serve to make the process clear. Suppose the following message, passing between the same two stations as before, was intercepted shortly after the first message had been solved:

I Y E W K   C E R N W   O F O S E   L F O O H   E A Z X X

It is assumed that the same components were used, but with a different key letter. First the initial two groups are converted into their plain-component equivalents by setting the cipher component against the plain component at any arbitrary point of coincidence. The initial letter of the former may as well be set against A of the latter, with the following result:

Plain-----	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
Cipher-----	L E A V N W O R T H B C D F G I J K M P Q S U X Y Z
Cryptogram----	I Y E W K   C E R N W   . . .
Equivalents---	P Y B F R   L B H E F   . . .

The plain component sequence initiated by each of these conversion equivalents is now completed, with the results shown in Fig. 15. Note the plaintext generatrix, CLOSEYOURS, which manifests itself without further analysis. The rest of the message may be read either by continuing the same process, or, what is even more simple, the key letter of the message may now be determined quite readily and the message deciphered by its means.

<sup>16</sup> It must be noted that if the plain component is a mixed sequence, then it is this mixed sequence which must be used to complete the columns.

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I	Y	E	W	K	C	E	R	N	W
P	Y	B	F	R	L	B	H	E	F
Q	Z	C	G	S	M	C	I	F	G
R	A	D	H	T	N	D	J	G	H
S	B	E	I	U	O	E	K	H	I
T	C	F	J	V	P	F	L	I	J
U	D	G	K	W	Q	G	M	J	K
V	E	H	L	X	R	H	N	K	L
W	F	I	M	Y	S	I	O	L	M
X	G	J	N	Z	T	J	P	M	N
Y	H	K	O	A	U	K	Q	N	O
Z	I	L	P	B	V	L	R	O	P
A	J	M	Q	C	W	M	S	P	Q
B	K	N	R	D	X	N	T	Q	R
*C	L	O	S	E	Y	O	U	R	S
D	M	P	T	F	Z	P	V	S	T
E	N	Q	U	G	A	Q	W	T	U
F	O	R	V	H	B	R	X	U	V
G	P	S	W	I	C	S	Y	V	W
H	Q	T	X	J	D	T	Z	W	X
I	R	U	Y	K	E	U	A	X	Y
J	S	V	Z	L	F	V	B	Y	Z
K	T	W	A	M	G	W	C	Z	A
L	U	X	B	N	H	X	D	A	B
M	V	Y	C	O	I	Y	E	B	C
N	W	Z	D	P	J	Z	F	C	D
O	X	A	E	Q	K	A	G	D	E

Figure 15.

c. In order that the student may understand without question just what is involved in the latter step, that is, discovering the key letter after the first two or three groups have been deciphered by the conversion-completion process, the foregoing example will be used. It was noted that the first cipher group was finally deciphered as follows:

Cipher-----	I	Y	E	W	K
Plain-----	C	L	O	S	E

Now set the cipher component against the normal sequence so that  $C_p = I_c$ . Thus:

Plain-----	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
Cipher-----	F	G	I	J	K	M	P	Q	S	U	X	Y	Z	L	E	A	V	N	W	O	R	T	H	B	C	D

It is seen here that when  $C_p = I_c$  then  $A_p = F_c$ . This is the key for the entire message. The decipherment may be completed by direct reference to the cipher alphabet. Thus:

Cipher--	I	Y	E	W	K	C	E	R	N	W	O	F	O	S	E	L	F	O	O	H	E	A	Z	X	X
Plain---	C	L	O	S	E	Y	O	U	R	S	T	A	T	I	O	N	A	T	T	W	O	P	M	X	X

Message: CLOSE YOUR STATION AT TWO PM

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d. The student should make sure that he understands the fundamental principles involved in this quick solution, for they are among the most important principles in cryptanalytics. How useful they are will become clear as he progresses into more and more complex cryptanalytic studies.

e. It must be kept in mind that there are four ways that two basic sequences may be used to form a cipher alphabet, subject to the instructions guiding the cryptographer in the use of his cryptosystem; this fact must be considered when additional cryptograms appear in a particular cryptosystem for which the primary components have been recovered. Assuming that the sequences just recovered are labelled "A" and "B", then the following contingencies might arise in the encryption of subsequent messages:

- (1) "A" direct for the plain component, and "B" direct for the cipher component (as in the original recovery);
- (2) "A" direct for the plain, and "B" reversed for the cipher;
- (3) "B" direct for the plain, and "A" direct for the cipher; and
- (4) "B" direct for the plain, and "A" reversed for the cipher.

51. Derivation of key words.--a. Concurrent with the solution of a cryptogram, there should be a simultaneous effort in the reconstruction of cipher alphabets and recovery of key words. Much labor can thus be saved as recovery of the keys early in the stages of solution may transform the process of cryptanalysis into one of decipherment.

b. A mixed cipher alphabet falls into one of five categories, according to the composition of its components, viz.,

- (1) the plain component is the normal sequence and the cipher component is mixed;
- (2) the cipher component is the normal sequence and the plain component is mixed;
- (3) both components are the same mixed sequence;
- (4) both components are the same mixed sequence, but running in reverse; or
- (5) the components are different mixed sequences.

c. Let us examine several types of mixed sequences, using the key word HYDRAULIC as an example. The ordinary keyword-mixed sequence produced from this key word is:

- (1) H Y D R A U L I C B E F G J K M N O P Q S T V W X Z

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The two principal transposition-mixed types based on this key word are derived from the diagram:

H	Y	D	R	A	U	L	I	C
B	E	F	G	J	K	M	N	O
P	Q	S	T	V	W	X	Z	

and read:

(2) H B P Y E Q D F S R G T A J V U K W L M X I N Z C O and

(3) A J V C O D F S H B P I N Z L M X R G T U K W Y E Q

Other types may arise from various types of route transpositions such as the following, using the foregoing diagram:

(4) H B P Q E Y D F S T G R A J V W K U L M X Z N I C O

(5) H Y B P E D' R F Q S G A U J T V K L I M W X N C O Z

(6) P B Q H E S Y F T D G V R J W A K X U M Z L N I O C

(7) H Y D R A U L I C O N M K J G F E B P Q S T V W X Z

(8) O C I L U A R D Y H B P Q S T V W X Z N M K J G F E

(9) H Y E B P Q S T G F D R A U K J V W X Z N M L I C O

(10) C P I O Q B L N S E H U M Z T F Y A K X V G D R J W

Any transposition system may be employed to produce a systematically-mixed sequence; practicability of method is the only determining factor. It must be remembered that the greatest amount of systematic mixing will produce a sequence inherently no more secure than a random-mixed alphabet,

d. The student would do well to construct both enciphering and deciphering versions of cipher alphabets recovered, as has been previously mentioned. For example, in the following case

Plain: J Q N M F H L E B R S K G Y Z O T I C D U V A W P X

Cipher: 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

no semblance of a key is apparent; but in the inverse form

Plain: 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

Cipher: W I S T H E M F R A L G D C P Y B J K Q U V X Z N O

the key-phrase "NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY" is quite clear. In other types of mixed sequences, first the one form is attacked, and then if negative results are obtained the inverse form is treated.

e. Let us consider the following cipher alphabet:

P: 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

C: D W Z M S O C R Y A T X B E F U G Q H I V J K L N P

The section V W X seems to comprise superimposed parts of the non-keyword  
J K L

portions of mixed sequences. Adding Y Z to the plain component, we get

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V W X Y Z which is certainly consistent as far as alphabetical progression goes, and indicates that the letters M and O are present in the key word of the cipher component. Continuing in this vein, the section M N O Q S T V W X Y Z is rapidly established by correlating both sequences. It is obvious that the plain component key word begins right after the Z, and that the cipher component key word probably just precedes the B. Going to the right, Z R H suggests key words like RHOMBQID,  
P Q R

RHEUMATISM, etc. These trials are quickly repudiated; therefore we go on to Z R E which is acceptable. Z R E K is found wanting, but Z R E P is  
P Q S P Q S T P Q S U  
very satisfactory, and this is soon expanded to Z R E P U B L I C, and in  
P Q S U V W X Y Z  
a moment or two we recover the complete cipher alphabet:

P: R E P U B L I C A N D F G H J K M O Q S T V W X Y Z  
C: Q S U V W X Y Z D E M O C R A T B F G H I J K L N P

f. In the example below the student will observe that the alphabets are reciprocal: this is an indication of identical sequences at a shift of 13, or that a mixed sequence running against itself in reverse has been employed. In this case the W X Y Z points to the latter hypothesis.  
Z Y X W

P: 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  
C: H O J F T D N A K C I M L G B S U V P E Q R Z Y X W

Starting with the V W X Y Z R cluster, we see that the key word begins  
R Z Y X W V

with the letter R; therefore the next letter should be a vowel. Z R A  
W V H  
is not acceptable, but Z R E is fine, showing that the letter U appears  
W V T

in the key word. Continuing the same line of reasoning as in the preceding example, and with a little further experimentation, the final alphabet is discovered to be

P: R E P U B L I C A N D F G H J K M O Q S T V W X Y Z  
C: V T S Q O M K J H G F D N A C I L B U P E R Z Y X W

g. In the next example, all efforts to derive key words on the basis of keyword-mixed sequences are fruitless: the conclusion is therefore drawn that this is a case of a transposition.

P: 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  
C: A C S E J Y I G W L F V M H X N K Z P B Q R D U T O

Considering the mechanics of the cryptography involved, and assuming for the time being that Z is at the bottom of the matrix and not in the key word, we start with the letters to the left, or if this fails, to the right of Z in the cipher component, obtaining the column N which is not

K  
Z

incompatible if N is in the key word on the top row. If we place Y to

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the left of Z and build up its column, we get EN which is excellent.

J K

Y Z

This is expanded into I M E N which quickly becomes

7	1	8	4	3	5	2	6	9
P	A	R	L	I	M	E	N	T
B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	O
Q	S	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

This last example was very easy because none of the letters V W X Y Z appeared in the key word; but other cases should hardly prove more difficult.

h. Two additional methods that have been encountered for deriving mixed sequences may be mentioned. One is a slight modification of the preceding paragraph, when the key word contains repeated letters:

1	8	7	3	4	9	5	2	6
C	O	M	.	I	T	.	E	.
A	B	D	F	G	H	J	K	L
N	P	Q	R	S	U	V	W	X
Y	Z							

which produces the mixed sequence:

C A N Y E K W F R I G S J V L X M D Q O B P Z T H U

The other method is an interrupted-key columnar transposition system:<sup>17</sup>

5	1	3	4	2	6
V	A	L	.	E	Y
B	C				
D	F	G	H	I	
J	K	M			
N	O	P	Q		
R					

S T U W X Z) which produces the mixed sequence:

A C F K O T E I X L G M P U H Q W V B D J N R S Y Z

The first example will succumb to the treatment outlined in subpar. g, whereas the second method is vulnerable owing to the presence of the fragments D J N, F K O, and G M P in the sequence which may be anagrammed. Note the fair-sized fragment B D J N R S, composed of an ascending sequence of letters; this is an outward manifestation of the interrupted-key columnar method.

i. There are still other methods used for the production of mixed sequences, but space does not permit giving further examples. However, the student should by this time be able to devise methods of attack for any special cases that may present themselves, based upon the crypt-analytically exploitable weaknesses or peculiarities inherent in the system of cryptography involved.

<sup>17</sup> It is to be noted that in this particular case the numerical key serves two purposes: (1) determining the cut-off point (and therefore the number of letters) in each row of the diagram, after the appearance of the keyword; and (2) determining the order of transcription of the columns.

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## SECTION VII

## MULTILITERAL SUBSTITUTION WITH SINGLE-EQUIVALENT CIPHER ALPHABETS

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52. General types of multiliteral cipher alphabets.---a. Monoalphabetic substitution methods in general may be classified into uniliteral and multiliteral systems. In the former there is a strict "one-to-one" correspondence between the length of the units of the plain and those of the cipher text; that is, each letter of the plain text is replaced by a single character in the cipher text. In the latter this correspondence is no longer  $1_p:1_c$  but may be  $1_p:2_c$ , where each letter of the plain text is replaced by a combination of two characters in the cipher text; or  $1_p:3_c$ , where a three-character combination in the cipher text represents a single letter of the plain text, and so on. A cipher in which the correspondence is of the  $1_p:1_c$  type is termed uniliteral in character; one in which it is of the  $1_p:2_c$  type, biliteral;  $1_p:3_c$ , triliteral, and so on. Ciphers in which one plaintext letter is represented by cipher characters of two or more elements are classed as multiliteral.<sup>1</sup>

b. Biliteral alphabets are usually composed of a set of 25 or 26 combinations of a limited number of characters taken in pairs. An example of such an alphabet is the following:

Plain-----	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Cipher-----	WW	WH	WI	WT	WE	HW	HH	HI	HT	HT	HE	IW	IH
Plain-----	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Cipher-----	II	IT	IE	TW	TH	TI	TT	TE	EW	EH	EI	ET	EE

This alphabet is derived from the cipher square or matrix shown in Fig. 16. The cipher equivalent of each plaintext element is made up of two coordinate letters from outside the cipher matrix, one letter being the coordinate of the row, the other being the coordinate of the column

<sup>1</sup>The terms uniliteral and multiliteral, although originally applied only to cipher text composed of letters, are used here in their broader sense to embrace cipher text in letters, digits, and even other symbols. In more precise terminology, these terms would probably be monosymbolic and polysymbolic, respectively, but the terms uniliteral and multiliteral are too well established in literature to be changed at this late time.

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in which the plaintext letter is located. In other words, the letters at the side and top of the matrix have been used to designate, according to

		(2)				
		W	H	I	T	E
(1)	W	A	B	C	D	E
	H	F	G	H	I-J	K
	I	L	M	N	O	P
	T	Q	R	S	T	U
	E	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 16.

a coordinate system, the cell occupied by each letter within the matrix. The letters (or figures) constituting the coordinate elements of such matrices are termed row and column indicators.

c. If a message is enciphered by means of the foregoing bilateral alphabet, the cryptogram is still monoalphabetic in character. A frequency distribution based upon pairs of letters will obviously have all the characteristics of a simple, uniliteral distribution for a monoalphabetic substitution cipher.

d. The cipher alphabets shown thus far in this text have involved only letters, but alphabets in which the cipher component consists of figures, or groups of figures, are not uncommon in military cryptography.<sup>2</sup> Since there are but 10 digits it is obvious that, in order to represent an alphabet of more than 10 characters by means of figure ciphers, combinations of at least two digits are necessary. The simplest kind of such an alphabet is that in which  $A_p=01$ ,  $B_p=02$ , . . .  $Z_p=26$ ; that is, one in which the plaintext letters have as their equivalents two-digit numbers indicating their positions in the normal alphabet.

e. Instead of a simple alphabet of the preceding type, it is possible to use a diagram of the type shown in Fig. 17. In this cipher

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
3	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	.	,	:	;

Figure 17.

<sup>2</sup> Although, as an extension of this idea, cipher alphabets employing signs and symbols are possible, such alphabets are not suitable for modern cryptography because they can be neither telegraphed nor telephoned with any degree of accuracy, speed, or facility.

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the letter  $A_p$  is represented by the dinome<sup>3</sup> 11,  $B_p$  by the dinome 12, etc. Furthermore, this matrix includes provision for the encipherment of some of the frequently-used punctuation marks in addition to the 26 letters.

f. Other types of bilateral cipher alphabets are illustrated in the examples below:

	5	6	7	8	9	∅
1	A	B	C	D	E	F
2	G	H	I-J	K	L	M
3	N	O	P	Q	R	S
4	T	U-V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 18.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
2	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
3	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	*

Figure 19.

	M	U	N	I	C	H
B	G	7	E	5	R	M
E	A	1	N	Y	B	2
R	C	3	D	4	F	6
L	H	8	I	9	J	∅
I	K	L	O	P	Q	S
N	T	U	V	W	X	Z

Figure 20.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	A	D	G	J	M	P	S	V	Y
B	B	E	H	K	N	Q	T	W	Z
C	C	F	I	L	O	R	U	X	1
D	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅

Figure 21.

g. It is to be noted that in alphabets of the foregoing types, the row indicators may be distinct from the column indicators (e.g., Fig. 18), or they may not (e.g., Fig. 19); of course, when there is any duplication between the row and column indicators, it is necessary to agree beforehand upon which indicator will be given as the first half of the equivalent for a letter, in order to avoid ambiguity. (In all of the systems described in this and subsequent sections of this text, the row indicator will always form the first part of an equivalent). When letters are used as row and column indicators they may form a key word (e.g., Fig. 20), or they may not (e.g., Fig. 21); the key words, if formed, may be identical (e.g., Fig. 16) or different (e.g., Fig. 20). Furthermore, the plaintext letters may be arranged within the matrix as a mixed sequence (e.g., Fig. 20), either systematically- or random-mixed; and the matrix may contain, in addition to the letters of the alphabet, punctuation symbols (Fig. 17), numbers (Figs. 20, 21), etc., permitting their encipherment as such, instead of having to be spelled out.

<sup>3</sup> A pair of digits is called a dinome; similarly, a trinome is a set of three digits; a tetranome, a set of four digits; etc. Although a single digit would properly be termed a monome, for the sake of euphony it is shortened into the term monome.

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h. When letters are used as row and column indicators, they may be selected so as to result in producing cipher text that resembles artificial words; that is, words composed of alternate vowels and consonants. For example, if in Figure 16 the row indicators consisted of the vowels A E I O U in this sequence from the top down, and the column indicators consisted of the consonants B C D F G in this sequence from left to right, the word RAIDS would be enciphered as OCABE FAFOD, which very closely resembles code of the type formerly called artificial code language. Such a system may be called a false, or pseudo-code system.<sup>4</sup>

i. As a weak type of subterfuge, biliteral ciphers may involve a third character appended to the basic two-character cipher unit; this is done to "camouflage" the biliteral nature of the cipher text. This third character may be produced through the use of a cipher matrix of the type illustrated in Fig. 22 (wherein  $A_p=611$ ,  $B_p=612$ , etc.); or the third character may be a "sum-checking" digit which is the non-carrying sum (i.e., the sum modulo 10)<sup>5</sup> of the preceding two digits, such as in the trinomes 257, 831, and 662; or it may merely be a randomly-selected character (inserted solely for the purpose of leading the cryptanalyst astray).

	1	2	3	4	5
61	A	B	C	D	E
72	F	G	H	I	J
83	L	M	N	O	P
94	Q	R	S	T	U
05	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 22.

j. Another possibility that lends itself to certain multiliteral ciphers is the use of a word spacer or word separator. This word separator might be represented by a value in the matrix; i.e., the separator is enciphered (for instance, the dinome "39" in Fig. 19 might stand for a word separator). The word separator might instead be a single element not otherwise used in the cryptosystem; i.e., unenciphered, and thus not giving rise to any possible ambiguity. Thus, in Fig. 19 the digit 0 and in Fig. 21 the letter J might be used as word separators, since no confusion would arise in decrypting.

<sup>4</sup> Prior to 1934, international telegraph regulations required code words of five letters to contain at least one vowel and code words of ten letters to contain at least three vowels. The International Telegraph Conference held in Madrid in 1932 amended these regulations to permit the use of 5-letter code groups containing any combination of letters. These unrestricted code groups were authorized for use after 1 January 1934.

<sup>5</sup> The term modulo (abbreviated mod) pertains to a cyclic scale or basis of arithmetic; thus, in the modulus of 7, the numbers 8 and 15 are equivalent to 1, and 9 and 16 are equivalent to 2, etc.; or expressed differently, 8 mod 7 is 1, 9 mod 7 is 2. In cryptology, many operations are expressed mod 10 and mod 26.

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k. The biliteral alphabets yielded by the matrices of Figs. 16-21 may also be termed bipartite, because the cipher units of these alphabets may be divided into two separate parts whose functions are clearly defined, viz., row indicators and column indicators. As will be discussed later, this bipartite nature of most biliteral alphabets produced from cipher matrices constitute one of the weaknesses of these alphabets which make them recognizable as such to a cryptanalyst. However, it is possible to employ a cipher matrix in a manner which will produce a biliteral alphabet not bipartite in character. For example, using the matrix of Fig. 23 one could produce the following biliteral cipher alphabet in

	1	2	3	4	5
09	H	Y	D	R	A
15	U	L	I-J	C	B
21	E	F	G	K	M
27	N	O	P	Q	S
33	T	V	W	X	Z

Figure 23.

which the equivalent for any letter in the matrix is the sum of the two coordinates which indicate its cell in the matrix:

Plain-----	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Cipher-----	14	20	19	12	22	23	24	10	18	18	25	17	26
Plain-----	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Cipher-----	28	29	30	31	13	32	34	16	35	36	37	11	38

The cipher units of this alphabet are, of course, biliteral; but they are not bipartite. Note the equivalent of A, that is 14--if divided, it yields the digits 1 and 4 which have no meaning per se: plaintext letters whose cipher equivalents begin with 1 may be found in two different rows of the matrix, and those whose equivalents end in 4 appear in three different columns.

53. The Baconian and Trithemian ciphers---a. An interesting example in which the cipher equivalents are five-letter groups and yet the resulting cipher is strictly monoalphabetic in character is found in the cipher system invented by Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) over 300 years ago. Despite its antiquity the system possesses certain features of

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merit which are well worth noting.<sup>6</sup> Bacon proposes the following 2<sup>4</sup>-element cipher alphabet, composed of permutations of two elements taken five at a time:

A=aaaaa	I=J=abaaa	R=baaaa
B=aaaab	K=abnab	S=baaab
C=aaaba	L=ababa	T=baaba
D=aaabb	M=ababb	U=V=baabb
E=aabaa	N=abbaa	W=babaa
F=aabab	O=abbab	X=babab
G=aabba	P=abbba	Y=babba
H=aabbb	Q=abbbb	Z=babbb

If this were all there were to Bacon's invention it would be hardly worth bringing to attention. But what he pointed out, with great clarity and simple examples, was how such an alphabet might be used to convey a secret message by enfolding it in an innocent, external message which might easily evade the strictest kind of censorship. As a very crude example, suppose that a message is written in capital and lower-case letters, any capital letter standing for an "a" element of the cipher alphabet, and any small letter, for a "b" element. Then the external sentence "All is well with me today" can be made to contain the secret message "Help." Thus:

A L I i s	W E l L W I t H m E	T o d a Y
a a b b b	a a b a a a b a b a	a b b b a
H	E	L P

Instead of employing a device so obvious as capital and small letters, suppose that an "a" element be indicated by a very slight shading, or a

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<sup>6</sup> For a true picture of this cipher, the explanation of which is often distorted beyond recognition even by cryptographers, see Bacon's own description of it as contained in his De Augmentis Scientiarum (The Advancement of Learning), as translated by any first class editor, such as Gilbert Watts (1640) or Ellis, Spedding, and Heath (1857, 1870). The student is cautioned, however, not to accept as true any alleged "decipherments" obtained by the application of Bacon's cipher to literary works of the 16th century. These readings are purely subjective.

<sup>7</sup> Bacon's alphabet was called by him a "biliteral alphabet" because it employs permutations of two letters. But from the cryptanalytic standpoint the significant point is that each plaintext letter is represented by a 5-character equivalent. Hence, present terminology requires that this alphabet be referred to as a quinqueliteral alphabet. Although the quinqueliteral alphabet affords 32 permutations, Bacon used only 2<sup>4</sup> of them, because in the 16th century the letters I and J, U and V were used interchangeably. Note the regularity of construction of Bacon's biliteral alphabet, a feature which easily permits its reconstruction from memory.

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very slightly heavier stroke. Then a secret message might easily be thus unfolded within an external message of exactly opposite meaning. The number of possible variations of this basic scheme is very high. The fact that the characters of the cryptographic text are hidden in some manner or other has, however, no effect upon the strict monoalphabeticity of the scheme.

b. Almost 100 years before Bacon's time, the abbot Trithemius, born Johann von Heydenberg (1462-1516), invented a trilateral alphabet which he evidently intended to use in a fashion similar to Bacon's alphabet; i.e., as a means of disguise or cover for a secret text. This alphabet, modified to include the 26 letters of the present-day English alphabet, is shown in Fig. 23 below; it consists of all the permutations of three things taken three at a time, i.e.,  $3^3$  or 27 in all.

A=111	D=121	G=131	J=211	M=221	P=231	S=311	V=321	Y=331
B=112	E=122	H=132	K=212	N=222	Q=232	T=312	W=322	Z=332
C=113	F=123	I=133	L=213	O=223	R=233	U=313	X=323	*=333

Figure 23.

The cipher text of course does not have to be restricted to digits; any groupings of three things taken three at a time will do.

#### 54. Analysis of multilateral, monoalphabetic substitution ciphers.--

a. Biliteral ciphers and those of the other multilateral (trilateral, quadrilateral, . . .) types are often readily detected externally by the fact that the cryptographic text is usually composed of but a very limited number of different characters. They are handled in exactly the same manner as are uniliteral, monoalphabetic substitution ciphers. So long as the same character, or combination of characters, is always used to represent the same plaintext letter, and so long as a given letter of the plain text is always represented by the same character or combination of characters, the substitution is strictly monoalphabetic and can be handled in the simple manner described in the preceding section of this text.

b. In the case of biliteral ciphers in which the row and column indicators are not identical, and the direction of reading the cipher pairs is chosen at will for each succeeding cipher pair, an analysis of the contacts of the letters comprising the cipher pairs will disclose that there are two distinct families of letters, and a cipher pair will never consist of two letters of the same family. With this fact discovered, the cipher may be quickly reduced to uniliteral terms and solved in the manner previously mentioned.

c. If a multilateral cipher includes provision for the encipherment of a word separator, the cipher equivalent of this word separator may be readily identified because it will have the highest frequency of any cipher unit. On the other hand, if the word separator is a single character (see subpar. 52j. on the use of the digit 0 and the letter J), this

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character may be identified throughout the encrypted text by its positional appearance spaced "wordlength-wise" in the cipher text, and by the fact that it never contacts itself. If this single character is used as a null indiscriminately throughout the cipher text, instead of as a word separator, the analysis is a bit more complicated but not as great as might be thought.

d. As a general rule, it is advisable to reduce multilateral cipher text to unilateral equivalents, especially if a trilateral frequency distribution is to be made. If not more than 36 different combinations are present in a cryptogram, the extra values over 26 may be represented by digits for the purpose of this reduction. If, however, more than 36 different combinations are found in the encrypted text, it is usually not worth the trouble to attempt any unilateral reduction, and the cipher text can be attacked in its multilateral groupings.

e. As one of the first steps in the solution of any multilateral cipher in letters which appears to involve the use of a cipher matrix, it is generally advisable to anagram the letters comprising the row and column indicators in an attempt to disclose any key words for these indicators. When the anagramming process does disclose such a key word or words, the next step is to make a skeleton reconstruction matrix which is a duplicate of the original enciphering matrix in that the indicators are arranged in the same order as on the original. Then, as plain text is recovered in the cryptogram by any of the methods outlined in the previous section of this text, the recovered plaintext letters should be inserted in the proper cells of the reconstruction matrix, so that any systematic arrangement of the plaintext letters, if present in the original, may be disclosed prior to recovery of the complete plain text. Furthermore, it may in some instances be found worthwhile, immediately after successfully uncovering the key words used as indicators, to make a frequency distribution of the particular cryptogram in the form of tally marks within the properly arranged frame of the reconstruction matrix, because it may be that a few moments' study of the locations of the crests and troughs in the distribution made in that form may, if the plaintext letters are arranged in the normal sequence or in a keyword-mixed sequence (especially if it is related to the key words for the indicators), provide a basis for the derivation of this sequence at one stroke, without recourse to analysis of the cipher text.

55. Historically interesting examples.—a. Two examples of multilateral ciphers of historical interest will be cited as illustrations. During the campaign for the presidential election of 1876 (Hayes vs. Tilden) many cipher messages were exchanged between the Tilden managers and their agents in several states where the voting was hotly contested. Two years later the New York Tribune<sup>8</sup> exposed many irregularities in the

<sup>8</sup> New York Tribune, Extra No. 44, The Cipher Dispatches, New York, 1879.

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campaign by publishing the decipherments of many of these messages. These decipherments were achieved by two investigators employed by the Tribune, and the plain text of the messages seems to show that illegal attempts and measures to carry the election for Tilden were made by his managers. Here is one of the messages:

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 16 (1876).

GEO. F. RANEY, Tallahassee.

Ppyyemnsnyyypimashnsyysgitepaenshns  
pensshnsmpiyysnppyeaapieissyeshainsssp  
eeiyyshnynsssyepiaanyitnsshyyspyypinsy  
ssitemeipimmeisseiyyeissiteiepyypeeiaass  
imaayespnsyyianssseiissmppsnpinsnsim  
imyyitemyyspemyymnsyysstspyyeappma  
aayypit

L'Engle goes up tomorrow.

DANIEL.

Examination of the message discloses that only ten different letters are used. It is probable, therefore, that what one has here is a cipher which employs a multilateral alphabet. First assuming that the alphabet is one in which combinations of two letters represent single letters of the plain text, the message is rewritten in pairs and substitution of arbitrary letters for the pairs is made, as seen below:

PP	YY	EM	NS	NY	YY	PI	MA	SH	NS	YY	SS	etc.
A	B	C	D	E	B	F	G	H	D	B	I	etc.

A trilateral frequency distribution is then made and analysis of the message along the lines illustrated in the preceding section of this text yields solution, as follows:

Jacksonville, Nov. 16.

GEO. F. RANEY, Tallahassee:

Have Marble and Coyle telegraph for influential men from Delaware and Virginia. Indications of weakening here, Press advantage and watch Board. L'Engle goes up tomorrow.

DANIEL.

b. The other example, using numbers, is as follows:

Jacksonville, Nov. 17.

S. PASCO and E. M. L'ENGLE:

84	55	84	25	93	34	82	31	31	75	93	82	77	33	55	42
93	20	93	66	77	66	33	84	66	31	31	93	20	82	33	66
52	48	44	55	42	82	48	89	42	93	31	82	66	75	31	93

DANIEL.

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There were, of course, several messages of like nature, and examination disclosed that only 26 different numbers in all were used. Solution of these ciphers followed very easily, the decipherment of the one given above being as follows:

Jacksonville, Nov. 17.

S. PASCO and E. M. L'ENGLE:

Cocke will be ignored, Eagan called in. Authority reliable.

DANIEL.

c. The Tribune experts gave the following alphabets as the result of their decipherments:

AA=O	EN=Y	IT=D	NS=E	PP=H	SS=N
AI=U	EP=C	MA=B	NY=M	SH=L	YE=F
EI=I	IA=K	MM=G	PE=T	SN=P	YI=X
EM=V	IM=S	NN=J	PI=R	SP=W	YY=A
20=D	33=N	44=H	62=X	77=G	89=Y
25=K	34=W	48=T	66=A	82=I	93=E
27=S	39=P	52=U	68=F	84=C	96=M
31=L	42=R	55=O	75=B	87=V	99=J

They did not attempt to correlate these alphabets, or at least they say nothing about a possible relationship. The present author has, however, reconstructed the rectangle upon which these alphabets are based, and it is given below (Fig. 24).

		2d Letter or Number									
		H	I	S	P	A	Y	M	E	N	T
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
1st Letter or Number	H	1									
	I	2				K		S			D
	S	3	L		N	W					P
	P	4		R		H				T	
	A	5		U			O				
	Y	6		X				A		F	
	M	7					B		G		
	E	8		I		C			V		Y
	N	9			E			M			J
	T	0									

Figure 24.

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It is amusing to note that the conspirators selected as their key a phrase quite in keeping with their attempted illegalities - HIS PAYMENT - for bribery seems to have played a considerable part in that campaign. The blank cells in the matrix probably contained proper names, numbers, etc.<sup>9</sup>

56. The international (Baudot) teleprinter code.--a. Modern printing telegraph systems,<sup>10</sup> or teleprinter systems as they are more often called, make use of a five-unit code<sup>11</sup> or alphabet which is similar to the Baconian alphabet treated in par. 53. Like the Baconian alphabet, the teleprinter alphabet is composed of permutations of two elements taken five at a time, making it possible to obtain 32 different permutations, 26 of which are assigned to the letters of the alphabet, leaving 1 for an "idle condition" and 5 for certain printer operations called functions, such as "space", "figure shift", "letter shift," etc.

b. During electrical transmission, the two distinct elements of which each character is composed take the form of (1) a timed interval of electrical current and (2) a timed interval of no current, which are commonly referred to as "mark" impulses and "space" impulses, respectively. In certain operations, a paper tape is prepared of the traffic to be transmitted, or a paper tape may be prepared of the incoming traffic at the receiving end; in such tapes, the elements of the Baudot characters take the form of punched holes ("mark" impulses) and imperforate positions ("space" impulses).

<sup>9</sup> As was mentioned in a previous footnote, a matrix containing such items would be termed a syllabary square; for example of such matrices see the treatment of syllabary squares and code charts in Section X.

<sup>10</sup> Such systems are characterized by the transmission and reception-printing of messages by electrical means, incorporating two electrically-connected instruments, resembling typewriters. When a key of the keyboard on the transmitting instrument is depressed, an electrical signal is transmitted to the receiving instrument, causing the corresponding character to be printed therein. Usually the message is printed at the local as well as the distant station. The system has been adapted to radio as well as wire and overseas cable transmission.

<sup>11</sup> The five-unit code was first applied to teleprinter systems by Jean Maurice Emile Baudot (1845-1903), and is commonly known as the Baudot code. It is worthwhile to point out that Baudot apparently constructed his alphabet to correspond with normal frequencies of characters (with certain exceptions), since the most frequent ones are represented by permutations requiring the least electrical energy on the basis of "marking" and "spacing." In this respect Baudot "took a leaf out of Morse's notebook."

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c. The teleprinter code in international use is given in Chart 7, below, wherein the mark and space impulses (known collectively as bauds) are illustrated as the holes (shown as black dots) and "no-holes" of a teleprinter tape. The letter equivalents ("lower case") are self-explanatory. The figure shift is used to change the meaning of a particular character to an "upper case" equivalent, and when it is desired to return to lower case, the letter shift is used; in regular teleprinter usage,

UPPER CASE	WEATHER SYMBOLS	!	@	o	/	3	-	\		8	/	-	\	0	8	9	1	4	5	7	0	2	/	6	+	-	<	≡						
	COMMUNICATIONS	-	?	\$	3	!	8	<	8		)	,	9	0	1	4	5	7	1	2	/	6	'	2	<	<	≡							
LOWER CASE		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	BLANK	C.R.	L.F.	≡	SPACE	LTR SHIFT	FIG SHIFT
	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	FEED HOLES	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Chart 7. International teleprinter code.

the "communications" set of upper-case equivalents are the ones recorded on the typed copy by the teleprinter, whereas the "weather symbols" are the upper-case equivalents which are printed in teleprinter systems designed for the sending and receiving of weather information. The space is used to separate words; the carriage return (C.R.) effects the return of the teleprinter carriage to the right and the line feed (L.F.) rolls the platen to the next line for printing (cf. the corresponding functions of an ordinary typewriter). In addition, when the upper-case equivalent of "S" is used, a bell rings in the receiving teleprinter as a signal to call the operator to his machine, or to indicate that traffic is about to be sent.

d. In Fig. 25 is shown a portion of a teleprinter tape containing the beginning of the phrase "Now is the time for all good men . . ."



Figure 25.

The small holes, one of which appears in every position of the tape between the second and third levels, are sprocket holes used for advancing the tape through the transmitter unit.

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e. It is to be emphasized that messages are not made secure from unauthorized reading merely by sending them by means of an ordinary teleprinter system--the teleprinter alphabet is internationally known, just as the English, Russian, etc. alphabets are. In order to provide security for a teleprinter message, it is just as necessary to apply thereto some sort of cryptographic treatment as it is to any other kind of message. The cryptosystems used for teleprinter encryption may involve either, or both, of the two classes of cryptographic treatment, viz., substitution and transposition. A substitution treatment might involve changing certain of the mark impulses of the characters comprising a message to space impulses, and vice versa, according to a prearranged system, a transposition treatment might involve changing the order of the 5 impulses in the Baudot equivalents for the characters comprising a message; and so on. The cryptographic treatment can be accomplished by a special cipher attachment (called an "appliqué unit") to a teleprinter; thus no modification of the teleprinter itself would be necessary. There are, of course, self-contained cipher teleprinters designed as such for engineering or cryptographic reasons, or both.

f. In the analysis of encrypted teleprinter systems, recourse is had to special tables<sup>12</sup> of the frequencies of single Baudot characters, digraphs, trigraphs, etc., as they appear in teleprinter traffic. It is important to note that in teleprinter traffic, as in any other type of traffic involving the use of a word separator, this character has the highest frequency of any plaintext element. Furthermore, one of the highest-frequency plaintext digraphs, in addition to those wherein the word separator constitutes one of the elements, will be the combination "carriage-return/line-feed", since this combination of characters is used in the normal procedure of typing each line of text on the teleprinter.

<sup>12</sup> In such tables, as is common in cryptanalytic practice, the mark impulses are designated by a plus symbol (+), and the space impulses are designated by a minus symbol (-). In addition, it is usual in such tables to denote the character representing the figure shift by the digit "2", the space by "3", the letter shift by "4", the line feed by "5", the blank by "6", and the carriage return by "7".

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[Faint, mostly illegible text consisting of several lines of what appears to be a memorandum or report. Some words like "MEMORANDUM" and "SUBJECT" are faintly visible.]

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SECTION VIII

MULTILITERAL SUBSTITUTION WITH VARIANTS

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57. Purpose of providing variants in monoalphabetic substitution.--

a It has been seen that the individual letters composing ordinary intelligible, plain text are used with varying frequencies, some, such as (in English) E, T, R, I, and N, are used much more often than others, such as J, K, Q, X, and Z. In fact, each letter has a characteristic frequency which affords definite clues in the solution of simple monoalphabetic ciphers, such as those discussed in the preceding sections of this text. In addition, the associations which individual letters form in combining to make up words, and the peculiarities which certain of them manifest in plain text, afford further direct clues by means of which ordinary monoalphabetic substitution encipherments of such plain text may be more or less speedily solved. This has led cryptographers to devise methods for disguising, suppressing, or eliminating the foregoing characteristics manifested in cryptograms produced by the simpler methods of monoalphabetic substitution. One category of such methods, the one to be discussed in this section, is that in which the letters of the plain component of a cipher alphabet are assigned two or more cipher equivalents, which are called variant values (or, more simply, variants).

b. Basically, systems involving variants are multiliteral<sup>1</sup> and, in such systems, because of the large number of equivalents made available

<sup>1</sup> Uniliteral substitution with variants is also possible. Note the following cipher alphabet, illustrated by Captain Roger Baudouin in his excellent treatise, Eléments de Cryptographie, p. 101 (Paris, 1939)

Plain	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	X	Z
Cipher	L	G	O	R	F	Q	A	H	C	M	B	T	I	D	N	P	U	S	Y	E	W	J
					K					X						Z						
					V																	

Baudouin proposed that J<sub>p</sub> and Y<sub>p</sub> be replaced by I<sub>p</sub>, K<sub>p</sub> by C<sub>p</sub> or Q<sub>p</sub>, and W<sub>p</sub> by VV<sub>p</sub>--thus four cipher letters would be available as variants for the high-frequency plaintext letters in French.

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by the combinations and permutations of a limited number of elements, each letter of the plain text may be represented by several multiliteral cipher equivalents which may be selected at random. For example, if 3-letter combinations are employed as the multiliteral equivalents, there are available  $26^3$  or 17,576 such equivalents for the 26 letters of the plain text, they may be assigned in equal numbers of different equivalents for the 26 letters, in which case each letter would be representable by 676 different 3-letter equivalents, or they may be assigned on some other basis, for example, proportionately to the relative frequencies of plain-text letters. For this reason this type of system may be more completely described as a monoalphabetic, multiliteral substitution with a multiple-equivalent cipher alphabet.<sup>2</sup> Some authors term such a system "simple substitution with multiple equivalents", others term it "monoalphabetic substitution with variants", or multiliteral substitution with variants. For sake of brevity and precise terminology, the latter designation will be employed in this text, it being understood without further restatement that only such systems as are monoalphabetic will be discussed.

c. The primary object of monoalphabetic substitution with variants is, as has been mentioned above, to provide several values which may be employed at random in a simple substitution of cipher equivalents for the plaintext letters

d. A word or two concerning the underlying theory of (monoalphabetic) multiliteral substitution with variants may not be amiss. Whereas in simple or single-equivalent substitution it has been seen that

- (1) the same letter of the plain text is invariably represented by but one and always the same character of the cryptogram, and
- (2) the same character of the cryptogram invariably represents one and always the same letter of the plain text,

in multiliteral substitution with variants it will be seen that

- (1) the same letter of the plain text may be represented by one or more different characters of the cryptogram, but
- (2) the same character of the cryptogram nevertheless invariably represents one and always the same letter of the plain text.

58. Simple types of cipher alphabets with variants.--a. The matrices shown on the next page provide some of the simpler means for accomplishing monoalphabetic substitution with variants. The systems incorporating these matrices are extensions of the basic ideas of multiliteral substitution treated in par 52. The variant equivalents for any plaintext letter may be chosen at will, thus, in Fig. 26,  $E_p=10, 15, 60,$  or  $65,$  in Fig. 27,  $F_p=AU_c, AZ_c, FU_c, FZ_c, LU_c,$  or  $LZ_c,$  etc

<sup>2</sup> Cf. the title of the preceding section, "Multiliteral substitution with single-equivalent cipher alphabets."

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	6	7	8	9	∅		
	1	2	3	4	5		
6	1	A	B	C	D	E	
7	2	F	G	H	I	J	K
8	3	I	M	N	O	P	
9	4	∅	R	S	T	U	
∅	5	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 26

		V	W	X	Y	Z		
		Q	R	S	T	U		
L	F	A	A	B	C	D	L	
M	G	B	F	G	H	I	J	K
N	H	C	L	M	N	O	P	
O	I	D	Q	R	S	T	U	
P	K	E	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 27

		T	N	H	B	A	E	I	O	U	
		V	P	J	C	F	G	H	I	J	K
		W	Q	K	D	L	M	N	O	P	
		X	R	L	F	Q	R	S	T	U	
		Z	S	M	G	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 28

		V	W	X	Y	Z				
		Q	R	S	T	U				
		L	M	N	O	P				
		F	G	H	I	K				
		A	B	C	D	E				
V	Q	L	F	A	A	B	C	D	E	
V	R	M	G	B	F	G	H	I	J	K
X	S	N	H	C	L	M	N	O	P	
Y	T	O	I	D	Q	R	S	T	U	
Z	U	P	K	E	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 29

		O	M	N					
		J	K	L					
		F	G	H	I				
		A	B	C	D	E			
O	M	J	F	A	E	N	A	L	U
N	K	G	B	T	R	S	F	W	
L	H	C	O	I	J	H	Y	X	
I	D	D	C	M	V	K			
E	P	G	B	Q	Z				

Figure 30

		Z	W	X	Y			
		S	T	U	V			
		N	O	P	Q	R		
M	J	F	A	E	N	A	L	U
K	G	B	T	R	S	F	W	
L	H	C	O	I	J	H	Y	X
I	D	D	C	M	V	K		
E	P	G	B	Q	Z			

Figure 31

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅	
7	4	1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
8	5	2	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
9	6	3	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	.	,	,	.

Figure 32

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
7	4	1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
8	5	2	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
9	6	3	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	*

Figure 33

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
6	2	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
7	3	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	1
8	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅

Figure 34

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
∅	8	5	1	T	E	R	M	I	N	A	L	S
9	6	2	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	O	
7	3	P	Q	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	1		
4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅			

Figure 35

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b. It is to be noted that encipherment by means of the matrices in Figures 27, 28, and 31 is commutative, i.e., the coordinates may be read in either row-column or column-row order without cryptographic ambiguity, since there is no duplication between the row and column coordinates. The remaining matrices above are non-commutative, therefore a convention must be agreed upon as to the order of reading the coordinates. It should also be noted that in Figs. 30 and 31 the letters in the square have been inscribed in such a manner that, coupled with the particular arrangement of the row and column coordinates, the number of variants available for each plaintext letter is roughly proportional to the frequencies of the letters in plain text. A similar idea is found in Fig. 35, wherein the top row of the rectangle contains a word composed of high-frequency letters, and the coordinates are arranged in a manner roughly corresponding to the frequencies of plaintext letters. The matrix in Fig. 28 is a modification of the pseudo-code system described in par. 52h, with the added feature of variants.

c. Other simple ideas for producing variant systems are matrices such as the following

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
08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	
68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	
87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	

Figure 36

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
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	53	54	55	56	57
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00					79	80

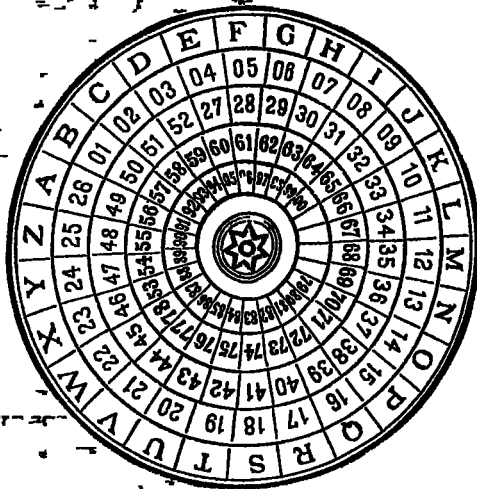
Figure 37

In these two matrices there has been a regular inscription of the dinomes in the rows. Furthermore, in Fig. 36 the dinomes 01, 26, 51, and 76 (i.e., the lowest number in each of the four sequences) give the key word (TRIP) for that matrix, and in Fig. 37, the dinomes 01, 27, 53, and 79 denote the key word (NAVY) for that matrix. The security of systems involving such matrices would of course be greatly improved if the dinomes were assigned in a random manner but then the easy mnemonic feature of the four sequences and the key word would be lost.

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d. An interesting adaptation in a disc form of the type of matrix illustrated in Fig. 37 is the following device reputedly once used by the Mexican Army



The device consisted of five-concentric discs, the outer disc bearing the 26 letters of the alphabet, and the other four bearing the sequences 01-26, 27-52, 53-78, and 79-00. The rotatable discs made it possible to change the keys at frequent intervals, without the necessity of writing out a new matrix each time

59 More complicated types of cipher alphabets with variants.---

a. Matrices such as those in Figs. 38, 39, and 40 below are termed frequential matrices, since the number of cipher values available for any given plaintext letter closely approximates its relative plaintext frequency.

	A	B	C	D	E	V	W	X	Y	Z
A	T	G	A	U	R	I	E	C	A	P
B	S	L	I	E	Y	F	R	N	S	T
C	C	N	D	Q	M	E	L	T	I	H
D	R	A	P	T	F	O	Y	S	O	V
E	N	T	X	N	E	C	E	R	E	D
V	N	O	A	T	L	A	L	E	Z	H
W	I	H	R	O	Q	E	T	R	B	T
X	O	I	E	T	A	C	N	P	E	S
Y	F	T	L	O	S	A	M	T	I	U
Z	I	S	N	D	R	I	E	D	O	N

(676 - cell matrix)

Figure 38

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	6	8	9	1	5	4	3	7	2	∅
7	A	A	A	C	D	E	E	I	L	N
1	A	A	C	D	E	E	H	K	N	O
3	A	B	D	E	E	H	J	N	O	R
8	A	D	E	E	H	I	N	O	R	S
9	C	E	E	G	I	N	O	R	S	T
2	E	E	F	I	M	O	Q	S	T	T
∅	E	F	I	M	O	P	R	T	T	U
5	F	I	L	N	P	R	S	T	U	X
6	I	L	N	P	R	S	T	U	W	Y
4	L	N	O	R	S	T	T	V	Y	Z

Figure 39

	∅	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
∅	E	N	T	R	U	C	K	I	N	G
1	Q	U	A	R	A	N	T	I	N	E
2	U	N	E	X	P	E	N	D	E	D
3	I	M	P	O	S	S	I	B	L	I
4	V	I	C	T	O	R	I	O	U	S
5	A	D	J	U	D	I	C	A	T	E
6	L	A	B	O	R	A	T	O	R	Y
7	E	I	G	H	T	E	E	N	T	H
8	N	A	T	U	R	A	L	I	Z	E
9	T	W	E	N	T	Y	F	I	V	E

Figure 40

b. In the fragmentary matrix illustrated in Fig. 38, the number of occurrences of a particular letter within the matrix is proportional to its frequency in plain text, the letters are inscribed in a random manner, in order to enhance further the security of the system. In Fig. 39, we have a modification of the idea set forth in Fig. 38, except that the size of the matrix has been reduced from 26x26 to 10x10, in this case, the letters (with appropriate number of repetitions) have been inscribed in a simple diagonal route (lower left to upper right) within the square, and the coordinates have been scrambled, for greater security. In Fig. 40, there is illustrated a type of cipher square which is known in cryptologic literature as the Grandpré cipher, in this square there are inscribed ten 10-letter words containing all the letters of the alphabet in their approximate plaintext frequencies. These ten words are further linked together by a 10-letter word which appears vertically in the first column, as a mnemonic feature for the inscription of the words in the rows.

c. The frequential-type system represented in Fig. 41a (enciphering matrix) and 41b (deciphering matrix) was described by Sacco<sup>3</sup>, who proposed that the dinomes inscribed in the enciphering matrix be thoroughly disarranged by applying a double transposition to the dinomes 00-99 as a means of suppressing any patent relationships among the variant values for the various plaintext letters, furthermore, the nulls incorporated in the matrix were to be used occasionally during the encryption of a message, in order to throw a cryptanalyst off the track. In this example the number of variant values for each plaintext letter has been established, of course, from the standpoint of Italian letter frequencies.

<sup>3</sup> Sacco, Generale Luigi, Manuale di Crittografia, 3d Ed., Rome, 1947, p. 22.

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Nulls 18-56 21-09 76-54 42-12 61-74 55-14 83-90 63-06 47-45	A 03-25 52-62 79-69	E 18-35 37-65 71-78	J 10-23 53-75 82-87	M 39 68	Q 20 77	V 02-86	one 44 66	seven 46
	B 40 93	F 24 57	J 81	N 13-73	R 26-94	W 95	two 84	eight 29
	C 28 70	G 38 97	K 96	O 07-30 51-67 72-89	S 13-58 T 33-88	X 85 Y 22	three 50 four 27	nine 31 zero 19 92
	D 08 80	H 17 43	L 05 49	P 41 98	U 00-15 36-99 01	Z 34 59	five 60-91 six 04	period 16-61 comma 32

Figure 41a

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
1	S	-	N	-	U	period	H	E	zero	I
2	-	Y	I	F	A	R	four	C	eight	Q
3	nine	comma	T	7	E	U	E	G	M	O
4	P	-	H	one	-	seven	-	-	L	B
5	O	A	I	-	-	-	F	S	Z	three
6	period	A	-	-	T	one	O	M	A	five
7	E	O	N	-	I	-	Q	E	A	C
8	J	I	-	two	X	V	I	T	O	D
9	five	zero	B	R	W	K	G	P	U	-
∅	U	V	A	six	L	-	O	D	-	U

Figure 41b

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d. The Baconian cipher described in par. 53a may be used as a basis for superimposing additional complexities. For instance, the "a" elements may be represented by any one of the 20 consonants as variants, while the "b" elements may be represented by any one of the six vowels, or the letters A-M may be used to represent the "a" elements and the letters N-Z for the "b" elements, digits may be used for the "a" and "b" elements, either on the basis of the first five and last five digits, or on the basis of the odd and even digits, or the first 10 consonants (B-M) and the last 10 consonants (N-Z) may be used for the "a" and "b" elements, with the vowels used occasionally as nulls--thus the resultant cryptograms will resemble those of a fairly complex cryptosystem. However, once the cryptanalyst assumes the possibility of such a system, its complexity is more apparent than real. Similarly, variations of this genre may be superimposed on trilateral systems such as the Trithemian cipher illustrated in par. 53b; variants for the "1", "2", and "3" elements may be chosen in such a way as to provide a large number of equivalents for each basic trilateral combination.

e. Another scheme for a complex variant system is a summing-trinome system. In this cryptosystem, each plaintext letter is assigned a unique value of 1 to 26, this value is then expressed as a trinome, the digits of which sum to the designated value of the letter. For example, if a letter has been assigned the value "4", it may be represented by any one of the following permutations and combinations<sup>4</sup>

004	031	112	202	301
013	040	121	211	310
022	103	130	220	400

Since the values toward the middle of the range 1-26 may be represented by a very considerable number of summing-trinomes (e.g., for the values 13 and 14 there are 75 variants each), such a system would offer a cryptographer wide latitude in the choice of cipher equivalents in enciphering,

<sup>4</sup> The representations of an integer (i.e., a whole number) as the sum of integers in all possible ways are termed the partitions of that number. The partitions in this subparagraph are mod 10 and also include the digit  $\emptyset$  in order to form trinome equivalents out of all the possible permutations.

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especially if the basic values of the plaintext letters were chosen to correspond with the scale of their relative frequencies, such as the following

	J	Q	B	W	Y	U	F	H	D	I	O	N	E	T	R	A	S	L	C	P	M	G	V	X	K	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	26	27
1	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
2	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
3	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
4	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
5	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
6	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
7	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
8	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
9	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
10	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
11	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
12	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
13	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
14	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
15	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
16	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
17	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
18	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
19	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
20	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
21	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
22	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
23	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
24	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
25	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
26	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III
27	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III

The tallies beneath each value represent the number of variants possible for the particular value. The unused values for 0 and 27 (uniquely represented by 000 and 999, respectively) may be used for punctuation marks, nulls, or other special-purpose symbols. Since such a system, once suspected, would offer little difficulty to a cryptanalyst, certain modifications would be necessary in order to pose any real obstacles in the way of solution. For instance, if the numerical value of a letter is expressed by permutations of 3 letters (instead of digits) out of a set of the 10 letters A-J wherein the sequence of the letters A-J represents a disarranged sequence of the digits 0-9, such a system may be among the most complex types of ciphers in the realm of monoalphabetic substitution, requiring the solution of many simultaneous equations. A further refinement would involve the use of all 26 letters as variants, in predetermined groups, to represent the digits 0-9. Fortunately for the cryptanalyst, such systems are impracticable for field military use, but if they were encountered, a sufficiently large volume of text, coupled with Hitt's four essentials quoted in Section I, would eventually make a solution possible. The actual cryptanalytic complexity of certain apparently exceedingly complex cryptosystems is dependent on their being correctly used at all times, which is not invariably the case with military ciphers.

<sup>5</sup> The solution would involve simply dividing the cipher text into groups of 3 digits, summing the trinomes thus produced to yield 28 possible basic values, and solving these basic values as in any simple monoalphabetic substitution cipher.

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60. Analysis of simple examples.--a. The following cryptogram is available for study

Q M D C V P L F N F D H N V J W L K D K N H B P V R L T V M  
 B K L W D W V H V K S H B C L P Q K J R V W S M L K G C N R  
 L R N K V M G F X W J R G M V W G T J H Q K X F N Z V F D M  
 L T B P L P V F L M D C N W N H B C V Z N M L W Q F D H D W  
 V Z B R V K L C V C V R D H L R V T L F N C D K G M X W X M  
 D T S C B C L Z L R L M V T S Z N K B V Y P B R N C L R X R  
 D C N K V P B T N T G H J Z L F Q F V K B W D Z X P N H S P  
 G H L K L F V Z L T V M L K D P Q R N Z L Z D T B M N T G M  
 N Z V F X K S F D C L Z V T V F D F V R G C L P Q P N C D W  
 V R J T N H L Z L M V W N P V P D Z D W J P N W L R J K V M  
 X M D T S M G F D R D K L W J F L P J M S F Q W B F N C B Z  
 D K V W G Z S H B H D H J C X

The first thing that strikes the eye is the total absence of vowels, remarkable not only because six letters are missing (cf. the  $\Delta$  test) in a text of this size, but also because all six of these letters fall into an identical limited category--a significant non-random phenomenon. Since a uniliteral substitution alphabet with six letters missing is highly improbable, the conclusion of multiliteral substitution is obvious. Upon closer inspection it is found that, if the cipher text is divided into pairs of letters, only ten consonants (B D G J L N Q S V X) are used as prefixes, and the remaining ten consonants (C F H K M P R T W Z) are used as suffixes--thus the biliteral (and bipartite) characteristics of the cipher text are disclosed. A digraphic<sup>6</sup> distribution is therefore constructed

	C	F	H	K	M	P	R	T	W	Z
B		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D		-			-	-	-			
G				-		-	-	-	-	-
J	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
L	-		-							
N		-			-	-	-			
Q	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-
S	-			-		-	-	-	-	-
V	-		-							
X	-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-

<sup>6</sup> If it had not been noticed that the cryptogram should be divided into pairs for analysis, a biliteral distribution (see par. 23d) might have been made, in order to reveal contact affinities of the cipher letters.

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b. It is possible that the cryptogram under study may involve the use of a small enciphering matrix with variants for the rows and columns. Since there is available an easily-applied special solution which permits the determination of the row indicators which are equivalent (i.e., interchangeable variants) and the column indicators which are equivalent, merely from a study of the digraphic distribution, this possibility is examined. The special solution is based on the following considerations. In a message of moderate length for such a cryptosystem, it may be assumed that the various possible cipher pairs for a given plaintext letter will be used with approximately equal frequency, for this reason, the cipher letters which pair with one of the letters used to indicate any particular row of the enciphering matrix may be expected to pair equally often with any other cipher letter which has been used to indicate the same row (and, of course, the same is true concerning the column-indicator letter). Thus, in the digraphic distribution of such a cryptogram, sets of rows appear which have similar "profiles" and, likewise, sets of similar columns.<sup>7</sup> First a study will be made of the rows of the distribution just compiled, in an attempt to locate and isolate those which match with each other, then, the same will be done with the columns of the distribution.

c. It is noted that the "L" and "V" distributions have pronounced similarities (Fig. 42a)--these rows came under consideration first because of their unique "heaviness" of their frequency characteristics. Likewise, the "D" and "N" rows have homologous attributes in their appearance (Fig. 42b). However, the further grouping of the rows by ocular inspection may present difficulties to the student, since he may not yet trust his eye

L	-	≡		≡	≡	≡	≠	≡	≡	≡
V	-	≡	-	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡	≡

Figure 42a

D	≡	-	≡	≡	-	-	-	≡	≡	≡
N	≡	-	≡	≡	-	-	-	≡	≡	≡

Figure 42b.

in matching distributions, and he may feel the need for some kind of statistical assurance. In the following subparagraphs there is given the technique of a more precise method for matching, mathematical in nature.

<sup>7</sup> These similarities are especially pronounced when the encipherer uses a "check-off" procedure for choosing his variants for each letter, that is, when he systematically "checks off" the variants used during encryption to insure that all possible variants are used in approximately equal proportions.

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d. This method of matching in an attempt to "equate" interchangeable variants involves computing a separate value for each trial matching of a particular row (or column) against each of a series of other rows (or columns, as appropriate)--such a value is taken as an indication of the "goodness of match" exhibited by the particular trial, the theory being that the correct match will produce the highest value.<sup>8</sup> The value for a particular trial match is computed by multiplying the number of tallies in each cell of one row (or column) by the number of tallies in each corresponding cell in the other row (or column) and then totaling the products thus obtained. Because of the way in which it is produced, such a value is termed a "cross-products sum".

e. In subparagraph c above, it was determined that the "L" and "V" rows were equivalent, and that the "D" and "N" rows also formed an equivalent pair. The next "heavy" row is the "G" row, this is to be tested for match with the five remaining unmatched rows. Let the "G" row be tested first against the "B" row. These two rows are given below, with their cross-products sum. For convenience, the cross-products sum is symbolized by  $\chi(\theta^1, \theta^2)$ , where  $\theta^1$  and  $\theta^2$  represent the designators of the distributions to be matched.<sup>9</sup>

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{"G"} \quad 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 3 \ - \ - \ 1 \ - \ 1 \\ \text{"B"} \quad 3 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1 \\ \chi(G,B) \quad 6 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 3 \ - \ - \ 1 \ - \ 1 = 15 \end{array}$$

The complete table of the comparisons of the "G" row with the five available rows is as follows

$$\begin{array}{r} \chi(G,B) \quad 6 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 3 \ - \ - \ 1 \ - \ 1 = 15 \\ \chi(G,J) \quad 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 3 \ - \ - \ 1 \ - \ 1 = 11 \\ \chi(G,Q) \quad - \ 4 \ - \ - \ 3 \ - \ - \ - \ - \ - = 7 \\ \chi(G,S) \quad 2 \ 4 \ 4 \ - \ 6 \ - \ - \ - \ - \ 1 = 17 \\ \chi(G,X) \quad - \ 2 \ - \ - \ 6 \ - \ - \ - \ - \ - = 8 \end{array}$$

The results indicate that the most probable match with the "G" row is the "S" row.

f. Since the next "heaviest" row to be tested is the "B" row, its matchings with the three remaining rows are made, and are given below

$$\begin{array}{r} \chi(B,J) \quad 3 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1 = 17 \\ \chi(B,O) \quad - \ 2 \ - \ 2 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 2 \ 1 = 12 \\ \chi(B,K) \quad - \ 1 \ - \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ - \ 4 \ - \ - = 12 \end{array}$$

<sup>8</sup> In this connection, note the considerations treated in subpar. 60j.

<sup>9</sup> The Greek letter  $\chi$  (chi) is often used in cryptology to symbolize matching operations

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The correct matching of the "B" and "J" rows is indicated by the results. This leaves only the "Q" and "X" rows, which are presumed to go together, since not only is their cross-products sum satisfactory (when compared to the  $\chi$  values for some of the other rows which have been matched), but, equally important, their patterns of crests and troughs are similar. Since we have not found more than two rows for any one set of interchangeable values, it appears that the original matrix had only five rows, with two variants for each row. The rows of the distribution diagram are therefore combined in the following diagram

	C	F	H	K	M	P	R	T	W	Z
BJ	4	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	2
DN	8	2	8	7	2	2	2	5	7	5
GS	3	4	4	-	5	1	-	1	-	2
LV	2	8	1	7	7	8	9	6	7	7
QX	-	3	-	3	3	2	2	-	3	-

Figure 43

g. Analysis of the distributions of the columns of Fig. 43 quickly reveals that columns "C" and "H" may be matched as a pair, and likewise columns "F" and "M", and columns "P" and "R". In order to decide the groupings of the remaining columns, the six possible  $\chi$  values are derived.

$\chi(K,T)$	4	35	-	42	-	=	81		
$\chi(K,W)$	4	49	-	49	9	=	113	Combinations	
$\chi(K,Z)$	4	35	-	49	-	=	88	KT, WZ	81 + 90 = 171
$\chi(T,W)$	6	35	-	42	-	=	83	KW, TZ	113 + 73 = 186
$\chi(T,Z)$	4	25	2	42	-	=	73	KZ, TW	88 + 83 = 171
$\chi(W,Z)$	6	35	-	49	-	=	90		

It appears that the proper pairings of the columns are "K" and "W", "T" and "Z".

h. The groupings of the columns having been determined, the frequency diagram is reduced to its basic 5x5 square, and the  $\phi$  test is

	C	F	K	P	T
	H	M	W	R	Z
BJ	6	4	5	7	4
DN	16	4	14	4	10
GS	7	9	-	1	3
LV	3	15	14	17	13
QX	-	6	6	4	-

$\phi_p = 1962$   
 $\phi_r = 1132$   
 $\phi_o = 1670$

taken as further statistical assurance of the matchings. Although  $\phi_o$  in this case does not come up to the best expectations, we feel nevertheless that the matching has been carefully and correctly accomplished, and so

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the next step is continued with a conversion of the multilateral text into unilateral equivalents, using the following reduction square containing an arbitrary sequence

	C	F	K	P	T
	H	M	W	R	Z
BJ	A	B	C	D	E
DN	F	G	H	I	K
VS	L	M	N	O	P
LV	Q	R	S	T	U
QX	V	W	X	Y	Z

The converted cryptogram is now easily solved, using the principles set forth in Section VI. The first fifteen letters of the plaintext message are found to read "WEATHER FORECAST . .", and the original enciphering matrix is recovered, based on the key word ATMOSPHERIC, as follows

	P	F	C	K	T
	R	M	H	W	Z
LV	A	T	H	O	S
DN	P	H	E	R	I
BJ	C	B	D	F	G
GS	K	L	N	Q	U
QX	V	W	X	Y	Z

1. The method of matching rows and columns just described in the preceding subparagraphs applies equally well to all the matrices in Figs. 26-35, and similar variations. If in the process of equating indicators the cryptanalyst sees that the row indicators are falling into the same groupings as the column indicators, he might be able to accelerate the equating process by taking advantage of this feature alone, as would be the case if he had encountered a cryptogram involving a matrix with indicators arranged in a manner similar to that shown in Figs. 29 and 30. Furthermore, a cryptogram enciphered in a commutative system, wherein the equivalents have been taken in row-column and column-row order indiscriminately, may be recognized as such through a study of the digraphic distribution of the cryptogram since the " $\alpha$ " row of the distribution will have an appearance similar to the " $\alpha$ " column, the " $\beta$ " row will be similar to the " $\beta$ " column, etc,<sup>10</sup> this matter is discussed further in subpar 61d.

<sup>10</sup> It is often convenient to use arbitrary symbols in cryptanalytic work, to prevent confusion with designations of actual elements of plain text, cipher text, or key (see footnote 1 on page 58). For this purpose Greek letters are often used, for reference, the 24 letters of the Greek alphabet and their names are appended in the chart below.

A $\alpha$ alpha	E $\epsilon$ epsilon	I $\iota$ iota	N $\nu$ nu	P $\rho$ ro	$\Phi$ $\phi$ phi
B $\beta$ beta	Z $\zeta$ zeta	K $\kappa$ kappa	$\Xi$ $\xi$ xi	$\Sigma$ $\sigma$ sigma	X $\chi$ chi
$\Gamma$ $\gamma$ gamma	H $\eta$ eta	$\Lambda$ $\lambda$ lambda	O $\omicron$ omicron	T $\tau$ tau	$\Psi$ $\psi$ psi
$\Delta$ $\delta$ delta	$\Theta$ $\theta$ theta	M $\mu$ mu	$\Pi$ $\pi$ pi	$\Upsilon$ $\upsilon$ upsilon	$\Omega$ $\omega$ omega

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j. It is important to point out that in matching, the cryptanalyst should begin with the "best" rows or columns--best not only from the standpoint of "heaviness" of the distribution, but also best from the point of view of a distinctive pattern of crests and troughs. If insufficient text is available to allow equating all the interchangeable coordinates of a particular enciphering matrix, it may still be possible that a conversion of the cipher text by means of a partially-reduced reconstruction matrix may yield enough idiomorphic patterns and other data to make possible an entry into the text. If the cryptographer has not used a "check-off" process in enciphering, but instead has favored certain equivalents for the various plaintext letters, matching may not be possible, nevertheless, an entry into the text may be facilitated in this case, because some of the resultant peaks in the cipher text may be correctly identified. Furthermore, since no variant system can possibly disguise the letters of low frequency in plain text, their low-frequency equivalents in the cipher text may provide possible approaches to solution (See also subpar. 61e).

k. In addition to the method of solution by matching and combining rows and columns of a digraphic distribution of a multilateral cipher, there is also the general approach applicable without exception to any variant system. This method, involving the correlation of cipher elements suspected to be the equivalents of specific but unknown plaintext letters, is treated in detail in paragraphs 61 and 62.

l. Systems such as the 4-level dinome cipher illustrated in Fig. 36 are susceptible to a very easy solution, if the dinomes have been inscribed in numerical order as indicated. Assuming such a case in a specific cryptogram, the first six groups of which are

6 8 3 2 1    0 9 0 2 2    4 8 0 5 7    6 5 1 1 1    8 8 6 4 8    4 2 0 3 6    ..

a four-part frequency distribution of the entire message, is taken as illustrated in Fig. 44 below



Figure 44.

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If the student will bring to bear upon this problem the principles he learned in Section V of this text, he will soon realize that what he now has before him are four simple, monoalphabetic frequency distributions similar to those involved in a monoalphabetic substitution cipher using standard alphabets. The realization of this fact immediately provides the clue to the next step. "fitting each of the distributions to the normal". (See par. 31). This can be done without difficulty in this case (remembering that a 25-letter alphabet is involved and assuming that I and J are combined) and the following alphabets result

01—I-J	26—U	51—N	76—E
02—K	27—V	52—O	77—F
03—L	28—W	53—P	78—G
04—M	29—X	54—Q	79—H
05—N	30—Y	55—R	80—I-J
06—O	31—Z	56—S	81—K
07—P	32—A	57—T	82—L
08—Q	33—B	58—U	83—M
09—R	34—C	59—V	84—N
10—S	35—D	60—W	85—O
11—T	36—E	61—X	86—P
12—U	37—F	62—Y	87—Q
13—V	38—G	63—Z	88—R
14—W	39—H	64—A	89—S
15—X	40—I-J	65—B	90—T
16—Y	41—K	66—C	91—U
17—Z	42—L	67—D	92—V
18—A	43—M	68—E	93—W
19—B	44—N	69—F	94—X
20—C	45—O	70—G	95—Y
21—D	46—P	71—H	96—Z
22—E	47—Q	72—I-J	97—A
23—F	48—R	73—K	98—B
24—G	49—S	74—L	99—C
25—H	50—T	75—M	00—D

The key word is seen to be JUNE and the beginning of the cryptogram is deciphered as "EASTERN ENTRANCE....."

m. If instead of 25-element alphabets, a system such as that in Fig. 37 has been used, only a slight modification of the procedure in subparagraph j would have been necessary, i.e., the distributions would have had to be considered on a basis of 26, and the process of fitting the distributions to the normal would have gone on as in the previous example.

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n. One further application of principles learned in Section V deserves to be mentioned here, in connection with the solution of systems such as those of Fig. 36. Let the following short message be considered

4 8 2 2 6 8 8 4 2 3 5 2 0 9 9 9 3 6 0 4 7 6 0 5 9 0 5 6 5 1  
 3 6 6 8 3 5 2 2 6 7 9 7 1 1 4 5 4 4 6 6 7 6

If it is known that the correspondents have been using a variant system such as that in Fig. 36, a special solution may be employed in those cases wherein there is insufficient cipher text to permit analysis by the method of fitting the frequency distribution to the normal. Thus, a short cryptogram may be solved by a variation of the plain-component completion method described in par. 34.<sup>11</sup> First, let the cryptogram be copied in dinomes, with an indication of the level (i.e., the "alphabet") the dinome would occupy in the 4-level matrix, thus

48 22 68 84 23 52 09 99 36 04 76 05 90 56 51 36 68 35 22 67 97 11 45 44 66 76  
 2 1 3 4 1 3 1 4 2 1 4 1 4 3 3 2 3 2 1 3 4 1 2 2 3 4

The dinomes belonging to the four levels are as follows

- (1) 22 23 09 04 05 22 11
- (2) 48 36 36 35 45 44
- (3) 68 52 56 51 68 67 66
- (4) 84 99 76 90 97 76

These dinomes are converted into terms of the plain component by setting each of the cipher sequences against the plain component at an arbitrary point of coincidence, such as in the following example

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
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	

- (1) 22=W, 23=X, 09=I, 04=D, 05=E, 22=W, 11=L
- (2) 48=X, 36=L, 36=L, 35=K, 45=U, 44=T
- (3) 68=S, 52=B, 56=F, 51=A, 68=S, 67=R, 66=Q
- (4) 84=I, 99=Y, 76=A, 90=P, 97=W, 76=A

<sup>11</sup> It should be clear to the student that the reason this method can be applied in this instance is that both the plain component (ABC.... Z) and the cipher component (01, 02, 03 ..... 25, 26-50, 51-75, 76-00) are known sequences (or thus assumed).

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o. The plain component sequence is now completed on the letters of the four levels, as follows:

<u>1st level</u>	<u>2d level</u>	<u>3d level</u>	<u>4th level</u>
WXIDEWL	XLLKUT	SBFASRQ	IYAPWA
XYKEFLM	YMLLVU	TCGBTSR	KZBQXB
YZLFGYN	ZNNMWV	UDHCUTS	LACRYC
ZAMGHZO	AOONXW	VEIDVUT	MBDSZD
ABNHIAF	BPPOYX	WFKEVVU	NCETA E
BCOIKBQ	CQQPZY	XGLFXWV	ODFUBF
CDPKLCR	DRRQAZ	YHMGYXW	PEGVCG
DEQLMDS	ESSRBA	ZINHZYX	QFHWDH
EFRMNET	FTTSCB	AKOIAZY	RGIKEI
FGSNOFU	GU,UTDC	BLPKBAZ	SHKYFK
GHTOPGV	HVVUED	CMQLCBA	TILZGL
HIUPQHW	IWWVFE	DNRMDCB	UKMAHM
IKVQR IX	KXXWGF	EOSNEDC	VLNBIN
KLWRSKY	LYYXHG	FPTOFED	WMOCKO
LMXSTLZ	MZZYIH	GQUPGFE	YNPDL P
MNYTUMA	NAAZKI	HRVQHGF	YOQEMQ
NOZUVNB	OBBA LK	ISVRIHG	ZPRFNR
OPAVWOC	PCCBML	KTXS KIH	AQSGOS
PQBWXPD	QDDCNM	LUYTLKI	BRTHPT
QRCXYQE	REEDON	NVZUMLK	CSUIQU
RSDYZRF	SFFEPO	NWAVNML	DTV KRV
STEZAS,G	T,GGFQP	OXBWONM	EUWLSW
TUFABTH	UHHGRQ	PYCX PON	FVXMTX
UVGBCUI	V,IIHSR	QZDYQPO	GWYNUY
VWHCDVK	WKKITS	RAEZRQP	HXZOVZ

It is seen that the generatrices with the best assortment<sup>12</sup> of high-frequency letters for the four levels are

<u>1st level</u>	<u>2d level</u>	<u>3d level</u>	<u>4th level</u>
EFRMNET	REEDON	EOSNEDC	NCETA E

<sup>12</sup> In evaluating generatrices, the sum of the arithmetical frequencies of the letters in each row may be used as an indication of their relative "goodness". A statistically much more accurate method of evaluating generatrices involves the use of logarithms of the probabilities of the plaintext letters forming the generatrices. (See also footnote 7 on page 89)

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If the letters of these generalices are arranged in the order of appearance of their dinome equivalents, according to the way they fall into the various levels,

48	22	68	84	23	52	09	99	36	04	76	05	90	56	51	36	68	35	22	67	97	11	45	44	66	76
<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>N</u>								<u>E</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>T</u>											
R																									
	E		O							S	N		E		D							O	N		C
		N		C				E	T							A									E

the plain text "REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED AT ONCE" is clearly seen. Or, more simply, if we examine the equivalents of 01, 26, 51, and 76 after the generatrix determination has been made, the key word JUNE is revealed. If an error had been made in the selection of a generatrix, the error could be resolved by hypothesizing the probable key word, or by deciphering the text on the basis of the assumed diagram and then noting and degarbling the systematic errors (which, it would be noticed, all come from one level)

p. The student should note that no one generatrix will yield plain text all the way across as in the example in par. 34. Instead, the generatrices must be considered separately for the four levels, since it is within each of the four levels that there is a homogeneous relationship of dinomes. Obviously if dinomes from more than one level were used to complete the plain component sequence, the generatrices would not consist of a homogeneous group of letters but instead would represent an assortment of letters from two or more "alphabets"

61. Analysis of more complicated examples.---a As soon as a beginner in cryptography realizes the consequences of the fact that letters are used with greatly varying frequencies in normal plain text, a brilliant idea very speedily comes to him. Why not disguise the natural frequencies of letters by a system of substitution using many equivalents, and let the numbers of equivalents assigned to the various letters be more or less in direct proportion to the normal frequencies of the letters? Let E, for example, have 13 equivalents, T, 9, N, 8, etc., and thus (he thinks) the enemy cryptanalyst can have nothing in the way of telltale or characteristic frequencies to use as an entering wedge

b. If the text available for study is small in amount and if the variant values are wholly independent of one another, the problem can become exceedingly difficult. But in practical military communications such methods are rarely encountered, because the volume of text is usually great enough to permit of the establishment of equivalent values. To illustrate what is meant, suppose a number of cryptograms produced by the monoalphabetic-variant method described above show the following

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two sets of groupings<sup>13</sup> of cipher elements in the text, Set "A" being assumed to be different representations of one particular underlying plain text, and Set "B" assumed to be representations of another underlying plain text

Set "A"	Set "B"
(12-37-02-79-68-13-03-37-77)	(71-12-02-51-23-05-77)
(82-69-02-79-13-68-23-37-35)	(11-82-51-02-03-05-35)
(82-69-51-16-13-13-78 05-35)	(11-91-02-02-23-37-35)
(91-05-02-01-68-42-78-37-77)	(97-12-51-02-78-69-77)

An examination of these groupings would lead to the following tentative conclusions with regard to probable equivalencies

(12, 82, 91)	(02, 51)	(13, 42, 68)	(35, 77)
(05, 37, 69)	(01, 16, 79)	(03, 23, 78)	(11, 71, 97)

The establishment of these equivalencies would sooner or later lead to the finding of additional sets of equal values. The completeness with which this can be accomplished will determine the ease or difficulty of solution. Of course, if many equivalencies can be established the problem can then be reduced practically to monoalphabetic terms and a speedy solution can be attained.

c. Theoretically, the determination of equivalencies may seem to be quite an easy matter, but practically it may be very difficult, because the cryptanalyst can never be certain that a combination showing what may appear to be a variant value is really such and does not represent a part of a different plaintext sequence. For example, take the groups --

17-82-31-82-14-63, and  
27-82-40-82-14-63

Here one might suspect that 17 and 27 represent the same letter, 31 and 40 another letter. But it happens that one group represents the word MANAGE, the other DAMAGE. There are hundreds of such cases in English and in other languages.

d. When reversible combinations are used as variants, the problem is perhaps a bit more simple. For example, using the accompanying Fig. 45

	K, Z	Q, V	B, H	I, R	D, L
W, S	N	H	A	O	E
M, Y	D	T	U	F	P
G, J	C	B	U	I	V
C, N	G	X	R	C	S
P, T	L	L	Y	W	K

Figure 45

<sup>13</sup> The alert student might be able to determine the underlying plain text of the two sets of ciphertext groupings.

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For encipherment, two messages with the same initial words, REFERENCE YOUR, may be enciphered as follows

	R	E	F	E	R	E	N	C	E	Y	O	U	R
(1)	NHVD R	XLSHC	DWVZN	RSLHP	SRBJC	H							
(2)	CHDVR	XSLHN	DWZWN	RLSHP	RWJBN	H							

The experienced cryptanalyst, noting the appearance of the very first few cipher groups, assumes that not only have the messages identical beginnings in their plain texts, but also that he is here confronted with a variant system involving bilateral reversible equivalents. One of the manifestations of such a cryptosystem is that in the digraphic distribution of the cipher text the "B" row will have an appearance similar to the "B" column, the "C" row will resemble the "C" column, etc., thus, the cryptanalyst will almost immediately realize that he has encountered a commutative system involving a matrix smaller than that indicated by the size of matrix necessary for making the digraphic distribution.

The probable-word method of solution may be used, but with a slight variation introduced because of the fact that, regardless of the system, letters of low frequency in plain text remain infrequent in the cryptogram. Hence, suppose a word containing low-frequency letters, but in itself a rather common word strikingly idiomorphic in character is sought as a "probable word", for example, words such as CAVALRY, ATTACK, and PREPARE. Such a word may be written on a slip of paper and slid one interval at a time under the text, which has been marked so that the high- and low-frequency characters are indicated. Each coincidence of a low-frequency letter of the text with a low-frequency letter of the assumed word is examined carefully to see whether the adjacent text letters correspond in frequency with the other letters of the assumed word; or, if the latter presents repetitions, whether there are correspondences between repetitions in the cipher text and those in the word. Many trials are necessary but this method will produce results when the difficulties are otherwise too much for the cryptanalyst to overcome.

62. Analysis involving the use of isologs. In military communications it is not unusual that cryptograms are produced containing identical plain text but which have been subjected to different cryptographic treatment, thus yielding different cipher texts. This difference in cryptographic treatment may be caused by the use of an entirely different general system, or by the use of a different specific key, or merely by the choice of equivalents in a variant system. Messages which present different encrypted texts but which contain identical plain text are called isologs (from the Greek iso = "equal" and logos = "word"). One of the easily-noted indications of the possible presence of isologs is equality or near-equality in the lengths of two (or more) cryptograms. Isologs, no matter how the cryptographic treatment varies, are among the most powerful media available to the cryptanalyst for the successful solution of a difficult cryptosystem--and, in some cases, may provide the

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only possible entries into a complex cryptosystem. An inkling of the help afforded by isologs was revealed by the example contained in subpara. 61d above; however, a much more striking illustration is given in the next few subparagraphs.

b. The following two cryptograms, suspected to be isologs, are available for study

## Message "A"

8 2 2 6 5	6 3 1 0 3	7 4 8 3 9	6 9 8 4 2	3 2 5 2 9	7 0 1 1 5
8 0 2 7 7	8 9 1 0 6	9 4 0 0 0	1 3 8 2 8	5 4 0 8 2	4 0 0 6 5
6 3 6 2 9	3 3 9 1 8	4 3 1 5 8	8 1 0 4 8	2 6 4 5 8	4 5 0 3 9
8 1 7 1 3	5 2 5 3 8	7 3 3 0 9	2 0 7 4 9	6 1 7 5 2	1 6 4 7 6
3 8 7 2 8	9 1 1 4 7	9 9 9 2 6	4 1 4 6 8	1 3 3 6 5	3 3 8 8 1
8 9 6 9 7	9 3 8 1 6	5 1 7 5 0	5 7 0 7 4	1 1 8 0 4	4 3 2 5 5
2 8 1 2 0	2 7 7 3 0	3 1 1 9 9	7 9 9 6 2	2 7 8 6 5	6 0 6 5 3
9 0 8 7 0	4 0 8 6 7	4 6 5 9 4	1 9 8 5 5	1 0 8 2 2	2 2 9 8 7
4 6 7 2 9	3 6 2 4 5				

## Message "B"

3 0 1 5 0	8 7 4 9 7	1 4 5 1 1	9 7 3 6 0	4 9 6 7 6	5 0 1 0 6
4 5 6 4 7	9 9 1 8 1	6 9 6 7 2	5 3 8 8 9	4 1 5 6 3	2 5 2 0 3
9 0 6 2 8	7 7 5 3 6	2 0 3 5 1	1 0 5 7 0	8 9 2 7 7	7 5 0 1 1
3 5 1 9 9	9 0 1 3 8	9 9 9 7 4	5 0 2 3 2	0 4 1 1 5	8 9 2 1 6
3 8 4 6 3	1 7 5 4 7	1 4 6 4 8	0 0 6 4 6	8 5 8 6 4	5 3 8 9 8
2 6 1 2 1	8 3 8 7 8	9 4 8 8 9	3 3 7 2 8	1 1 2 7 2	2 0 5 0 4
0 6 4 8 4	3 2 1 0 3	9 8 7 1 5	4 2 6 6 2	8 0 7 6 0	8 9 8 8 0
4 4 1 0 5	5 2 9 0 0	5 9 7 2 8	2 2 8 5 5	8 7 3 0 0	7 0 8 9 3
5 9 6 8 2	4 6 2 5 3				

On the possibility that some dinome system (or systems) is involved, the messages are written under each other in dinomes to facilitate the examination of the similarities and differences of such a grouping of the cipher texts, as shown on the next page

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	5					10					15				
A	82	26	56	31	03	74	83	96	98	42	32	52	97	01	15
A'	30	15	08	74	97	14	51	19	73	60	49	67	65	01	06
B	80	27	78	91	06	94	00	01	38	28	54	08	24	00	65
B'	45	64	79	91	81	69	67	25	38	89	41	56	32	52	03
C	63	62	93	39	18	43	15	88	10	48	26	45	84	50	39
C'	90	62	87	75	36	20	35	11	05	70	89	27	77	50	11
D	81	71	35	25	38	73	30	92	07	49	61	75	21	64	76
D'	35	19	99	01	38	99	97	45	02	32	04	11	58	92	16
E	38	72	89	11	47	99	92	64	14	68	13	36	53	38	81
E'	38	46	31	75	47	14	64	80	06	46	85	86	45	38	98
F	89	69	79	38	16	51	75	05	70	74	11	80	44	32	55
F'	26	12	18	38	78	94	88	93	37	28	11	27	22	05	04
G	28	12	02	77	30	31	19	97	99	62	27	86	56	06	53
G'	06	48	43	21	03	98	71	54	26	62	80	76	08	98	80
H	90	87	04	08	67	46	59	41	98	55	10	82	22	29	87
H'	44	10	55	29	00	59	72	82	28	55	87	30	07	08	93
J	46	72	93	62	45										
J'	59	68	24	62	53										

The dinome distributions for the two messages are as follows.

$\phi$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$\phi$	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
2	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	2
3	2	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	5
4	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
5	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	-	-
6	-	1	3	1	2	1	-	1	1
7	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1
8	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	1
9	1	1	2	2	1	-	1	2	2

Distribution for  
Message "A"

$\phi$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$\phi$	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	3
1	1	4	1	-	2	1	1	-	1
2	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	2
3	2	1	2	-	-	2	1	1	5
4	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
6	1	-	3	-	2	1	-	2	1
7	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
8	3	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	1
9	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	2	3

Distribution for  
Message "B"

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c. Since a general absence of marked crests and troughs is noted in both distributions, if the division of these cryptograms into dinomes is correct, and if they are both monoalphabetic, it is quite probable that some type of variant system (or systems) has been used. With this in mind, the encrypted texts and their distributions are scrutinized further for some indication of the kind of relationship which exists between the methods of encipherment of the two messages. The distributions are seen to be strikingly similar, not only with respect to the location of the one predominant peak in each, but also in the close correlation of the locations of the blanks in each <sup>14</sup>. Furthermore, upon examination of the superimposed messages themselves, it is observed that there are several instances wherein a value in message "A" coincides with the same value in message "B" (e.g., see positions A/A' 14, B/B' 9). This observation, taken in conjunction with the marked similarity of the distributions, strongly indicates that not only has the same general cryptosystem been used for the encryption of both messages, but that the same enciphering matrix has been used for both. Also, in the case of the values 38 and 62, it is noted that wherever either occurs in one message the same value

<sup>14</sup> For the benefit of the student with a mathematical background, it might be interesting to point out certain applications of cryptomathematics in connection with these two distributions. First of all, each of the two distributions is much flatter than that which would be expected for a sample of 125 dinomes of random text, i.e., a drawing (with replacement) and recording from an urn containing equal numbers of counters in each of 100 categories labeled 00-99 consecutively. In other words, whereas "random" follows a characteristic distributional appearance, approximated by the normal or binomial distributions, the samples at hand exhibit phenomena even flatter (or "worse") than that expected for random, approaching the theoretical (and fantastically non-random) "equilibrium" of exactly the same number of tallies in each cell of a distribution. The following table gives the observed number of x-fold repetitions in the two distributions, together with the expected number of x-fold repetitions in a sample of like size of random text, which expected number has been computed from tables of the Poisson exponential distribution (see Military Cryptanalysis, Part III)

x	Observed Msg. "A"	Observed Msg. "B"	Expected
0	14	17	29
1	51	52	36
2	33	23	22
3	1	6	9
4	-	1	3
5	1	1	1

It is to be noted that in the distribution for message "A" the observed number of blanks (14) against the expected number of blanks from random text (29) represents a sigma or standard deviation of  $2.78 \sigma$ , which

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occurs in the other message, a phenomenon explainable on the assumption that the plaintext equivalents of these values are of such low frequency that no variant values have been provided for these plaintext letters in the cryptosystem.

d. With the foregoing details determined, it is now realized that it should be possible to form, between the two messages, "chains" of those cipher values which represent identical plaintext letters, as exemplified below. Beginning with the first value in each message, 82 and 30, a partial chain of equivalent variants is started, now locating some other occurrence of either value elsewhere (e.g., 82 at position H'8), and noting the cipher value coinciding with it (in this case, 41), the partial chain may be extended (including now 82, 30, and 41). After this particular chain is extended to include as many values as possible, another chain is formed by starting with any value which has not already been included in the preceding chain, this procedure being repeated until

can be translated as odds of 368 to 1 against its occurrence by pure chance. Likewise the other entries besides  $\phi$  (in particular, the  $\chi$ -values of 1 and 2, and the cumulative values of 3-and-better) may be evaluated in terms of signages, and the conclusion would be reached that the two distributions have a most remote chance of being as flat as they are through mere chance, for instance, it is  $3.05 \sigma$  or 877 to 1 against distribution "A", having only two tallies occurring three or more times when 13 such tallies are expected by random--and this signage when taken into consideration with that of the number of blanks yields a signage of  $4 \sigma$  or approximately 31,000 to 1 of occurring through sheer chance. The sum total of all the deviations could be collectively evaluated, but this would involve the laborious computation of a multinomial distribution. Since the distributions of the two messages are much worse than would even be expected for random chance, the conclusion is drawn that the dinome grouping is highly significant and therefore must be correct, and furthermore that the cryptosystem involves variants in sufficient numbers for the plaintext letters to permit the encipherer to select the cipher equivalents with a view to suppressing as much of the phenomena of repetition as possible. Secondly, the  $\chi$  test of the two distributions gives a  $\chi$  value of 206, as against the  $\chi$  value of 156 for random samples of this size, this represents a signage of  $4.02 \sigma$ , or a ratio of 33,000 to 1 against its happening by pure chance, i.e., if the cryptograms were not in the same general system and specific keys. Therefore it is a foregone conclusion statistically that not only do the cryptosystems involve dinomes as the ciphertext grouping, but that the identical cryptosystem is involved in the two messages, and that because of the close correlation of the patterns of the two distributions, there is a good probability that the cryptograms contain identical plain text and therefore are isologs. This specific illustration of the potentialities of cryptomathematics indicates the important role that this branch of science may play in the art of cryptanalysis.

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all possible chains are completed. It is found that the following chains, arbitrarily arranged here according to length, may be derived from the two messages

(06 14 15 26 28 31 35 73 74 81 89 98 99)  
 (02 07 20 22 43 44 62 90)  
 (12 37 48 51 69 70 83 94)  
 (03 30 41 54 65 82 97)  
 (05 10 24 32 49 87 93)  
 (16 18 36 76 78 79 86)  
 (27 45 53 64 80 92)  
 (11 39 75 88)  
 (21 58 77 84)  
 (46 59 68 72)  
 (00 52 67)  
 (04 55 61)  
 (08 29 56)  
 (19 71 96)  
 (01 25)  
 (13 85)  
 (42 60)

Single dinomes

(38) (47) (50) (62) (91)

If we now make an arbitrary assignment of a different letter to represent each chain (and each single dinome) and convert either of the messages to uniliteral terms by means of these arbitrarily-assigned values, we note the pattern of the opening stereotype "REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE.....", and quickly recover the plain text.

e. The plaintext values when inserted into a 10x10 matrix having arbitrarily-arranged coordinates yield the following.

$\emptyset$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
$\emptyset$	U	H	T	R	P	O	E	T	F	-
1	O	D	N	H	E	E	A	-	A	C
2	T	I	T	-	O	M	E	S	E	F
3	R	E	O	-	-	E	A	N	B	D
4	-	R	Y	T	T	S	L	V	N	O
5	X	N	U	S	R	P	F	-	I	L
6	Y	P	W	T	S	R	-	U	L	N
7	N	C	L	E	E	D	A	I	A	A
8	S	E	R	N	I	H	A	O	D	E
9	T	G	S	O	N	-	C	R	E	E

Manipulating the rows and columns with a view to uncovering some symmetry or systematic phenomena, the latent diagonal pattern of the equivalents

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for certain of the letters (such as  $E_p$ ,  $N_p$ ,  $O_p$ ,  $R_p$ , and  $S_p$ ) is revealed, and the rows and columns of the reconstruction diagram are permuted to yield the following original enciphering matrix

	6	8	9	1	5	4	3	7	2	$\emptyset$
7	A	A	A	C	D	E	E	I	L	N
1	A	A	C	D	E	E	H	K	N	O
3	A	B	D	E	E	H	J	N	O	R
8	A	D	E	E	H	I	N	O	R	S
9	C	E	E	G	I	N	O	R	S	T
2	E	E	F	I	M	O	Q	S	T	T
$\emptyset$	E	F	I	M	O	P	R	T	T	U
5	F	I	L	N	P	R	S	T	U	X
6	I	L	N	P	R	S	T	U	W	Y
4	L	N	O	R	S	T	T	V	Y	Z

There are no observable relationships in or between the sequences of digits in the row and column coordinates, therefore for want of any visible phenomena or further information on the derivation (if any) of these digits, it is assumed that they must have been assigned at random. The student will note that the final matrix is identical to that of Figure 39 in paragraph 59.

f. It should be emphasized that in the example of the preceding subparagraphs it was only possible to form chains of values from both messages reciprocally because the same enciphering matrix had been used for both. A non-reciprocal chaining procedure would have been required if only the general system had been the same for both but the enciphering matrices had differed in some respect, or if two completely different variant systems had been used (e.g., one using a frequential matrix and the other involving a less complex type of variant matrix, such as Fig. 29). Specifically, it would have been necessary to maintain two separate groups of chains, one group for each message, otherwise heterogeneous values would have become intermingled.

g. Although an analysis of but one isolated example by means of isologs was presented, the student should be able to appreciate the significance and potentially enormous value of isologs to a cryptanalyst. This value goes far beyond the simple variant encryption in a monoalphabetic substitution system, isologs produced by the use of two different code books, or two different enciphered code versions of the same underlying plain text, or two encryptions of identical plain text by two different "settings" of a cipher machine, may all prove of inestimable value in the attack on a difficult cryptosystem

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63. Further remarks on variant systems.--a. A few words should be added with regard to certain subterfuges which are sometimes encountered in monoalphabetic substitution with variants, and which, if not recognized in time, cause considerable delays. The considerations treated before in subpars. 52i and j on the disguise of the length of the basic, multilateral group apply equally here to multilateral substitution with variants, thus, in dinome systems, a sum-checking digit or a null might be added in specified positions of the group to form a trinome. In complex variant systems, the presence of a null as one of the digits of a trinome would add greatly to the complexities of cryptanalysis of that system. The most important of the subterfuges have to deal with the use of nulls which are of a different size than the real cryptographic units, inserted occasionally to prevent the cryptanalyst from breaking up the text into its proper units. The student should take careful note of the last phrase, the mere insertion of symbols having the same characteristics as the symbols of the cryptographic text, except that they have no meaning, is not what is meant. This class of nulls rarely achieves the purpose intended. What is really meant can best be explained by an example. Suppose that a 5x5 variant matrix with the row and column indicators shown in Fig. 46 is adopted for encipherment. Normally, the cipher units would consist of 2-letter combinations of the indicators, invariably giving the row indicator first (by agreement).

V	G	I	W	D
A	H	P	S	M
T	O	E	B	N
F	U	R	L	C

V,A,T,F	A	B	C	D	E
G,H,O,U	F	G	H	I-J	K
I,P,E,R	L	M	N	O	P
W,S,B,L	Q	R	S	T	U
D,M,N,C	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 46

The phrase COMMANDER OF SPECIAL TROOPS might be enciphered thus:

C O M M A N D E R O F . . .  
 VI EB PH IU FT I' AB TH WO PW GT . . .

These would normally then be arranged in 5-letter groups, thus

V I E B P    H I U F T    I P A B T    H W O P W    G T . . .

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b. It will be noted, however, that only 20 of the 26 letters of the alphabet have been employed as row and column indicators, letters J, Y, Q, V, I, and U are used as nulls. Now, suppose the e letters are used as nulls, not in pairs, but as individual letters inserted at random just before the text text is arranged in 5-letter groups. Occasionally, a pair of letters might be inserted, in order to mask the characteristics of "avoidance" of the e letters for each other. Thus, for example.

V I E X B J H K I U F J X T I E A J B T M W O Q P W G K T Y

The cryptanalyst, after some study suspecting a bilateral cipher, proceeds to break up the text into pairs

VI EX BP HK IU FJ XT IE AJ BT MW OQ PV GK TY

Compare this set of 2-letter combinations with the correct set. Only 4 of the 15 pairs are "proper" units. It is easy to see that without a knowledge of the existence of the nulls--and even with a knowledge, if he does not know which letters are nulls--the cryptanalyst would be confronted with a problem for the solution of which a fairly large amount of text might be necessary. The careful employment of the variants also very materially adds to the security of the method because repetitions can be rather effectively suppressed.

c. Similarly in the examples under paragraph 58, the letter J in Figs. 27 and 29 may be used as a null, the letter Y in Fig. 28, and the digit 0 in Figs. 33 and 34. In Fig. 30, any letters in the range of P - Z might be used as nulls, but this usage might be weak because of the extremely low frequency of these letters as compared with the letters A - O, this is an important point to consider in the examination of encrypted text for possible poor usages of nulls.

d. From the cryptographic standpoint, usage of nulls in the manner outlined above results in cryptographic text even more than twice as long as the plain text, thus constituting a serious disadvantage. From the cryptanalytic standpoint, the nature of the cipher units in the system described in subpar b above constitute the most important obstacle to solution, this, coupled with the use of variants, makes this system considerably more difficult to solve, despite its monoalphabeticity.

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## SECTION IX

## POLYGRAPHIC SUBSTITUTION SYSTEMS

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64. General remarks on polygraphic substitution.--a. The substitution systems dealt with thus far have involved plaintext units consisting of single elements (usually single letters). The major distinction between them has been made simply on the basis of the number of elements constituting the ciphertext units of each, i.e., those involving single-element ciphertext units were termed unilateral, and those involving ciphertext units composed of two or more elements were termed multilateral.<sup>1</sup> That is to say, when the terms "unilateral", "biliteral", "trilateral", etc., were used, it was to have been automatically inferred that the plaintext units were composed of single elements.

b. This section of the text will deal with substitution systems involving plaintext units composed of more than one element; such systems are termed polygraphic.<sup>2</sup> (By comparing this new term with the terms "unilateral" and "multilateral" it may then be deduced--and correctly so--that a term involving the suffix "-literal" is descriptive of the composition of the cipher text units of a cryptosystem, and that a term containing the suffix "-graphic" describes the composition of the

<sup>1</sup> See also subpar. 52a.

<sup>2</sup> Systems involving plaintext units composed of single elements may, on this basis, be termed monographic; however, as has been stated in connection with the terms "unilateral" and "multilateral", the plaintext units of a system are understood (without restatement) to be monographic unless otherwise specified.

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plaintext units.<sup>3</sup>) Polygraphic systems in which the plaintext units are composed of two elements are called digraphic, those in which the plaintext units are composed of three elements are trigraphic, etc. The ciphertext units of polygraphic systems usually consist of the same number of elements as the plaintext units.<sup>4</sup> Thus, if a system is called "digraphic", it may be assumed that the ciphertext units of the system consist of two elements, as do the plaintext units; if this were not the case, the term "digraphic" by itself would not be adequate to describe the system completely, and an additional modifying word or phrase would have to be used to indicate this fact.<sup>5</sup>

c. In polygraphic substitution, the combinations of elements which constitute the plaintext units are considered as indivisible compounds. The units are composite in character and the individual elements composing the units affect the equivalent cipher units jointly, rather than separately. The basic important factor in true polygraphic substitution is that all the letters of each plaintext unit participate in the determination of its cipher equivalent, the identity of each element of the plaintext unit affects the composition of the whole cipher unit.<sup>6</sup> Thus, in a certain digraphic system,  $\overline{AB}_p$  may be enciphered as  $\overline{XP}_c$ , and  $\overline{AC}_p$ , on the other hand, may be enciphered as  $\overline{NK}_c$ ; a difference in the identity of but one of the letters of the plaintext pair here produces a difference in the identity of both letters of the cipher pair.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>3</sup> In this connection, it is further pointed out that since the root "literal" derives from the Latin "litera", it is conventionally prefixed by modifiers of Latin origin, such as "uni-", "bi-", and "multi-"; similarly, "graphic", deriving from the Greek "graphikos", is prefixed by modifiers of Greek origin, such as "mono-", "di-", and "poly-".

<sup>4</sup> The qualifying adverb "usually" is employed because this correspondence is not essential. For example, if one should draw up a set of 6/6 arbitrary single signs, it would be possible to represent the 2-letter pairs from AA to ZZ by single symbols. This would still be a digraphic system.

<sup>5</sup> See subpara. 65e and 66f for examples of two such systems and their names.

<sup>6</sup> An analogy is found in chemistry, when two elements combine to form a molecule, the latter usually having properties quite different from those of either of the constituent elements. For example, sodium, a metal, and chlorine, a gas, combine to form sodium chloride, common table salt. However, sodium and fluorine, also a gas similar in many respects to chlorine, combine to form sodium fluoride, which is much different from table salt.

<sup>7</sup> For this reason the two letters are marked by a ligature, that is, by a bar across their tops. In cryptologic notation, the symbol  $\overline{\Theta\Theta}_p$  means "any plaintext digraph", the symbol  $\overline{\Theta\Theta}_c$ , "any ciphertext digraph". To refer specifically to the 1st, 2d, 3d, . . . member of a ligature, the exponent 1, 2, 3, . . . will be used. Thus  $\overline{\Theta^1}_p$  of  $\overline{REM}_p$  is the letter E,  $\overline{\Theta^2}_c$  of  $\overline{XRZ}_c$  is Z. See also footnote 1 on page 18

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d. The fundamental purpose of polygraphic substitution is again the suppression or the elimination of the frequency characteristics of single letters of plain text, just as is the case in monoalphabetic substitution with variants; but here this is accomplished by a different method, the latter arising from a somewhat different approach to the problem involved in producing cryptographic security. When the substitution involves replacement of single letters in a monoalphabetic system, even a single cryptogram can be solved rather readily; basically the reason for this is that the principles of frequency and the laws of probability, applied to individual units (single letters) of the plain text, have a very good opportunity to manifest themselves. However, when the substitution involves replacement of plaintext units composed of two or more letters--that is, when the substitution is polygraphic in nature--the principles of frequency and laws of probability have a much lesser opportunity to manifest themselves. If the substitution is digraphic, then the units are pairs of letters and the normal frequencies of plaintext digraphs become of first consideration; if the substitution is trigraphic, the units are sets of three letters and the normal frequencies of plaintext trigraphs are involved. In these cases the data that can be employed in the solution are meager; that is why, generally speaking, the solution of polygraphic substitution ciphers is often extremely difficult.

e. By way of example, a given plaintext message of say n letters, enciphered by means of a uniliteral substitution system, affords n cipher characters, and the same number of cipher units. The same message, enciphered digraphically, still affords n cipher characters but only  $\frac{n}{2}$  cipher units. Statistically speaking, the sample to which the laws of probability now are to be applied has been cut in half. Furthermore, from the point of view of frequency; the very noticeable diversity in the frequencies of individual letters; leading to the marked crests and troughs of the uniliteral frequency distribution, is no longer so strikingly in evidence in the frequencies of digraphs. Therefore, although digraphic encipherment, for example, simply cuts the cryptographic textual units in half, the number of cipher units which must be identified has been squared, and the difficulty of solution is not merely doubled but, if a matter of judgment arising from practical experience can be expressed or approximated mathematically, squared or cubed.

f. The following two paragraphs will treat various polygraphic substitution methods. The most practical of these methods are digraphic in character and for this reason their treatment herein will be more detailed than that of trigraphic methods.

#### 65. Polygraphic substitution methods employing large tables.--

a. The simplest method of effecting polygraphic substitution involves the use of tables similar to that shown in Figure 47a. This table merely provides equivalents for digraphs, by means of the coordinate system. Specifically, in obtaining the cipher equivalent of any

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	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
A	WG	EE	SN	TR	IA	NL	GC	HT	OI	UO	AM	RF	BY	YB	CD	DF	FH	JJ	LK	NQ	PS	QU	VV	XW	YX	ZZ
B	EG	SE	TN	IR	NA	GL	HC	OT	UI	AO	WM	BP	KY	OB	DD	FI	JH	LJ	MK	PQ	QS	VU	XV	YW	ZX	WZ
C	SG	TE	TN	NR	GA	HL	OC	UT	AI	RO	BM	KP	CY	DB	FD	JF	LH	MJ	PK	QQ	VS	XU	YV	ZW	WX	EZ
D	TG	IE	NN	GR	HA	OL	UC	AT	RI	BO	KM	CP	DY	FB	JD	LF	MH	PJ	QF	VQ	XS	YU	ZV	WW	EX	SZ
E	IG	NE	GN	HR	OA	UL	AC	PT	BI	KQ	CM	DP	FY	JB	LD	MF	PH	QJ	VK	XQ	YS	ZU	WV	EW	SX	IZ
F	NG	GE	HY	OR	UA	AL	RC	BT	KI	CO	DM	FP	JY	LB	MD	PF	QH	VJ	XK	YQ	ZS	WU	LV	SW	TX	IZ
G	GG	HE	ON	UR	AA	RL	BC	KT	CI	DO	FM	JP	LI	MB	PD	QF	VH	XJ	YK	ZQ	WS	EU	SV	TW	IX	NZ
H	HG	OE	UN	AR	GA	BL	KC	CT	DI	FO	JM	LP	MY	PB	QD	VF	XH	YJ	ZK	WQ	ES	SU	TV	IW	NX	GZ
I	OG	UL	AN	RR	BA	PL	CC	DT	FI	JO	LM	MP	PY	QB	VD	XF	YH	ZJ	WK	EQ	SS	TU	IV	NW	GX	HZ
J	UG	AE	RN	BR	KA	CL	DC	FT	JI	LO	MM	PP	QY	VB	YD	ZF	ZH	WJ	EK	SQ	TS	IU	NV	GW	HX	OZ
K	AG	KE	BN	KR	GA	DL	FC	JT	LI	MO	PM	QV	XB	YD	ZF	WH	EJ	SK	TQ	IS	NU	GV	HW	OX	UZ	
L	RG	BE	KN	CR	DA	FL	JC	LT	MI	FO	QM	VP	XY	YB	ZD	WF	FH	SJ	TK	IQ	NS	GU	HV	OW	UX	AZ
M	BG	KE	CN	DR	FA	JL	LC	WT	PI	QO	VM	XP	YY	ZB	WD	EF	SH	TJ	IK	NQ	GS	HU	OV	UW	AX	RZ
N	KG	CF	DN	FR	JA	LL	MC	PT	QI	VO	XM	YP	ZY	WB	ED	SF	TH	IJ	NK	GQ	HS	OU	UV	AW	RX	BZ
O	CG	DE	FN	JR	LA	ML	PC	QT	VI	XO	YM	ZP	WY	EB	SD	IF	IH	NJ	GK	HQ	OS	UU	AV	RW	BX	KZ
P	DG	FE	JN	LR	MA	PL	QC	VT	XI	YO	ZM	WP	EY	SB	TD	IF	NH	GJ	HK	OQ	US	AU	RV	BW	KX	CZ
Q	FG	JE	LN	MR	PA	QL	VC	XT	YI	ZO	WM	EP	SY	TB	ID	NF	GH	HJ	OK	UQ	AS	RU	BV	KW	CX	DZ
R	JG	LE	MN	PR	QA	VL	XG	YI	ZI	WO	EM	SF	TI	IB	ND	GF	HH	OJ	UK	AQ	RS	BU	KV	CW	DX	FZ
S	LG	ME	PN	QR	VA	XL	YC	ZT	WI	DO	SM	TP	IY	NE	GD	HF	OH	UJ	AK	RQ	BS	KU	CV	DW	FX	JZ
T	MG	PE	QN	VR	AA	YL	ZC	WI	EI	SO	TM	IP	NY	GB	HD	OF	UH	AJ	RK	BQ	KS	CU	DV	FW	JX	LZ
U	PG	QE	VN	XR	YA	ZL	WC	EF	SJ	TO	JM	NP	GY	PB	OD	UF	AH	RJ	BK	KQ	CS	DU	FV	JW	LX	MZ
V	QG	VE	XN	YR	ZA	WL	EC	ST	TI	IO	NM	GP	HY	OB	UD	AF	RH	BJ	KK	CQ	DS	FU	JV	LW	MX	PZ
W	VG	XE	YN	ZR	WA	EL	SC	TT	II	NO	GM	HP	OY	UB	AD	PF	BH	KJ	CK	DQ	FS	JU	LV	MW	PX	QZ
X	XG	YE	ZN	WR	LA	SL	TC	IT	NI	GO	HN	OP	UJ	AB	RD	BF	KH	CJ	DK	FO	JS	LU	MY	PW	QX	VZ
Y	YG	ZE	WN	ER	SA	TI	IC	NI	GT	VO	OM	UP	AY	RB	BD	AF	CH	DJ	FF	JQ	LS	MU	PV	QW	VX	YZ
Z	ZG	WE	EN	SR	TA	IL	NC	GP	HJ	OO	UM	AP	RY	BB	KD	CF	DH	FJ	JK	LQ	MS	PU	QV	VW	XX	YZ

Figure 47a.

plaintext digraph, the initial letter of the plaintext digraph is used to indicate the row in which the equivalent is found, and the final letter of the plaintext digraph indicates the column, the cipher digraph is then found at the intersection of the row and column thus indicated. For example,  $\overline{KG}_p = \overline{FC}_c$ ,  $\overline{WM}_p = \overline{OY}_c$ , etc.

b. In the preceding table two mixed sequences were employed to form the cipher equivalents, one sequence being based on the key phrase WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE and the other on GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY. The table in Figure 47a could have been drawn up in a slightly different manner, as shown in Figure 47b, and still yield the same cipher equivalents as before. Using this latter table,  $\theta_c^1$  for any plaintext digraph is found at the intersection of the row and column identified by  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$ , respectively,  $\theta_c^2$  is found in the sequence below the table and is

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$\theta_p^2$

	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
A	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z
B	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W
C	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
D	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S
E	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T
F	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I
G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G
H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H
I	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O
J	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U
K	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A
L	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R
M	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B
N	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K
O	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C
P	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D
Q	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F
R	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J
S	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L
T	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M
U	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P
V	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q
W	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V
X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X
Y	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y
Z	Z	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y

$\theta_p^2$ . G E N R A L C T I O M P Y B D F H J K Q S U V W X Z

Figure 47b.

taken from the position directly under the column identified by  $\theta_p^2$ . A few sample encipherments will illustrate that this table is cryptographically equivalent to that of Fig. 47a.

c. Figures 48 and 49, below, contain other possible types of tables for digraphic substitution. In Fig. 48, it will be seen that there are two vertical sequences to the left of this table and no horizontal sequence below it.  $\theta_p^1$  is located in the leftmost sequence,  $\theta_c^1$  being found directly to its side in the right-hand sequence,  $\theta_c^2$  is then found at the intersection of the row and column identified by  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$ ,

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$\theta_1, \theta_1$	A	B	C	D	F	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
A	W	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z
B	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	
C	S	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E
D	T	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N
E	I	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R
F	N	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A
G	G	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L
H	H	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C
I	O	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T
J	U	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I
K	A	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O
L	R	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M
M	B	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P
N	K	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y
O	C	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B
P	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D
Q	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F
R	P	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H
S	L	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J
T	M	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K
U	P	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q
V	Q	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S
W	V	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U
X	X	W	Y	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V
Y	Y	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W
Z	Z	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X

Figure 48.

respectively. The table in Fig. 49 provides digraphic equivalents by means of the coordinate system (e.g.,  $\overline{R}_p = \overline{JZ}_c$ ), in the same manner as in Fig. 47a, and a cursory examination of the inside of the table might disclose nothing new about this table at all. But, if one were to scan closely the diagonals formed by each  $\theta_c^1$  from upper right to lower left,

he would see that each such diagonal changes below the " $M_p$  row", similarly, if the diagonals formed by  $\theta_c^2$  are scanned from upper left to

lower right, it will be seen that each of them also changes after the " $N_p$  row". In effect, the inside of the table is divided into two separate portions by an imaginary line extending horizontally between the M and N rows, but within each portion a straightforward type of symmetry is exhibited and the same two mixed sequences have been employed in each. Actually, in a 26x26 table, it is not possible to maintain the diagonals formed thus by  $\theta_c^1$  and  $\theta_c^2$  in a completely "unbroken" sequence without

producing repeated digraphs within the table and without consequent cryptographic ambiguity, thus, Fig. 49 illustrates one type of limited diagonal symmetry which must be resorted to in the systematic construction of such a table.

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	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
A	W	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z
B	E	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W
C	S	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
D	T	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S
E	I	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T
F	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S	T
G	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S
H	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E	S
I	G	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W
J	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
K	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
L	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
M	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
N	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
O	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
P	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
Q	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
R	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
S	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
T	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
U	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
V	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
W	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
X	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
Y	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E
Z	L	A	R	N	G	H	O	U	A	R	B	K	C	D	F	J	L	M	P	Q	V	X	Y	Z	W	E

Figure 49.

d. All of the foregoing tables have exhibited a symmetry in the arrangement of their contents, which is undesirable from the standpoint of cryptographic security. This systematic internal arrangement could be detected by a cryptanalyst early in his attack on cryptograms produced through their use, permitting rapid reconstruction of the particular table involved, this subject will be given a more detailed treatment in par. 72. The table in Figure 50 is an example of one type of table which would provide more security than the foregoing. This table is constructed by random assignment of values and shows no symmetry whatsoever in its arrangement of contents. It will be noted that this table is

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(Showing only a partially filled table)  
Final Letter ( $\theta^2_p$ )

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	X			Y	Z
Initial letter ( $\theta^1_p$ )	A	FX	CH	XE	YY	ZA	YG	FB	CDE	FX	JZ		EA	DJ	FH	A	
	B	NY	DC	NB	ZI	XX	DX									B	
	C				AH				AB					ND		C	
	D			BB	YA						AY		BF			D	
	E	AX					AI									E	
	F		AG			NZ			AZ				AA			F	
	N			BC		CY								BA	FE	N	
	X					AC						AJ		BE			X
	Y	DE						AF							AD		Y
	Z	AE								BD				AK			Z
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	X	Y	Z		

Figure 50.

reciprocal in nature, that is  $\overline{AF}_p = \overline{YG}_c$  and  $\overline{YG}_p = \overline{AF}_c$ . Thus, this single table serves for deciphering as well as for enciphering. Reciprocity is, however, not an essential factor, in fact, greater security is provided by non-reciprocal tables. But, in the case of such non-reciprocal, randomly constructed tables, each enciphering table must have its complementary deciphering table.

e. Digraphic tables employing numerical equivalents instead of letter equivalents may be encountered. However, since 676 equivalents are required (there being 676, or  $26 \times 26$ , different pairs of letters), this means that combinations of three figures must be used, such systems are termed trinome-digraphic systems, indicating clearly the number of elements which comprise the cipher units. By way of an example, the

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following figure contains a fragment of a table<sup>8</sup> which provides trinome equivalents for the plaintext digraphs:

	A	B	C	D	E	...	...	...	Y	Z
A	001	002	003	004	005	...	...	...	025	026
B	027	028	029	030	031				051	052
C	053	054								
	...									
	...									
Y	625	626							649	650
Z	651	652							675	676

Figure 51.

f. All of the foregoing tables have been digraphic in nature, but a kind of false trigraphic substitution may also be accomplished by means of similar tables, as illustrated in Figure 52, wherein the table is the same as that in Figure 49 with the addition of one more sequence at the top of the table. In using this table,  $\theta_p^1$  is located in sequence I, and

<sup>8</sup> It is interesting to note that this comparatively bulky and unwieldy table can be reduced to the following two alphabets with numerical equivalents for the letters:

(1)	A	B	C	D	E	F	.	.	.	.	.	X	Y	Z
	000	026	052	078	104	130	...	...	...	...	...	598	624	650
(2)	A	B	C	D	E	F	.	.	.	.	.	X	Y	Z
	1	2	3	4	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	24	25	26

In enciphering, the first letter of the plaintext digraph is converted into its numerical value from alphabet (1), and the second plaintext letter is converted by means of alphabet (2), the two numerical values thus derived are added together, and their sum is taken as the cipher equivalent of the particular plaintext digraph. Of course, this simple reduction would not be possible if the trinomes, in ascending order, had been arranged in the table in, say, a diagonal manner.

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III	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		
IV	R	A	D	I	O	C	P	T	N	F	M	E	B	G	H	J	K	L	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		
I	A	W	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z
II	B	E	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G
	C	S	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E
	D	T	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N
	E	I	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R
	F	N	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A
	G	G	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L
	H	H	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C
	I	O	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T
	J	U	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I
	K	A	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O
	L	R	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M
	M	B	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P
	N	K	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y
	O	C	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B
	P	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D
	Q	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F
	R	J	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H
	S	L	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J
	T	M	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K
	U	P	S	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q
	V	Q	U	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S
	W	V	V	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U
	X	X	W	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V
	Y	Y	X	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W
	Z	Z	Z	G	E	N	R	A	L	C	T	I	O	M	P	Y	B	D	F	H	J	K	Q	S	U	V	W	X

Figure 52.

its equivalent,  $\theta_c^1$ , taken from sequence II;  $\theta_p^2$  is located in sequence III, and its equivalent,  $\theta_c^2$ , taken from sequence IV;  $\theta_c^3$  is the letter lying at the intersection of the row indicated by  $\theta_p^3$  in sequence I and the column determined by  $\theta_p^2$ . Thus, FIRE LINES would be enciphered NNZ

IEQ KOV. Various other agreements may be made with respect to the alphabets in which each plaintext letter will be sought in such a table, but the basic cryptographic principles are the same as in the case described.

g. Tables such as those illustrated in Figs. 47-52, above, have been encountered in operational systems, but their use has not been very widespread because of their relatively large size and the inconvenience in their production and handling. In lieu of these large tables it is possible to employ much smaller matrices or geometrical designs to accomplish digraphic substitution, methods involving their use will be discussed in the following paragraph.

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~~RESTRICTED~~66 Polygraphic substitution methods employing small matrices.<sup>9</sup>

a. A simple method for accomplishing digraphic substitution involves the use of the four-square matrix, a matrix consisting of four 5x5 squares in which the letters of a 25-element alphabet (combining I and J) are inserted in any prearranged order. When four such squares are arranged in a matrix as shown in Figure 53, the latter may be employed for digraphic substitution to yield the same cipher results as does a much larger table of the type treated in the preceding paragraph. In a four-square matrix,  $\theta_p^1$  of  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  is sought in section 1,  $\theta_p^2$ , in section 2. Thus,  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  will always form the northwest-southeast corners of an imaginary rectangle delimited by these two letters as located in these two sections of the square. Then  $\theta_c^1$  and  $\theta_c^2$  are, respectively, the letters at the northeast-southwest corners of this same rectangle. Thus,  $\overline{TG}_p = \overline{XS}_c$ ,  $\overline{VD}_p = \overline{CH}_c$ ,  $\overline{OR}_p = \overline{YV}_c$ ;  $\overline{UR}_p = \overline{XB}_c$ ; etc. In decrypting,  $\theta_c^1$  and  $\theta_c^2$  are sought in sections 3 and 4, respectively, and their equivalents,  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$ , noted in sections 1 and 2, respectively.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	O	U	R	T	
	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	P	Q	E	
Sec. 1 ( $\theta_p^1$ )	L	M	N	O	P	K	Y	Z	S	N	Sec. 3 ( $\theta_c^1$ )
	Q	R	S	T	U	I	X	W	V	A	
	V	W	X	Y	Z	H	G	D	C	B	
	T	H	I	R	E	A	B	C	D	E	
	O	P	Q	S	N	F	G	H	I	K	
Sec. 4 ( $\theta_c^2$ )	M	Y	Z	U	A	L	M	N	O	P	Sec. 2 ( $\theta_p^2$ )
	L	X	W	V	B	Q	R	S	T	U	
	K	G	F	D	C	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 53.

b. It is possible to effect digraphic substitution with a matrix consisting of but two sections by a modification in the method of finding equivalents. In a horizontal two-square matrix, such as that shown in Figure 54,  $\theta_p^1$  of  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  is located in the square at the left,  $\theta_p^2$ , in the square at the right.

<sup>9</sup> The word matrix as employed in this paragraph refers to checker-board-type diagrams smaller than the tables illustrated in the preceding paragraph. These matrices are usually composed of sections containing 25 cells each.

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M	A	N	U	F	A	U	T	O	M
C	T	R	I	G	B	I	L	E	S
B	D	E	H	K	C	D	F	G	H
L	O	P	Q	S	K	N	P	Q	R
V	W	X	Y	Z	V	W	X	Y	Z

$\theta_p^1 \theta_c^2$

$\theta_p^2 \theta_c^1$

Figure 54

When  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  are at the opposite ends of the diagonal of an imaginary rectangle defined by these letters, the ciphertext equivalent comprises the two letters appearing at the opposite ends of the other diagonal of the same rectangle,  $\theta_c^1$  is the particular one which is in the same row as  $\theta_p^1$ , and  $\theta_c^2$  is the one in the same row as  $\theta_p^2$ . For example,  $\overline{AL}_p = \overline{IT}_c$ ,  $\overline{DO}_p = \overline{GA}_c$ . When  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  happen to be in the same row, the ciphertext equivalent is merely the reverse of the plaintext digraph, for example,  $\overline{AT}_p = \overline{TA}_c$  and  $\overline{EH}_p = \overline{HE}_c$ .

c. Digraphic substitution may also be effected by means of vertical two-square matrices, in which one section is directly above the other, as in Figure 55, it will be noted that matrices of this type have a feature of reciprocity when employed according to the usual rules, which follow.

M	A	N	U	F
C	T	R	I	G
B	D	E	H	K
L	O	P	Q	S
V	W	X	Y	Z
A	U	T	O	M
B	I	L	E	S
C	D	F	G	H
K	N	P	Q	R
V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 55.

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When  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  are at the opposite ends of a diagonal, the rule for encipherment is the same as that for horizontal two-square encipherment (e.g.,  $\overline{MO}_p = \overline{UA}_c$  and  $\overline{UA}_p = \overline{MO}_c$ ); when both  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  happen to be in the same column, the plaintext digraphs are self-enciphered, (e.g.,  $\overline{MA}_p = \overline{MA}_c$  and  $\overline{EL}_p = \overline{EL}_c$ ), a fact which constitutes an important weakness of this method.<sup>10</sup>

This disadvantage is only slightly less obvious in the preceding case of horizontal two-square methods wherein the cipher equivalent of  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  consists merely of the plaintext letters in reversed order.

d. One-square digraphic methods, with a necessary modification of the method for finding equivalents, are also possible. The first of this type to appear as a practical military system was that known as the Playfair cipher.<sup>11</sup> It was used for a number of years as a field cipher by the British Army, before and during World War I, and for a short time, also during that war, by certain units of the American Expeditionary Forces. Figure 56 shows a typical Playfair square. The modification in the method of finding cipher equivalents has been found useful in

M	A	N	U	F
C	T	R	I	G
B	D	E	H	K
L	O	P	Q	S
V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 56.

imparting a greater degree of security than that afforded in the preceding small matrix methods. The usual method of encipherment can be best explained by examples given under four categories:

<sup>10</sup> See subpar. 73b on other enciphering conventions which remove this weakness.

<sup>11</sup> This cipher was really invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone but receives its name from Lord Playfair, who apparently was its sponsor before the British Foreign Office. See Wemyss Reid, Memoirs of Lyon Playfair, London, 1899. It is of interest to note that, to students of electrical engineering, Wheatstone is generally not known for his contributions to cryptography but is famed for something he did not invent--the so-called "Wheatstone bridge", really invented by Samuel H. Christie.

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(1) Members of the plaintext pair,  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$ , are at opposite ends of the diagonal of an imaginary rectangle defined by the two letters, the members of the ciphertext pair,  $\theta_c^1$  and  $\theta_c^2$ , are at the opposite ends of the other diagonal of this imaginary rectangle. Examples:  $\overline{MO}_p = \overline{AL}_c$ ,  $\overline{NI}_p = \overline{UC}_c$ ,  $\overline{LU}_p = \overline{QM}_c$ ,  $\overline{VI}_p = \overline{YC}_c$ .

(2)  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  are in the same row, the letter immediately to the right of  $\theta_p^1$  forms  $\theta_c^1$ , the letter immediately to the right of  $\theta_p^2$  forms  $\theta_c^2$ . When either  $\theta_p^1$  or  $\theta_p^2$  is at the extreme right of the row, the first letter in the row becomes its cipher equivalent. Examples:  $\overline{MA}_p = \overline{AN}_c$ ,  $\overline{IU}_p = \overline{AF}_c$ ;  $\overline{AF}_p = \overline{NM}_c$ ;  $\overline{FA}_p = \overline{MN}_c$ .

(3)  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  are in the same column, the letter immediately below  $\theta_p^1$  forms  $\theta_c^1$ , the letter immediately below  $\theta_p^2$  forms  $\theta_c^2$ . When either  $\theta_p^1$  or  $\theta_p^2$  is at the bottom of the column, the top letter in that column becomes its cipher equivalent. Examples:  $\overline{MC}_p = \overline{CB}_c$ ,  $\overline{AV}_p = \overline{TA}_c$ ,  $\overline{WA}_p = \overline{AT}_c$ ,  $\overline{QU}_p = \overline{YI}_c$ .

(4)  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  are identical, they are to be separated by inserting a null, usually the letter X or Q, and subsequently enciphered by the pertinent rule from above. For example, the word BATTLES would be enciphered thus:

BA TX TL ES  
DM RW CO KP

The Playfair square is automatically reciprocal so far as encipherments of type (1) above are concerned, but this is not true of encipherments of type (2) and (3).

e. It is not essential that the small matrices used for digraphic substitution be in the shape of perfect squares, rectangular designs will serve equally well, with little or no modification in procedure.<sup>12</sup> For example, each section of, say, a four-square matrix could be constructed with four rows containing six letters each by having  $U_p$  serve for  $V_p$ , as well as  $I_p$  for  $J_p$ . Furthermore, it is possible to expand the sections of a digraphic matrix to 28, 30, or more characters by the following subterfuge, without introducing digits or symbols into the cipher text.<sup>13</sup> One

<sup>12</sup> However, because the terms "four-square matrix", "two-square matrix", and "Playfair square" have become firmly fixed in cryptologic literature and practice, they continue to be applied to all such matrices, even when the "squares" of such matrices do not contain an equal number of rows and columns (that is, even when they are not square).

<sup>13</sup> The addition of any symbols such as the digits 1, 2, 3, ... into a matrix solely to augment the number of elements to 27, 28, 30, 32, or 36 characters would not be considered practicable, since such a procedure would result in producing cryptograms containing intermixtures of letters and figures.

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of the letters of the alphabet may be omitted from the set of 26 letters, and this letter may then be replaced by 2, 3, or more pairs of letters, each pair having as one of its members the omitted single letter. The 5x6 Playfair square of Figure 57a has been derived thus, the letter K has been omitted as a single letter, and the number of characters in the rectangle has been made a total of 30 by the addition of five combinations of K with other letters. An interesting consequence of this

W	A	S	H	I	N
G	T	O	B	C	D
E	F	J	KA	KE	KI
KO	KU	L	M	P	Q
R	U	V	X	Y	Z

Figure 57a.

modification is that certain irregularities are introduced in any cryptogram produced through its use, for example, (1) occasionally a plaintext digraph is replaced by ciphertext trigraph or tetragraph, such as

$\overline{AM}_p = \overline{HKU}_c$  and  $\overline{EP}_p = \overline{KEKO}_c$ ; and (2) variant values may appear-- $\overline{BKE}_c$ ,  $\overline{DKE}_c$ ,  $\overline{KEP}_c$ ,  $\overline{GP}_c$ , and  $\overline{TP}_c$  all may be used to represent  $\overline{CK}_p$ . As far as the

deciphering is concerned, there is no difficulty because any K occurring in the cipher text is considered as invariably forming a ligature with the succeeding letter, taking the pair of letters as a unit; and, when a plaintext unit is obtained containing one of the K-pairs, the letter after the K is disregarded, for example,  $\overline{CKO}_p$  is read as CK. The four-square matrix in Fig. 57b has also been constructed using the foregoing

	B	2	E	5	R	L	A	B	C	D	E	F	
$\theta_p^1$	I	9	N	A	1	C	G	H	I	J	KA	KE	$\theta_c^1$
	3	D	4	F	6	G	KI	KO	KU	KY	L	M	
	7	H	8	J	$\emptyset$	K	N	O	P	QA	QE	QI	
	M	O	P	Q	S	T	QO	QU	QY	R	S	T	
	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	M	U	N	I	9	C	
	G	H	I	J	KA	KE	3	H	8	A	1	B	
$\theta_c^2$	KI	KO	KU	KY	L	M	2	D	4	E	5	F	$\theta_p^2$
	N	O	P	QA	QE	QI	6	G	7	J	$\emptyset$	K	
	QO	QU	QY	R	S	T	L	O	P	Q	R	S	
	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	T	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 57b.

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subterfuge. With this latter matrix, numbers in the plain text may be enciphered, still without producing cipher text containing numbers, for example, the plain text "HILL 3406" would be represented by the cipher QAB AT KUKI NQE, which would be regrouped into groups of five letters and sent as QABAT KUKIN QE...

f. Figure 58 shows a numerical four-square matrix which presents a rather interesting feature in that it makes possible the substitution of 3-figure combinations for digraphs in a unique manner. To encipher a message one proceeds as usual to find the numerical equivalents of a pair, and then these numbers are added together Thus

Plain text.	PR	OC	EE	DI	NG
	275	350	100	075	325
	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>
Cipher text.	284	363	124	093	332

Sec 1 ( $\theta^1$ )	A	B	C	D	E	000	025	050	075	100	Sec 3 ( $\theta^3$ )
	F	G	H	I	K	125	150	175	200	225	
	L	M	N	O	P	250	275	300	325	350	
	Q	R	S	T	U	375	400	425	450	475	
	V	W	X	Y	Z	500	525	550	575	600	
Sec 4 ( $\theta^2$ )	0	1	2	3	4	V	Q	L	F	A	Sec 2 ( $\theta^2$ )
	5	6	7	8	9	W	R	M	G	B	
	10	11	12	13	14	X	S	N	H	C	
	15	16	17	18	19	Y	T	O	I	D	
	20	21	22	23	24	Z	U	P	K	E	

Figure 58.

In deciphering, the greatest multiple of 25 contained in the group of three digits is determined, then this multiple and its remainder are used to form the elements for determining the plaintext pair in the usual manner. Thus,  $284 = 275 + 9 = PR$ .

g. Thus far all the small-matrix methods have involved only digraphic substitution. The two matrices together illustrated in Figures 59a and b may be used to provide a system for encipherment which is partly trigraphic, the adverb "partly" has been used because this particular system will yield trigraphic encipherment approximately 88.5% of the time in ordinary text and digraphic encipherment approximately 11.5% of the time.<sup>14</sup> In this case the cipher equivalents of the trigraphs

<sup>14</sup> These figures are based on the number of trigraphs ending in one of the 15 highest-frequency letters (ETNROAISDLHCFU), and on the number of trigraphs ending with other letters.

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H <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>	U <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
G <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>3</sub>	Q <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	V <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>3</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	W <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>2</sub>	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
W <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>3</sub>	Z <sub>4</sub>	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>3</sub>	Q <sub>4</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>	U <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	E <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	N <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	G <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	K <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	V <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>3</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	W <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>2</sub>
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	W <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>3</sub>	Z <sub>4</sub>

1	2	3	4
-	E	T	N
R	O	A	I
S	D	L	H
C	F	P	U

Fig. 59b.

Figure 59a.

(or digraphs, as the case may be) are tetranomes. Encipherment is best illustrated by an example, this is given in the next subparagraph.

h. Let the text to be enciphered be a message beginning with the words "REFERRING TO YOUR MESSAGE NUMBER FIVE STOP ...". This is rewritten into trigraphs, with the proviso that the third letter of the trigraph be one of the letters contained in the small square in Fig. 59b, if the third letter is not one of these 15 letters, the plaintext grouping is left as a digraph, then the grouping into trigraphs (or digraphs) continues. Thus, the foregoing plain text would be written as follows:

REF ERR IN- GTO YOU RME SSA GEN UM- BER FI- VES TOP ...

In encipherment, it is to be noticed that  $R_p$  occurs four times in section 1 (as do all the letters) and  $E_p$  occurs four times in section 2; the proper combination of the 16 possibilities is determined by the coordinates of the third letter of the trigraph as indicated in the small square, Fig. 59b. Since the coordinates of  $F_p$  in this square are 42, then it is the 4th occurrence of  $R_p$  in section 1 and the 2d occurrence of  $E_p$  in section 2 which are used to obtain the equivalent for the trigraph  $\overline{REF}_p$ , this equivalent is 1905. When the plaintext unit as obtained above is only a digraph, it is the 1st occurrence of  $\theta_p^1$  which is used in section 1 and the 1st occurrence of  $\theta_p^2$  which is used in section 2; thus, "IN-" from the sample message beginning, above, would be enciphered 2828. The encipherment of the plaintext example above is then

REF ERR IN- GTO YOU RME SSA GEN UM- BER FI- VES TOP  
1905 4081 2828 4719 0727 1372 7417 4118 2270 3807 4024 8806 8623

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The cipher text could then be transmitted in groups of four digits, or, as a subterfuge to conceal the basic group length, the transmission could be in five-digit groups. In decipherment, the ciphertext tetranome is deciphered in the manner of the usual four-square matrix, and the location of the particular values for  $\theta_p^1$  and  $\theta_p^2$  will indicate the identity of the third plaintext letter, if any.

1. Now that the student has become familiar with the details of typical polygraphic substitution systems, he is ready to continue his cryptanalytic study with the treatment of methods for recognizing polygraphic substitution, these methods are described in the next paragraph.

67. Methods for recognizing polygraphic substitution.---a. The methods used to determine whether a given cryptogram is digraphic in character are usually rather simple. If there are many repetitions in a cryptogram or a set of cryptograms and yet the uniliteral frequency distribution gives no clear-cut indications of monoalphabeticity, if most of the repetitions contain an even number of letters and these repetitions for the most part begin on the odd letters and end on the even letters of the message, yet the cipher text does not yield to solution as a biliteral cipher when the procedures outlined in Sections VII and VIII are applied to it, if the cryptograms usually contain an even number of letters (exclusive of nulls), and if the cipher text is in letters and all 26 letters are not present and J or U are among the absent letters (or if the cipher is in digits and there is a limitation in the range of the text when divided into trinomes, this range usually being not greater than 001-676), then the encipherment may be assumed to be digraphic in nature.

b. Although the foregoing general remarks are true as far as they go, occasionally they may be difficult to apply with any clear-cut results unless a large volume of cipher text is available for study. To supplement them there are statistical tests which may be applied for the recognition of digraphic substitution. Just as the  $\phi$  test and the  $\Lambda$  test may be applied to the uniliteral distribution of a cryptogram to help determine whether it is monoalphabetic with respect to single-letter plaintext units, so may these same tests be applied to the digraphic distribution of a cryptogram for the purpose of determining whether the cryptogram in question is monoalphabetic when considered as a digraphic cipher.

c. The basic form of the  $\phi$  test is the same when applied to digraphic distributions as when applied to monographic--that is, uniliteral--distributions (see par. 27). It is only the plain and random constants that change, and "N" in the formulas now pertains to the number of digraphs under consideration, instead of the number of single letters.

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To illustrate this, the formulas for computing the "digraphic phi plain ( $\phi_p^2$ )" and the "digraphic phi random ( $\phi_r^2$ )" are shown below:<sup>15</sup>

$$\phi_p^2 = .0069 N(N-1)$$

$$\phi_r^2 = .0015 N(N-1)$$

The "digraphic phi observed ( $\phi_o^2$ )" is calculated in the usual manner, that is, by multiplying each  $f$  (which in this case is found in one of the cells of a digraphic distribution) by  $f-1$ , and then totalling all the values thus derived.

d. The  $\Lambda^2$  test (or the "digraphic blank-expectation test") may be applied to a digraphic distribution just as easily as its monographic counterpart is applied to a uniliteral frequency distribution. For this purpose, Chart 8 is given below, showing the average number of blanks theoretically expected in digraphic distributions for plain text and for random text containing various numbers of digraphs (up to 200 digraphs). As can be seen, the chart contains two curves. The one labeled P applies to the average number of blanks theoretically expected in digraphic distributions based upon normal plaintext messages containing the indicated number of digraphs. The other curve, labeled R, applies to the average number of blanks theoretically expected in digraphic distri-

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<sup>15</sup> The digraphic plain constant, .0069, was obtained by summing the squares of the probabilities of digraphs in English plain text; the digraphic random constant, .0015, is merely the decimal equivalent of  $1/676$ . Further elaboration on the use of these constants, among others, will be given in Military Cryptanalysis, Part II.

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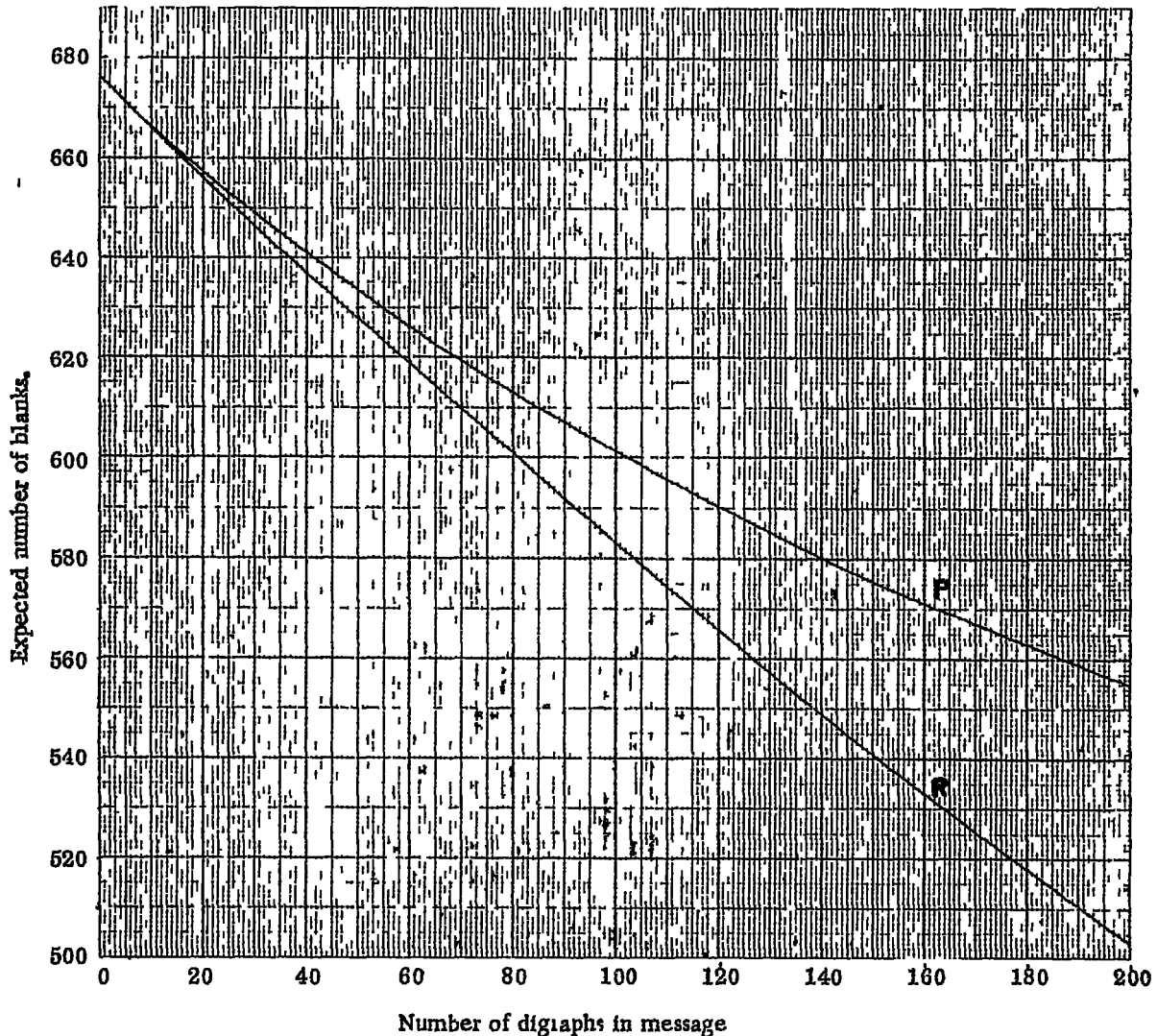
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Chart 8.

butions based upon perfectly random assortments of digraphs. In using this chart one finds the point of intersection of the vertical coordinate corresponding to the number of digraphs in the message, with the horizontal coordinate corresponding to the observed number of blanks in the digraphic distribution for the message. If this point of intersection falls closer to curve P than it does to curve R, this is evidence

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that the cryptogram is digraphic in nature<sup>16</sup>; if it falls closer to curve R than to curve P, this is evidence that the cryptogram is not digraphic in character.

e. Although it may not be necessary to resort to the use of the  $\phi^2$  and  $\Lambda^2$  test to determine whether or not a particular cryptogram has been digraphically enciphered, it is well to know the application of these tests, since use has been made of them in difficult cases in operational practice. They may be helpfully employed in cases where the cryptanalyst is uncertain as to whether or not a single null has been added at the beginning of a cryptogram suspected to be a digraphic cipher; and these tests may also be found useful in the analysis of complex cases where the digraphic encipherment has been applied, not to adjacent letters of the plaintext message, but to digraphs composed of more-or-less separated letters in the message. Elaborations of these ideas will be treated in *Military Cryptanalysis, Part II*.

f. As for the recognition of trigraphic substitution ciphers--if most of the repetitions are a multiple of three letters in length, if these repetitions for the most part begin (when the cipher text is divided into trigraphs) with the first letters and end with the third letters of the trigraphs, and if the length of the cryptograms is for the most part a multiple of three letters, yet the cipher text does not yield to solution as a trilateral cipher, then the encipherment may be assumed to be trigraphic in nature.

g. Just as the  $\phi$  test may be used as an aid in the recognition of digraphicity, it may theoretically be used for recognizing the trigraphic, tetragraphic, etc., nature of cryptograms, but its use for these latter purposes is much more limited because of the large amount of text which would be required to permit a valid application of the pertinent polygraphic  $\phi$  test.

68. General procedure in the identification and analysis of polygraphic substitution ciphers.--a. Certain systems which at first glance seem to be polygraphic, in that groupings of plaintext letters are treated as units, are on closer inspection seen to be only partly polygraphic in character. Such is true of systems involving large tables of the type illustrated in Figs. 47a and b, and 48 (in par. 65, above),

<sup>16</sup> Unfortunately, such would also be the case if the cryptogram under consideration were a polyalphabetic cipher involving two alphabets. However, to distinguish between a digraphic cipher and a polyalphabetic cipher with two alphabets, a digraphic distribution could be made "off the cut", that is, made of those ciphertext digraphs which are formed by omitting the first letter of text and then dividing the remaining text into groups of two letters. If the system were digraphic, such a distribution would exhibit a poor  $\phi_0^2$ ; if the system were a two-alphabet substitution system, the  $\phi_0^2$  would be as satisfactory as that of the regular distribution, taken "on the cut".

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wherein encipherment is by pairs but one of the letters in each pair is enciphered monoalphabetically, making these systems only pseudo-polygraphic. For example, using the table in Figure 48, any plaintext digraph beginning with "A" must be enciphered by a ciphertext digraph beginning with "W"; any plaintext digraph beginning with "B" must be enciphered by a ciphertext digraph beginning with "E"; etc. A cryptogram involving the use of this table may then be identified as such merely from a study of the uniliteral frequency distribution made on the initial letters of the cipher digraphs, since such a distribution would performe be monoalphabetic.<sup>17</sup>

b. In certain other systems--namely, the four-square, two-square, and Playfair square systems of par. 66, above--the method of encipherment is by pairs, but the encipherments of the left-hand and right-hand members of the pairs show group relationships; this is not pseudo-polygraphic but, rather, partially-polygraphic. Cryptograms enciphered by means of systems of this latter type may not be readily identified as such merely through an examination of their cipher text, but their solution may be effected rather rapidly as soon as a few correct plaintext assumptions have been made therein. A more detailed treatment of this matter will be given in succeeding paragraphs of this section.

c. The analysis of cryptograms which have been produced by digraphic substitution is accomplished largely by the application of the simple principles of frequency of digraphs,<sup>18</sup> with the additional aid of digraphic idiomorphs and such special circumstances as may be known to or suspected by the cryptanalyst. The latter refer to peculiarities which may be the result of the particular method employed in obtaining the equivalents of the plaintext digraphs in the encrypting process, such as those mentioned in subpars. a and b, above. In general, if there is sufficient text to disclose the normal phenomena of repetition and idiomorphism, or if cribs are available to be used as an entering wedge, solution will be feasible. The foregoing general statements will be expanded upon in the following two subparagraphs, d and e.

d. When a digraphic system is employed in regular service, there is little doubt that traffic will rapidly accumulate to an amount more than sufficient to permit of solution by simple principles of frequency. Sometimes only two or three long messages, or a half-dozen of average length, are sufficient. For with the identification of only a few cipher

<sup>17</sup> For this purpose, the simplest and most economical way to obtain the uniliteral distributions for the initial and final letters of digraphs is to make a digraphic distribution and then add the tallies in each row to yield the distribution for the initial letters, and add the tallies in each column to obtain the distribution for the final letters.

<sup>18</sup> In this connection, it would be well for the student to familiarize himself with that portion of Appendix 2 which contains digraphic frequency data.

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digraphs, larger portions of messages may be read because the skeletons of words formed from the few high-frequency digraphs very definitely limit the values that can be inserted for the intervening unidentified digraphs. For example, suppose that the plaintext digraphs RE, IN, ON, ND, NO, SI, NT, and TO are among those that have been identified by frequency considerations, corroborated by a tentatively identified long repetition; and suppose also that the enemy is known to be using a large table of 676 cells containing digraphs showing reciprocal equivalence between plaintext and ciphertext digraphs. Suppose the message begins as follows (in which the assumed values have been inserted).

XQ	VO	ZI	LK	AP	OL	ZX	PV	CK	IK	OL	UK	AT	HN	LK
		ND	IN		NT		RE			NT	NO			IN
VL	BN	OZ	BZ	DY	TY	LE	GI							
	SI		ON	TO										

The initial words SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT are readily recognized. Furthermore, if  $\overline{CK}_c = \overline{GI}_p$ , then  $\overline{GI}_c = \overline{CK}_p$ , which suggests ATTACK as the last word in the message beginning. This fragment of the message may now be completely recovered. SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT NOT YET IN POSITION TO ATTACK.....

e. Just as the choice of probable words in the solution of uniliteral systems is aided or limited by the positions of repeated letters (see subpar. 49a), so, in digraphic ciphers, is the placing of cribs aided or limited by the positions of repeated digraphs. In this connection, several frequent words and phrases containing repeated digraphs have been tabulated for the student's aid, and this list of digraphic idiomorphs is presented as Section D in Appendix 3 (q.v.). Thus, if one is confronted by a ciphertext message containing the following repeated sequence (therefore likely to represent an entire word).

VI FW HM AZ FF FW RO

he may refer to the appropriate section of Appendix 3 which will disclose, on the basis of the idiomorphic pattern "AB -- -- -- AB" starting with the second cipher digraph, that the underlying plaintext word may be RE EN FO RC EM EN T, among others. Once a good start has been made and a few words have been solved, subsequent work is quite simple and straightforward. A knowledge of enemy correspondence, including data regarding its most common words and phrases, is of as much assistance in breaking down digraphic systems as it is in the solution of any other cryptosystems.

f. In the case of trigraphic substitution, analysis is made considerably more complex by the large amount of traffic required, not only for the initial entries, but also for further exploitation of the entering wedges. In effect, the solution of a trigraphic system closely parallels the solution of the syllabary portion of a large two-part code, these techniques will be discussed in Military Cryptanalysis, Part V.

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69. Analysis of four-square matrix systems.--a. In all the small-matrix methods illustrated in paragraph 66, the encipherment is only partially digraphic because there are certain relationships between those plaintext digraphs which have common elements and their corresponding ciphertext digraphs, which will also have common elements. For example, in the four-square matrix given in Fig. 53, it will be noted that  $AA_p = FT_c$ ,  $AF_p = FO_c$ ,  $AL_p = FM_c$ ,  $AQ_p = FL_c$ , and  $AV_p = FK_c$ . In each of these cases when  $A_p$  is the initial letter of the plaintext pair, the initial letter of the ciphertext equivalent is  $F_c$ . This, of course, is the direct result of the method, it means that the encipherment is monoalphabetic for the first half of each of these five plaintext pairs. This relationship holds true for four other groups of five pairs beginning with  $A_p$ , in effect, there are five cipher alphabets employed, not 25. Thus, this case differs from the case discussed under subpar. 68a only in that the monoalphabeticity is complete, not for half of all the pairs but only among the members of certain groups of pairs. In a true digraphic system, such as a system making use of a 676-cell randomized table, relationships of the foregoing type are entirely absent, and for this reason such a system is cryptographically more secure than small-matrix systems.

b. From the foregoing it is clear that when solution has progressed sufficiently to disclose a few values, the insertion of letters within the cells of the matrix to give the plaintext-ciphertext relationships indicated by the solved values immediately leads to the disclosure of additional values. Thus, the solution of only a few values soon leads to the breakdown of the entire matrix.

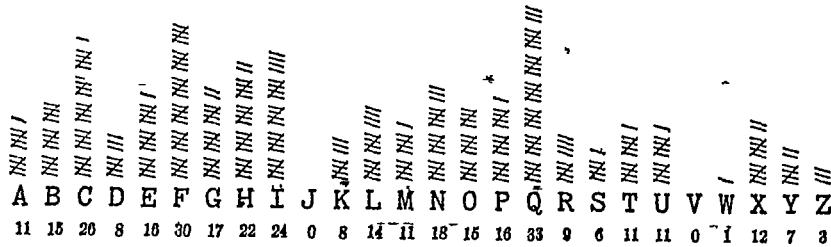
c. The following example will serve to illustrate the procedure.  
(1) Let the message be as follows.

	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	27	28	29	30	
A.	H	F	C	A	P	G	O	Q	I	L	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>K</u>	M	N	D	U	K	E	O	H	Q	N	F	B	O	R	U	N	
B.	Q	C	L	C	H	Q	B	Q	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>X</u>	S	I	O	K	O	Q	Y	F	N	S	X	M	C	G	Y	
C.	<u>X</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>X</u>	A	F	D	X	L	P	M	X	H	H	R	G	K	G	Q	<u>Q</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>I</u>	→	
D.	←	<u>G</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>H</u>	M	U	E	O	R	D	C	L	T	U	<u>F</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>C</u>	G	Q	N	H	<u>F</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>X</u>
E.	F	L	B	U	Q	F	C	H	Q	O	Q	M	A	F	T	X	S	Y	C	B	E	P	F	N	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>K</u>	N	U	
F.	Q	I	T	X	E	U	<u>Q</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>U</u>	E	H	P	I	A	N	Y	T	F	L	B	
G.	F	E	E	P	I	D	H	P	C	G	N	Q	I	<u>H</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>H</u>	F	X	C	K	U	P	D	G	Q	P	N	
H.	C	B	C	Q	L	Q	P	N	F	N	I	N	I	T	O	R	T	E	N	C	O	B	C	<u>N</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Y</u>	→
J.	←	<u>Z</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>I</u>	A	A	I	Q	C	H	T	P	C	B	I	F	G	W	K	F	C	Q	S	L	Q	M	C	B	
K.	O	Y	C	R	Q	Q	D	P	R	X	F	N	<u>Q</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>G</u>	C	C	G	<u>I</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>F</u>	
L.	I	R	C	G	G	G	N	D	L	N	O	Z	T	F	G	E	E	R	R	P	I	F	H	O	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Y</u>	→
M.	←	<u>Z</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>I</u>	A	A	J	Q	C	H	T	P																	

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(2) The cipher having been tested for standard alphabets (by the method of completing the plain-component sequence) and found to give negative results, a uniliteral frequency distribution is made. It is as follows:



(3) At first glance this may appear to the untrained eye to be a monoalphabetic frequency distribution, but upon closer inspection it is noted that, aside from the frequencies of four or five letters, the frequencies for the remaining letters are not very dissimilar. There are, in reality, no very marked crests and troughs--certainly not as many as would be expected in a monoalphabetic substitution cipher of equal length. The  $\phi$  test, if taken (this test, as a rule, is not necessary with samples of text of sizes such as this), would show unsatisfactory results ( $\phi_o=6084$ , as against  $\phi_p=7870$  and  $\phi_r=4543$ ).

(4) The message is carefully examined for repetitions of 4 or more letters, and all of them are listed.

	Frequency	Located in lines
TFHHAYZLQCIAAIQUCHTP (20 letters).....	2	H and L.
QMLFEQQIGOI (11 letters).....	2	C and F.
XIFBEX (6 letters).....	2	C and D.
FEQQ.....	3	C, D, F.
QMLF.....	3	C, F, K.
BFHM.....	2	B and G.
BSPK.....	2	A and E.
GOIH.....	2	D and K.

Since there are quite a few repetitions, two of considerable length, since all but one of them contain an even number of letters, since these repetitions with but two exceptions begin on odd letters and end on even letters, and since the message also contains an even number of letters (344), the cryptogram is retranscribed into 2-letter groups for further study. It is as follows:

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Message transcribed in pairs

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	HF	CA	PG	OQ	IL	<u>BS</u>	<u>PK</u>	MN	DU	KE	OH	QN'	FB	OR	UN
B	QC	LC	HQ	BQ	<u>BF</u>	<u>HM</u>	AF	XS	IO	KO	QY	FN	SX	MC	GY
C	<u>XI</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>EX</u>	AF	DX	LP	MX	HH	RG	KG	QK	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>QI</u>
D	<u>GO</u>	<u>IH</u>	MU	EO	RD	CL	TU	<u>FE</u>	<u>QQ</u>	CG	QN	HF	<u>XI</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>EX</u>
E	FL	BU	QF	CH	QO	QM	AF	TX	SY	CB	EP	FN	<u>BS</u>	<u>PK</u>	NU
F	QI	TX	EU	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>QI</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>IE</u>	UE	HP	IA	NY	TF	LB
G	FE	EP	ID	HP	CG	NQ	IH	<u>BF</u>	<u>HM</u>	HF	XC	KU	PD	GQ	PN
H	CB	CQ	LQ	PN	FN	PN	IT	OR	TE	NC	CB	CN	<u>TF</u>	<u>HH</u>	<u>AY</u>
J	<u>ZL</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>AI</u>	<u>QU</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>TP</u>	CB	IF	GW	KF	CQ	SL	QM	CB
K	OY	CR	QQ	DP	RX	FN	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	ID	GC	CG	IO	<u>GO</u>	<u>IH</u>	HF'
L	IR	CG	GG	ND	LN	OZ	TF	GE	ER	RP	IF	HO	<u>TF</u>	<u>HH</u>	<u>AY</u>
M	<u>ZL</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>AI</u>	<u>QU</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>TP</u>								

It is noted that all the repetitions listed above break up properly into digraphs except in one case, viz., FEQQ in lines C, D, and F. This latter seems rather strange, and at first thought one might suppose that a letter was dropped out or was added in the vicinity of the FEQQ in line D. But it may be assumed that the FE QQ in line D has no relation at all to the .F EQ Q. in lines C and F and is merely an accidental repetition.

(5) A digraphic distribution is made as follows.

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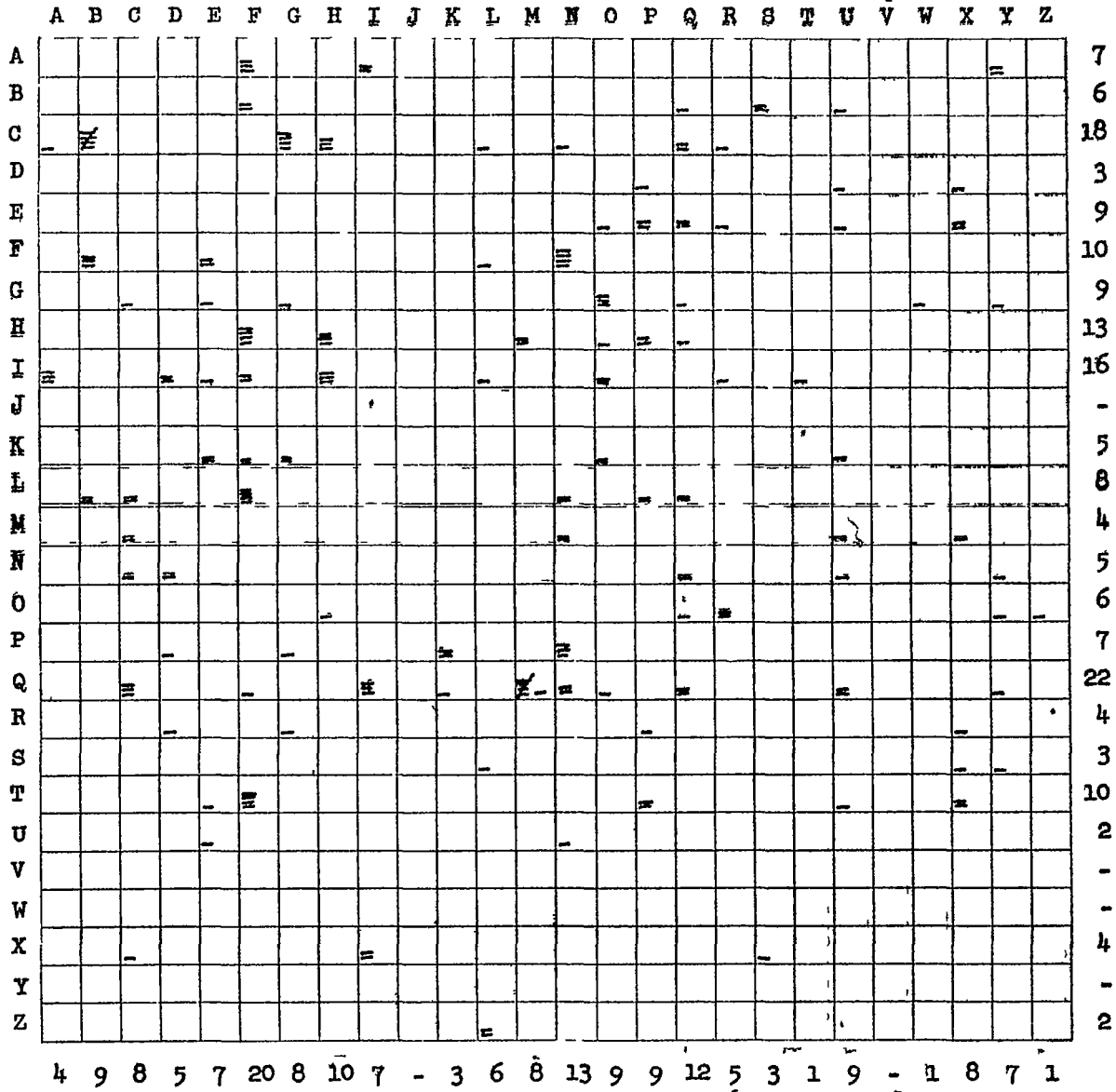


Figure 60.

(6) The appearance of the foregoing distribution for this message is quite characteristic of that for a digraphic substitution cipher. Although there are 676 possible digraphs, only 107 are present in the distribution, this parallels what is expected of normal plain text, since out of the 676 possible two-letter combinations (including "impossible plaintext digraphs" such as QQ, JK, etc., which might have been used for special indicators, punctuation marks, etc.) only about 300 are usually used in the construction of plain text.<sup>19</sup> The number of blank cells,

<sup>19</sup> The 300 most frequent digraphs comprise 95% of normal English plain text (Appendix 2, Table 7-A).

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569, closely approximates the 565 which would be expected in a distribution made on a sample of plain text of this size, as shown by Chart 8. Furthermore, although there are many cases in which a digraph appears only once, there are quite a few in which a digraph appears two or three times, four cases in which a digraph appears four times, one case in which a digraph appears five times, and one in which a digraph appears six times. All of the foregoing observations concerning the distribution are reflected by the  $\phi$  test: the observed digraphic phi value, 210, compares very favorably with the expected plain value ( $= .0069 \times 172 \times 171 = 203$ ) as against the expected random value ( $= .0015 \times 172 \times 171 = 44$ ). Thus all indications point to a digraphic substitution system.

(7) Since neither the  $\phi_0$  (1780) and  $\Lambda_0$  (4) for the initial letters of the cipher digraphs nor the  $\phi_0$  (1496) and  $\Lambda_0$  (2) for the final letters are too satisfactory in their approximation to the values expected for monoalphabetic distributions ( $\phi_p=1962$  and  $\phi_r=1133$ ;  $\Lambda_p=5$  and  $\Lambda_r=0$ ), the possibility of a pseudo-digraphic system is ruled out. There remain the possibilities of a partially-digraphic system employing a small matrix, or a true digraphic system employing a large, randomized table. In one common type of small-matrix system, the Playfair cipher, one of the telltale indications besides the absence of (usually) the letter J is the absence of cipher doublets, that is, two successive identical cipher letters. The occurrence of the double letters GG, HH, and QQ in the message under investigation eliminates the possibility of its being a normal Playfair cipher. For want of more accurate diagnostic criteria <sup>20</sup> at this stage, <sup>21</sup> the simplest thing to assume, from among the various hypotheses that remain to be considered, is that a four-square matrix is involved. One with normal alphabets (as being the simplest case) in Sections 1 and 2 is therefore set down (Figure 61a).

<sup>20</sup> Even a medical practitioner often cannot successfully diagnose a condition on the first visit. Cryptanalytically speaking, we are still on our "first visit". Subsequent probing will, we hope, reject or substantiate this or that hypothesis or assumption, until the patient (the cipher text) is recovered (i.e., brought back to plain text).

<sup>21</sup> However, see the treatment on the diagnosis of various types of digraphic systems in subpar 73j.

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	A	B	C	D	E					
	F	G	H	I-J	K					
1	L	M	N	O	P					3
	Q	R	S	T	U					
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
						F	G	H	I-J	K
4						L	M	N	O	P
						Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 6la.

(8) The recurrence of the group QMLF, three times, and at intervals suggesting that it might be a sentence separator, leads to the assumption that it represents the word STOP. The letters Q, M, L, and F are therefore inserted in the appropriate cells in Sections 3 and 4 of the diagram. Thus (Fig. 6lb).

	A	B	C	D	E					
	F	G	H	I-J	K					
1	L	M	N	O	P					L
	Q	R	S	T	U				Q	
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
						F	G	H	I-J	K
4			F			L	M	N	O	P
		M				Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 6lb.

These placements seem rather good from the standpoint that keyword-mixed sequences may have been used in these two sections. Moreover, in Section 3 the number of cells between L and Q is just one less than enough to contain all the letters M to P, inclusive, this suggests that one of these letters, probably N or O, is in the keyword portion of the sequence,

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that is, near the top of Section 3. Without making a commitment in the matter, let us suppose that M follows L and that P precedes Q; then let both N and O, for the present, be inserted in the cell between M and P. Thus (Fig. 61c).

	A	B	C	D	E					
	F	G	H	I-J	K					
1	L	M	N	O	P					L
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q	
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
						F	G	H	I-J	K
			F			L	M	N	O	P
4			M			Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 61c.

(9) Now, if the placement of P in Section 3 is correct, the cipher equivalent of  $\overline{TH}_p$  will be  $\overline{P\theta}_c$ , and there should be a group of adequate frequency to correspond. Noting that  $\overline{PN}_c$  occurs three times, it is assumed to represent  $\overline{TH}_p$  and the letter N is inserted in the appropriate cell in Section 4. Thus (Fig. 61d).

	A	B	C	D	E					
	F	G	H	I-J	K					
1	L	M	N	O	P					L
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q	
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
				N		F	G	H	I-J	K
			F			L	M	N	O	P
4			M			Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 61d.

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(10) It is about time to try out these assumed values in the message. The proper insertions are made, with the following results.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	HF	CA	PG	OQ	IL	<u>BS</u>	<u>PK</u>	MN	DU	KE	OH	QN	FB	OR	UN
B	QC	LC	HQ	BQ	<u>BF</u>	<u>HM</u>	AF	XS	IO	KO	QY	FN	SX	MC	GY
C	<u>XI</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>EX</u>	AF	DX	LP	MX	HH	RG	KG	QK	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>QI</u>
												ST	OP		
D	<u>GO</u>	<u>IH</u>	MU	EO	RD	CL	TU	FE	QQ	CG	QN	HF	<u>XI</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>EX</u>
E	FL	BU	QF	CH	QO	QM	AF	TX	SY	CB	EP	FN	<u>BS</u>	<u>PK</u>	NU
															ST
F	QI	TX	EU	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>QI</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>IE</u>	UE	HP	IA	NY	TF	LB
															ST
G	FE	EP	ID	HP	CG	NQ	IH	<u>BF</u>	<u>HM</u>	HF	XC	KU	PD	GQ	PN
															TH
H	CB	CQ	LQ	PN	FN	PN	IT	OR	TE	NC	CB	CN	<u>TF</u>	<u>HH</u>	<u>AY</u>
				TH		TH									
J	<u>ZL</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>AI</u>	<u>QU</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>TP</u>	CB	IF	GW	KF	CQ	SL	QM	CB
															ST
K	OY	CR	QQ	DP	RX	FN	<u>QM</u>	<u>LF</u>	ID	GC	CG	IO	<u>GO</u>	<u>IH</u>	HF
															ST
L	IR	CG	GG	ND	LN	OZ	TF	GE	ER	RP	IF	HO	<u>TF</u>	<u>HH</u>	<u>AY</u>
M	<u>ZL</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>AI</u>	<u>QU</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>TP</u>								

(11) So far no impossible combinations are in evidence. Beginning with group H<sup>4</sup> in the message is seen the following sequence.

P N F N P N  
T H . . T H

Assume it to be THAT THE. Then  $\overline{AT}_p = \overline{FN}_c$ , and the letter N is to be inserted in row 4 column 1 of Section 4. But this is inconsistent with previous assumptions, since N in Section 4 has already been tentatively placed in row 2 column 4. Other assumptions for  $\overline{FN}_c$  are made that it is,  $\overline{IS}_p$  (THIS TH...), that it is  $\overline{EN}_p$  (THEN TH...), but the same inconsistency is apparent. In fact the student will see that  $\overline{FN}_c$  must represent a digraph ending in F, G, H, I-J, or K, since  $N_c$  is tentatively located on the same line as these letters in Section 2. Now  $\overline{FN}_c$  occurs 4 times in the message. The digraph it represents must be one of the following:

DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK	OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ,
IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK	TK,
JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK	YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK

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Of these the only one likely to be repeated 4 times is OF, yielding

P N F N P N

T H O F T H which may be a part of

C Q L Q P N F N P N I T      C Q L Q P N F N P N I T  
N O R T H O F T H E .    or    . S O U T H O F T H E

In either case, the position of the F in Section 3 is excellent  
F . L in row 3 There are 3 cells intervening between F and L, into  
which G, H, I-J, and K may be inserted. It is not nearly so likely that  
G, H, and K are in the keyword as that I should be in it Let it be  
assumed that this is the case, and let the letters G, H, and K be placed  
in the appropriate cells in Section 3 Thus (Fig 61e)

	A	B	C	D	E						
	F	G	H	I-J	K						
1	L	M	N	O	P	F	G	H	K	L	3
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q		
	V	W	X	Y	Z						
						A	B	C	D	E	
				N		F	G	H	I-J	K	
4				F		L	M	N	O	P	2
			M	Q		Q	R	S	T	U	
						V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 61e.

Let the resultant derived values be checked against the frequency dis-  
tribution. If the position of H in Section 3 is correct, then the di-  
graph  $\overline{ON}_p$ , normally of high frequency, should be represented several  
times by  $\overline{HF}_c$ . Reference to Fig. 60 shows  $\overline{HF}_c$  to have a frequency of 4.  
And  $\overline{HM}_c$ , with 2 occurrences, represents  $\overline{NS}_p$ . There is no need to go  
through all the possible corroborations.

P N F N P N

(12) Going back to the assumption that T H . . T H is part of the  
expression

C Q L Q P N F N P N I T      C Q L Q P N F N P N I T  
. N O R T H O F T H E .    or    . S O U T H O F T H E . ,

it is seen at once from Fig 61e that the latter is apparently correct  
and not the former, because  $\overline{LQ}_c$  equals  $\overline{OU}_p$  and not  $\overline{OR}_p$ . If  $\overline{OS}_p = \overline{CQ}_c$ , this

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means that the letter C of the digraph  $\overline{CQ}_c$  must be placed in row 1 column 3 or row 2 column 3 of Section 3. Now the digraph  $\overline{CB}_c$  occurs 5 times,  $\overline{CG}_c$ , 4 times,  $\overline{CH}_c$ , 3 times,  $\overline{CQ}_c$ , 2 times. Let an attempt be made to deduce the exact position of C in Section 3 and the positions of B, G, and H in Section 4. Since F is already placed in Section 4, assume G and H directly follow it, and that B comes before it. How much before? Suppose a trial be made. Thus (Fig. 61f)

	A	B	C	D	E			C?		
	F	G	H	I-J	K			C?		
1	L	M	N	O	P	F	G	H	K	L
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q	
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
				N		F	G	H	I-J	K
4	B?	B?	B?	F	G	L	M	N	O	P
	H		M	Q		Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 61f

By referring now to the frequency distribution, Fig. 60, after a very few minutes of experimentation it becomes apparent that the following is correct:

	A	B	C	D	E			C		
	F	G	H	I-J	K					
1	L	M	N	O	P	F	G	H	K	L
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q	
	V	W	X	Y	Z					
						A	B	C	D	E
				N		F	G	H	I-J	K
4	B			F	G	L	M	N	O	P
	H		M	Q		Q	R	S	T	U
						V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 61g.

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(13) The identifications given by these placements are inserted in the text, and solution is very rapidly completed. The final matrix and deciphered text are given below.

	A	B	C	D	E	S	O	C	I	E	
	F	G	H	I-J	K	T	Y	A	B	D	
1	L	M	N	O	P	F	G	H	K	L	3
	Q	R	S	T	U	M	N	P	Q	R	
	V	W	X	Y	Z	U	V	W	X	Z	
	E	X	P	U	L	A	B	C	D	E	
	S	I	O	N	A	F	G	H	I-J	K	
4	B	C	D	F	G	L	M	N	O	P	2
	H	K	M	Q	R	Q	R	S	T	U	
	T	V	W	Y	Z	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Figure 61h.

A HFCAP GOQIL BSPKM NDUKE OHQNF BORUN  
 ONEHU NDRED FIRS<sup>T</sup> FIEL<sup>D</sup> ARTIL LERY<sup>F</sup>

B QCLCH QBQBF HMAFX SIOKO QYFNS XMC<sup>G</sup>Y  
 ROMPO SITIO NSINV ICINI TYOFB ARL<sup>O</sup>W

C XIFBE XAFDX LPMXH HRGKG QKQML FEQ<sup>Q</sup>I  
 WIL<sup>L</sup>B EINGE NERAL SUPPO RTSTO PDURI

D GOIHM UEORD CLTUF EQQCG QNHFX IFBEX<sup>4</sup>  
 NGATT ACKSP ECIAL ATTEN TIONW ILLBE

E FLBUQ FCHQO QMAFT XSYCB EPFNB SPK<sup>NU</sup>  
 PAIDT OASSI STING ADVAN CEOFF IRSTB

F QITXE UQMLF EQQIG OIEUE HPIAN YTF<sup>LB</sup>  
 RIGADESTOP DURIN GADVANCEIT WIL<sup>LP</sup>

G FEEPI DHPCG NQIHB FHMHF XCKUP DGQ<sup>PN</sup>  
 LACEC ONCEN TRATI ONSON WOODS NORTH

H CBCQL QPNFN PNITORTENC CBCNT FHHAY  
 ANDSO UTHOF THAYE RFARM ANDHI LLSIX

J ZLQCI AAIQU CHTPC BIFGW KFCQS LQM<sup>CB</sup>  
 ZEROE IGH<sup>TD</sup> ASHAA NDONW OODSE ASTAN

K OYCRQ QDPRX FNQML FIDGC CGIOG OIHH<sup>F</sup>  
 DWEST THERE OFSTO PCOMM ENCIN GATON

L IRCGG GNDLN OZTFGEERRP IFHOT FHHAY  
 ETENP MSMOK EWILL BEUSE DONHI LLSIX

M ZLQCI AAIQU CHTP  
 ZEROE IGH<sup>TD</sup> ASHA

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d. In the solution of four-square cryptograms, advantage may be taken not only of the general type of digraphic idiomorphs mentioned in subpar. 68e, above, but also of a special type of partial idiomorphism present in any four-square cryptograms involving the use of a matrix in which the plain components consist of normal alphabets normally inscribed.<sup>22</sup> As an illustration, let the digraphs  $\overline{SO} \overline{UT}$  (H.) be enciphered by means of any four-square having normal alphabets in Sections 1 and 2, and it will be found that in the encipherment the initial letter of the cipher digraph representing  $\overline{SO}_p$  will be identical to the initial letter of the cipher digraph representing  $\overline{UT}_p$ , regardless of how the cipher components are constructed. On this basis, a brief list of specialized single-letter patterns have been compiled for use in the solution of such a digraphic system, this list of "four-square digraphic idiomorphs" constitutes Section F of Appendix 3.

e. It is interesting to note how much simpler the technique of analysis is in the case of so-called inverse four-square ciphers, which involve the use of a matrix wherein the ciphertext sections contain normal alphabets, the plain components being mixed. For example, referring to Fig. 53, suppose that Sections 3 and 4 are used as the source of the plaintext pairs, and Sections 1 and 2 as the source of the ciphertext pairs, then  $ON_p = ET_c$ ,  $EH_p = GE_c$ , etc. The simplicity of the analytic procedure will be made clear by the following exposition.

(1) To solve a message enciphered with an inverse four-square matrix, it is necessary to perform two steps. First, convert the ciphertext pairs into their plain-component equivalents by "deciphering" the message with a matrix in which all four sections contain normal alphabets, this operation yields two uniliteral substitution "ciphers", one composed of the odd letters, the other of the even letters. The second step is to solve these two monoalphabetic portions

(2) As an example, let us consider the following cipher text, known (or assumed) to have been encrypted with a trinome-digraphic<sup>23</sup> system

<sup>22</sup> If any other known plain components were involved, the procedure of deriving a list of idiomorphic patterns would be modified to fit the particular case.

<sup>23</sup> If the cipher text were being examined "from cryptanalytic scratch", the limitations (003-595) of the cipher text when the latter is divided into trinomes for examination would have at once indicated that this grouping is the one which merits detailed analysis. The  $\phi^2$  test would then give an indication of the digraphic nature of the underlying cryptographic treatment.

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incorporating a four-square matrix similar to that illustrated in Fig. 58, except that the plain-component sections have been changed

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2 0 3 2 3   8 5 0 8 1   8 3 4 5 0   2 7 9 3 4   1 1 5 0 3   0 9 1 6 8
2 7 8 3 5   4 1 8 0 4   5 0 4 1 3   2 7 4 1 6   3 3 0 9 1   0 1 0 9 2
2 0 8 0 5   7 4 1 3 5   3 5 4 7 3   3 2 6 2 6   9 1 1 6 0   0 3 2 1 8
4 6 8 1 8   3 3 9 3 0   9 1 3 9 3   4 1 1 0 4   4 1 3 3 1   1 7 2 9 6
2 4 3 0 2   8 3 8 3 2   2 8 3 5 9   3 8 0 2 2   6 1 0 4 3   6 9 1 3 0
1 5 3 1 3   6 1 0 4 1   0 0 1 4 4   1 0 1 0 1   8 2 4 0 3   3 6 1 6 8
4 6 5 3 6   6 2 6 6 3   4 4 0 0 7   1 8 3 4 5   0 1 4 0 2   8 8 1 5 2
4 7 8 2 1   7 3 9 3 3   8 1 1 9 3   4 7 9 2 4   0 4 0 3 2   4 1 3 0 6
0 8 7 0 3   7 0 9 1 4   1 9 3 9 1   1 1 6 0 7   7 1 3 7 1   5 3 5 9 5
0 0 7 4 1   3 3 3 8 1   3 3 5 9 3   3 9 3 4 0   6 3 5 3 1   8 8 1 3 3

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(3) The first thing to be done is to construct a four-square matrix with the known ciphertext sections, and inscribe arbitrary alphabets in the plaintext sections, as follows:

A	B	C	D	E	000	025	050	075	100
F	G	H	I	K	125	150	175	200	225
L	M	N	O	P	250	275	300	325	350
Q	R	S	T	U	375	400	425	450	475
V	W	X	Y	Z	500	525	550	575	600
∅	1	2	3	4	A	B	C	D	E
5	6	7	8	9	F	G	H	I	K
10	11	12	13	14	L	M	N	O	P
15	16	17	18	19	Q	R	S	T	U
20	21	22	23	24	V	W	X	Y	Z

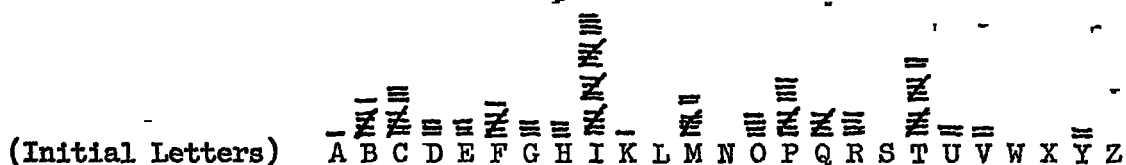
(4) The cipher text is then written in trinomes, and these trinomes are "deciphered" by means of the foregoing matrix, yielding the converted cipher text as follows:

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	5	10	15
A	203 238 508 183 450 279 341 150 309 168 278 354 180 450 413	ID IP YF IH QD PB MF FB PH IR OB PE PH QD TM	
B	274 163 309 101 092 208 057 413 535 473 326 269 116 003 218	PV IM PH BE CT II CH TM VM TY MD PQ BU DA IT	
C	468 183 393 091 393 411 044 133 117 296 243 028 383 228 359	TT IH TQ BT TQ RM ER IF CU MW IU DB TF IE PK	
D	380 226 104 369 130 153 136 104 100 144 101 018 240 336 168	QF GE EE FU FF IB GL EE AE KQ BE DQ FU MO IR	
E	465 366 266 344 007 183 450 140 288 152 478 217 393 381 193	QT MU MQ PT CF IH QD FQ OM HB TE HT TQ RF IS	
F	479 240 403 241 306 087 037 091 419 391 116 077 137 153 595	UE FU TB GU MH CO CM BT UR RQ BU CD HL IB VY	
G	007 413 338 133 593 393 406 353 188 133	CF TM OO IF YF TQ RG OE IN IF	

The distributions of the letters constituting the initial letters and final letters of the converted digraphs are as follows



(5) Using straightforward principles of frequency and partial idiomorphs,<sup>24</sup> the plain text (beginning with the opening words ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE...) is recovered, and the following equivalents are obtained for the converted cipher letters of the two alphabets

(Initial Letters)	C	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	P	B	R	A	H	M	S	C	D	E	F	I	L	N	O	P	T	U	V	Y						
(Final Letters)	C	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	P	W	A	N	E	R	B	C	D	F	H	I	K	L	M	O	P	Q	S	T	U	V	Y			

<sup>24</sup> Note the ABA pattern of the first word in the message (ENEMY), made patent by the two-alphabet conversion process. Also note the 3-fold repetition (representing the plaintext word STOP) which, although hidden in the original cipher text, now comes to light.

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Keyword-mixed sequences directly manifest themselves because the original enciphering matrix contained such sequences in Sections 1 and 2, inscribed in the same manner as were the arbitrary A-Z sequences which were used for the conversion. In fact, the key words of the two distributions might have been recovered from an analysis of the "profiles" of the distributions above, as described in subpar 54e

(6) The original enciphering matrix is then reconstructed, thus

B	R	A	H	M	000	025	050	075	100
S	C	D	E	F	125	150	175	200	225
G	I	K	L	N	250	275	300	325	350
O	P	Q	T	U	375	400	425	450	475
V	W	X	Y	Z	500	525	550	575	600
∅	1	2	3	4	W	A	G	N	E
5	6	7	8	9	R	B	C	D	F
10	11	12	13	14	H	I	K	L	M
15	16	17	18	19	O	P	Q	S	T
20	21	22	23	24	U	V	X	Y	Z

(7) Although the example illustrated was that of a numerical digraphic system, it is obvious that this technique of solution also applies to literal four-square systems in which the cipher components are known sequences. It should be clear to the student the tremendous difference it makes when it is possible to convert a digraphic system into a two-alphabet system, in a digraphic system, we are plagued by a potential 676 different elements in the cipher, whereas in a two-alphabet system we still have only 26 elements (in each of two sets, it is true) in the cipher text to be solved. This principle of conversion of cipher text into a secondary cipher text has application in some of the most complex types of cryptosystems, the student would do well to keep this in mind.

(8) As a further observation on inverse four-square systems, it is pointed out that where the same mixed alphabet is present in Sections 3 and 4, the problem is still easier, since the letters resulting from the conversion into plain-component equivalents all belong to the same, single mixed alphabet, thus such a digraphic system is reduced to an ordinary simple substitution cipher.

f. The solution of cryptograms enciphered by other types of small matrices is accomplished along lines very similar to those set forth in subparagraph c on the solution of a four-square cipher, this will be illustrated in subsequent paragraphs. There are, unfortunately, few means or tests which can be applied to determine in the early stages of the analysis exactly what type of digraphic system is involved in the first case under study. The author freely admits that the solution outlined in subparagraph c is quite artificial in that nothing is demonstrated in step (7) that obviously leads to or warrants the assumption that a four-square matrix is involved. The point was passed over with the quite bald statement that this was "from among the various hypotheses that remain to be considered"--and then the solution proceeded exactly as though this mere hypothesis had been definitely established. For example, the very first

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results obtained were based upon assuming that a certain 4-letter repetition represented the word STOP and immediately inserting certain letters in appropriate cells in a four-square matrix with normal sequences in Sections 1 and 2. Several more assumptions were built on top of that, and very rapid strides were made. What if it had not been a four-square matrix at all? What if it had been some other type of not readily identifiable digraphic system? The only defense that can be made of what may seem to the student to be purely arbitrary procedure based upon the author's advance information or knowledge is the following. In the first place, in order to avoid making the explanation a too-long-drawn-out affair, it is necessary (and pedagogical experience warrants) that certain alternative hypotheses be passed over in silence. In the second place, it may now be added, after the principles and procedure have been elucidated (which at this stage is the primary object of this text) that if good results do not follow from a first hypothesis, the only thing the cryptanalyst can do is to reject that hypothesis and formulate a second hypothesis. In actual practice he may have to reject a second, third, fourth, ...nth hypothesis. In the end he may strike the right one--or he may not. There is no assurance of success in the matter. In the third place, one of the objects of this text is to show how certain cryptosystems, if employed for military purposes, can readily be broken down. Assuming that some type of digraphic system is in use, and that daily changes in key words are made, it is possible that the traffic of the first day might give considerable difficulty in solution if the specific type of digraphic system were not known to the cryptanalyst. But by the time two or three days' traffic had accumulated it would be easy to solve, because probably by that time the cryptanalytic personnel would have successfully analyzed the cryptosystem and thus learned what type of matrix or table the enemy is using.

70 Analysis of two-square matrix systems --a Cryptosystems involving either vertical two-square or horizontal two-square matrices may be identified as such and solved by capitalizing on the cryptographic peculiarities and idiosyncracies of these systems. It will be noted that, considering the mechanics of the cryptosystems, in vertical two-square matrices employing the normal enciphering conventions,<sup>25</sup> exactly 20% of the 625 "possible" plaintext digraphs will be "transparent" (i.e., self-enciphered) in cipher text, in horizontal two-square systems, exactly 20% of the 625 digraphs will be characterized by an "inverse transparency"

<sup>25</sup> That is, for vertical two-square systems, digraphs are self-enciphered if  $e_p^1$  and  $e_p^2$  fall in the same column in the matrix, and, for horizontal two-square systems, if  $e_p^1$  and  $e_p^2$  are in the same row, the ciphertext digraphs are the reversed plaintext digraphs.

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(i.e., enciphered by the same digraphs reversed).<sup>26</sup> Therefore, if an examination of a cryptogram or a set of cryptograms discloses a goodly portion of what appear to be direct transparencies (cipher digraphs which could well be plaintext digraphs), it may then be assumed that a vertical two-square matrix has been used for the encryption. On the other hand, if a large number of cipher digraphs could be "good" plaintext digraphs if the positions of the letters were reversed, then it may be assumed that the cryptosystem involved a horizontal two-square matrix. Sometimes skeletons of words or even of whole phrases are self-evident in such cipher text, thus affording an easy entering wedge into the cryptosystem.

b An example will best serve to illustrate the techniques of identification and subsequent solution of a two-square matrix cipher. The following naval message is to be studied

U O D L C	E N O A N	S I G L B	B E I R I	R C R G L	N M O L C
P T E R 7	R B B O E	G P A B Q	W N N K S	I P C R M	O O R A P
D E A H	A N X R A	I E D A I	R M A G B	E K H S L	C D D L C
T Q O R E	N D T M D	T I A Q F	I E Q T A	N N B F N	O U O O S
S N N N R	K T A S E	S N H L P	O N N K S	I P C R C	E N O I S
H L I R K	P L O N O	N Z U C T	A L T O I	I H O C N	O C E R A
O S D I N	O E E K R	L C U B R	A O S D I	I P D A R	C O G G R
O L N O C	W D I L P	O I L N Q	X D I G L	R B B Q Y	F S S R A
V Y O I G	R S L X X				

Preliminary steps in analysis are made according to the procedures already described in this text, and the hypothesis of monographic, uniliteral encipherment (with either standard or mixed cipher alphabets) has been rejected. Multiliteral substitution, or digraphic substitution, comes next

<sup>26</sup> Although 625 "possible" plaintext digraphs are involved, the identity of digraphs actually used in plain text limit this figure considerably. Furthermore, the frequencies of the plaintext digraphs actually used come into consideration, in conjunction with the location of the letters of these digraphs in any particular two-square matrix. Thus, from the cryptanalyst's standpoint, there are "excellent" two-square matrices giving a high self-encipherment rate for high frequency plaintext digraphs, and there are "poor" two-square matrices which have a potentially high self-encipherment rate only for those low frequency plaintext digraphs which may not occur at all in a given cryptogram.

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into consideration The cipher text is written in digraphs, as follows

	5					10					15				
A	UO	DL	<u>CE</u>	<u>NO</u>	AN	SI	GL	BB	EI	RI	RC	RG	LN	MO	LC
B	PT	ER	GR	BB	OE	GP	AB	QW	<u>NN</u>	<u>KS</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>CR</u>	MO	OR	AP
C	DE	AM	HA	<u>NX</u>	RA	IE	DA	IR	MA	GB	EK	HS	LC	DD	LC
D	TQ	OR	EN	<u>DT</u>	MD	TI	AQ	FI	EQ	TA	NN	BF	NO	UO	OS
E	SN	NN	RK	TA	SE	SN	HL	PO	<u>NN</u>	<u>KS</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>NO</u>	IS
F	HL	IR	KP	LO	NO	NZ	UC	TA	LT	OI	IH	OC	NO	CE	<u>RA</u> →
G	← <u>OS</u>	<u>DI</u>	NO	EE	KR	LC	UB	<u>RA</u>	<u>OS</u>	<u>DI</u>	IP	DA	RC	OG	GR
H	OL	NO	CW	DI	LP	OI	LN	QX	DI	GL	RB	BQ	YF	SS	RA
J	VY	OI	GR	SL	XX										

Figure 62

Noting the 8-letter repetition 90 letters apart, the 6-letter repetition 16 letters apart, and the 4-letter repetition at an interval of 220 letters, and that those repetitions begin on odd letters and end on even letters, credence is given to the grouping of the cipher text into pairs of letters. A digraphic distribution is then made, illustrated in Fig. 63

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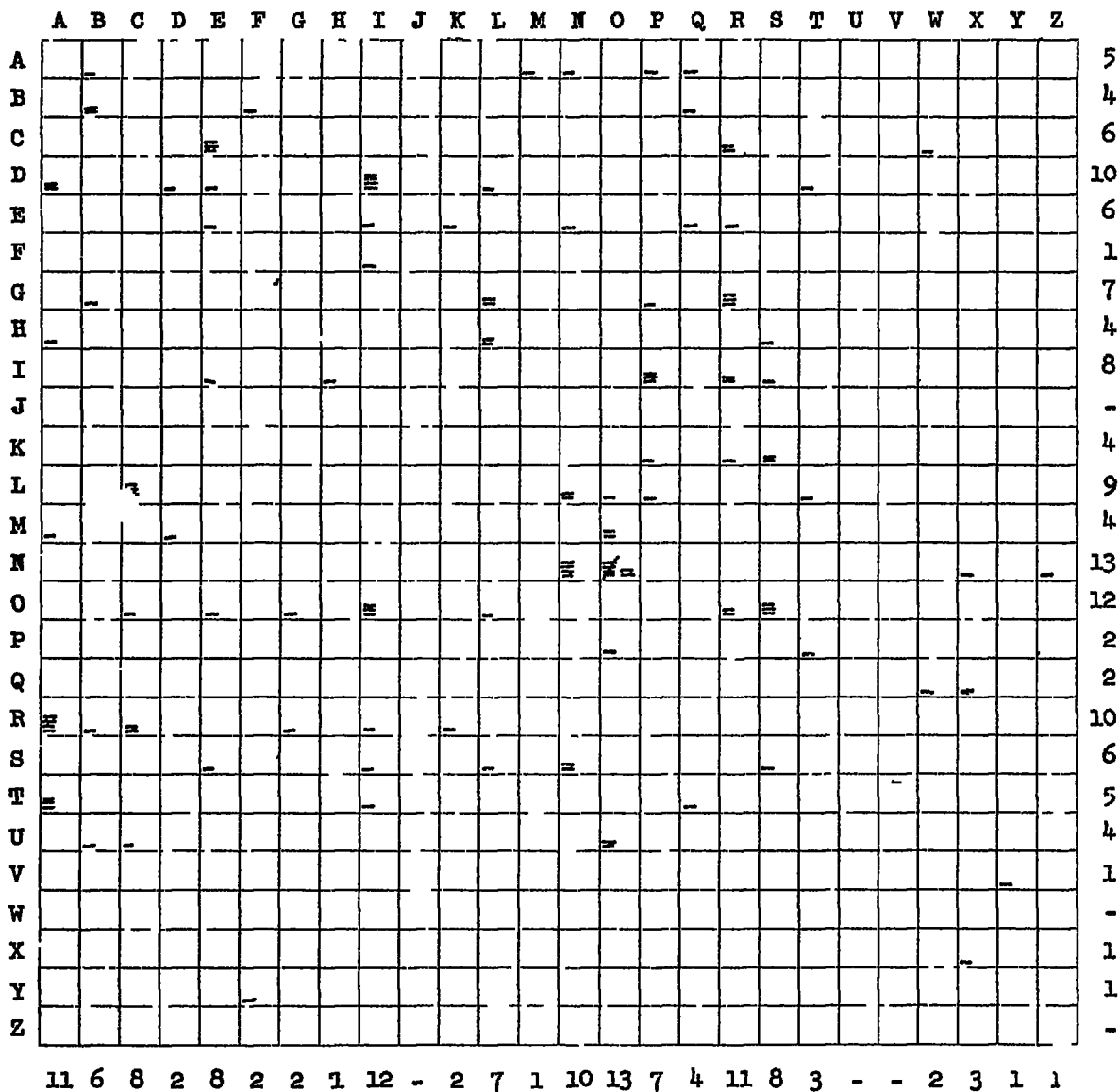


Figure 63

$\phi_c$  The  $\phi_o^2$ , 152, is most satisfactory when compared with  $\phi_p^2$  (107) and  $\phi_r^2$  (23). Since the cryptogram has all the earmarks of a digraphic cipher, and no manifestations are found to support the hypothesis of a multilateral system, the next problem is the specific determination of the particular kind of digraphic system involved. It may be noted that there are quite a few digraphs in the cipher text which resemble good plaintext digraphs, proportionally more so than, for instance, in the cryptogram in subpar 69c, the cryptologic finger points to the possibility of a two-square system. However, since the words "good digraphs" are semantically

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elusive, let us attempt to determine statistically whether or not a two-square system might be involved and, if a two-square, whether it is more probably a vertical or a horizontal two-square <sup>27</sup>

d First, for the purpose of determining whether "direct transparencies" or "inverse transparencies" predominate in this cryptogram, the digraphs of the distribution in Fig 63 will be set down in tabular form, with an indication of their frequency in the cryptogram, and with data relative to the probability of these digraphs as plaintext digraphs, and as plaintext digraphs when reversed. In the table on page 194, col (1) is a listing of the ciphertext digraphs; col (2) is the frequency of the ciphertext digraph as it occurs in the cryptogram, col (3) is the logarithm of the theoretical plaintext frequency of the particular digraph (from Table 15, Appendix 2), col (4) represents the products of the entries in cols (2) and (3); col (5) is the logarithm of the theoretical plaintext frequency of the reversed digraph (from Table 15, Appendix 2), and col (6) represents the products of the entries in cols (2) and (5). From this, the sum of the values in col. (4), 58.34, is taken to be the "direct transparency" value, and the sum of the values in col. (6), 63.02, is taken to be the "inverse transparency" value. Thus, since this particular cryptogram has an "inverse transparency" value which is higher

<sup>27</sup> The test to be described in the following subparagraphs is based on an evaluation of those instances wherein the observed frequency of any particular ciphertext digraph approximates the frequency with which the particular digraph, or its reversal, would be expected to occur if considered as a plaintext digraph. Any such correlation which occurs in a four-square or Playfair cipher, or in a cryptogram produced by a large randomized digraphic table, is purely accidental because it is not a result of the mechanics of the system. However, in two-square cryptograms such correlation is caused by the mechanics of the system in the encipherment of 20% of the possible plaintext digraphs, and these causal instances of correlation occur in addition to any accidental instances which may arise in the encipherment of the remaining 80%. Thus, if a digraphic cipher exhibits merely the random expectation of correlation both when the particular ciphertext digraphs are considered as they are and when their reversals are considered, the cryptogram may be assumed to involve a system other than two-square. If a digraphic cipher exhibits more than the random expectation of correlation, either when the particular digraphs are considered direct or when considered reversed, it may be assumed to involve two-square encipherment, and the particular consideration--that of the digraphs direct or that of the digraphs reversed--which gives rise to the greater degree of correlation indicates whether the cryptogram involves a vertical two-square or a horizontal two-square, respectively.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
AB	1	.45	0.45	.38	0.38	HA	1	.67	0.67	.25	0.25	OR	2	.89	1.78	.74	1.48
AM	1	.61	0.61	.78	0.78	HL	2	.13	0.26	.13	0.26	OS	3	.61	1.83	.62	1.86
AN	1	.89	0.89	.72	0.72	HS	1	.38	0.38	.72	0.72	FO	1	.64	0.64	.72	0.72
AP	1	.58	0.58	.61	0.61	IE	1	.59	0.59	.73	0.73	FT	1	.51	0.51	.25	0.25
AQ	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	IH	1	.00	0.00	.77	0.77	QW	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
BB	2	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	IP	3	.48	1.44	.45	1.35	QX	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
BF	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	IR	2	.73	1.46	.75	1.50	RA	4	.80	3.20	.82	3.28
BQ	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	IS	1	.78	0.78	.77	0.77	RE	1	.25	0.25	.25	0.25
CE	3	.16	2.28	.76	2.28	KP	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	RC	2	.53	1.06	.38	0.76
CR	2	.38	0.76	.53	1.06	KR	1	.00	0.00	.13	0.13	RG	1	.48	0.48	.42	0.42
CW	1	.13	0.13	.00	0.00	KS	2	.13	0.26	.13	0.26	RI	1	.75	0.75	.73	0.73
DA	2	.76	1.52	.73	1.46	LC	4	.33	1.32	.42	1.68	RK	1	.13	0.13	.00	0.00
DD	1	.51	0.51	.51	0.51	LN	2	.13	0.26	.42	0.84	SE	1	.84	0.84	.86	0.86
DE	1	.77	0.77	.88	0.88	LO	1	.59	0.59	.67	0.67	SI	1	.77	0.77	.78	0.78
DI	4	.73	2.92	.45	1.80	LP	1	.33	0.33	.59	0.59	SL	1	.25	0.25	.45	0.45
DL	1	.33	0.33	.53	0.53	LT	1	.51	0.51	.42	0.42	SN	2	.38	0.76	.71	1.42
DT	1	.62	0.62	.45	0.45	MA	1	.78	0.78	.61	0.61	SS	1	.67	0.67	.67	0.67
EE	1	.81	0.81	.81	0.81	MD	1	.13	0.13	.42	0.42	TA	3	.74	2.22	.83	2.49
EI	1	.73	0.73	.59	0.59	MO	2	.55	1.10	.72	1.44	TI	1	.82	0.82	.73	0.73
EK	1	.00	0.00	.45	0.45	NN	4	.51	2.04	.51	2.04	TQ	1	.13	0.13	.00	0.00
EN	1	.99	0.99	.87	0.87	NO	7	.66	4.62	.92	5.74	UB	1	.33	0.33	.25	0.25
EQ	1	.58	0.58	.00	0.00	NX	1	.00	0.00	.13	0.13	UC	1	.33	0.33	.38	0.38
ER	1	.94	0.94	.96	0.96	NZ	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	UO	2	.13	0.26	.79	1.58
FI	1	.80	0.80	.55	0.55	OC	1	.51	0.51	.80	0.80	VY	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
GB	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00	OE	1	.33	0.33	.58	0.58	XX	1	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
GL	2	.25	0.50	.13	0.26	OG	1	.25	0.25	.45	0.45	YF	1	.56	0.56	.13	0.13
GP	1	.25	0.25	.00	0.00	OI	3	.42	1.26	.80	2.40			125	58.34		63.02
GR	3	.42	1.26	.48	1.44	OL	1	.67	0.67	.59	0.59						

- (1) Identity of cipher digraph appearing in the cryptogram.  
(2) Frequency of the particular digraph as it occurs in the cryptogram  
(3) Logarithm of theoretical plaintext frequency of the particular digraph (from Table 15, Appendix 2).  
(4) Product of entries in columns (2) and (3).  
(5) Logarithm of theoretical plaintext frequency of the digraph's reversal (from Table 15, Appendix 2).  
(6) Product of entries in columns (2) and (5).

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than the "direct transparency" value, it may be assumed<sup>28</sup> to involve a horizontal two-square--if, indeed, two-square encipherment has been employed. It is now for us to establish whether or not this latter is the case, and this will be done by determining whether or not the foregoing observed value, 63 02, is representative of the degree of transparency which may be expected in a horizontal two-square cipher. (If the "direct transparency" value had been the higher of the two, then it would have been more probable that a vertical two-square were involved, and it would be necessary to determine whether or not this observed value was representative of the degree of transparency expected in a vertical two-square cipher)

e The observed "inverse transparency" value (selected in this case because it is the higher observed value) will be compared with the value expected from a horizontal two-square cryptogram of the same size, and if this observed value is as great as or greater than the transparency value expected for horizontal two-squares, the cryptogram may be considered to be a horizontal two-square cipher, if the observed value is lower than the expected two-square value, decision will have to be suspended<sup>29</sup> The transparency value expected in a horizontal two-square cipher containing N digraphs is computed by multiplying N by .3388, which in this case

<sup>28</sup> Actually, if the two-square hypothesis is made, the difference between the horizontal two-square value and the vertical two-square value will indicate the degree of probability of the higher score over the lower. In this case, the difference of 4 68 (= 63 02 - 58 34), which represents a difference of log scores, is equivalent to an overwhelming ratio of 100 billion to 1 (i.e.,  $224^{468}$  to 1) in favor of the hypothesis of a horizontal two-square. The foregoing computation involves an aspect of mathematics which will be given detailed treatment in Military Cryptanalysis, Part III.

<sup>29</sup> For the benefit of the student with a background in statistics, it is pointed out that by abiding by the stipulation "as great or greater", some cryptograms which actually are the result of two-square encipherment may be rejected by this stipulation, but it will insure that only a relatively few non-two-square cryptograms will be accepted. A better approach of a statistical nature would involve, first, computing the expected value for non-two-squares as well as that for two-squares. Then, any observed value falling below the expected two-square value could be expressed in terms of the number of standard deviations (i.e., the sigmage) from this expected two-square value and from the expected non-two-square value. Finally, the particular expected value which would be considered as significant would be the one from which the observed value differed by the smaller number of standard deviations. The concept of standard deviation will be treated in Military Cryptanalysis, Part III.

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yields 42 35 (= 3388 x 125).<sup>30</sup> The observed value for the cryptogram, 63 02, is much higher than the expected value, 42 35. Thus, it has been proven statistically that the cryptogram at hand involves two-square encipherment, particularly, horizontal two-square encipherment

f Having now proved that the cryptogram at hand is a horizontal two-square cipher, the next step is to assume some plain text in the message, guided by probable inverse transparencies (inverse because the system has been identified as a horizontal two-square) in the cipher text. Referring to the work sheet in Fig 62, the repeated sequence at B9 and E9 is assumed to represent the plain text TA SK FO RC (E-), on the basis of  $\overline{K}S_c = \overline{S}K_p$ , and  $\overline{C}R_c = \overline{R}C_p$ . The plaintext-ciphertext values are now

<sup>30</sup> In the case of vertical two-squares, N would be multiplied by the constant 3610. The mathematical considerations underlying this test and their proofs (involving Bayes' theorem and Bayes' factors) are beyond the scope of this text, however, for the benefit of the mathematician, the derivation of the foregoing constants is explained below, along with the derivation of the constant used for computing the expected transparency value for non-two-squares. In the formulas, below,

$\sum_{AB}$  = the summation over all digraphs AA-ZZ

$F_{AB}$  = the frequency of a given digraph AB as found in Table 6A, Appendix 2

$\alpha_{AB}$  = the logarithm (to the base 224) of the frequency of a given digraph AB as found in Table 15, Appendix 2

For vertical two-squares,

$$k = \sum_{AB} \alpha_{AB} \left[ .80(.0015) + \frac{20 F_{AB}}{5000} \right] = 3610$$

For horizontal two-squares,

$$k = \sum_{AB} \alpha_{BA} \left[ .80(.0015) + \frac{20 F_{AB}}{5000} \right] = 3388$$

For non-two square digraphic systems,

$$k = \frac{\alpha_{AB}}{676} = 2737$$

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recorded<sup>31</sup> in a skeleton reconstruction diagram as illustrated in Fig. 64a. At A3, the assumption of (-R) EC ON NA IS SA NC (E-) is tossed off without much ado, since four of the six digraphs concerned are transparent. The plain-cipher relationships from this assumption are added to the reconstruction diagram, as shown in Fig. 64b. Continuing in this vein, the plain text (-A) IR CR AF (T-) is inserted at A10, and the plain

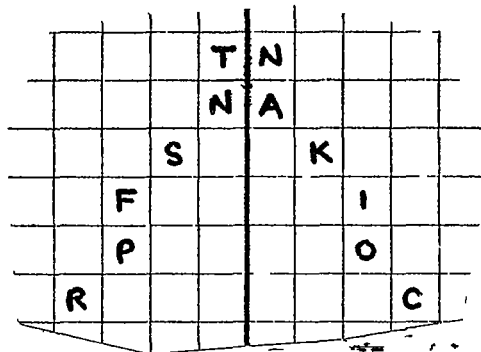


Figure 64a.

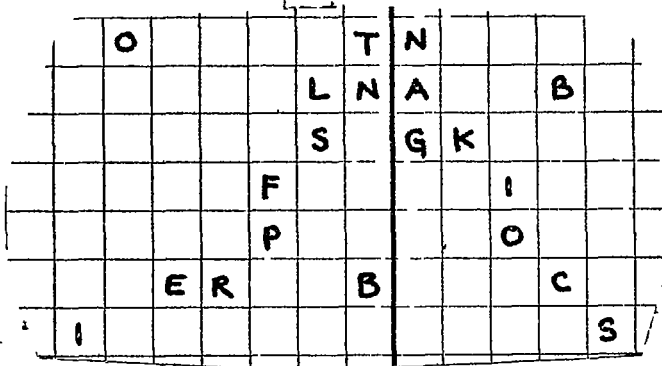


Figure 64b.

text (-B) AT TL ES HI (P-) is inserted at J3, the successive cumulative reconstruction diagrams for these two assumptions are shown in Figs. 64c

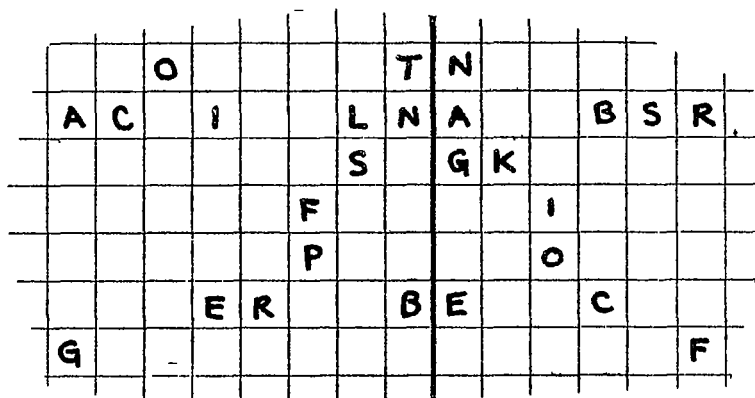


Figure 64c.

<sup>31</sup> During the reconstruction of the squares of the matrix, the student should keep clear in his skeleton diagram which letters are in the same row, and which are in the same column. It will be found expeditious to draw a dividing line (either horizontal or vertical, depending on the type of two-square matrix involved) on the page to keep the elements of the two squares independent, recording the values which are in the same row or column and writing down the letters as they are assumed. In the early stages of this process the student must exercise care in recording the letters so that no false relationships are formed, in other words, the values should be written down so that they are not in the same row or column with any letters other than those with which they are known to be related. This will entail spreading the work rather widely over the page initially, then gradually telescoping and reducing the size of the reconstruction diagram as the work progresses, until in the end it will be reduced to a concise matrix of two 5x5 squares.

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	A	C		I			L	N	A		S	B	R	T
						S		G	K					
H					F						I			
			E	R	P		B	E		O	C			
	G												F	

Figure 64d.

and 64d below. It is to be noted that at J7,  $\overline{OC}_c = \overline{PS}_p$ ; but since in Fig. 64d it has already been determined that  $\overline{OC}_c = \overline{OS}_p$ , then  $\overline{OC}_c$  must equal  $\overline{PS}_p$  taking the word BATTLESHIPS rather than in the singular.

g. At this point the partially filled-in work sheet will look as follows:

	5					10					15				
A	UO	DL	CE	NO	AN	SI	GL	BB	EI	RI	RC	RG	LN	MO	LC
		-R	EC	ON	NA	IS	SA	NC	EA	IR	CR	AF	T-	E-	
B	PT	ER	GR	BB	OE	GP	AB	QW	NN	KS	IP	CR	MO	OR	AP
		RE	-E	NC	EO	-E	NE		TA	SK	FO	RC	E-	RO	-E
C	DE	AM	HA	NX	RA	IE	DA	IR	MA	GB	EK	HS	LC	DD	LC
					AR	-O		-O		-E					
D	TQ	OR	EN	DT	MD	TI	AQ	FI	EQ	TA	NN	BF	NO	UO	OS
		RO	BA			IT		-R		AT	TA		ON		
E	SN	NN	RK	TA	SE	SN	HL	PO	NN	KS	IP	CR	CE	NO	IS
	NS	TA		AT	JO	NS			TA	SK	FO	RC	EC	ON	
F	HL	IR	KP	LO	NO	NZ	UC	TA	LT	OI	IH	OC	NO	CE	RA
		-O		OL	ON		-B	AT	TL	ES	HI	PS	ON	EC	AR
G	OS	DI	NO	EE	KR	LC	UB	RA	OS	DI	IP	DA	RC	OG	GR
	←		ON	EE				AR			FO	CR	CR		-E
H	OL	NO	CW	DI	LP	OI	LN	QX	DI	GL	RB	BQ	YF	SS	RA
	-S	ON				ES	T-			SA	N-			L-	AR
J	VY	OI	GR	SL	XX										
		ES	-E	LS											

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Skeletons of additional plain text, such as the word OUR at A1, PRESENCE OF ENEMY at B1, PROBABLE at D1, ATTACK ON OUR INSTALLATIONS at D10, CARRIER at F14, and VESSELS at J1, may now clearly be seen. The complete recovery of the plain text follows, and the reconstruction diagram is completed and telescoped into the form shown in Fig 64c. Since phenomena of keyword-mixed sequences are observed, the rows and columns of

Q	M	O	K	T	N	-	Q	L	P
A	I	C	L	N	A	B	S	R	T
G	D	F	S	H	G	K	I	F	H
U	E	P	R	B	E	C	O	D	M
Y	-	X	V	-	W	Z	Y	-	X

Figure 64c

R	E	P	U	B	D	E	M	O	C
L	I	C	A	N	R	A	T	S	B
S	D	F	G	H	F	G	H	I	K
K	M	O	Q	T	L	N	P	Q	U
V	W	X	Y	Z	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 64f

Fig 64e are permuted to yield the original two-square matrix as shown in Fig 64f.

h The solution of vertical two-square systems follows analogous lines, with the necessary modifications of the reconstruction diagram in consonance with the difference in mechanics between horizontal and vertical two-square systems.

i A few additional remarks concerning the test applied in subpars d and e, above, are in order. First, the exceptionally high transparency value observed in this cryptogram is a direct result of the very favorable manner in which the keyword-mixed sequences in the two squares interact, in the foregoing cryptogram, 47 of the 125 digraphs present (approx 38%) were inverse transparencies. It is also pointed out that, although some actual two-square cryptograms may be rejected by that portion of the test which was described in subpar e, the other phase of the test (described in subpar d)--by which one may determine whether a cryptogram is more probably a vertical two-square encipherment or more probably a horizontal two-square encipherment--is extremely sensitive and highly accurate. The foregoing statistical method is not merely valuable per se as an application of cryptomathematics in the analysis of two-square matrix systems, but is included as being illustrative of the general principles of special techniques that may be developed in the attack on any particular cryptosystem, the mechanics of which are known to the cryptanalyst. The field of actual operational cryptanalysis is replete with special methods of attack of this nature.

71 Analysis of Playfair cipher systems --a Of all digraphic cryptosystems employing small matrices, the one which has been most frequently encountered is the Playfair cipher. Certain variations of this cipher have been incorporated in several complex manual ciphers used in actual operational practice, because of this it is important that the student gain familiarity with the methods of solution of the classic Playfair system.

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b The first published solutions<sup>32</sup> for this cipher are quite similar basically and vary only in minor details. The earliest, that by Lieut. Mauborgne (later to become Chief Signal Officer of the U.S. Army), used straightforward principles of frequency to establish the values of three or four of the most frequent digraphs. Then, on the assumption that in most cases in which a keyword appears on the first and second rows the last five letters of the normal alphabet, VWXYZ, will rarely be disturbed in sequence and will occupy the last row of the square, he "juggles" the letters given by the values tentatively established from frequency considerations, placing them in various positions in the square, together with VWXYZ, to correspond to the plaintext-ciphertext relationships tentatively established. A later solution by Lieut. Frank Moorman, as described in Hitt's manual, assumes that in a Playfair cipher prepared by means of a square in which the key word occupies the first and second rows, if a digraphic frequency distribution is made, it will be found that the letters having the greatest combining power are very probably letters of the key. A still later solution, by Lieut. Commander Smith, is perhaps the most lucid and systematized of the three. He sets forth in definite language certain considerations which the other two writers certainly entertained but failed to indicate.

c The following details have been summarized from Smith's solution.

(1) The Playfair cipher may be recognized by virtue of the fact that it always contains an even number of letters, and that when divided into groups of two letters each, no group contains a repetition of the same letter, as NN or EE. Repetitions of digraphs, trigraphs, and polygraphs will be evident in fairly long messages.

(2) Using the square<sup>33</sup> shown in Fig. 65, there are two general cases to be considered, as regards the results of encipherment.

B	A	N	K	R
D	E	F	G	H
I-J	L	M	O	Q
U	P	T	C	Y
S	V	W	X	Z

Figure 65

<sup>32</sup> Mauborgne, Lieut. J. O., U.S.A. An advanced problem in cryptography and its solution, Leavenworth, 1914.

Hitt, Captain Parker, U.S.A. Manual for the solution of military ciphers, Leavenworth, 1918.

Smith, Lieut. Commander W. W., U.S.N. In Cryptography by André Langie, translated by J.C.H. Macbeth, New York, 1922.

<sup>33</sup> The Playfair square accompanying Smith's solution is based upon the key word BANKRUPTCY, "to be distributed between the first and fourth lines of the square." This is a simple departure from the original Playfair scheme in which the letters of the key word are written from left to right and in consecutive lines from the top downward.

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Case 1 Letters at opposite corners of a rectangle The following illustrative relationships are found

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{TH}_p &= \overline{YF}_c \\ \overline{HT}_p &= \overline{FY}_c \\ \overline{YF}_p &= \overline{TH}_c \\ \overline{FY}_p &= \overline{HT}_c\end{aligned}$$

Reciprocity and reversibility <sup>34</sup>

Case 2 Two letters in the same row or column. The following illustrative relationships are found

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AN}_p &= \overline{NK}_c \\ \overline{NA}_p &= \overline{KN}_c\end{aligned}$$

But  $\overline{NK}_p$  does not =  $\overline{AN}_c$ , nor does  $\overline{KN}_p = \overline{NA}_c$ .

Reversibility only

(3) The foregoing gives rise to the following

Rule I (a) Regardless of the position of the letters in the square, if

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4, \text{ then} \\ 2 \ 1 \ 4 \ 3 \end{array}$$

This rule is of particular aid in selecting probable words in the solution of Playfair ciphers, as will be shown shortly <sup>35</sup>

(b) If 1 and 2 form opposite corners of a rectangle, the following equations obtain

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \ 2 = 3 \ 4 \\ 2 \ 1 = 4 \ 3 \\ 3 \ 4 = 1 \ 2 \\ 4 \ 3 = 2 \ 1 \end{array}$$

<sup>34</sup> By way of explaining what is meant by reciprocity and by reversibility, in the case of digraphic systems, the following examples are given  $\overline{TH}_p = \overline{YF}_c$  and  $\overline{YF}_p = \overline{TH}_c$  constitute a reciprocal relationship,

$\overline{TH}_p = \overline{YF}_c$  and  $\overline{HT}_p = \overline{FY}_c$  constitute a reversible relationship

<sup>35</sup> In this connection, a list of frequently-encountered words and phrases which contain reversed digraphs (so-called "ABBA patterns") has been compiled and is included as Section E, "Digraphic idiomorphs. Playfair", in Appendix 3

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(4) A letter considered as occupying a position in a row can be combined with but four other letters in the same row, the same letter considered as occupying a position in a column can be combined with but four other letters in the same column. Thus, this letter can be combined with only 8 other letters all told, under Case 2, above. But the same letter considered as occupying a corner of a rectangle can be combined with 16 other letters, under Case 1, above. Smith derives from these facts the conclusion that "it would appear that Case 1 is twice as probable as Case 2". He continues thus (notation my own):

"Now in the square, note that

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{AN}_p = \overline{NK}_c \\ \overline{GN}_p = \overline{FK}_c \\ \overline{ON}_p = \overline{MK}_c \\ \overline{CN}_p = \overline{TK}_c \\ \overline{XN}_p = \overline{WK}_c \end{array} \quad \text{also} \quad \begin{array}{l} \overline{EN}_p = \overline{FA}_c \\ \overline{EM}_p = \overline{FL}_c \\ \overline{EL}_p = \overline{FP}_c \\ \overline{EW}_p = \overline{FV}_c \\ \overline{EF}_p = \overline{FG}_c \end{array}$$

"From this it is seen that of the 24 equations that can be formed when each letter of the square is employed either as the initial or final letter of the group, five will indicate a repetition of a corresponding letter of plain text

"Hence, Rule II After it has been determined, in the equation 1 2=3 4, that, say,  $\overline{EN}_p = \overline{FA}_c$ , there is a probability of one in five that any other group beginning with  $F_c$  indicates  $\overline{EO}_p$ , and that any group ending in  $A_c$  indicates  $\overline{ON}_p$ <sup>36</sup>

"After such combinations as  $\overline{ER}_p$ ,  $\overline{OR}_p$ , and  $\overline{EN}_p$  have been assumed or determined, the above rule may be of use in discovering additional digraphs and partial words"

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There is an error in this reasoning. Take, for example, the 24 equations having  $F$  as an initial letter

Case	Equation	Case	Equation	Case	Equation	Case	Equation
1	$\overline{FB}_c = \overline{DN}_p$	2	$\overline{FE} = \overline{ED}$	2	$\overline{FT} = \overline{NM}$	1	$\overline{FX} = \overline{GW}$
2	$\overline{FD} = \overline{EH}$	1	$\overline{FL} = \overline{EM}$	2	$\overline{FW} = \overline{NT}$	1	$\overline{FR} = \overline{HN}$
1	$\overline{FI} = \overline{DM}$	1	$\overline{FP} = \overline{ET}$	1	$\overline{FK} = \overline{GN}$	2	$\overline{FH} = \overline{EG}$
1	$\overline{FU} = \overline{DT}$	1	$\overline{FV} = \overline{LW}$	2	$\overline{FG} = \overline{EV}$	1	$\overline{FQ} = \overline{HM}$
1	$\overline{FS} = \overline{DW}$	2	$\overline{FN} = \overline{NW}$	1	$\overline{FO} = \overline{GM}$	1	$\overline{FY} = \overline{HT}$
1	$\overline{FA} = \overline{EN}$	2	$\overline{FM} = \overline{NF}$	1	$\overline{FC} = \overline{GT}$	1	$\overline{FZ} = \overline{HW}$

Here, the initial letter  $F_c$  represents the following initial letters of plain-text digraphs

$\overline{DG}_p$ ,  $\overline{EO}_p$ ,  $\overline{NO}_p$ ,  $\overline{GO}_p$ , and  $\overline{HO}_p$

It is seen that  $F_c$  represents  $D_p$ ,  $N_p$ ,  $G_p$ ,  $H_p$  4 times each, and  $E_p$ , 8 times. Consequently, supposing that it has been determined that  $\overline{FA}_c = \overline{EN}_p$ , the probability that  $F_c$  will represent  $E_p$  is not 1 in 5 but 8 in 24, or 1 in 3, but supposing that it has been determined that  $\overline{FW}_c = \overline{NT}_p$ , the probability that  $F_c$  will represent  $N_p$  is 4 in 24 or 1 in 6. The difference in these probabilities is occasioned by the fact that the first instance,  $\overline{FA}_c = \overline{EN}_p$ , corresponds to a Case 1 encipherment, the second instance  $\overline{FW}_c = \overline{NT}_p$ , to a Case 2 encipherment. But there is no way of knowing initially, and without other data, whether one is dealing with a Case 1 or Case 2 encipherment. Only as an approximation therefore, may one say that the probability of  $F_c$  representing a given  $\theta_p$  is 1 in 5. A probability of 1 in 5 is of almost trivial importance in this situation since it represents such a long shot for success. The following rule might be preferable. If the equation 1 2=3 4 has been established where all the letters represented

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Rule III In the equation  $1\ 2=3\ 4$ , 1 and 3 can never be identical, nor can 2 and 4 ever be identical. Thus,  $\overline{AN}_p$  could not possibly be represented by  $\overline{AY}_c$ , nor could  $\overline{ER}_p$  be represented by  $\overline{KR}_c$ . This rule is useful in elimination of certain possibilities when a specific message is being studied.

Rule IV In the equation  $1\ 2_p=3\ 4_c$ , if 2 and 3 are identical, the letters are all in the same row or column, and in the relative order 1-2-4 from left to right or top to bottom, respectively. In the square shown,  $\overline{AN}_p=\overline{NK}_c$  and the absolute order is ANK. The relative order 1-2-4 includes five absolute orders which are cyclic permutations of one another. Thus: ANK., NK..A, K..AN, ..ANK, and .ANK.

Rule V In the equation  $1\ 2_p=3\ 4_c$ , if 1 and 4 are identical, the letters are all in the same row or column, and in the relative order 2-4-3 from left to right or top to bottom. In the square shown,  $\overline{KN}_p=\overline{RK}_c$  and the absolute order is NKR. The relative order 2-4-3 includes five absolute orders which are cyclic permutations of one another. Thus: NKR., KR .N, R..NK, ..NKR, and .NKR..

Rule VI "Analyze the message for group recurrences. Select the groups of greatest recurrence and assume them to be high-frequency digraphs.<sup>37</sup> Substitute the assumed digraphs throughout the message, testing the assumptions in their relation to other groups of the cipher. The reconstruction of the square proceeds simultaneously with the solution of the message and aids in hastening the translation of the cipher".

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by 1, 2, 3, and 4 are different, then there is a probability of 4/5 that a Case 1 encipherment is involved. Consequently, if at the same time another equation,  $3\ 6=5\ 2$ , has been established, where 2 and 3 represent the same letters as in the first equation, and 5 and 6 are different letters, also different from 2 and 3, there is a probability of 16/25 that the equation  $1\ 6=5\ 4$  is valid. Or if at the same time that the equation  $1\ 2=3\ 4$  has been determined, the equation  $1\ 6=5\ 4$  has also been established, then there is a probability of 16/25 that the equation  $3\ 6=5\ 2$  is valid. (Check this by noting the following equations based upon Fig 25a:  $\overline{CE}=\overline{PG}$ ,  $\overline{PH}=\overline{YE}$ ,  $\overline{CH}=\overline{YG}$ . Note the positions occupied in Fig 25a by the letters involved.) Likewise, if the equations  $1\ 2=3\ 4$  and  $1\ 6=3\ 5$  have been simultaneously established, then there is a probability that the equation  $2\ 5=4\ 6$  is valid, or if the equations  $1\ 2=3\ 4$  and  $2\ 5=4\ 6$  have been simultaneously established, then there is a probability that the equation  $2\ 5=4\ 6$  is valid. (Check this by noting the following equations:  $\overline{CE}=\overline{PG}$ ,  $\overline{CA}=\overline{PK}$ ,  $\overline{EK}=\overline{GA}$ , note the positions occupied in Fig 25a by the letters involved.) However, it must be added that these probabilities are based upon assumptions which fail to take into account any considerations whatever as to frequency of letters or specificity of composition of the matrix. For instance, suppose the 5 high-frequency letters E, T, R, I, N all happen to fall in the same row or column in the matrix, the number of Case 2 encipherments would be much greater than expectancy and the probability that the equation  $1\ 2=3\ 4$  represents a Case 1 encipherment falls much below 4/5.

<sup>37</sup> A more accurate guide to the determination of the plaintext equivalents of high-frequency cipher digraphs would involve the consideration of the difference in frequency of a particular digraph and its reversal. Thus, an example of a high-frequency  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  which is also high-frequency in its reversal, is  $\overline{RE}_p$ , an example of a high-frequency  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  which is rarely found in its reversed form, is  $\overline{TH}_p$ .

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d (1) When solutions for the Playfair cipher system were first developed, based upon the fact that the letters were inserted in the cells in keyword-mixed order, cryptographers thought it desirable to place stumbling blocks in the path of such solution by departing from strict, keyword-mixed order. One of the simplest methods is illustrated in Fig 65, wherein it will be noted that the last five letters of the keyword proper are inserted in the fourth row of the square instead of the second, where they would naturally fall. Another method involves inserting the letters within the cells from left to right and top downward but using a sequence that is derived from a columnar transposition instead of a keyword-mixed sequence. Thus, using the keyword BANKRUPTCY.

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2 1 5 4 7 9 6 8 3 10
BANKRUPTCY
DEFGHILMOQ
SVWXZ

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Sequence A E V B D S C O K G X N F W P L R H Z T M U I Y Q

The Playfair square is as follows

A	E	V	B	D
S	C	O	K	G
X	N	F	W	P
L	R	H	Z	T
M	U	I	Y	Q

Figure 66a

(2) Note the following three squares

Z	T	L	R	H
Y	Q	M	U	I
B	D	A	E	V
K	G	S	C	O
W	P	X	N	F

Figure 66b

O	K	G	S	C
F	W	P	X	N
H	Z	T	L	R
I	Y	Q	M	U
V	B	D	A	E

Figure 66c

N	F	W	P	X
R	H	Z	T	L
U	I	Y	Q	M
E	V	B	D	A
C	O	K	G	S

Figure 66d

At first glance they all appear to be different, but closer examination shows them to be cyclic permutations of one another and of the square in Fig. 66a. They yield identical cryptographic equivalents in all cases. However, if an attempt be made to reconstruct the original key word, it would be much easier to do so from Fig 66a than from any of the others, because in Fig 66a the original keyword-mixed sequence has not been disturbed as much as in Figs 66b, c, and d. In working with Playfair ciphers, the student should be on the lookout for such instances of cyclic permutation of the original Playfair square, for during the course of solution he will not know whether he is building up the original or an

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equivalent cyclic permutation of the original matrix, usually only after he has completely reconstructed the matrix will he be able to determine this point

e (1) The steps in the solution of a typical example of this cipher will now be illustrated. Let the message be as follows

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	27	28	29	30	
A	V	T	Q	E	U	H	I	O	F	T	C	H	X	S	C	A	K	T	V	T	R	A	Z	E	V	T	A	G	A	E
B	O	X	T	Y	M	H	C	R	L	Z	Z	T	Q	T	D	U	M	C	Y	C	X	C	T	G	M	T	Y	C	Z	U
C	S	N	O	P	D	G	X	V	X	S	C	A	K	T	V	T	P	K	P	U	T	Z	P	T	W	Z	F	N	B	G
D	P	T	R	K	X	I	X	B	P	R	Z	O	E	P	U	T	O	L	Z	E	K	T	T	C	S	N	H	C	Q	M
E	V	T	R	K	M	W	C	F	Z	U	B	H	T	V	Y	A	B	G	I	P	R	Z	K	P	C	Q	F	N	L	V
F	O	X	O	T	U	Z	F	A	C	X	X	C	P	Z	X	H	C	Y	N	O	T	Y	O	L	G	X	X	I	I	H
G	T	M	S	M	X	C	P	T	O	T	C	X	O	T	T	C	Y	A	T	E	X	H	F	A	C	X	X	C	P	Z
H	X	H	Y	C	T	X	W	L	Z	T	S	G	P	Z	T	V	Y	W	C	E	T	W	G	C	C	M	B	H	M	Q
J	Y	X	Z	P	W	G	R	T	I	V	U	X	P	U	M	Q	R	K	M	W	C	X	T	M	R	S	W	G	H	B
K	X	C	P	T	O	T	C	X	O	T	M	I	P	Y	D	N	F	G	K	I	T	C	O	L	X	U	E	T	P	X
L	X	F	S	R	S	U	Z	T	D	B	H	O	Z	I	G	X	R	K	I	X	Z	P	P	V	Z	I	D	U	H	Q
M	O	T	K	T	K	C	C	H	X	X																				

(2) Without going through the preliminary tests in detail, with which it will be assumed that the student is now familiar,<sup>38</sup> the conclusion is reached that the cryptogram is digraphic in nature, and a digraphic frequency distribution is made (Fig 67)

<sup>38</sup> See par 69c

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	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	
A																											
B																											
C																											
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Figure 67

Since there are no double-letter groups (termed "doublets"), the conclusion is reached that a Playfair cipher is involved and the message is rewritten in digraphs

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	VT	QE	UH	IO	FT	CH	<u>XS</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>KT</u>	<u>VT</u>	RA	ZE	VT	AG	AE
B	OX	TY	MH	CR	LZ	ZT	QT	DU	MC	YC	XC	TG	MT	YC	ZU
C	SN	OP	DG	XV	<u>XS</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>KT</u>	<u>VT</u>	PK	PU	TZ	PT	WZ	FN	BG
D	PT	RK	XI	XB	PR	ZO	EP	UT	OL	ZE	KT	TC	SN	HC	QM
E	VT	RK	MW	CF	ZU	BH	TV	YA	BG	IP	RZ	KP	CQ	FN	LV
F	OX	OT	UZ	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	CY	NO	TY	OL	GX	XI	IH
G	TM	SM	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>OT</u>	TC	YA	TE	XH	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>
H	<u>XH</u>	YC	TX	WL	ZT	SG	PZ	TV	YW	CE	TW	GC	CM	BH	MQ
J	YX	ZP	WG	RT	IV	UX	PU	MQ	RK	MW	CX	TM	RS	WG	HB
K	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>OT</u>	MI	PY	DN	FG	KI	TC	OL	XU	ET	FX
L	XF	SR	SU	ZT	DB	HO	ZI	GX	RK	IX	ZP	PV	ZI	DU	HQ
M	OT	KT	KC	CH	XX										

(3) The following three fairly lengthy repetitions are noted:

Lines															
F	OT	UZ	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	CY	NO						
G	TE	XH	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	YC	TX						
A	FT	CH	<u>XS</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>KT</u>	<u>VT</u>	RA	ZE							
C	DG	XV	<u>XS</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>KT</u>	<u>VT</u>	PK	PU							
G	TM	SM	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>OT</u>	TC							
K	WG	HB	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>OT</u>	MI							

The first long repetition, with the sequent reversed digraphs CX and TC immediately suggests the word BATTALION (see Section E, Appendix 3), split up into -B AT TA LI ON and the sequence containing this repetition in lines F and G becomes as follows

<u>Line F</u>	OX	OT	UZ	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	CY	NO	TY
				-	B	AT	TA	LI	ON		
<u>Line G</u>	YA	TE	XH	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	YC	TX	WL
				B	AT	TA	LI	ON			

(4) Because of the frequent use of numerals before the word BATTALION (as mentioned in Section B of Appendix 4) and because of the appearance of ON before this word in line G, the possibility suggests itself that the word before BATTALION in line G is either ONE or SECOND. The identical cipher digraph FA in both cases gives a hint that the word BATTALION in line F may also be preceded by a numeral, if ONE is correct

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in line G, then THREE is possible in line F. On the other hand, if SECOND is correct in line G, then THIRD is possible in line F. Thus

<u>Line F</u>	.	.	OX	OT	UZ	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	CY	NO	TY
1st hypothesis		--	TH	RE	EB	AT	TA	LI	ON				
2nd hypothesis	.	--	TH	IR	DB	AT	TA	LI	ON				
<u>Line G</u>			YA	TE	XH	<u>FA</u>	<u>CX</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>PZ</u>	<u>XH</u>	YC	TX	WL
1st hypothesis		--	--	ON	EB	AT	TA	LI	ON				
2nd hypothesis	.	-S	EC	ON	DB	AT	TA	LI	ON				

First, 'e that if either hypothesis is true, then  $\overline{OT}_c = \overline{TH}_p$ . The frequency distribution shows that  $\overline{OT}$  occurs 6 times and is in fact the most frequent digraph in the message. Moreover, by Rule I of subparagraph b, if  $\overline{OT}_c = \overline{TH}_p$  then  $\overline{TO}_c = \overline{HT}_p$ . Since  $\overline{HT}_p$  is a very rare digraph in normal plain text,  $\overline{TO}_c$  should either not occur at all in so short a message or else it should be very infrequent. The frequency distribution shows that it does not occur. Hence, there is nothing inconsistent with the supposition that the word in front of BATTALION in line F is THREE or THIRD, and there is some evidence that it is actually one or the other.

(5) But can evidence be found for the support of one hypothesis against the other? Let the frequency distribution be examined with a view to throwing light upon this point. If the first hypothesis is true, then  $\overline{UZ}_c = \overline{RE}_p$ , and, by Rule I,  $\overline{ZU}_c = \overline{ER}_p$ . The frequency distribution shows but one occurrence of  $\overline{UZ}_c$  and but two occurrences of  $\overline{ZU}_c$ . These do not look very good for  $\overline{RE}$  and  $\overline{ER}$ . On the other hand, if the second hypothesis is true, then  $\overline{UZ}_c = \overline{IR}_p$  and by Rule I,  $\overline{ZU}_c = \overline{RI}_p$ . The frequencies are much more favorable in this case. Is there anything inconsistent with the assumption, on the basis of the second hypothesis, that  $\overline{TE}_c = \overline{EC}_p$ ? The frequency distribution shows no inconsistency, for  $\overline{TE}_c$  occurs once and  $\overline{ET}_c (= \overline{CE}_p)$ , by Rule I) occurs once. As regards whether  $\overline{FA}_c = \overline{EB}_p$  or  $\overline{DB}_p$ , both hypotheses are tenable, possibly the second hypothesis is a shade better than the first, on the following reasoning. By Rule I, if  $\overline{FA}_c = \overline{EB}_p$  then  $\overline{AF}_c = \overline{BE}_p$ , or if  $\overline{FA}_c = \overline{DB}_p$  then  $\overline{AF}_c = \overline{BD}_p$ . The fact that no  $\overline{AF}_c$  occurs, whereas at least one  $\overline{BE}_p$  may be expected in this message, inclines one to the second hypothesis, since  $\overline{BD}_p$  is very rare.

(6) Let the 2nd hypothesis be assumed to be correct. The additional values are tentatively inserted in the text, and in lines G and K two interesting repetitions are noted.

<u>Line G</u>			TH	SM	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>OT</u>	TC	YA	TE	XH	FA	CA	YC	PZ	XH
			TA			TH					-S	EC	ON	DB	AT	TA	LI	ON
<u>Line K</u>			WG	HB	<u>XC</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>OT</u>	HI	PY	D	FG	KI	TC	OL	AU	LT
			TA			TH												

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This certainly looks like STATE THAT THE . . . , which would make  $\overline{TE}_p = \overline{PT}_c$ . Furthermore, in line G the sequence STATE THAT THE SECOND BATTALION  $c^2n$  hardly be anything else than STATE THAT THE SECOND BATTALION, which would make  $\overline{TC}_c = \overline{EI}_p$  and  $\overline{YA}_c = \overline{RS}_p$ . Also  $\overline{SM}_c = \overline{S}_p$ .

(7) It is perhaps high time that the whole list of tentative equivalent values be studied in relation to their consistency with the positions of letters in the Playfair square, moreover, by so doing, additional values may be obtained in the process. The complete list of values is as follows

Assumed values

$\overline{AT}_p = \overline{CX}_c$   
 $\overline{LI}_p = \overline{PZ}_c$   
 $\overline{ON}_p = \overline{XH}_c$   
 $\overline{TH}_p = \overline{OT}_c$   
 $\overline{IR}_p = \overline{UZ}_c$   
 $\overline{DB}_p = \overline{FA}_c$   
 $\overline{FC}_p = \overline{IE}_c$   
 $\overline{TE}_p = \overline{PT}_c$   
 $\overline{EI}_p = \overline{TC}_c$   
 $\overline{RS}_p = \overline{YA}_c$   
 $\overline{S}_p = \overline{SM}_c$

Derived by Rule I

$\overline{TA}_p = \overline{XC}_c$   
 $\overline{IL}_p = \overline{ZP}_c$   
 $\overline{NO}_p = \overline{HX}_c$   
 $\overline{HT}_p = \overline{TO}_c$   
 $\overline{RI}_p = \overline{ZU}_c$   
 $\overline{BD}_p = \overline{AF}_c$   
 $\overline{CE}_p = \overline{ET}_c$   
 $\overline{ET}_p = \overline{TP}_c$   
 $\overline{IE}_p = \overline{CT}_c$   
 $\overline{FR}_p = \overline{AY}_c$   
 $\overline{S}_p = \overline{MS}_c$

(8) By Rule V, the equation  $\overline{TH}_p = \overline{OT}_c$  means that H, O, and T are all in the same row or column and in the absolute order HTO similarly, C, E, and T are in the same row or column and in the absolute order CET. Further, E, P, and T are in the same row and column, and their absolute order is ETP. That is, these sequences must occur someplace in the square, in either rows or columns, taking into consideration of course the probability of cyclic displacements of these sequences within the square.

(a) H T O

(b) C E T

(c) E T P

(9) Noting the common letters E and T in the second and third sequences, these two sequences may be combined into one sequence of four letters, viz, C E T P. Since only one position remains to be filled in this row (or column) of the square, and noting in the list of equivalents that  $\overline{EI}_p = \overline{TC}_c$ , it is obvious that the letter I belongs to the C E T P sequence, the complete sequence is therefore C E T P I.

(10) Since the sequence HTO has a common letter (T) with the sequence CETPI, it follows that if the HTO sequence occupies a row, then the CETPI sequence must occupy a column, or, if the HTO sequence occupies a column, then the CETPI sequence must occupy a row, and they may be combined by means of their common letter, T, viz

	H	
C	E	T
	P	I
	O	

or

	C	
	E	
H	T	O
	P	
	I	

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The proof of whether the CETPI sequence, for example, properly belongs as a row or a column of the Playfair square lies in the establishment of a rectangular relationship, instead of the linear relationships constructed thus far.

(11) We note that, from the assumptions in subpar d(6),  $\overline{AT_p} = \overline{CX_c}$  and  $\overline{ON_p} = \overline{XH_c}$ . The relationship  $\overline{ON_p} = \overline{XH_c}$  might be either a rectangular one, such as



H  
T  
O  
X  
N

$\overline{AT_p} = \overline{CX_c}$  must be a rectangular relationship, then only the configuration



will be valid, since the alternative form



will not

satisfy the equation  $\overline{AT_p} = \overline{CX_c}$

(12) The fragmentary Playfair square<sup>39</sup> has been established, in one of its 25 possible cyclic permutations, as



Scanning the list of plain-cipher equivalents given in subpar d(7) in order to insert possible additional letters, none is found. But seeing that several high-frequency letters have already been inserted in the matrix, perhaps reference to the cryptogram itself in connection with values derived from these inserted letters may yield further clues. For example, the vowels A, E, I, and O are all in position, as are the very frequent consonants N and T. The following combinations may be studied:

- |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\overline{AN_p} = \overline{OX_c}$ | $\overline{AT_p} = \overline{CX_c}$ | $\overline{NP_p} = \overline{XO_c}$ | $\overline{TA_p} = \overline{XC_c}$ |
| $\overline{EN_p} = \overline{OT_c}$ | $\overline{ET_p} = \overline{TP_c}$ | $\overline{IP_p} = \overline{XO_c}$ | $\overline{TP_p} = \overline{PT_c}$ |
| $\overline{IN_p} = \overline{OT_c}$ | $\overline{IT_p} = \overline{CP_c}$ | $\overline{OP_p} = \overline{TX_c}$ | $\overline{TI_p} = \overline{PC_c}$ |
| $\overline{ON_p} = \overline{XH_c}$ | $\overline{OT_p} = \overline{XO_c}$ |                                     | $\overline{TO_p} = \overline{OX_c}$ |

<sup>39</sup> In actual practice, it is more usual to start with a much larger diagram than a simple 5x5 square, as relationships develop, the diagram is gradually condensed, until finally a 5x5 square emerges. This procedure is quite similar to that employed in the reconstruction diagrams for two-square matrices.

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$\overline{AT}_p (= \overline{CX}_c)$ ,  $\overline{TA}_p (= \overline{XC}_c)$ ,  $\overline{ON}_p (= \overline{XH}_c)$ ,  $\overline{TE}_p (= \overline{PT}_c)$  and  $\overline{TT}_p (= \overline{TP}_c)$  have already been inserted in the text. Of the others, only  $\overline{OX}_c (= \overline{TO}_p)$  occurs two times, and this value can be at once inserted in the text. But can the equivalents of  $\overline{AN}$ ,  $\overline{EN}$ , or  $\overline{IN}$  be found from frequency considerations? Take  $\overline{EN}_p$ , for example, it is represented by  $\overline{ET}_c$ . What combination of  $\overline{ET}$  is most likely to represent  $\overline{EN}_p$  among the following candidates

$\overline{KT}_c$  (4 times), by Rule I,  $\overline{NE}_p$  would =  $\overline{TK}_c$  (no occurrences)

$\overline{VT}_c$  (5 times), by Rule I,  $\overline{NE}_p$  would =  $\overline{TV}_c$  (2 times)

$\overline{ZT}_c$  (3 times), by Rule I,  $\overline{NE}_p$  would =  $\overline{TZ}_c$  (1 time)

$\overline{VT}_c$  certainly looks good. It begins the message, suggesting the word ENEMY, and the sequence  $PZTV_c$ , in line H, would become the plaintext sequence LINE. Let this be assumed to be correct, and let the word ENEMY also be assumed to be correct. Then  $\overline{EM}_p = \overline{QE}_c$  and the partial square then becomes as shown herewith:

	P			
	I			
	C		A	
V	M	E	Q	
N	H	T	O	X

Figure 68a

(13) In line E is seen the following sequence

Line E . VT RK MW CF ZU BH TV YA BG IP RZ KP CQ FN LV  
EN RI NE RS PT -E

The plaintext sequence RI..NERS..PT... suggests PRISONERS CAPTURED, as follows

MW CF ZU BH TV YA BG IP RZ KP  
P RI SO NE RS CA PT UR ED

This gives the following new values:  $\overline{OP}_p = \overline{CF}_c$ ,  $\overline{SO}_p = \overline{BH}_c$ ,  $\overline{CA}_p = \overline{BG}_c$ ,  $\overline{UR}_p = \overline{RZ}_c$ , and  $\overline{ED}_p = \overline{KP}_c$ . The letters B and G can be placed in position in the partial square at once, since the positions of C and A are already known. The insertion of the letter B immediately permits the placement of the letter S, from the equation  $\overline{SO}_p = \overline{BH}_c$ . Of the remaining equations only  $\overline{ED}_p = \overline{KP}_c$  can be used. Since E and P are fixed and are in the same column, D and K must be in the same column, and moreover the K must be in the

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same row as E There is only one possible position for K, viz , immediately after Q This automatically fixes the position of D The square is now as shown herewith.

	P		D	
	I			
G	S	C	B	A
V	M	E	Q	K
N	H	T	O	X

Figure 68b

(14) A review of all equations, including the very first ones established, gives the following which may now be used  $\overline{DE}_p = \overline{FA}_c$ ,  $\overline{RS}_p = \overline{YA}_c$  The first permits the immediate placement of F, the second, by elimination of possible positions, permits the placement of both R and Y The square is now as shown herewith

	P	F	D	
	Y	I		R
G	S	C	B	A
V	M	E	Q	K
N	H	T	O	X

Figure 68c

Once more a review is made of all remaining unused equations  $\overline{LI}_p = \overline{PZ}_c$  now permits the placement of L and Z  $\overline{IR}_p = \overline{UZ}_c$  now permits the placement of U, which is confirmed by the equation  $\overline{UR}_p = \overline{RZ}_c$  from the word CAPTURED. There is then only one cell vacant, and it must be occupied by the only letter left unplaced, viz , W Thus the whole square has been reconstructed, and the message can now be deciphered.

L(W)	P	F	D	
Z	Y	I		R
G	S	C	B	A
V	M	E	Q	K
N	H	T	O	X

Figure 68d

f Reconstruction of the square in Playfair ciphers is normally carried on concurrently with the synthesis of the plain text, once a few correct assumptions have been made. Now, having just reconstructed the square as shown in Fig 68d, the question to be answered is whether this square is identical with the original enciphering matrix or whether it is a cyclic permutation of the original square (which may have contained, say, a transposition-mixed sequence) Even though the cryptogram in subpar 71e has been solved, this point is still of interest

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(1) The square that is derived may not necessarily be the original enciphering square, more than likely it will be one of the 24 possible cyclic permutations of the original square. If the Playfair square consisted of a keyword-mixed sequence, a permutation of the square will cause no difficulty in recovering the original matrix and hence the key word. For example, if the square derived in some other instance is

Q T L N O	then the square P Y R A M is easily recovered because of the
X Z U V W	I D S B C
A M P Y R	E F G H K
B C I D S	L N O Q T
H K E F G	U V W X Z

tell-tale letters UVWXZ occurring in a row of the derivative square. But when the Playfair square consists of a transposition-mixed sequence, then a different procedure must be adopted.

(2) As an example, let us take the transposition matrix

5 8 6 1 4 3 2 7	from which A F T D K is the original square	Using the
P Y R A M I D S	W I H V M	
B C E F G H K L	G U P B N	
H O O T U V W X	Z R E Q S	
Z	L X Y C O	

methods illustrated in par. 51g, scanning successive rows of the square will disclose sequences of letters which could have appeared as columns in the transposition matrix. For example, discovery of the columns

I	D	S
H	K	L
V	W	X

will afford rapid recovery of the key word. But if instead of the original square we had one of its permutations such as

Q	S	Z	R	E
C	O	L	X	Y
D	K	A	F	T
V	M	W	I	H
B	N	G	U	P

of the "columns", e.g.,

F	V	O	L	Q
T	M	L	X	S
V	W	X	Y	Z

(assuming that some or all of the letters V, W, X, Y, Z are in the last row of the transposition matrix) will be without significance, therefore the procedure above is inapplicable without a slight modification.

(3) Since it will be noted that a permutation of the rows will not affect the procedure of keyword recovery, then we construct a 9x5 rectangle

Q	S	Z	R	E	Q	S	Z	P
C	O	L	X	Y	C	O	L	X
D	K	A	F	T	D	K	A	F
V	M	W	I	H	V	M	W	I
B	N	G	U	P	B	N	G	U

simply from successive permutations of the columns. A 5x5 cut-out square will be found convenient in testing each permutation in turn. Affirmative results will be obtained when the correct permutation is reached,

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which in this case is the third square in the rectangle, namely,  
 Z R E Q S. After recovery of the key word from this permuted square it  
 L X Y C O  
 A F T D K  
 W I H V M  
 G U P B N

is probable then that the original enciphering square must have been

A F T D K.  
 W I H V M  
 G U P B N  
 Z R E Q S  
 L X Y C O

(4) In the case of the square recovered in Fig 68d, it is found that, following the procedure outlined in subpars (1), (2), and (3) above the key word is based on COMPANY, recoverable from the following diagram:

2	5	3	6	1	4	7
C	O	M	P	A	N	Y
B	D	E	F	G	H	I
K	L	Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Z			

The original square must have been this

A	G	S	C	B
K	V	M	E	Q
X	N	H	T	O
D	L	W	P	F
R	Z	Y	I	U

Figure 68e

g Continued practice in the solution of Playfair ciphers will make the student quite expert in the matter and will enable him to solve shorter and shorter messages <sup>10</sup>. Also, with practice it will become a matter of indifference to him as to whether the letters are inserted in the square with any sort of regularity, such as simple keyword-mixed order, transposition-mixed order, or in a purely random order

h It may perhaps seem to the student that the foregoing steps are somewhat too artificial, a bit too "cut and dried" in their accuracy to portray the process of analysis as it is applied in practice. For example, the critical student may well object to some of the assumptions and the reasoning in subpar e(5), above, in which the words THREE and

<sup>10</sup> The author once had a student who "specialized" in Playfair ciphers and became so adept that he could solve messages containing as few as 50-60 letters within 30 minutes

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ONE (1st hypothesis) were rejected in favor of the words THIRD and SECOND (2nd hypothesis). This rested largely upon the rejection of  $\overline{RE}_p$  and  $\overline{ER}_p$  as the equivalents of  $\overline{UZ}_c$  and  $\overline{ZU}_c$ , and the adoption of  $\overline{IR}_p$  and  $\overline{RI}_p$  as their equivalents. Indeed, if the student will examine the final message with a critical eye, he will find that while the bit of reasoning in step (5) is perfectly logical, the assumption upon which it is based is in fact wrong, for it happens that in this case  $\overline{ER}_p$  occurs only once and  $\overline{RE}_p$  does not occur at all. Consequently, although most of the reasoning which led to the rejection of the first hypothesis and the adoption of the second was logical, it was in fact based upon erroneous assumption. In other words, despite the fact that the assumption was incorrect, a correct deduction was made. The student should take note that in cryptanalysis situations of this sort are not at all unusual. Indeed they are to be expected, and a few words of explanation at this point may be useful.

1 Cryptanalysis is a science in which deduction, based upon observational data, plays a very large role. But it is also true that in this science most of the deductions usually rest upon assumptions. It is most often the case that the cryptanalyst is forced to make his assumptions based upon a quite limited amount of text. It cannot be expected that assumptions based upon statistical generalizations will always hold true when applied to data comparatively very much smaller in quantity than the total data used to derive the generalized rules. Consequently, as regards assumptions made in specific messages, most of the time they will be correct, but occasionally they will be incorrect<sup>41</sup>. In cryptanalysis it is often found that among the correct deductions there will be cases in which subsequently discovered facts do not bear out the assumptions on which the deduction was based. Indeed, it is sometimes true that if the facts had been known before the deduction was made, this knowledge would have prevented making the correct deduction. For example, suppose the cryptanalyst had somehow or other divined that the message under consideration contained no RE, only one ER, one IR, and two RI's (as is actually the case). He would certainly not have been able to choose between the words THREE and ONE (1st hypothesis) as against THIRD and SECOND (2d hypothesis). But because he assumes that there should be more  $\overline{ER}_p$ 's and  $\overline{RE}_p$ 's than  $\overline{IR}_p$ 's and  $\overline{RI}_p$ 's in the message, he deduces that  $\overline{UZ}_c$  cannot be  $\overline{RE}_p$ , rejects the first hypothesis and takes the second. It later turns out, after the problem has been solved, that the deduction was correct, although the assumption on which it was based (expectation of more frequent appearance of  $\overline{RE}_p$  and  $\overline{ER}_p$ ) was, in fact, not true in this particular case. The cryptanalyst can only hope that the number of times when his deductions are correct, even though based upon assumptions which later turn out to be erroneous, will abundantly exceed the number of times when his deductions are wrong, even though based upon assumptions which later prove to be correct. If he is lucky,

<sup>41</sup> See footnote 1, on page 52

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the making of an assumption which is really not true will make no difference in the end and will not delay solution, but if he is specially favored with luck, it may actually help him solve the message--as was the case in this particular example

j. Another comment of a general nature may be made in connection with this specific example. The student may ask what would have been the procedure in this case if the message had not contained such a tell-tale repetition as the word BATTALION, which formed the point of departure for the solution, or, as it is often said, permitted an "entering wedge" to be driven into the message. The answer to his query is that if the word BATTALION had not been repeated, there would probably have been some other repetition which would have permitted the same sort of attack. If the student is looking for cut and dried, straightforward, unvarying methods of attack, he should remember that cryptanalysis, while considered a branch of mathematics by some, is not a science which has many "general solutions" such as are found and expected in mathematics proper. It is inherent in the very nature of cryptanalytics that, as a rule, only general principles can be established, their practical application must take advantage of peculiarities and particular situations which are noted in specific messages. This is especially true in a text on the subject. The illustration of a general principle requires a specific example, and the latter must of necessity manifest characteristics which make it different from any other example. The word BATTALION was not purposely repeated in this example in order to make the demonstration of solution easy, "it just happened that way". In another example, some other entering wedge would have been found. The student can be expected to learn only the general principles which will enable him to take advantage of the specific characteristics manifested in specific cases. Here it is desired to illustrate the general principles of solving Playfair ciphers and to point out the fact that entering wedges must and can be found. The specific nature of the entering wedge varies with specific examples.

72 Analysis of polygraphic systems involving large tables --a The analysis of systems incorporating large digraphic tables is accomplished by entering, within the appropriate cells of a 26x26 chart, data corresponding to the plain-cipher relationships of assumed cribs on 26x26 charts, and examining the charts for evidences of symmetry or systematic construction in their compilation. The initial plaintext entries may, in the absence of cribs, be made on the basis of digraphic frequency considerations, aided by idiomorphisms and repetitions.

b. In pseudo-digraphic systems, such as those incorporating tables similar to Figs 47a and b, and 48, the identification of the monoalphabetically-enciphered component of cipher digraphs will greatly accelerate plaintext entries, since advantage may be taken of this monoalphabeticity. Tables with a feature of reciprocity, such as the example in Fig 50, may be exploited on the basis of this weakness, even if the reciprocal pairs are assigned at random. Tables such as that in Fig 49 and the one for trinome digraphic encipherment shown in Fig 51 may also be exploited with facility, once enough plain text has been correctly

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assumed and inserted to disclose their systematic construction. A word of warning is inserted here against making incautious assumptions concerning the exact internal composition of tables such as that in Fig 49, since their unusual construction could easily mislead the analyst who jumps to premature conclusions. In the case of a table such as Fig 51 wherein the trinomes have been inscribed in straight horizontals (or for that matter, any other known inscription), if the dimensions of the table have been correctly assumed the simplest solution involves a reduction to two alphabets, reflecting the sequences of letters for the side and top of the matrix, this solution closely parallels that of the numerical four-square system described in subpar 69e

c Because the foregoing principles are rather straightforward, it is not considered necessary to illustrate their application with examples. Of course, when digraphic tables of random construction have been used, no refinements in solution are possible. However, the recording of as few as 225 different plaintext digraphs and their ciphertext equivalents will theoretically enable the automatic decryption of approximately 92% of the cipher digraphs of messages, and the recording of 335 plaintext-ciphertext values will enable the automatic decryption of 98% of the cipher digraphs, thus almost every message may be read in its entirety without recourse to further assumptions. Actually, it should be pointed out that having only 122 matched plaintext-ciphertext equivalencies will theoretically enable the decryption of 75% of the cipher digraphs, and enough skeletons of plain text may then be manifest to permit the decryption of the complete message texts.

d It might be well to point out in connection with large digraphic tables that there exist literal types which give rise to mono-alphabetic distributions for both the initial letters and final letters of pairs. Such a table is illustrated in Fig 69 below.

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	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
A	HQ	YQ	DQ	RQ	AQ	UQ	LQ	IQ	CQ	BQ	EQ	FQ	GQ	JQ	KQ	MQ	NQ	OQ	PQ	QQ	SQ	TQ	VQ	WQ	XQ	ZQ
B	HU	YU	DU	RU	AU	UU	LU	IU	CU	BU	EU	FU	GU	JU	KU	MU	NU	OU	PU	QU	SU	TU	VU	WU	XU	ZU
C	HE	YE	DE	RE	AE	UE	LE	IE	CE	BE	EE	FE	GE	JE	KE	ME	NE	OE	PE	QE	SE	TE	VE	WE	XE	ZE
D	HS	YS	DS	RS	AS	US	LS	IS	CS	BS	ES	FS	GS	JS	KS	MS	NS	OS	PS	QS	SS	TS	VS	WS	XS	ZS
E	HT	YT	DT	RT	AT	UT	LT	IT	CT	BT	ET	FT	GT	JT	KT	MT	NT	OT	PT	QT	ST	TT	VT	WT	XT	ZT
F	HI	YI	DI	RI	AI	UI	LI	II	CI	BI	EI	FI	GI	JI	KI	MI	NI	OI	PI	QI	SI	TI	VI	WI	XI	ZI
G	HO	YO	DO	RO	AO	UO	LO	IO	CO	BO	EO	FO	GO	JO	KO	MO	NO	OO	PO	QO	SO	TO	VO	WO	XO	ZO
H	HN	YN	DN	RN	AN	UN	LN	IN	CN	BN	EN	FN	GN	JN	KN	MN	NN	ON	PN	QN	SN	TN	VN	WN	XN	ZN
I	HA	YA	DA	RA	AA	UA	LA	IA	CA	BA	EA	FA	GA	JA	KA	MA	NA	OA	PA	QA	SA	TA	VA	WA	XA	ZA
J	HB	YB	DB	RB	AB	UB	LB	IB	CB	BB	EB	FB	GB	JB	KB	MB	NB	OB	PB	QB	SB	TB	VB	WB	XB	ZB
K	HL	YL	DL	RL	AL	UL	LL	IL	CL	BL	EL	FL	GL	JL	KL	ML	NL	OL	PL	QL	SL	TL	VL	WL	XL	ZL
L	HY	YY	DY	RY	AY	UY	LY	IY	CY	BY	EY	FY	GY	JY	KY	MY	NY	OY	PY	QY	SY	TY	VY	WY	XY	ZY
M	HC	YC	DC	RC	AC	UC	LC	IC	CC	BC	EC	FC	GC	JC	KC	MC	NC	OC	PC	QC	SC	TC	VC	WC	XC	ZC
N	HD	YD	DD	RD	AD	UD	LD	ID	CD	BD	ED	FD	GD	JD	KD	MD	ND	OD	PD	QD	SD	TD	VD	WD	XD	ZD
O	HF	YF	DF	RF	AF	UF	LF	IF	CF	BF	EF	FF	GF	JF	KF	MF	NF	OF	PF	QF	SF	TF	VF	WF	XF	ZF
P	HG	YG	DG	RG	AG	UG	LG	IG	CG	BG	EG	FG	GG	JG	KG	MG	NG	OG	PG	QG	SG	TG	VG	WG	XG	ZG
Q	HH	YH	DH	RH	AH	UH	LH	IH	CH	BH	EH	FH	GH	JH	KH	MH	NH	OH	PH	QH	SH	TH	VH	WH	XH	ZH
R	HJ	YJ	DJ	RJ	AJ	UJ	LJ	IJ	CJ	BJ	EJ	FJ	GJ	JJ	KJ	MJ	NJ	OJ	PJ	QJ	SJ	TJ	VJ	WJ	XJ	ZJ
S	HK	YK	DK	RK	AK	UK	LK	IK	CK	BK	EK	FK	GK	JK	KK	MK	NK	OK	PK	QK	SK	TK	VK	WK	XK	ZK
T	HM	YM	DM	RM	AM	UM	LM	IM	CM	BM	EM	FM	GM	JM	KM	MM	NM	OM	PM	QM	SM	TM	VM	WM	XM	ZM
U	HP	YP	DP	RP	AP	UP	LP	IP	CP	BP	EP	FP	GP	JP	KP	MP	NP	OP	PP	QP	SP	TP	VP	WP	XP	ZP
V	HR	YR	DR	RR	AR	UR	LR	IR	CR	BR	ER	FR	GR	JR	KR	MR	NR	OR	PR	QR	SR	TR	VR	WR	XR	ZR
W	HV	YV	DV	RV	AV	UV	LV	IV	CV	BV	EV	FV	GV	JV	KV	MV	NV	OV	PV	QV	SV	TV	VV	WV	XV	ZV
X	HW	YW	DW	RW	AW	UW	LW	IW	CW	BW	EW	FW	GW	JW	KW	MW	NW	OW	PW	QW	SW	TW	VW	WV	XW	ZW
Y	HX	YX	DX	RX	AX	UX	LX	IX	CX	BX	EX	FX	GX	JX	KX	MX	NX	OX	PX	QX	SX	TX	VX	WX	XX	ZX
Z	HZ	YZ	DZ	RZ	AZ	UZ	LZ	IZ	CZ	BZ	EZ	FZ	GZ	JZ	KZ	MZ	NZ	OZ	PZ	QZ	SZ	TZ	VZ	WZ	XZ	ZZ

Figure 69.

In effect, encipherment by means of such a system yields the equivalent of a two-alphabet cipher, with a transposition within each of the pairs of letters. The cipher text produced by such a system may be characterized by a large number of repetitions which begin with the initial letter of digraphs and end on the final letter of digraphs and which are preceded by digraphs having repeated initial letters or which are followed by digraphs having repeated final letters; for example, ciphertext passages of the following type might often arise: SF BD GB HK and SQ BD GB WK (wherein the repeated plain text is actually represented by SDEBGK, affected by the transposition). This system is included here as being illustrative of many simple systems which are capable of leading the student very much astray in this instance, if one were unaware of the transposition feature involved and were to attempt what appears to be the simple task of fitting plain text into the two monoalphabetic portions on the basis of single-letter frequency considerations, he could spend a great deal of time without success--probably without any idea of what was causing his difficulties.

e. A pseudo-trigraphic cipher involving a table such as that in Fig. 52 may be readily recognized as such, since two letters of each tri-graph enciphered by means of such a table are treated monoalphabetically. If three separate uniliteral frequency distributions are made--one for each of the three letters of the cipher trigraphs--two of the distributions should be monoalphabetic. Then, exploiting the monoalphabeticity

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(i.e., the positional monoalphabeticity) thus disclosed in the cipher text, plain text can be fitted to the cipher on the basis of single-letter frequency considerations; in addition, advantage may be taken of partial idiomorphisms, if these idiomorphisms involve the particular positions of the trigraphs which have been treated monoalphabetically.

f. Fortunately, it is unlikely that trigraphic systems other than the foregoing pseudo-trigraphic type will be encountered, because they are difficult to manipulate without extensive tables or complicated rules for encryption.<sup>41</sup> The subject can be passed over with the simple statement that their analysis requires much text to permit of solution by the frequency method,--and blood, sweat, and tears.<sup>42</sup>

73. Further remarks on polygraphic substitution systems.--a. In the treatment of the cryptography of the various digraphic systems in this Section, the rules for encryption and decryption which have been illustrated are the "standard" rules (i.e., the rules extant in cryptologic literature, or the rules most commonly encountered in operational practice). Needless to say, however, there is no cryptologic counterpart of the Geneva Convention making these rules sacrosanct, nor forbidding the use of other rules for enciphering and deciphering.

b. In two-square systems and Playfair systems there are possible (and, in fact, there have been encountered in operational practice) modifications of the usual enciphering and deciphering rules which, if not suspected, may pose difficulties in the identification of such systems and in their cryptanalysis. For example, in a vertical two-square system, when two plaintext letters fall in the same column, their cipher equivalents might be taken as the letters immediately to the right of or immediately below these plaintext letters. Similarly, in a horizontal two-square system, if two plaintext letters are in the same row, their cipher equivalents might be taken as those immediately below, or to the right of these letters. In Playfair cipher systems, two plaintext letters in the same row might be represented by the letters immediately below, two plaintext letters in the same column might be represented by the letters immediately to the right; a plaintext doublet might be represented by a ciphertext doublet formed by doubling the letter immediately to the right, or below, or diagonally to the right and below, thus removing one of the identifying ciphertext characteristics of the normal Playfair system. In one case encountered, instead of the normal Playfair linear relationship  $\overline{AB}_p = \overline{BC}_c$ , the rule was changed to  $\overline{AB}_p = \overline{CB}_c$  (thus allowing a

<sup>41</sup> However, see in this connection Appendix 8, "Lester S. Hill algebraic encipherment", which gives a mathematical treatment of true polygraphic encipherment for polygraphs of any size. (See also subpar. 73h).

<sup>42</sup> If a trigraphic system is encountered in operational cryptanalysis, special solutions would be made possible by the application of cribs, the aid furnished by isologs (not only in the same system, but also between systems), etc.

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letter to "represent itself"--an "impossibility" in Playfair encipherment), even this simple modification caused difficulties in cryptanalysis because variant rules for encryption had not been considered.

c The placing of cribs in small-matrix digraphic systems may be guided by the cryptographic peculiarities of these systems, when the general system is known to, or suspected by the cryptanalyst, conversely, the placing of a known crib may assist in the determination of the type of cryptosystem, or in the rejection of other types of systems. For example, cribs may be placed in Playfair ciphers on the basis of the "non-crashing" feature of the normal Playfair, that is, on the basis that in the equation  $1\ 2=3\ 4$  neither 1 and 3 nor 2 and 4 can be identical. In horizontal two-square systems, if  $\alpha\beta_c = \alpha_p$ , then  $\alpha\beta_c$  must equal  $\beta\alpha_p$ , and if  $\alpha\beta_c = \beta_p$ , then  $\alpha\beta_c$  must equal  $\beta\alpha_p$ . If, by placing a known crib in a cryptogram, evidence of non-reciprocity is disclosed (e.g., if  $\overline{AB}_p = \overline{CD}_c$ , but  $\overline{CD}_p \neq \overline{XY}_c$ ), the cryptogram may be assumed to be other than a vertical two-square cipher, since vertical two-square encipherment yields complete reciprocity. In either type of two-square system, if one of the two squares is known (for example, a vertical two-square might be employed in which the upper square is always a normal alphabet), the placement of cribs is materially facilitated.

d The  $\phi$  test performed separately on the initial letter and final letter of ciphertext pairs from cryptograms produced by small-matrix digraphic systems will give results neither close to that expected for plain text, nor close to that for random text. The reason for the comparative "roughness" or pronounced differences among the relative frequencies in these distributions, as contrasted with the "smoothness" expected of random, is that small-matrix digraphic systems are only partially digraphic in nature and that the encryption involves characteristics similar to those of monoalphabetic substitution with variants. This roughness of the uniliteral frequency distributions for the prefixes and suffixes, and, for that matter, for the over-all cipher text, reflects the partially digraphic nature of the encipherment.

e If the cipher letters V, W, X, Y, and Z are of very low frequency in the over-all uniliteral frequency distribution of a digraphic cryptogram or set of cryptograms, this may be taken as evidence that the cryptosystem is a small-matrix digraphic system employing keyword-mixed sequences in the matrix or matrices. Furthermore, in small-matrix systems involving keyword-mixed squares, if  $\theta_c^1$  of  $\overline{\theta\theta}_c$  is one of the letters VWXYZ, the  $\theta_p^1$  of the corresponding  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  is likely to be one of these same letters. Similarly, if  $\theta_c^2$  is one of the letters VWXYZ, then  $\theta_p^2$  of the corresponding  $\overline{\theta\theta}_p$  is likely to be one of these letters.

f In trinome-digraphic systems employing large tables, the trinomes may run from 001 to 676, as in Fig 51, or any consecutive set of 676 trinomes in the scale of 1000 possible trinomes may be used. For

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that matter, the entire span of trinomes 000-999 might be used in such a table, with occasional gaps, to hide the limitations of this system. As another means of disguising the limitation of 676 trinomes in such a system, three of the initial digits of the trinomes might have one variant each--thus no limitation would exist in the first position of trinomes. The 001, or other starting point in the cyclic scale, need not be at the upper left-hand corner of the table. The 676 trinomes in such tables may be inscribed in straight horizontals (i.e., in the normal manner of writing) as in Fig 51, or they might be inscribed according to some other route, they probably would not be inscribed in a random manner because clumsy "deciphering tables" would then be necessary. It is also possible that the trinomes in a trinome-digraphic system might be converted into tetranomes by the addition of a sum-check (to assist in error-correction).

g The cryptanalysis of tetranome-trigraphic systems with matrices similar to that illustrated in Fig 59 involves a modification of the technique used in solving inverse four-square systems. If the plain-component and cipher-component sections of the large square have been inscribed according to the normal manner of writing (or any other manner, if known), the first two elements of the trigraphs may be reduced to a pair of cipher alphabets, and these two monoalphabetic substitutions may be solved as indicated in subpar 69e. The applicability of inverse four-square solution principles to this tetranome-trigraphic system of course rests on the fact that the ciphertext sections are known or assumed to contain the dinomes 00-99 in numerical order, inscribed in the normal manner of writing, the conversion of the first two elements of the trigraphs depends upon the knowledge of the manner of inscription of the letters of the plain component sections, in order that the four occurrences of the initial letters and the four occurrences of the final letters may be correctly combined into two monoalphabetic distributions. Of course, if the composition of the small square (for the third element of trigraphs) is known, the third letter of trigraphs may be automatically deciphered. If the composition of the small square is not known, a consideration of the frequencies of the converted dinomes for the small square (i.e., the coordinates of the square to indicate the third member of trigraphs) may be used to obtain an entering wedge into this third monoalphabetic substitution.

h There are but a very limited number of known cipher mechanisms which employ the polygraphic encipherment principle in any form. U.S. Patent No 1515680 issued to A. Henkels in 1924 and U.S. Patent No 1845947 issued to Weisner and Hill in 1932 describe two such mechanisms which produce polygraphic substitution. The latter, that of Weisner and Hill, is of particular interest because it is based on a rather simple mathematical process which can yield true polygraphic encipherment for polygraphs of any size. The underlying mathematical process, invented by Prof. Lester S. Hill of Hunter College and described in the "American Mathematical Monthly" in 1929 (Vol. XXXVI, p. 306) and 1931 (Vol. XXXVIII, p. 135), is treated briefly, below, a more detailed treatment is contained in Appendix 8, "Lester S. Hill algebraic encipherment", which also includes remarks on the cryptanalysis of this method of encipherment.

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(1) Since Professor Hill's system is mathematical in nature, the first step in its use involves the conversion of the plaintext letters into numbers by means of a conversion alphabet which shows a correspondence between the 26 letters of the alphabet and the 26 numbers from 0 to 25, such as the following:

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

(2) The numbers obtained through the conversion of the plaintext letters are next treated arithmetically through the application of algebraic linear functions, this treatment being performed by means of mod 26 arithmetic.<sup>43</sup> The numerical results yielded by the algebraic treatment are then converted back into letters by means of the conversion alphabet, to yield the cipher equivalent of the original plain text

(3) For example, suppose that the message "NOTHING TO REPORT" is to be enciphered by trigraphs, and that, for this purpose, the enciphering keys<sup>44</sup> are 1, 2, 1, 5, 11, 3, 2, 4, 13. The message would be divided into trigraphs NOT-HIN-GTO-REP-ORT and the letters which result from the following operation would be taken as the cipher equivalent of the first trigraph.

Using the conversion alphabet in (1), above, (N O T) is converted into (12 4 19), then the foregoing keys are applied--

$$1 \times 12 + 2 \times 4 + 1 \times 19 = 12 + 8 + 19 = 39 = 13 + 1(26) = Z$$

$$5 \times 12 + 11 \times 4 + 3 \times 19 = 60 + 44 + 57 = 161 = 5 + 1(26) = D$$

$$2 \times 12 + 4 \times 4 + 13 \times 19 = 24 + 16 + 247 = 287 = 1 + 2(26) = J$$

Thus,  $\overline{NOT}_p$  is enciphered as  $\overline{ZDJ}_c$

(4) A large number of sets of enciphering and deciphering keys can be constructed. It is even possible to construct keys which yield reciprocal encipherment, and it is this possibility which makes practicable the construction of a machine or device to accomplish the enciphering and deciphering.

<sup>43</sup> Using "mod 26 arithmetic", one considers as the sum or product of two numbers, the number from 0-25 which is obtained by subtracting 26 (or a multiple of 26) from the ordinary arithmetical sum or product of the numbers.

<sup>44</sup> Encipherment of polygraphs containing  $n$  letters requires the use of  $n^2$  keys. Thus, 9 keys are necessary for trigraphic encipherment, digraphic encipherment requires only 4 keys, whereas tetragraphic and pentagraphic encipherment necessitate the use of 16 and 25 keys, respectively. The numbers selected for use as keys must be chosen according to rather definite rules based on the "theory of determinants", otherwise, cryptographic ambiguity may result when decipherment is attempted. Appendix 8 contains more on this matter.

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i. Attention is called here to the applications of Table 13 ("Four-square individual frequencies") of Appendix 2; this table has been reproduced here for convenience. If the cryptanalyst has at hand a fairly

(Table 13, Appendix 2)

(Based on a count of 5,000 digraphs)

$P_1$					$C_1$					
A	B	C	D	E	244	225	375	394	197	
F	G	H	I	J	K	125	98	193	271	95
L	M	N	O	P	229	199	188	350	251	
Q	R	S	T	U	148	162	258	427	295	
V	W	X	Y	Z	42	12	34	91	97	
212	317	358	308	249	A	B	C	D	E	
120	108	216	256	85	F	G	H	I	J	K
216	140	152	435	269	L	M	N	O	P	
206	121	306	364	284	Q	R	S	T	U	
38	29	21	147	43	V	W	X	Y	Z	
$C_2$					$P_2$					

large volume of cipher digraphs produced by encipherment with a normal four-square, he may use Table 13 as an aid in placing the initial letters and final letters of the cipher digraphs into the appropriate cells of the cipher component sections on the basis of their uniliteral frequencies. Thus, if a distribution made of the initial letters of cipher pair, in a particular example shows  $Q_c$ ,  $I_c$ , and  $C_c$  to be the letters of predominantly high frequency (listed in descending order of frequency), and if the distribution of the final letters shows  $F_c$ ,  $Q_c$ , and  $P_c$  as the letters of predominantly high frequency (in descending order of frequency), these letters may be tentatively placed into a skeleton four-square matrix as follows (Fig 70), based on the locations of the highest frequencies as given in Table 13

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A	B	C	D	E			C	I	
F	G	H	I	K					
L	M	N	O	P					
Q	R	S	T	U				Q	
V	W	X	Y	Z					
		P			A	B	C	D	E
					F	G	H	I	K
			F		L	M	N	O	P
			Q		Q	R	S	T	U
					V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 70

j In attempting to diagnose the underlying cryptosystem in any particular polygraphic cipher, the student may gain some assistance from the following recapitulation

(1) In digraphic ciphers the majority of repetitions will be an even number of letters apart and these repetitions should for the most part begin on the first letters of pairs and end on the last letters of pairs. The majority of repetitions in trigraphic ciphers will be some multiple of three letters apart and these repetitions should for the most part begin on the first letters of trigraphs and end on the last letters of trigraphs.

(2) Digraphic ciphers may be revealed as such by the digraphic phi test, with additional support being given by the digraphic blank-expectation test, the presence of a null letter at the beginning of the cipher text might be disclosed by applying the two foregoing tests to a distribution of the digraphs which are formed when the first letter of the text is omitted.

(3) If either the uniliteral frequency distribution for the initial letters or for the final letters of the digraphs in a cryptogram exhibits monoalphabeticity, the cryptogram is probably a pseudo-digraphic cipher involving a large table of the type in Fig 47 or 48. If both of the foregoing uniliteral frequency distributions reflect monoalphabeticity, the cryptogram may involve the use of a table of the type in Fig 69.

(4) If the "decipherment" of a cryptogram by means of a four-square matrix containing four normal alphabets yields two monoalphabetic substitutions--one for the initial letters and one for the final letters of the pseudo-decipherment--the cryptogram may be assumed to be an inverse four-square cipher.

(5) If an ocular inspection or statistical evaluation of the cipher text of a cryptogram reveals a large number of "transparencies", the cryptogram probably involves a two-square system.

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(6) If a cryptogram contains several cipher doublets, all of which are broken up when the cipher text is divided into digraphs, the cryptogram may well involve normal Playfair encipherment

(7) If the cipher text of a cryptogram exhibits any invariable affinity of one of the letters J, K, Q, X, or Z for vowels (or, for that matter, another cluster of 5 or 6 letters), the cryptogram probably is in a small-matrix system employing sections consisting of more than 25 letters

k If a particular four-square cryptogram involves the use of a matrix in which either the plain component sections or the cipher component sections are normal alphabets, the matrix will be recovered through cryptanalysis in its original form, even when the components which are mixed have been derived by a transposition method or by no method at all. In Playfair cipher solution, the matrix can be recovered in its original form as long as the original matrix has been mixed in some systematic manner. However, in the case of two-square solution, there is no guarantee that the matrix can be recovered in its original form unless the original matrix has been keyword-mixed, if the original has been transposition-mixed, for example, the matrix which has been recovered through cryptanalysis--while being cryptographically equivalent to the original--will undoubtedly involve a permutation of the rows and columns of the original

l When four-square systems are encountered in which the matrix consists of four differently-mixed sections, reconstruction of the matrix is accomplished in a manner similar to that used in the analysis of two-square ciphers. If the sections are composed of keyword-mixed sequences, the original matrix may be recovered. Otherwise, the reconstructed matrix will in all probability be a permutation of both the rows and the columns of the original matrix, and there may be no way of recovering or proving the original matrix

m In passing, it might be well to mention that any two-square system can be solved as a four-square system in which the matrix is composed of four mixed sections, upon the realization, from phenomena in the matrix reconstruction, that a two-square matrix is involved, the proper conversion can then easily be made

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## SECTION X

## CRYPTOSYSTEMS EMPLOYING IRREGULAR-LENGTH CIPHERTEXT UNITS

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74. Preliminary observations.--a. The cipher alphabets of nearly all of the various cryptosystems treated thus far in this text have involved cipher units of a constant length.<sup>1</sup> That is, the ciphertext units have been (prior to regrouping into fives for transmission) either single characters, or pairs of characters, or three-character groupings, or, in the case of the Baconian and Baudot alphabets, 5-element ciphertext units; however, within a given cryptosystem the lengths of the ciphertext units have been consistent, and it is this consistency that has been of most importance to the cryptanalyst.

b. There is no reason why a cryptographer could not vary the size of the cipher units in a particular cryptosystem, as long as no cryptographic ambiguity in deciphering would result thereby. Furthermore, if the size of the cryptographic units is varied within a particular cryptosystem, obstacles are put in the way of cryptanalytic attack on the system--varying the length of the ciphertext groupings complicates the cryptanalyst's preliminary task of dividing the cipher text into the proper units for study. In this connection, the student should refer back to par. 63 and read again the remarks on the use of nulls which differ in size from the real cryptographic units. The example contained therein makes it clear that, until such nulls are identified and isolated by the cryptanalyst, he is unable to divide the cipher text properly and make appropriate frequency distributions. However, nulls may sometimes be recognized as such because they do not behave like units which represent actual plaintext elements. For example, in the three almost-identical ciphertext passages below,

(a) ...181 <del>0</del> 5	11343	71129	3219 <del>0</del>	23231	52937...
(b) ...181 <del>5</del> 1	<del>0</del> 1343	71129	3219 <del>2</del>	32 <del>0</del> 31	52937...
(c) ...18151	<u>1</u> 3437	<u>1</u> <del>0</del> 129	32192	3 <del>0</del> <u>2</u> 31	52937...

<sup>1</sup> The only exceptions have been in the digraphic systems using the matrices illustrated in Figs. 57a and 57b, in which a plaintext digraph may be represented by a ciphertext digraph, trigraph, or tetragraph, depending upon the identity of the plaintext digraph.

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the behavior of the digit  $\phi$  is characteristic of a null, and when this is recognized and eliminated, the remaining cryptographic text may be broken up into its real units and solved quite readily.

c. Since it has been indicated above that there are weaknesses in a scheme in which all cipher elements do not behave like equivalents for plaintext elements, it would be logical then to devise a system in which different-sized ciphertext units all represent actual plaintext elements and thus do behave more or less alike. It is easy to draw up cipher alphabets in which, for example, some of the letters are represented by single digits, others by pairs of digits. Such a system, called a monome-dinome system<sup>2</sup>, would produce cipher text which is an irregular intermixture of uniliteral and multiliteral equivalents. From the cryptanalytic standpoint, the decomposition of such cipher text could be very difficult for the analyst who does not know which digits to treat separately, which in pairs. Such systems, and similar variations, are given detailed treatment in the following paragraph.

75. Types of alphabets with irregular-length ciphertext units.--a. One simple scheme for yielding single-digit equivalents for some letters and two-digit equivalents for others makes use of a rectangular matrix which is similar to some of the biliteral matrices of Sections VII and VIII, but which differs in that the top row of the matrix has no indicator (or coordinate). For examples, see Figs. 71-74, below. Each plaintext char-

$\phi$	1	8	3	4	5	2	9	7	6
-	E	T	N	R	O	A	I	S	
7	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	L
6	P	Q	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	.

Figure 71.

$\phi$	1	8	3	4	5	2	9	7	6
-				T	R	E	A	S	O
$\phi$	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	M	P	Q	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	$\phi$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Figure 72.

$\phi$	1	2	3	4	5	6
-	R	A	T	I	O	N
7	B	C	D	E	F	G
8	J	K	L	M	P	Q
9	V	W	X	Y	Z	.

Figure 73.

$\phi$	1	8	3	4
-	A	E	I	O
5	B	C	D	F
2	H	K	L	M
9	P	Q	R	S
7	V	W	X	Z

Figure 74.

acter appearing in the top row in the matrix has as its cipher equivalent merely the monome which appears above it, among the column coordinates; thus, in Fig. 71,  $E_p = \phi_c$ ,  $T_p = 1c$ ,  $N_p = 8c$ , etc. Each plaintext character

<sup>2</sup> See in this connection Foote, Alexander, Handbook for Spies, New York, 1949, pp. 250-256, wherein is described such a cryptosystem reputedly typical of those used by secret agents in World War II.

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appearing in one of the remaining rows has as its cipher equivalent the dinome formed by its row coordinate and column coordinate, respectively; thus in Fig. 71,  $G_p = 7^4_c$ ,  $Q_p = 6^1_c$ , etc.

b. It should be noted that the external construction of all of the foregoing matrices is such that any digit which appears as a row coordinate does not occur as the monome equivalent for any letter; this limitation, accomplished by blanking out appropriate cells in the top row, is necessary in all monome-dinome systems in order that cryptographic ambiguity will not arise. In Fig. 71, the internal composition is such that the plaintext letters which are most frequent in English are the ones which are provided with monome equivalents. This type of arrangement theoretically provides the most economical encryption for any given message--that is, theoretically yields the shortest possible cipher text for a given plain text--but, of course, greatly limits the number of internal arrangements which may be used. Fig. 75, below, which is split into two

	5	2	9	7	6					
5	A	B	C	D	E					
2	G	H	I	J	K		$\phi$	1	8	3
9	L	M	P	Q	S		E	T	N	R
7	U	V	W	X	Y					
6	Z	.	(	)	*					

Figure 75a.

Figure 75b.

separate parts--one providing the monome equivalents and the other providing the dinome equivalents--illustrates another scheme for drawing up a monome-dinome cipher alphabet. In this alphabet, the digits which are used for the initial and final elements of dinomes are completely distinct from the digits used as monomes.

c. Most of the foregoing matrices contain a period for punctuation, and the matrix in Fig. 72, containing the single digits  $\phi$ -9, provides a means for encrypting numbers without first spelling them out. The matrices in Figs. 71, 73, and 75 contain another character, symbolized by an asterisk, which may be used for punctuation or as a special indicator<sup>3</sup>. The matrix in Fig. 74 uses only nine of the single digits as coordinates, the digit 6 being omitted; this single digit might be employed as a word separator, a stop, or a null. The matrix in Fig. 76, below, illustrates

<sup>3</sup> For example, this special character may be put to use as an indicator to show that plaintext numbers begin or end, thus obviating the necessity of including digits within the cipher matrix. In this usage digits in the plain text might be tripled and inserted in the cipher text with the appropriate indicator before and after the plaintext digits. Thus, using the matrix in Fig. 71, the plaintext fragment ".HILL 865.." would be encrypted as the cipher sequence 75 2 77 77 66 888 666 555 66 (prior to regrouping into five-character groups).

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a scheme by which certain high-frequency plaintext digraphs and trigraphs may be represented in the matrix, as well as the single letters and

	∅	1	8	3	4	5	2	9	7	6
-	R	E	T	A	I	N				
2	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	M
9	O	P	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
7	.	,	T	H	I	N	S	T	E	D
6	∅	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 76.

digits. The symbol # in this letter matrix could be used as a "repetition indicator" for checking numbers, as in the ciphertext passage 69 65 68 76 69 65 68, meaning the number 752, the symbol \* might be used as an indicator meaning "the immediately-preceding plaintext letter is repeated" (thus AA patterns would be suppressed in the cipher text). In all of the foregoing matrices the order of inscription of the letters within the matrix, and the particular arrangement of the row- and column-coordinates are both subject to variation.

d. By rearranged convention it is possible to employ ordinary commutative bipartite matrices (such as those already described in Sections VII and VIII) in a manner which yields monome-dinome encipherment. For example, using the matrix illustrated in Fig. 77, the plaintext word EIGHT could be

	6	7	8	9	∅
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	K
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 77.

encrypted as 10 29 7 8 49. That is, the normal bipartite enciphering conventions would be used, with the exception that the row indicator in the cipher equivalent for a particular plaintext letter would not be employed when this row indicator is the same as that for the immediately preceding letter of the plain text.<sup>4</sup> As may be noted, no cryptographic ambiguity in decipherment may arise.

e. Of course, as an extension of the foregoing ideas, there could also be monome-dinome-trinome systems, incorporating matrices of the types illustrated in Figs. 78-82, below. In Fig. 83 there is a matrix which may

<sup>4</sup> A variation of this method could make use of a convention by which the column indicator is dropped if it is the same as that for the preceding plaintext letter.

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∅	1	8	3	4	
-	S	T	O	N	E
5	A	B	C	D	F
2	G	H	I	K	L
9	M	P	O	R	U
7	V	W	X	Y	Z
6∅	∅	1	2	3	4
61	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 78.

∅	1	8	3	4	
∅	A	B	C	D	F
1	G	H	I	K	L
8	M	P	Q	S	U
3	V	W	X	Y	Z
45	∅	1	2	3	4
42	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 79a.

5	2	9	7	6
T	E	N	O	R

Figure 79b.

∅	1	8	3	4	5	
-	B	R	A	N	C	H
2	D	E	F	G	I	J
9	K	L	M	O	P	Q
7	S	T	U	V	W	X
29	Y	Z	∅	1	2	3
27	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 80.

∅	1	8	3	4	5	2	9	7	6	
-	R	E	L	A	T	I	O	N	∅	
7	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	M	
6	P	Q	S	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
76	∅	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 81.

∅	1	8	3	4	5	2	9	
-	E	T	N	R	O	A	J	S
7	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K
6	L	M	P	Q	U	V	∅	∅
62	W	X	Y	Z	∅	1	2	3
69	4	5	6	7	8	9	.	,

Figure 82.

∅	1	8	3	4	5	
2	A	B	C	D	E	F
9	G	H	I	J	K	L
7	M	N	O	P	Q	R
62	S	T	U	V	W	X
69	Y	Z	∅	1	2	3
67	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 83.

be used for dinome-trinome encipherment. Encipherment with this latter matrix is commutative; for example,  $E_p = 24$  or  $42$ , and  $T_p = 621$  or  $162$ .

f. Literal versions of the preceding types of alphabets with irregular-length cipher units are also possible. Several types are illustrated in Figs. 84-88, including among them matrices permitting the use

B	L	A	C	K	
-	A	L	I	G	N
W	B	C	D	E	F
H	H	J	K	M	O
I	P	Q	R	S	T
T	U	V	W	X	Y
E	Z	.	,	(	)

Figure 84.

V	W	X	Y	Z			
Q	R	S	T	U			
-	E	T	N	R	O		
L	F	A	A	B	C	D	F
M	G	B	G	H	I	J	K
N	H	C	L	M	P	Q	S
O	J	D	U	V	W	X	Y
P	K	E	Z	.	,	(	)

Figure 85.

L	M	N	O	P		
F	G	H	I	K		
F	A	B	D	E	F	G
G	B	I	J	K	L	N
H	C	O	P	Q	S	T
I	D	U	V	W	X	Y
K	E	Z	.	,	(	)

Figure 86a.

M	A	R	C	H
Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 87b.

N	O	P	Q	R		
I	J	K	L	M		
E	A	A	B	C	D	E
F	B	F	H	I	K	L
G	C	M	N	Q	S	T
H	D	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 87a.

G	R	O	U	P
S	T	U	V	W
X	Y	Z		

Figure 87b.

Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		
G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P		
-	E	T	N	R	O	A	I	S	D	L	
D	A	B	G	K	Q	W	Z	2	5	8	.
E	B	C	H	M	U	X	∅	3	6	9	,
F	C	F	J	P	V	Y	1	4	7	(	)

Figure 88.

of variants in encryption. Furthermore, any of the commutative variant matrices treated in par. 58a (i.e., Figs. 27, 28, and 31) may be used in

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connection with the convention described in subpar. d, above, to provide cipher alphabets with irregular-length ciphertext units.

76. General remarks on analysis.--a. The first step in the analysis of any cryptogram encrypted in a system with irregular-length cipher groupings involves dividing the cryptogram into the proper, vari-sized cipher units--that is, reducing the cryptogram to monoalphabetic terms. After this has been done, solution proceeds along the straightforward lines which have been described in earlier sections of the text. Thus, in this section, attention will be focused on this first step of dividing the text into its proper monoalphabetic units. In order to simplify somewhat the general treatment contained in this paragraph, all remarks will be directed at monome-dinome systems, most of the principles and methods outlined herein are general enough that they may be modified and applied in the solution of other types of systems with irregular-length ciphertext units.

b. A cryptographer, in his process of deciphering a particular monome-dinome cryptogram, would begin by considering whether or not the first digit of the cipher text were among those digits which can start a dinome--that is, whether it were a row coordinate or not. If it were, he would treat it along with the next digit of the text as a dinome, and then proceed to consider whether or not the following digit were a row coordinate, etc. If the first digit of the message were not a row coordinate, he would treat it as a monome, and then proceed to consider whether or not the next digit were a row coordinate, etc. One may now see that the cryptographic process of dividing the cipher text into its proper units is based solely on a knowledge of the digits which are the row coordinates of the pertinent matrix. Thus, it may further be seen that the cryptanalytic attack on a monome-dinome cipher would first involve an attempt to determine the identity of the row coordinates.

c. If a given cryptogram involves a matrix in which the high-frequency plaintext elements are evenly distributed throughout the various rows, it may be expected that the particular digits occurring with the greatest frequency in a uniliteral frequency distribution made on the cipher text are those which are row coordinates of the pertinent matrix. This may be explained by the fact that the digits used as row coordinates occur in the cipher equivalents for more plaintext letters than do those digits which are used as monomes. However, one must remember that a monome-dinome matrix may involve two, three, four, or more row coordinates and, although in a particular instance it may be that the most frequent cipher digits are those digits which have been used as row coordinates, a study of the uniliteral frequency distribution may not make it obvious as to just how many coordinates are involved, it may be necessary to make several trials, one considering only the two most frequent cipher digits as row coordinates, one considering the three most frequent, etc.

d. If trials of the type just mentioned do not yield reduced, monoalphabetic text which will succumb to the principles of plaintext recovery treated in the earlier sections of this text, it may then be assumed that the cryptogram involves a matrix in which several of the high-frequency letters are arranged together in the top row or in which one or more columns

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are composed solely of high-frequency letters. Such matrices are likely to produce cipher text in which some of the digits which have been used as monomes occur more frequently than some of those used as row coordinates. Thus, the easy mode of entry via the uniliteral frequency distribution may not be used, and other approaches of a less clear-cut nature must be taken.

e. In an attempt to identify at least one or two probable coordinates, the analyst should carefully scrutinize the cryptogram itself in order to find passages exhibiting bipartite characteristics, such as appear in the sequence 8043818741, wherein the digits 8 and 4 "act" like digits which have been used as row coordinates, being spaced off at intervals of two. A slightly more objective approach involves first making a biliteral<sup>5</sup> distribution of the cipher text, and then considering as a probable row coordinate the initial digit of the particular dinome which the distribution shows to be the most frequent. Of course, this approach is most likely to be valid when the particular dinome occurs with a much greater frequency than the remaining dinomes. While still on the subject of distributions, it is pointed out that the previously-mentioned "bipartite characteristics" manifested in a cryptogram might be disclosed by making a biliteral distribution of alternate digits of the cipher text<sup>6</sup>, that is, in the sequence 123456 one would consider the dinomes 13, 24, 35, 46. In such a distribution, one may expect that the most frequent dinomes will be those comprising two digits which were both row coordinates of the pertinent enciphering matrix.

f. If the cipher text of a given monome-dinome cryptogram begins with a doubled digit, this digit is most probably one of the row coordinates of the pertinent matrix; otherwise, the doublet would have to be considered as comprising two monomes and the first word of the underlying plain text would have to begin with a doublet (a very rare contingency in the English language). Similarly, if the cipher text is seen to contain any digit repeated consecutively four or more times, the particular digit may be assumed to be a row coordinate; otherwise, such a sequence of repeated digits would have to represent at least a threefold repetition of some one plaintext letter (another rare event in English, although not as rare as that mentioned in the preceding sentence).

<sup>5</sup> The use of the term "biliteral" in connection with digit cipher text may not be in conformance with the strictest rules of semantics, but the author feels that it is unnecessary to give a new name to an already-familiar type of distribution merely because it is being applied to a different kind of text. However, some who prefer to be purists in this matter term a digraphic distribution which is made on digit text as a "dinome distribution" or "dinomic distribution", and a biliteral distribution made on digit text, a "running dinome distribution".

<sup>6</sup> In the vernacular such a distribution is termed an "A-A" (pronounced "ay-dit-ay") distribution.

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g. On occasion it may be found that much time has been spent in the attempt to identify the row coordinates, yet apparently with not all of the coordinates being identified. In such a case, it may be found useful to consider those digits which are least likely to be row coordinates, specifically, those which occur least frequently in the cryptogram. The analyst may go through the troublesome cryptogram and place a slant bar (virgule) directly after each such digit as it occurs in the message. These marks may then be taken as an indication of places in the cryptogram where one bona fide cipher unit ends and the next begins. The analyst must then study the digits which directly follow these slant bars with a view to discovering new possibilities for row coordinates--possibilities which, although previously latent, have been made patent by this latest step.

h. In the foregoing subparagraphs, a to g, the secondary step of testing for the corroboration or invalidation of any particular trial decomposition has been passed over quite briefly. Actually, this step is best described with specific examples of solution, and for this reason is treated in two subsequent paragraphs, 77 and 78, with such examples. However, a few methods which can be applied for the rejection of incorrect hypotheses will be mentioned here, because they are rather basic and simple. If the cryptanalyst finds, after having divided a monome-dinome cipher on the basis of a particular hypothesis, that a long repetition in the cryptogram is not broken up in the same way on each of its occurrences, he may well reject as incorrect the hypothesis on which the division is based. Likewise, the analyst may reject any hypothesis which requires him to make the last digit of a cryptogram a monome when this particular digit has to be considered as a row coordinate as part of the basic assumption.<sup>7</sup> The presence of an inordinate number of consecutive monomes may cause one to suspect that a particular decomposition is incorrect; however, probably only continued exposure to traffic of a certain type or involving one kind of enciphering matrix would provide one with a sound basis for knowing just how many are too many.

i. There is one practical, straightforward measure for determining the relative goodness of an assumed decomposition which deserves particular mention. It involves considering the ratio of the number of monomes produced in a particular decomposition to the number of remaining cipher units. In the case of monome-dinome ciphers, for example, in which an assumption of only two row coordinates is made, there can be no more than eight different plaintext letters represented by monomes and the total frequency of those monomes can not exceed the frequency expected of the eight most frequent letters in the language.<sup>8</sup> Since in English the eight most frequent letters occur with a total relative frequency of 66%, any trial decomposition giving rise to a ratio of monomes to dinomes which is

<sup>7</sup> However, the possibility of a final null or nulls must not be ignored; the presence of nulls at the end of the cipher text would invalidate this reasoning.

<sup>8</sup> The only exception to this statement would be a case wherein a word separator is included as part of the cryptosystem, and that this separator is represented by a monome. This usage, however, seems rather unlikely.

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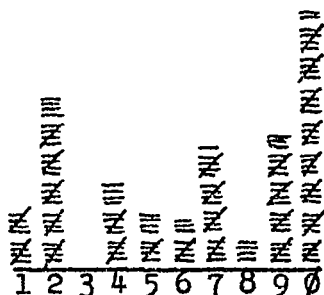
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considerably more than 66 to 34 ( $\approx 1.9$ ) may be considered incorrect. Likewise, since an assumption of three row coordinates limits to seven the number of different plaintext letters which may have monome equivalents and since the seven most frequent letters in English occur with a total relative frequency of 60%, any such assumption giving rise to a ratio of monomes to dinomes which is considerably more than 60 to 40 ( $\approx 1.5$ ) may be considered invalid. The author does, however, hasten to point out that a ratio which is smaller in any instance than the pertinent ratio, above, does not disprove the particular trial decomposition since the plaintext letters represented by monomes may not necessarily be the letters of highest frequency. The examples in the next two paragraphs will serve to clarify the foregoing considerations.

77. Analysis of simple examples.--a. The following cryptogram, suspected to be a monome-dinome cipher, is available for study:

	5	10	15	20	25	30
A	2 4 0 9 0	1 5 7 0 9	0 8 1 2 1	0 2 0 9 2	9 2 4 0 5	5 6 0 0 1
B	2 7 0 7 2	9 0 4 8 2	4 7 6 0 7	0 9 0 2 2	1 0 2 0 9	2 9 7 2 4
C	0 7 2 9 2	9 1 2 5 7	5 2 9 6 1	0 9 0 4 2	7 2 0 0 2	0 7 2 4 7
D	5 0 5 7 0	9 6 0 8 1	7 2 4 0 9	2 9 0 4 0	4 0 9 7 1	2 4 0 9 7
E	2 9 1 2 8	7 6 0 9 0	4 0 7 5 0	6 5 2 9 7	0 9 0 6 7	2 0 9 0 2
F	0 9 0 4 0	7 4 0 7 6				

Cursory examination of the cipher text reveals nothing more significant than the fact that the digit 3 is absent; however, the significance of this escapes us for the moment. A uniliteral frequency distribution of the text is then made, as is illustrated below:



b. The uniliteral frequency distribution shows four marked peaks (2, 7, 9, and  $\emptyset$ ) and one pronounced trough (8). A biliteral frequency

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distribution is made, as shown below, to assist in further evaluation of the properties of the cipher text. It is noted that the 2 and  $\emptyset$  rows,

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$\emptyset$
1	-	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	3
2	2	1	-	7	1	-	2	1	9	6
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	10
5	-	2	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	2
6	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4
7	1	8	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	5
8	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
9	2	5	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	10
0	2	5	-	6	2	2	7	2	14	2

representing the two highest-frequency digits in the cipher text, have the most liberal combinations with the remaining digits; this would indicate that 2 and  $\emptyset$  are likely row coordinates of the cipher matrix. Since the 7 and 9 rows show less affinity of these digits for other digits, 7 and 9 are less likely to represent row coordinates of the matrix; consequently the assumption is made that the matrix involved only two numbered row coordinates, 2 and  $\emptyset$ .

c. The cryptogram is now divided accordingly, and the assumption of 2 and  $\emptyset$  as row coordinates is borne out by the bipartite character of the following passages in the cipher text:

- |                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| (1) .../21/02/09/29/24/05/...    | (at A14) |
| (2) .../07/09/02/21/02/09/29/... | (at B14) |
| (3) .../09/04/27/20/02/07/24/... | (at C16) |
| (4) .../24/09/29/04/04/09/...    | (at D12) |

A frequency distribution of the decomposed text is made, as illustrated below:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$\emptyset$
-	7		-	1	6	6	12	1	1	
2	2	-	-	7	1	-	2	1	9	2
$\emptyset$	1	5	-	6	2	2	7	2	13	1

The percentage of monomes, 35%, does not exceed the threshold for the sum of the frequencies of the eight highest-frequency plaintext letters; furthermore, since the eight monomes have a much lower frequency than the sum of the eight highest-frequency letters in English, this is an indication that some of the monomes represent plaintext letters of lower frequency.

d. The decomposed text may now be solved, and the message is found to begin with the words "SABOTAGE PLANS..." The original matrix is reconstructed, and is discovered to be based upon the key word VERMOUTH, as follows:

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	9	1	6	4	5	8	7	3	∅	2
-	V	E	R	M	O	U	T	H		
∅	A	B	C	D	F	G	J	K	L	
2	N	F	Q	S	W	X	Y	Z	.	

The reason for the absence of the digit 3 in the cipher text may now be seen: the digit 3 forms a part of only the letters H, J, and Z, and these letters did not occur in the plaintext message.

e. Solution of certain other cases of mixed-length systems progresses as easily as did the solution of the foregoing example.

(1) For instance, in the case of a cryptogram produced by a matrix with which the digits used for both the initial and final digits of dinomes are completely distinct from the monome digits (e.g., Fig. 75), it may be seen that "eliminating" from the cipher text those particular digits which were used as monomes in the original enciphering alphabet will leave the remainder of the cryptogram broken up into units all of which contain an even number of digits. (This would not be true in the case of other types of matrices, such as Figs. 71-74, since eliminating the digits which were used as monomes in the pertinent alphabet would remove not only actual cipher monomes but also the final digits of many cipher dinomes.) Based on this fact, if one is confronted with a cryptogram which he assumes to have been produced by a matrix such as that in Fig. 75, he may use a mechanical method by means of which he will quickly be able to determine which digits are row coordinates and which are not, or, if his basic assumption concerning the type of matrix involved is incorrect, the error will quickly become known to him. He need only make successive trials each of which involves considering a different one of the 10 digits as being one of those which is a monome in the pertinent alphabet, "eliminating" the particular digit from the cryptogram in each trial will inevitably lead to other digits which must also be eliminated throughout the cryptogram in order to maintain the stipulation that all the cipher units which remain must contain an even number of digits. For example, if one assumes that "∅" is a digit which was a monome, then he must further assume from a sequence of cipher digits such as ∅5∅35∅ that "5" is also a digit which was a monome; and then likewise "3". Any particular one of the ten trials which is based on an incorrect initial assumption may be expected to end up with all ten digits being considered as digits which were monomes.

(2) In the case of a monome-dinome system in which the row coordinates of the enciphering matrix are distinct from the column coordinates (as in Figs. 73 and 74), solution is expedited by capitalizing on the fact that the digits within the family comprising the row coordinates do not (and cannot) contact themselves or any other digits within the family; using Fig. 73 as an example, it is obvious that the digits 7, 8, and 9 can never be followed by a 7, 8, or 9. A cryptogram enciphered by such a system may be expected to contain much fewer cipher doublets than would a cryptogram produced by a matrix without the foregoing limitation, and the doublets which do occur will themselves involve but a limited number

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of the 10 different digits. When solving such a cryptogram, the cryptanalyst need only consider as possible candidates for row coordinates those particular digits which do not appear in cipher doublets. Furthermore, he may with certainty go through the cryptogram placing a slant bar (to indicate the end of a valid cipher unit) after every occurrence of any digit which has appeared in a cipher doublet.

(3) If the cryptanalyst is confronted with a monome-dinome cipher which is the result of encipherment by means of a commutative bipartite matrix (see subpar. 75d and the accompanying Fig. 77), he knows that the first digit of the cryptogram must be a row coordinate. The analyst then has only to go through the cryptogram noting the digits which follow this row coordinate digit wherever it occurs in the cryptogram and, in this way, he may be able to identify all the column coordinate digits. Of course, by the process of elimination, he will then know which digits are row coordinates besides the initial digit of the cryptogram, and it will then be possible for him to divide the text into its proper irregular-length ciphertext units.

78. Analysis of more complicated examples.--a. In some cases, the rather simple methods of analysis applied in the preceding paragraph will not bear fruit, either because of the complexity inherent in the number of plaintext elements in the cipher matrix, or because of certain unpredictable aberrations caused by the particular designations of the row and column coordinates. For instance, if a specific matrix contained only the highest-frequency letters in the top row, and if the matrix contained a fairly large number of plaintext elements (and therefore embodied 3 or 4, or more, row coordinates), and if the elements in the dinome rows were balanced from the frequency standpoint, so that the rows would be used with approximately equal frequency, and if furthermore certain of the columns were composed of heavier elements than others (thus producing peaks that might incorrectly be identified as row coordinates)--all these conditions would yield a cryptosystem that might pose considerable difficulties in the way of straightforward analysis. A case will now be studied that will illustrate typical techniques that would be necessary in more difficult circumstances.

b. The following cryptogram has been intercepted on an enemy net known to be passing monome-dinome traffic:

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6 2 7 1 9 4 4 0 8 1 2 1 2 0 4 7 1 2 7 0 5 5 0 4 2 1 2 6 2 7
0 9 6 3 7 0 6 2 1 2 2 4 7 1 2 9 1 7 2 4 2 1 0 5 8 1 2 7 2 7
0 7 0 5 5 5 8 7 1 9 5 5 7 2 1 0 4 1 0 9 5 2 8 4 7 7 1 2 9 7
2 3 5 7 1 8 2 1 2 3 9 4 5 7 8 7 7 5 7 1 8 0 5 8 1 9 7 6 5 4
7 4 5 7 2 0 5 1 9 1 7 7 1 9 4 5 2 9 5 8 7 0 0 1 2 1 2 2 5 1
6 9 0 5 1 1 5 7 2 4 7 1 3 8 9 4 7 3 1 6 7 9 0 3 5 4 7 3 5 9
5 4 7 4 2 7 8 2 7 1 7 2 3 2 7 0 5 5 0 4 5 8 2 5 5 5 5 9 1 8

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The uniliteral frequency distribution for the cryptogram is shown below:

	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
≡	≡								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅

c. From the appearance of the uniliteral frequency distribution, it is to be expected that from among the four peaks (1, 2, 5, and 7) some row coordinates must be represented, and since there is not much variance in frequency among these peaks, perhaps all four represent row coordinates. In an attempt to obtain as much information as possible from a study of the frequency characteristics of the cipher text, a biliteral distribution is made and is shown below.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
1	1	11	1	-	1	2	3	3	5	3
2	7	2	3	3	2	1	9	1	3	2
3	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	-
4	1	3	-	1	9	-	6	5	2	1
5	3	2	-	3	9	-	6	5	2	2
6	-	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
7	10	7	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	7
8	3	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	1
9	3	-	-	4	4	1	2	-	-	2
0	1	-	1	4	7	1	1	1	2	1

Examination of this latter distribution adds support to the impressions gained from the uniliteral frequency distribution, namely, that the row coordinates for the cipher matrix are very likely to be found among the digits 1, 2, 5, and 7. Furthermore the digit 7, because of its high frequency and because of satisfactory combinative qualities in the biliteral distribution, is selected as a definite row coordinate--this will reduce the number of trials that must subsequently be considered.

d. If all of the row coordinates of the cipher matrix are found among the various combinations of 7 with 1, 2, and 5, then it is clear that:

- (1) if there are but two coordinates of the matrix, these must be either 7 and 1, 7 and 2, or 7 and 5, (three cases);
- (2) if there are three coordinates of the matrix, these must be either 7-1-2, 7-1-5, or 7-2-5 (three cases); or
- (3) if the matrix has four numbered coordinates, this must entail the combination of 7-1-2-5 (only one case).

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e. On the basis of each of the foregoing seven hypotheses, the cipher text is divided and the resulting frequency distributions are shown below:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	17	6	16	31	4	10	13	9		
1	1	8	-	-	2	2	1	2	3	
7	9	7	2	2	-	1	2	2	1	7

Case I

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	18	5	16	30	5	11	12	15		
2	6	2	1	-	1	1	8	1	3	1
7	6	6	2	2	-	1	3	1	1	3

Case II

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	21	25	6	13	6	7	14	12		
5	3	2	-	3	6	-	5	5	1	-
7	6	5	2	2	-	1	3	1	1	7

Case III

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	4	15	29	3	10	10	13			
1	1	6	-	-	2	3	1	3	2	
2	4	1	2	1	2	1	6	1	2	-
7	7	5	2	2	-	1	2	1	1	4

Case IV

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	16	6	13	5	4	13	9			
1	-	9	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	3
5	3	2	-	3	6	-	4	5	1	-
7	7	5	2	2	-	1	2	1	1	7

Case V

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	17	5	12	5	8	11	14			
2	6	2	1	1	1	1	8	-	2	2
5	3	2	-	3	5	-	5	5	2	-
7	4	4	2	2	-	1	3	-	1	3

Case VI

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
-	4	12	3	5	10	12				
1	-	7	-	-	1	2	3	3	2	2
2	4	1	2	1	2	1	6	-	1	1
5	2	2	-	3	5	-	4	5	2	-
7	5	4	2	2	-	1	2	-	1	4

Case VII

f. In order to be able to evaluate the relative merits of the seven hypotheses and choose the case which is most likely to be correct, it is possible to resort to a method wherein group frequencies of the high-frequency elements from each of the decompositions are studied. In the following table drawn up for this purpose, the column of figures under "x" denotes the cumulative twelve highest-frequency ciphertext units; under "N", we have the actual frequencies of the first, the first two, the first three..., the first 12 highest-frequency ciphertext units for each hypothesis (compare with the distributions in subpar. e); in the adjoining column to the right of each "N" column, the various cumulative frequency values are expressed as percentages of the total number of ciphertext

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x	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		P
	N	$\frac{N}{158}$	N	$\frac{N}{161}$	N	$\frac{N}{157}$	N	$\frac{N}{147}$	N	$\frac{N}{138}$	N	$\frac{N}{139}$	N	$\frac{N}{129}$	
1	31	19.6	30	18.6	25	15.9	29	19.7	16	11.6	17	12.2	12	9.3	13.0
2	48	30.4	48	29.8	46	29.3	44	29.9	29	21.0	31	22.3	24	18.6	22.2
3	64	45.0	64	39.8	60	38.2	57	38.8	42	30.4	43	30.9	34	26.6	30.2
4	77	48.7	79	49.1	73	46.5	67	45.6	51	37.0	54	38.8	41	31.8	37.8
5	87	55.1	91	56.5	85	54.1	77	52.4	60	43.5	62	44.6	47	36.4	45.3
6	96	60.8	102	63.4	92	58.6	84	57.1	67	48.6	70	50.4	52	40.3	52.7
7	105	66.5	110	68.3	99	63.1	90	61.2	74	53.6	76	54.7	57	44.2	60.1
8	113	71.5	116	72.0	105	66.9	96	65.3	80	58.0	81	58.3	62	48.1	66.2
9	120	75.9	122	75.8	111	70.7	101	68.7	86	62.3	86	61.9	67	51.9	70.4
10	127	80.4	128	79.5	117	74.5	105	71.4	91	65.9	91	65.5	71	55.0	74.0
11	133	84.2	133	82.6	122	77.7	109	74.1	96	69.6	96	69.1	75	58.1	77.4
12	137	86.7	138	85.7	127	80.9	113	76.9	101	73.2	101	72.7	79	61.2	80.5

units which remain after the particular trial decomposition. The column labelled "P" gives the cumulative theoretical frequencies of the first 12 letters in English plain text.

g. It is noted that in Case I, the most frequent ciphertext unit has a percentile frequency of 19.6%, the highest two units, a percentile frequency of 30.4%; the highest three, a percentile frequency of 45.0%. When these percentages are compared with the percentile frequency of the highest-frequency letter in English plain text (13.0%), of the highest two letters (22.2%), and of the highest three letters (30.2%), it is clear that Case I does not conform to the characteristics expected of a simple monoalphabetic substitution, therefore Case I is not the correct division of the cipher text. Similarly, Cases II, III, and IV can also be rejected because the cumulative values are much higher than the corresponding expectations for plain text. Case VII, on the other hand, demonstrates values much lower than the corresponding expectations for plain text; therefore this case too is rejected. This leaves only Cases V and VI, both of which show a close correspondence with plaintext expectations.

h. If there were nothing else in the manifestations of the decomposed cipher text in Case V and Case VI, these two cases would have to be tried in turn, making some tentative plaintext assumptions; of course, only the correct case would consistently yield plain text. However, there is an additional bit of reasoning which may be applied here as a means of deciding which of these two remaining cases is more likely to be correct and ought to be worked on first--namely, it may be reasoned that cipher text which has been decomposed according to an incorrect hypothesis will be likely to contain a larger ratio of monomes to dinomes than would the same text if it had been decomposed according to the correct hypothesis.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> This intuitive reasoning has been borne out by empirical observation. 30 monome-dinome ciphers of an average length of 100 digits were decomposed in all possible ways based on the hypotheses of two, three, and four row coordinates. In the case of      of these ciphers, the correct decomposition yielded a monome-to-dinome ratio which was lower than the monome-to-dinome ratio yielded by any of the incorrect decompositions.

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Case V has a monome-dinome ratio of .916 whereas Case VI has a corresponding ratio of 1.043; thus Case V is indicated as the case which is more likely to be correct.

i. The cipher text is now divided according to the hypothesis of row coordinates of 1, 5, and 7, and the plain text is quickly recovered, facilitated by the pattern of the first word, RECONNAISSANCE. The cipher matrix is reconstructed as follows:

	1	7	5	∅	2	8	4	9	6	3
-				A	E	I	N	O	R	T
1	B	F	J	M	S	W	Z	1	4	7
7	C	G	K	P	U	X	.	2	5	8
5	D	H	L	Q	V	Y	∅	3	6	9

The reason for the high frequency of the cipher digit 2 is now seen: the combined frequencies of  $E_p$ ,  $S_p$ , and  $U_p$  contribute to an inordinate peak for that column coordinate.

j. In retrospect, several important points may be noted in the solution of this particular cryptogram. First of all, the four consecutive 5's in the last two groups of the cryptogram make it a very strong probability that 5 is a row coordinate, otherwise the four 5's would mean a threefold (or even fourfold) repetition of a monome letter, a comparatively rare contingency. Secondly, the digit 1 could have been selected as a row coordinate with considerable certainty, based on the fact that, since the dinome 12 was the highest-frequency element in the bilateral distribution, it may be assumed that at least a number of 12's were causal and therefore 1 must be a row coordinate. In other words, the correct set of coordinates might have been established at the very beginning of the analysis, but for pedagogical reasons it was felt necessary to proceed along the general lines of the solution as given. It is to be noted that, since at the start of solution we did not know exactly how many numbered row coordinates there were in this particular case, we could not apply the ratio of monomes to dinomes at once as the deciding criterion.

k. If mixed-length systems were encountered in actual practice, after the type of matrix became known through solution of several days' traffic, solution of subsequent days' messages would be facilitated because by this time the analyst would be familiar with the general type of matrix used. This knowledge would be of great assistance in making assumptions as to the nature of subsequent matrices. In some cases, the internal arrangement of the matrix might remain fixed, with only the coordinates being changed periodically, in other cases, the internal arrangement and the coordinates of the matrix might change, with only the size of the matrix remaining fixed. If it were known, for instance, that the enemy were using a monome-dinome system with only two numbered row coordinates, then there would only be  $\frac{10 \times 9}{1 \times 2}$  or 45 exhaustive trials (if

these had to be made) which would be necessary to guarantee reaching the correct decomposition of the cipher text; if there were three numbered coordinates, then there would be a maximum of  $\frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{1 \times 2 \times 3}$  or 120 trials

necessary to insure reaching the proper scheme for the decomposition of

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the cipher text.<sup>10</sup> Such trials, although laborious (and ordinarily unnecessary) when made by manual methods, would be by no means prohibitive if there were available machine processes for assistance. Exhaustive trials would rarely be necessary, except in very difficult cases; in the majority of instances, straightforward methods of cryptanalysis would reduce the large number of theoretical trials to but a few, from which the correct selection could be made.

l. If the exact composition of the internal arrangement of the matrix were known, this knowledge would be useful in determining how the letters of assumed cribs would be enciphered as monomes or dinomes. In any case, if a word of pronounced idiomorphic pattern is assumed, no matter how the letters of the word are encrypted as monomes or dinomes, the idiomorphism must be patent in the cipher text; for example, the word ARTILLERY in a monome-dinome system must have a consecutively repeated monome or dinome representing  $L_p$ , closely flanked on both sides by some particular monome or dinome representing  $R_p$ . If unenciphered numbers were to appear in the encrypted text, bracketed by an indicator to signal that numbers begin and end, the recognition of these plaintext numbers would enable the analyst to identify the indicator, and thus, lead to the establishment of one row coordinate.

m. It must be pointed out that mixed-length systems, even more so than other types of systems treated in this text, often present unusual problems for the cryptanalyst. Each case is a distinctly special case,<sup>11</sup> but continued practice in the solution of these types of systems should, as in other situations, cultivate skill and develop abilities in this field.

n. The student may have noted that no mention has been made concerning the possible use of the  $\phi$  test as a means for determining whether or not a particular trial decomposition represents the proper reduction of a cryptogram to monoalphabetic terms. The  $\phi$  test has been ignored throughout this Section because, when dealing with cipher alphabets which include plaintext elements other than single letters (e.g., such elements as syllables, numbers, indicators, etc.), the value of  $\phi_p$  can only be loosely approximated, furthermore, computation of the value of  $\phi_r$  in a mixed-length cipher is also a rather tedious matter. For this reason, it has been considered best to describe only methods of solution which do not depend at all on the use of the  $\phi$  test, and thus keep from establishing in the mind of the student any doubt as to the usefulness of this test when applied in other instances, such as those described in earlier sections of this text.

<sup>10</sup> The number of combinations of  $N$  things taken  $r$  at a time is given by the formula  ${}_N C_r = \frac{N!}{r!(N-r)!}$ ; thus for the assumption of 3 numbered rows in a monome-dinome matrix,  ${}_{10} C_3 = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 (7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 120$ .

The notation  $N!$  is read as "factorial  $N$ ."

<sup>11</sup> And, as one cryptowag has pointed out, some cases are more special than others.

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79. Further remarks on cryptosystems employing irregular-length ciphertext units.--a. The subject of the diagnosis or identification of mixed-length cipher systems has not been discussed. This problem can sometimes be extremely difficult in complex cases; however, the general statement can be made that one takes advantage of any phenomena of repetitions that are present in a cryptogram to arrive at the conclusion that a mixed-length system has been encountered. If the repetitions present are separated by numbers of letters without a constant factor, or if the interval between repetitions is a prime number, and if the possibility of a null or nulls (of a different size than the real cryptographic units) has been considered and ruled out, then in all probability the cryptogram involves some sort of mixed-length cipher units. As to exactly which kind of mixed-length system is involved, this question can be answered only by detailed analysis, sometimes to the point of actual plaintext recoveries in order to be certain about one's conclusions.<sup>12</sup>

b. It is not imperative that a mixed-length cipher system be produced through the medium of a matrix with row and column coordinates. For example, in one cryptogram that was submitted for solution, the cipher text began as follows:

Q K T 2 Q 3 K B 3 K Q K T Q K T 3 Q K T 2 K B 3 Q K T Q R 2  
 K K T 2 K K T 2 K B 3 Q K T Q B Q R K 3 K Q 2 Q K T 2 Q R 2....

The entire cryptogram, containing 490 characters, consisted only of the seven symbols B, K, Q, R, T, 2, and 3. When this cryptogram was solved, the following alphabet was recovered:

A = K3	G = KR2	N = Q2	U = Q
B = KR3	H = Q3	O = QR2	V = QB2
C = QB3	IJ = QKT3	P = QR	W = K
D = KB2	KQ = K2	R = QKT	X = KB
E = KB3	L = KKT3	S = QB	Y = KKT
F = KKT2	M = QR3	T = QKT2	Z = KR

To the reader who is a devotee of the royal game, it will be apparent that the foregoing alphabet is based upon chess notation.<sup>13</sup> If however the digits 1-7 had been used in lieu of the symbols above, the cryptogram could still have been correctly divided into its component ciphertext groupings of 1, 2, 3, and 4 digits, based upon an interpretation of the characteristics present in the cipher text, and of the phenomena in a trilateral distribution showing one prefix and one suffix.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Cf. the discussion of diagnosis in subpar. 69f.

<sup>13</sup> The chess-playing reader might be interested in recovering the key word for this alphabet.

<sup>14</sup> The interested student could make up a cryptogram using seven characters in this fashion, so he could see for himself the methods of attack on such a system.

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c. The concept of irregular-length cryptographic units can be applied to many varieties of systems, both code and cipher. For example, in Fig. 89, below, there is illustrated a four-square matrix in which plaintext digraphs are represented by ciphertext dinomes, trinomes, or tetranomes. The positioning of the monomes in the ciphertext portions of the matrix was governed by the frequencies of individual components of

A	B	C	D	E	10	12	5	3	13
F	G	H	I	K	14	15	16	8	17
L	M	N	O	P	18	19	40	6	∅
Q	R	S	T	U	42	43	9	2	7
V	W	X	Y	Z	45	46	47	48	49
10	6	5	7	12	A	B	C	D	E
13	14	15	16	17	F	G	H	I	K
18	19	40	2	∅	L	M	N	O	P
42	43	8	3	9	Q	R	S	T	U
45	46	47	48	49	V	W	X	Y	Z

Figure 89

four-square cipher digraphs,<sup>15</sup> thus permitting optimum compression of the cipher text, i.e., allowing the most liberal use of ciphertext dinomes and trinomes rather than the maximum cipher length of tetranomes; for example, the word REGIMENTAL would be encrypted RE GI ME NI AL.

76 814 06 68 1018

d. The matrix for another mixed-length cipher system, employing dinomes and trinomes for the encryption of plaintext digraphs, is shown

<sup>15</sup>

See Appendix 2, Table 13, "Four-square individual frequencies."

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in Figs. 90a and b. Using this matrix, the word DIVISION is encrypted as 07 883 32 746. It is noted that consonant-vowel digraphs involving

	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
A	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
B	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
C	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
D	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03
E	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
F	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
G	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
H	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
I	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
J	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
K	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
L	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
M	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
N	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
O	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
P	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Q	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
R	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67
S	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93
T	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
U	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
V	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
W	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97
X	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Y	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
Z	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75

	A	E	I	O	U
C	00	01	02	03	04
D	05	06	07	08	09
H	10	11	12	13	14
L	15	16	17	18	19
N	20	21	22	23	24
R	25	26	27	28	29
S	30	31	32	33	34
T	35	36	37	38	39

Figure 90b.

Figure 90a.

eight high-frequency consonants with five vowels are represented by dinomes, and all other plaintext digraphs are represented by trinomes. In those rare cases where, as in the example MU ZZ LE, an "impossible" digraph appears in the plain text, the insertion of the letter K<sub>p</sub> in the plain text at that point in question, similar to the normal Playfair doublet convention, enables the encryption of the word, as MU ZK ZL E. A better variation of the foregoing system might incorporate a dinome matrix for the 40 highest-frequency digraphs (comprising 42% of English plain text) such as that illustrated in Fig. 91, and a trinome matrix modified

	∅	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
∅	AN	AR	AS	AT	CO	DE	EA	ED	EE	EN
1	ER	ES	ET	FI	FO	HI	IN	IO	IS	LE
2	MA	ND	NE	NI	ON	OR	OU	RA	RE	RT
3	SE	SI	ST	TE	TH	TI	TO	TW	TY	VE

Figure 91.

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in suitable fashion for the remaining digraphs. Such a scheme would yield a greater condensing property for the cipher text, but would not be as easy to use as the system described above since the easy mnemonic feature of the matrix in Fig. 90b would be lost.

e. Another idea for a cryptosystem having irregular-length cipher-text groupings employs the diagram in Figs. 92a and b. This scheme incorporates Playfair digraphic encipherment (with biliteral cipher equivalents) and monographic encipherment (with uniliteral cipher equivalents). In order to disturb the regularity of usual digraphic encipherment (produced by the Playfair-type matrix in Fig. 92a), certain selected medium-

A	C	D	E	F
H	I	K	L	N
O	P	Q	R	S
T	U	X	Y	Z

Figure 92a

B	G	M	V	W
W	V	M	G	B

Figure 92b

frequency consonants are enciphered monographically and unilaterally by the reciprocal alphabet shown in Fig. 92b. Using Fig. 92, as an example, the phrase BRIGADE OF ENEMY INFANTRY MOVING...would be broken up and enciphered as follows:

B R I G A D E O F E N E M Y I N F A N T R Y M O X V I N G  
W P L V C E A R A F L F M U L S N F H Y O Z Y M Q T G K H V

The cipher text, regrouped into fives, WPLVC EARAF LFMUL SNFHY OZYMQ TGKHV, reveals no indication of the uniliteral-biliteral encipherment involved. Since the letters BGMVW represent 8.2% of normal plain text, there is approximately 8% interruption of the regularity of normal digraphic text. Furthermore, since it is expected that about half the time these letters will occur as singles in the plain text, and about half the time as interruptor letter (such as X<sub>p</sub> in the example above) will have to be used, this scheme is accomplished by adding only about 4% to the length of the original plain text. Other variations of the basic idea are found in Figs. 93 and 94; in Fig. 93, the Playfair matrix is a 6 x 4 rectangle omitting S and Y, and these two letters form a reciprocal monographic

A	B	C	D	E	F
G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
T	U	V	W	X	Z

S	Y
Y	S

Figure 93

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	K
L	M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z

E <sub>p</sub>
J <sub>c</sub>

Figure 94

encipherment convention; in Fig. 94, the Playfair matrix is the normal 5 x 5, but with the convention that, unless E<sub>p</sub> is the second member of a digraph in the process of encryption, E<sub>p</sub> is represented monographically

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by  $J_c$ . In the foregoing two figures, the SY of Fig. 93 could be replaced of course by any other two letters whose combined frequency is in the neighborhood of 6-10%, and the monographic  $E_p$  of Fig. 94 could be replaced by any other high or medium-frequency letter. Instead of Playfair matrices, the digraphic portions of the enciphering schemes of this subparagraph could be accomplished by the use of any other small-matrix digraphic methods.

f. The Morse code, consisting as it does of irregular-length units composed of dots and dashes, lends itself to interesting cryptographic treatments. For example, the dots and dashes (and, of necessity, the spaces between Morse characters) might be encrypted by means of the table illustrated in Fig. 95, wherein each of the three elements has approximately the same number of variants. A better idea, however, is to employ variants in the proportions of dots (42.4%), dashes (29.1%), and spaces

dot:	A B C D E F G H I
dash:	J K L M N O P Q R
space:	S T U V W X Y Z

Figure 95

dot:	H Y D R A U L I C B E
dash:	F G J K M N O P
space:	Q S T V W X Z

Figure 96

(28.4%) of the letters comprising normal English plain text; such a scheme for variants is shown in Fig. 96. Thus, using the example of Fig. 96, the word ENEMY (which in Morse code is . -- -- ----) might be encrypted as RS MDW CQ NFV PIKGZ, which would then be regrouped in fives for transmission. Other ideas for the encryption in digit form of Morse code systems might incorporate alphabets such as those illustrated in Figs. 97 and 98 below:<sup>16</sup>

dot:	1 2 3 4
dash:	5 6 7
space:	8 9 0

Figure 97

dot:	1 3 5 7 9
dash:	2 4 6 8
space:	0

Figure 98

g. Space does not permit detailed examples of analysis of some of the foregoing systems. Admittedly, some of them would pose considerable difficulty in the way of solution, however, if these systems were used in actual practice, then operational cryptanalytic methods and entries would make possible successful solution.

<sup>16</sup> Further ideas of cryptosystems based on the Morse code will be treated in Military Cryptanalysis, Part IV.

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## SECTION XI

## MISCELLANEOUS MONOALPHABETIC SYSTEMS, CONCLUDING REMARKS

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80. Cryptosystems employing syllabary squares and code charts.--

a. The various cryptosystems treated in the preceding sections of this text have in the main fallen into either the multiliteral category or the polygraphic category. This and the next few subparagraphs will treat of systems which represent a merger of these two categories--namely, biliteral systems which have as plaintext elements not only single letters and digits, but also certain polygraphs selected for the condensation in cipher text that their usage may permit. In addition, treatment will be made of biliteral systems which involve, as plaintext units, a selection of frequent words (that is, which occur frequently in the type of traffic for which the particular cryptosystem is intended) and perhaps some common phrases, such as "reference your message number", "request acknowledgment", "nothing to report", etc. Systems which embrace digraphs, trigraphs and other polygraphs as plaintext elements in addition to single letters and digits are called syllabary systems because the additional inclusion of these polygraphs permits the encryption of plain text in a syllabic or quasi-syllabic fashion, most systems of this type involve bipartite matrices in the cryptographic scheme, and these matrices are called syllabary squares. When the matrix in this general type of system also incorporates words among the plaintext elements, the matrix is termed a code chart.

b. The category of systems embodying syllabary squares and code charts as the cryptographic vehicle actually constitutes a transition between cipher and code systems,<sup>1</sup> since a syllabary square or a code chart may be regarded equally properly as either a special type of cipher or a primitive code. However, because syllabary systems follow very closely on the ideas of bipartite matrices, these systems are included in this particular text instead of being reserved for treatment in a subsequent text.

<sup>1</sup> See definitions of the terms cipher and code in the glossary.

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c A sample syllabary square is illustrated in Fig 99, below:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	∅
1	A	1	AL	AN	AND	AR	ARE	AS	AT	ATE
2	ATI	B	2	BE	C	3	CA	CE	CO	COM
3	D	4	DA	DE	E	5	EA	ED	EN	ENT
4	ER	ERE	ERS	ES	EST	F	6	G	7	H
5	8	HAS	HE	I	9	IN	ING	ION	IS	IT
6	IVE	J	∅	K	L	LA	LE	M	ME	N
7	ND	NE	NT	O	OF	ON	OR	OU	P	Q
8	R	RA	RE	RED	RES	RI	RO	S	SE	SH
9	ST	STO	T	TE	TED	TER	TH	THE	THI	THR
∅	TI	TO	U	V	VE	W	WE	X	Y	Z

Figure 99.

It will be noted that the square contains the 26 letters, the 10 digits, and 64 digraphs and trigraphs chosen both on the basis of frequency considerations and the combinative potentialities of the particular polygraphs; the internal arrangement of the square is such as to permit the easy finding of the plaintext elements to be enciphered. Other matrices, of larger dimensions, may contain not only a larger number of different plaintext elements within the matrix, but may also duplicate some of the more frequent plaintext elements and thus incorporate plaintext variants within the matrix. Furthermore, when letters are used as coordinates, variant cipher equivalents may be incorporated into the scheme

d. Typical of the many ideas that have been employed in the past for code charts is the chart which is shown in Fig. 100, below, and which

	C,D	E,H	F,I	J,K	T,L	M,O	U,V	Y,G	Z,N	P,Q	X,R	W,S	B,A
M,H	001 Add p l e A d l i v e	02 Additio A d d i t i o	15 Ad ce d A d c e d	45 Alte A l t e	A Aggr A g g r	AD Ar A r	Spelling B s s	AL A l b n e	AM A m p l A m p l	AN A m n t o n	AND A t c f t	AR A t a n k	ARE A r e (o l)
T,Q	03 Amo d A m o d	04 Ani s l A n i s l	16 A ill v A i l l v	58 Assemble A s s e m b l e	AS A l t a k e d	AT A t t e m p t	B B a t t l o n	BA B a t t l o n	E E b t t y	BY B y n i s t a r t	C C o m b o d e	CA C a b r i d g e d	CAN C a n c e p t u d
K,Z	05 Cas ally C a s a l l y	06 Comm C o m m	17 Comm leat C o m m l e a t	55 Company C o m p a n y	CE C o m p l e t e	CH C o c b a t e	CO C o d e	D D o d a t	DA D a c t r	DAY D a y c o u r t	DE D e c o s e d	DI D i f f e d d (o l)	DO D o d y d
O,L	07 Destoy ed D e s t o y e d	08 Del ch d D e l c h d	18 Dispose al D i s p o s e a l	E D i	FA F a	ED E d t (l)	EE E n c o u r d	EN E m y s	ENT E n g e e r	CR C r e d i t e d	ERS E r s e p m e t	ES E s c a p d	EST E s t m a t d
R,X	09 E p e c t e d E p e c t e d	10 F p h e F p h e	19 F i d i g F i d i g	ET E t	F F o r c e d	FO F o e w d	FOR F o r d l y	H H e m y s	H H e m y s	HA H a	HE H e	I I g u s	IL I l h e
S,P	11 H c v l v H c v l v	12 H l l (N) H l l (N)	20 H l d i g H l d i g	IN H t l e t y	ING H	ION I l l w	IS I d t y d	IT I t m e d l	IVE I f f m t	J J f f m t	K K i s t l l t	L L c t l	LA L a d d i s
W,N	13 L a s e L a s e	14 L l (o l) L l (o l)	21 L e s (o l) L e s (o l)	LE L o c a l d	LI L i m a c h n e g u n	LO L o	LY L y m p p e d	M M e h a z e d	MA M a m s a g	ME M e (f o m) (o)	MENT M e n t d i g	MI M i s s i o n s	MY M o n i n g
A,B	15 M o t M o t	16 M d i g M d i g	22 N a r N a r	N N i g h t	NA N a t h g s t	ND N d t (f)	NE N e m b (f)	NI N i	NO N o b j e c t d i g	NOT N o c p y d	NT N t	O O p e a t e d	OF O f d e d
C,E	17 O c O c	18 P l y l e d P l y l e d	23 P a t r i e P a t r i e	ON O n p l a n s (f)	OR O r p l a n s	OU O u p l a n s	OUR O u r	P P o s t e d	PE P e p e e d	Q Q u e s t i o n s	R R e q u e d	RA R a d i o e d	SE S e r v i c e d
L,G	19 R d y (f o) (o) R d y (f o) (o)	20 R e e R e e	24 R e v e d R e v e d	RE R e s	RED R e d e d (f)	RES R e s m t	PI P i c d	RO R o p l c e d	RS R s p o t e d	RT R t r e q u e d	S S e q u e d	SA S a r v e d	SE S e r d s
D,J	21 R i g h t (o l) R i g h t (o l)	22 R / R /	25 R d / R d /	SH S c l i g	SI S i s e t s	SO S o m j n g	ST S t h l l g s	T T s m l l	TA T a s t h (o l)	TE T e s q d s	TED T e s t h s	TER T e s t p e d	TH T h s u p p l y
F,V	23 T a k T a k	24 T g e t s T g e t s	31 T o d y T o d y	TI T i	TION T i o n	TO T o	TR T r o p s	U U t c k s /	UN U n v h l e s	US U s t (f)	V V u s e t c v	W W n i l y (f)	WE W e
U,Y	25 W e s t (o l) W e s t (o l)	26 W h e t / w h o W h e t / w h o	32 W h e W h e	X X h e	Y Y w i l l	Z Z w i t h	Spelling E n d s	Per d P e r d w i t h w	Comma C o m m a	Colon C o l o n (f m) (o)	Smel S m e l	D th D t h	Pa n (f) P a n (f)

Figure 100

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has been used as a standard tactical cryptosystem for ground forces by AGGRESSOR, the maneuver enemy in U.S. joint maneuvers and training exercises. This chart provides 2-letter equivalents for letters, numbers, syllables, and a selection of words which occur frequently in low-echelon<sup>2</sup> messages. A particular plaintext value may be designated by a combination of one of the two row coordinates and one of the two column coordinates of the cell containing the plaintext value; thus each plaintext element has four variant equivalents and, for example, the word ARTILLERY contained in the chart may be encrypted in toto as TF, TI, QF, or QI. When a complete word contained in the chart is to be encrypted in a message, no designator is necessary to indicate this lowercase meaning. However, when upper-case meanings (i.e., letters, numbers, and syllables) are to be encrypted, it is necessary first to encrypt the designator "Spell/fig Begins", followed by the cipher equivalents of the particular upper-case meanings; when the spelling is completed, the designator "Spell/fig Ends" is encrypted, to show the return to lower-case meanings. The coordinates of the chart, as used by AGGRESSOR, were random sequences and were changed daily, the inside of the chart remained unchanged.

e For the most part, the steps used in the recovery of plain text from messages involving syllabary squares differ from those used in the solution of previously-discussed multilateral and polygraphic systems only in that a larger number of plaintext elements may have to be considered. The cryptanalyst must accordingly modify his interpretation of the frequency characteristics and idiomorphic patterns occurring in such messages. By a careful study of the behavior of frequently recurring cipher units, the analyst is led to conclude that certain units, because of the general characteristics they exhibit, must be representative of numbers, others of punctuation, others of single letters, and so on. This classification is based upon a knowledge of the general behavior of the various classes of plaintext elements. For example, cipher units representing digits may be expected to appear in clusters (as in dates and time, and the designations of topographical features, such as hills, road junctions, etc.); whereas those which represent punctuation may be expected to appear at varying intervals throughout the message text (the particular intervals being dependent upon the particular punctuation mark). When this classification has proceeded upon a solid foundation far enough, each set of cipher units is underlined throughout the text in some distinctive manner by means of colored pencils. Subsequent to this, the individual members of each class of cipher units are subjected to closer scrutiny, and based upon a knowledge of the specific behavior of the various elements in each class, specific units are identified as having specific plaintext meanings. For example, among those cipher units which the analyst has decided constitute the class which represents plaintext digits, the particular cipher unit

<sup>2</sup> The term low-echelon as applied to a cryptographic system means that the system is designed for use at the lower organizational levels such as (in the army) at the regimental level and below. The term low-grade as applied to cryptosystems means that the inherent security afforded by the system is low. Cf. the terms medium-echelon and -grade, and high-echelon and -grade.

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representing plaintext "ø" may be expected to be readily recognizable on the basis that (1) it is one of the three units which appear as the first unit in those clusters which are suspected of representing four-digit time designations and (2) it is one of the two cipher units which, with any noteworthy frequency, occur doubled at the end of the same four-unit clusters.

f. When working on messages involving code charts, the cryptanalyst usually starts by attempting to isolate sequences of cipher units which represent plaintext letters, syllables, numbers and punctuation. Subsequent to this he proceeds to classify and identify these particular cipher units in the manner described in the foregoing subparagraph; the recovery of word meanings is usually accomplished much later. The isolating of the ciphertext units which represent syllabary portions may be readily accomplished in those cases wherein the underlying code chart has only one "Spell/fig. Begins" group and one "Spell/fig. Ends" group, since the recognition of these designators automatically permits one to divide the cipher text into word values and non-word values, the recognition of these designators is made on the basis of their high frequency and their alternating placements throughout the cipher text.

g. As plaintext meanings are recovered in a syllabary square system or code chart system, these meanings should be entered into a skeleton matrix in a manner similar to that used in the solution of the bipartite systems previously described (Sections VII and VIII). This is done in order to uncover and exploit as early as possible any evidences of systematic construction arising from the arrangement which was used in the underlying matrix. It may be assumed that each syllabary square and code chart will normally have had its internal elements arranged in some type of systematic fashion in order to permit the ready finding of plaintext elements during the encryption of a message.

h. When there are special circumstances involved, for instance, when the contents or the exact internal construction of the matrix is known, or when the arrangement of the outside coordinates is known, or when messages with isologous syllabary portions (i.e., spelled-out portions encrypted "off-the-cut", such as IN TER CE P TO R and I NT ER CE P T OR) are present in the cipher text, solution is naturally considerably facilitated. Even when only a single message is available, if the matrix is known there may be special approaches to solution, based on the nature of the plaintext elements constituting each row and each column of the particular matrix. For instance, if the words REFERENCE and YOUR and MESSAGE are known to be in the same row of a particular code chart, then it would be quite possible that the ciphertext sequence LA LH LF at the beginning of a message represents the stereotype REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE, if but a few other similarly identifiable sequences were also available to the cryptanalyst, he could possibly recover the arrangement of the outside coordinates after a relatively few steps.

81 Cryptosystems employing characters other than letters or figures --

a. In practical cryptography today, the use of characters other than the letters of bona fide alphabets (including recognized Morse and Eudot

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alphabets) or the 10 digits is comparatively rare. When so-called symbol ciphers, that is, ciphers employing peculiar symbols, signs of punctuation, diacritical marks, figures of "dancing men", and so on are encountered in practical work nowadays, they are almost certain to be simple monoalphabetic ciphers. They are adequately described in romantic tales,<sup>3</sup> in popular books on cryptography, and in the more common types of magazine articles. No further space need be given ciphers of this type in this text, not only because of their simplicity but also because they are encountered in military cryptography only in sporadic instances, principally in censorship activities. Even in the latter cases, it is usually found that such ciphers are employed in "intimate" correspondence for the exchange of sentiments that appear less decorous when set forth in plain language. They are very seldom used by authentic enemy agents. When such a cipher is encountered nowadays it may practically always be regarded as the work of the veriest tyro, when it is not that of a crank or a mentally-deranged person.

b. The usual preliminary procedure in handling such cases, where the symbols may be somewhat confusing to the mind because of their unfamiliar appearance to the eye, is to substitute letters for them consistently throughout the message and then treat the resulting text in the manner in which an ordinary cryptogram composed of letters is treated. This procedure also facilitates the construction of the necessary frequency distributions, which would be tedious to construct by using symbols.

c. A final word must be said on the subject of symbol ciphers by way of caution. When symbols are used to replace letters, syllables, and entire words, then the systems approach code methods in principle, and can become difficult of solution.<sup>4</sup> The logical extension of the use of symbols in such a form of writing is the employment of arbitrary characters for a specially developed "shorthand" system bearing little or no resemblance to well-known and therefore nonsecret, systems of shorthand, such as Gregg, Pitman, etc. Unless a considerable amount of text is available for analysis, a privately-devised shorthand may be very difficult to solve. Fortunately, such systems are rarely encountered in military cryptography. They fall under the heading

<sup>3</sup> The most famous: Edgar Allan Poe's The Gold Bug; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Adventure of the Dancing Men, Jules Verne's A Journey to the Center of the Earth.

<sup>4</sup> The use of symbols for abbreviation and speed in writing goes back to the days of antiquity. Cicero's freedman and amanuensis, Tiro, is reported to have drawn up "a book like a dictionary, in which he placed before each word the notation (symbol) which should represent it, and so great was the number of notations and words that whatever could be written in Latin could be expressed in his notation." The designation "Tironian notes" is applied to this type of shorthand.

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of cryptographic curiosities, of interest to the cryptanalyst in his leisure moments.<sup>5</sup>

82 Special remarks concerning the initial classification of cryptograms.---a The student should by this time have a good conception of the basic nature of monoalphabetic substitution and of the many variations which may be played upon this simple tune. The first step of all, naturally, is to be able to classify a cryptogram properly and place it in either the transposition or the substitution class. The tests for this classification have been given and as a rule the student will encounter no difficulty in this respect.

b. There are, however, certain kinds of cryptograms whose class cannot be determined in the usual manner, as outlined in par. 25 of this text. First of all there is the type of code message which employs bona fide dictionary words as code groups. Naturally, a frequency distribution of such a message will approximate that for normal plain text. The appearance of the message, however, gives clear indications of what is involved. The study of such cases will be taken up in its proper place. At the moment it is only necessary to point out that these are code messages and not cipher, and it is for this reason that in pars. 24 and 25 the words "cipher" and "cipher messages" are used, the word "cryptogram" being used only where technically correct.

c. Secondly, there come the unusual and borderline cases, including cryptograms whose nature and type can not be ascertained from frequency distributions. Here, the cryptograms are technically not ciphers but special forms of disguised secret writings which are rarely susceptible of being classed as transposition or substitution. These include a large share of the cases wherein the cryptographic messages are disguised and carried under an external, innocuous text which is innocent and seemingly without cryptographic content--for instance, in a message wherein specific letters are indicated in a way not open to suspicion under censorship, these letters being intended to constitute the letters of the cryptographic messages and the other letters constituting "dummies." Obviously, no amount of frequency tabulations will avail a competent, expert cryptanalyst in demonstrating or disclosing the presence of a cryptographic message, written and secreted within the "open" message, which serves but as an envelop and disguise for its authentic or real import. Certainly, such frequency tabulations can disclose the existence neither of substitution nor transposition in these cases, since both forms are absent. The next paragraph contains more about these latter cases.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> An example is found in the famous Pepys Diary, which was written in shorthand, purely for his own eyes by Samuel Pepys (1633-1703). "He wrote it in Shelton's system of tachygraphy (1641), which he complicated by using foreign languages or by varieties of his own invention whenever he had to record passages least fit to be seen by his servants, or by 'all the world.'"

<sup>6</sup> The subparagraph which the student has just read (82c) contains a hidden cryptographic message. With the hints given in par. 83 let the student see if he can uncover it.

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83. Disguised secret communications --a As was mentioned above, there is a general class of methods of secret writing in which a secret message is concealed within the text of an apparently innocuous plaintext message, also, by extension, a secret message may be concealed within otherwise bona fide media such as maps, drawings, charts, music manuscripts, bridge hands, chess problems, shopping lists, stock quotations, and so on. The addressee of such a communication, knowing where to look for the secret elements, does so and from them is able to read the message contained within its covering disguise. When the plaintext elements of the secret message are concealed by surrounding them with the plaintext elements of an innocent cover text, such a system is known as a concealment system. When, however, the actual plaintext elements of the secret message are not themselves concealed within a cover text, but instead have code equivalents which are themselves actual plaintext words or phrases and which are used to form an apparently innocent message, such systems are called open code systems.

b. An example of a concealment system message is the communication "HAVE ESTABLISHED LOW PRIORITY", in which the secret message "help" has been concealed as the first letter of each word of the covering text. As an example of an open code, in the message "AUNT MARY LEFT FOR DETROIT ON FRIDAY", the words AUNT MARY might stand for "five troop ships", DETROIT might mean "Southampton", and FRIDAY might stand for "Monday." An oft-cited case of open code is the message "A SON IS BORN", which allegedly was sent out by German-controlled radio stations all over the world in August, 1914, meaning that war was about to be declared.

c. The solution of concealment systems may pose considerable difficulties for the cryptanalyst, who is placed in the rather odd situation where he might have before him a simple system, if he can but find the system. Most of the statistical and other tools at the disposal of the cryptanalyst are of no avail to him in the attack on concealment systems. First of all, he might not even know whether or not a given letter docs contain a secret message, often the only reason for an examination of a particular message, other than a random sampling case, is that the originator or the addressee is on a suspect list and therefore the communication is considered for possible secret writing. The difficulty in analysis is usually not brought about by the complexity of the system, for concealment systems are almost always cryptographically simple. The difficulty of the problem arises from the lack, at the outset, of tangible cryptographic elements into which the cryptanalyst can "get his teeth". There

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is primarily the question of whether or not a secret text actually exists,<sup>7</sup> and, if it does, where are the elements constituting the secret text. As a consequence, locating the elements of the secret text and deriving the meaning of the secret text are practically synonymous. Success in this type of analytic work requires extraordinary patience and perseverance, keen powers of observation nurtured by unrelenting suspicion, a lively imagination, exceptional ingenuity, and organized methods of analysis-- plus a firm foundation and considerable experience in the methods and practices of concealment systems.

d The number of different concealment systems possible is enormous. The letters of the secret message might be concealed as the first, second, or third letters of the cover text, or they might be concealed as the final penultimate, or antepenultimate letters of the words, or they might be concealed by means of a specific key into prearranged variable placements within the words of the innocent text. The secret text might be read by considering the letters which follow or precede all unnecessary breaks in cursive handwriting; or the secret text might be indicated by shaded letters or by pin pricks over significant letters, or even by elongated tails on words pointing to significant letters in the line above. In the analysis of such concealed-letter systems, it is advisable to write the successive words of the cover text one below the other, in a column, aligned by their beginnings and subsequently to rewrite them columnwise aligned by their endings, this will assist in disclosing a secret text hidden in a fixed position relative to the beginnings or endings, or in diagonal routes near those locations (see Fig 101). It is also advisable to write out the

<sup>7</sup> In this connection, it is worthwhile to cite an extract from an official report prepared in 1946 by the wartime Office of Censorship:

"Detection of concealed messages is based on the principle that there is no absolutely safe disguise for duplicity. Espionage letters have weaknesses and identifying characteristics, which modern techniques can minimize but never completely eliminate. Seasoned examiners develop an ability to relate facts and think clearly about possibilities. They develop a keen perception of, or alertness to, certain peculiarities, an attitude of suspicion toward certain indicators, and experience or training in handling certain types of materials.

"The texts of letters containing concealed messages do not ring true; they lack spontaneity, and the normal emphasis which people give to certain thoughts or ideas is absent. Something comparable in social life is the stilted behavior and speech of a person who is obliged to entertain a stranger with whom he feels nothing in common, he behaves unnaturally, he desires to be polite, but in order to do so he must hide his boredom and pretend an interest he does not feel. Exactly the same is true in the writing of cover texts or open code letters--the attempt to pursue two aims simultaneously results in strain. Skill and experience may overcome the strained-text hazard to a high degree, but they can never completely dispel the distortion and dislocation of a normal emphasis inevitable in a cover letter."

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cover text in rectangular arrangements of various widths, in order to disclose secret text which might have been concealed in every  $n$ th letter of the entire cover text (see Fig. 102). In cases where physical indicators are employed, such as breaks in handwriting or as shaded letters, an examination of the letters in the immediate vicinity of such indicators would disclose the secret text

Cover text:

UNCLE EZRA SEEMS DESPONDENT.  
HAVE YOU HEARD THE LAST REPORT?

U N C L E  
E Z R A  
S E E M S  
D E S P O N D E N T  
H A V E  
Y O U  
H E A R D  
T H E  
L A S T  
R E P O R T

Secret text: NEED HELP

Figure 101.

Cover text:

WHEN YOU SEE CHESTER AT  
MADISON'S HOUSE TELL HIM  
LOIS DEPARTED.

W H E N Y O  
U S E E C H  
E S T E R A  
T M A D I S  
O N S H O U  
S E T E L L  
H I M L O I  
S D E P A R  
T E D

Secret text: NEED HELP

Figure 102.

e. Some systems involve the concealment of entire words, instead of just individual letters, in the cover text. Thus, for example, the secret text might consist of (1) every  $n$ th word of the cover text, (2) the first and last words of every line, (3) words preceding or following punctuation marks, (4) words bisected by an imaginary line running diagonally from the upper left to the lower right of the sheet of paper; or countless varieties of similar schemes. Grilles have also been used, the secret text being written through the apertures of the grille on placed positions on the sheet of paper, and then a covering letter written to surround and camouflage the secret text. In the solution of concealed-word systems, examining the text produced by counting off every  $n$ th word may bear fruit; if the secret text is long enough, the validity of the assumed secret text may be proved by the consistency of the decimation. In cases wherein a variable key has been used to indicate which words constitute the secret text, proof of the assumed secret text may be impossible, unless the key is short compared to the message lengths, or unless additional messages in exactly the same key are available for comparison to test an assumed key.

f. There have been many cases in which a secret text has first been converted into the dots, dashes, and spaces of the Morse code, or encrypted in a Baconian or a tripartite cipher; then this converted text was concealed within an innocent text in any one of the almost infinite number of possible ways. Some of these ways in which the multilateral elements of the preliminary conversion may be represented are by (1) the lengths of words,

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(2) the number of vowels or consonants in the words; (3) the number of syllables in the words; or (4) by the ways in which t's are crossed or i's are dotted. The solution of such systems involves experimentation with basic hypotheses concerning the manner in which multilateral elements are denoted, followed by a recombination into monoalphabetic terms (under the assumption of a Morse, tripartite, or Beconian system) and solving the reduced monoalphabetic text. Another method for a concealment system involves the use of a bipartite matrix employing coordinates consisting of vowels (or, for that matter, any other set of five or six letters), the secret text is first enciphered in this biliteral system, and then the vowels are surrounded by consonants to form the plain text of an innocent cover message. As in most concealment systems, once such a substitute is suspected or assumed, then and only then is solution possible

g. The detailed discussion thus far has been limited to concealment systems.<sup>8</sup> In cases of open code, unfortunately there are no clear-cut methods of analysis or even of recognition, there is simply no rational way of proving that a message such as "AUNT MARY LEFT FOR DETROIT TODAY" contains a secret meaning, unless it is known for a fact that the sender was no aunt named Mary, and even then there still might exist a friend of the sender's who is affectionately called "Aunt Mary"--or, for that matter, she might be someone else's aunt.<sup>9</sup> And once having suspected or even proved that there is something rotten in Denmark, proof of the content of the hidden meaning is simply out of the question unless the sender is somehow convinced to mend his ways and thereupon volunteers the information. In many wartime instances where open codes have been used, a legal case could not be proved against a suspect without his cooperation.

h. A prominent case of the use of open code in espionage communications is that of an Axis spy, Mrs. Velvalce Dickinson, who in August, 1944, was sentenced in New York to ten years' imprisonment and was fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty to the charge that a series of letters she had written to an agent in Buenos Aires in the early part of 1942 contained secret messages hidden in the plain text. These messages gave information regarding the location and condition of allied warships in Pacific ports. These two agents professed to be dealers in antique dolls and used a prearranged code giving secondary meaning to words pertaining to the sale of dolls. Mrs. Dickinson would send out letters advertising or offering to sell certain of her antique dolls to the addressee. She would write the doll's name and after the name a brief description, then she would write, as in an ordinary business letter, the price of each

<sup>8</sup> Further discussion of this subject will be found in Appendix 9, "Concealment Systems."

<sup>9</sup> In one instance, it has been related that a censor reviewed a telegram transmitted by a person on a suspect list. The telegram read "FATHER IS DECEASED." The censor, smelling a rat, changed the text to read "FATHER IS DEAD", and waited. Sure enough, several hours later came a query: "IS FATHER DEAD OR DECEASED?"

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doll The original cause for suspicion was the extreme variation in prices over a range of three or four letters of what was apparently the same doll or the same type of doll. A great many letters were necessary in order to build up a case sufficient to prove the use of open code. It is doubtful even then that the use of open code could have been legally proven except for the fact that, faced with so much evidence against her, she chose to confess this use.

1. In addition to concealment systems and open codes, there are three other methods for hiding the existence of secret text. These methods embrace the following:

- (1) secret inks;
- (2) microscopic writing, involving use of micropantographs; and
- (3) photographic methods, including "microdots" (i.e., the reduction of a page of copy to a negative the size of a miniature dot, which is then affixed on a period or on the dot of an "i"), double printing, double exposure, or concealment within photographs.

The methods of use and analysis of these systems, however, are beyond the scope of this text.

84 Concluding remarks --a The student will have by this time appreciated that monoalphabetic substitution ciphers are for the most part quite easy to solve, once the underlying principles are thoroughly understood. As in other arts, continued practice with many examples leads to facility and skill in solution, especially where the student concentrates his attention upon traffic all of the same general nature, so that the type of text which he is continually encountering becomes familiar to him and its peculiarities or characteristics of construction give clues for short cuts to solution. It is true that a knowledge of the general phraseology of messages, the kind of words used, their sequences, and so on, is of very great assistance in practical work in all fields of cryptanalysis. In operational cryptanalysis, it is of vital importance to gain a knowledge of the language habits of a particular group of correspondents, to permit the rapid exploitation of the cryptosystem involved. Thus, at least initially, all possible traffic is cryptanalyzed, even that in simple systems and that of comparatively little intelligence value. Word lists obtained empirically are of more value than "intuitive" or academic compilations, however, at the outset, reference may of course be made to these latter compilations 10

b. Some of the simpler subterfuges which the student should be on the lookout for in monoalphabetic substitution are the following:

- (1) There may be employed in the cryptographic scheme the consecutive use of several different mixed cipher alphabets in a single long message. Obviously, a single, composite frequency distribution for the whole message will not show the characteristic crest and trough appear-

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See in this connection the word and idiomorph lists comprising Appendix 3.

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ance of a simple monoalphabetic cipher, since a given cipher unit will represent different plaintext letters in different parts of the message. But if the cryptanalyst will carefully observe the distribution as it is being compiled, he will note that at first it presents the characteristic crest and trough appearance of monoalphabeticity, and that after a time it begins to lose this appearance. If possible he should be on the lookout for some peculiarity of grouping of letters which serves as an indicator for the shift from one cipher alphabet to the next. If he finds such an indicator he should begin a second distribution from that point on, and proceed until another shift is encountered. By thus isolating the different portions of the text, and restricting the frequency distributions to the separate monoalphabets, the problem may be treated then as an ordinary simple monoalphabetic substitution.<sup>11</sup> Consideration of these remarks in connection with instances of this kind leads to the comment that it is often more advisable for the cryptanalyst to compile his own data, than to have the latter prepared by clerks, especially when studying a system ab initio. For observations which will certainly escape an untrained clerk can be most useful and may indeed facilitate solution. For example, in the case under consideration, if a clerk should merely hand the completed over-all uniliteral distribution to the cryptanalyst, the latter may be led astray, the appearance of the composite distribution might convince him that the cryptogram is much more complicated than it really is. While still on the subject of frequency distributions, it is pointed out that, although earlier (par 43) the triliteral frequency distribution was cited primarily for its usefulness in extracting frequency data relative to the digraphs and trigraphs occurring in a simple substitution cipher, this particular type of distribution is used extensively in the manual attack on many other types of cryptograms because it provides one of the best means for systematically locating all of the repetitions which appear in a message.

(2) There have been cases where direct and reversed standard alphabets have been used alternately in a single cryptogram, the change of alphabets being made at irregular intervals, or changed at the end of every word or with each group of five letters. If the interruption takes place at too short an interval, not only will a frequency distribution be of no avail, but also it would be almost impossible for the cryptanalyst to determine when and how the change of alphabets occurs from a mere examination of the cipher text. However, if the cryptanalyst is on the alert to try the simplest thing first, completing the plain-component sequence on the assumption of standard alphabets will yield a solution where otherwise a solution might be out of the question.

(3) Another subterfuge that has been encountered is the encryption by means of a monoalphabetic uniliteral substitution of a message whose

<sup>11</sup> The cryptanalyst should be on the alert for the possibility of related alphabets in such a system, if this is the case, the reconstruction of the primary components from the solution of one portion of the message would enable the reading of other portions of the message by means of the general method detailed in par 50.

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plain text has first been written backwards (or for that matter, an ordinary simple substitution cipher sent backwards) Ciphers of this type may successfully resist the unsystematic attempts of solution which a tyro might make, however, the experienced analyst would probably quickly recognize the weak subterfuge if he were to examine the frequencies of cipher digraphs, trigraphs, and tetragraphs, in relation to the uniliteral frequencies of their component letters

c. Monoalphabetic substitution with variants represents an extension of the basic principle, with the intention of masking the characteristic frequencies resulting from a strict monoalphabeticity, by means of which solutions are rather readily obtained. Some of the subterfuges applied on the establishment of variant or multiple values are simple and more or less fail to serve the purpose for which they are intended; others, on the contrary, may interpose serious difficulties to a straightforward solution. But in no case may the problem be considered of more than ordinary difficulty; however, it should be recognized that where these subterfuges are really adequate to the purpose, the complications introduced are such that the practical manipulation of the system becomes as difficult for the cryptographer as for the cryptanalyst.

(1) A few words may be added here in regard to a method which often suggests itself to laymen, but which is very old indeed in the art. This consists in using a book possessed by all the correspondents and indicating the letters of the message by means of numbers referring to certain letters in the book. One way consists in selecting a certain page and then giving the line number and position of the letter in the line, the page number being shown by a single initial indicator. Another way is to use the entire book, giving the cipher equivalents in groups of three numbers representing page, line, and number of letter (for example, 75-8-10 means page 75, 8th line, 10th letter in the line). Such systems are, however, extremely cumbersome to use and, when the enciphering is done carelessly, can be solved. The basis for solution in such cases rests upon the use of adjacent letters on the same line, the accidental repetitions of certain letters, and the occurrence of unenciphered words in the messages, when laziness or fatigue intervenes in the enciphering <sup>12</sup>

(2) It may also be indicated that human nature and the fallibility of cipher clerks is such that it is rather rare for an encipherer

<sup>12</sup> In 1915 the German Government conspired with a group of Hindu revolutionaries to stir up a rebellion in India, the purpose being to cause the withdrawal of British troops from the Western Front. Hindu conspirators in the United States were given money to purchase arms and ammunition and to transport them to India. For communication with their superiors in Berlin the conspirators used, among others, the system described in this paragraph. A 7-page typewritten letter built up from page, line, and letter-number references to a book known only to the communicants, was intercepted by the British and turned over to the United States Government for use in connection with the prosecution of the Hindus for violating our neutrality. The author [W.F.F.] solved this message without the book in question, by taking full advantage of the clues referred to

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to make full use of the complement of variants placed at his disposal. The result is that in most cases certain of the equivalents will be used so much more often than others that diversities in frequencies will soon manifest themselves, affording important data for attack by the cryptanalyst

d There is one aspect of cryptography within the realm of monoalphabetic substitution ciphers that should be discussed at this point--the aspect involving repetitive monoalphabetic substitution.

(1) Suppose a message undergoes a primary encipherment by means of a single mixed, non-reciprocal cipher alphabet, and this primary cipher text then undergoes a secondary encipherment by means of the same or a different mixed alphabet. The resulting cryptogram is still monoalphabetic in character, and presents very little, if any, augmentation in the degree of security (depending upon the type of alphabet employed).<sup>13</sup> Here an entirely illusory increase in security is involved and an ineffectual complexity is introduced, the process may indeed be repeated indefinitely without producing the desirable result of added security. Similarly, the same illusory increase in security is present in the case of repetitive multilateral encipherments involving regular-length ciphertext units, as long as the repetitive encipherments are made "on the cut".

(2) In the case of repetitive polygraphic encipherment made on the cut, a moderate increase in security is achieved over the degree of security normally provided by a single polygraphic encipherment. For instance, in the case of repetitive digraphic encipherment using, let us say, a four-square system for the first encipherment and modified Playfair system for the second step, the final encipherment is still monoalphabetic digraphic in character, except that the cryptosystem might have to be resolved as involving a more-or-less random square table, instead of being recovered in its primary and secondary steps, all the repetitive encipherment has accomplished is that it has added to the difficulty of reconstruction of the matrices used--but this, in the case of a digraphic system, is a reasonably fair increase in security, since we expect solution to be expedited through an early recovery of the matrix

(3) When, however, successive multilateral or polygraphic encipherments are made "off the cut" for the second step, the increase in security can be considerable, since the end result no longer exhibits the phenomena of monoalphabeticity and the cryptanalytic complexity of the

<sup>13</sup> The only possible slight increase in security lies in the fact that the key words for the primary and secondary encipherments might be made more difficult to recover or even impossible to recover

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system has been thereby materially enhanced <sup>14</sup> For example, using the two-square matrix illustrated in Fig 55 on page 162, the message REENFORCEMENTS NEEDED undergoes the following encipherments:

	RE	FN	FO	FC	EM	EN	TS	NE	ED	ED
Cipher I	IL	DP	UM	CF	KT	DP	GI	UL	DF	DF
Cipher II	OC	OT	MC	MR	TD	QF	TO	OC	AH	

The first encipherment, IL DP UM. . . , is subjected to a second encipherment by considering the digraphs "off the cut", resulting in the encryption OC OT MC. In the final cryptogram, the first and last letters of the primary encipherment may be retained as is, or they may be combined for the second encryption, for added security, thus the final cryptogram may read either IOCOT OCAHF, or ROCOT . OCAHG. When this sort of secondary encipherment is applied in a repetitive multiliteral cipher, the system is called a fractionating system <sup>15</sup> The cryptanalysis of these systems, which is often quite complex, will be treated in subsequent texts.

e. If the cryptanalyst is fortunate enough to have a pair of isologs, one message of which is in a monoalphabetic substitution system and the other in a transposition system, it may be possible for him to make exact identifications of the elements in the substitution cipher based on the plaintext letter frequencies present in the transposition cipher. Then, having the plain text, the solution of the transposition is greatly facilitated.

<sup>14</sup> A rather ingenious idea proposed by Charles Eyraud in his excellent work, *Precis de Cryptographie Moderne*, Paris, 1953, pp 224-225, involves a repetitive encipherment using two different monome-digrome matrices. In Eyraud's example, using the two matrices illustrated, the plain text

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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1	U	D	L	F	V	Q	M	P	C
2	H	G	O	B	X	W	J	Z	K

Matrix I

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-									
1	C	H	N	V	R	D	J	O	W
3	I	F	K	Q	X	S	F	L	T
	Y		Y						

Matrix II

E	C	R	I	T	U	R	E	S	S	E	C	R	E	T	E	S
3	1	9	8	7	1	1	9	3	4	4	3	1	9	9	3	7
3	1	9	8	7	1	1	9	3	4	4	3	1	9	9	3	7
I	A	A	Z	U	C	A	Q	B	I	A	A	F	Q			

"ECRITURES SECRETES" is first enciphered with Matrix I, then the digits are recombined into letters using Matrix II with the resulting cipher text IAAZU. (It is interesting to note that the 17 letters of the plain text are encrypted by only <sup>14</sup> letters in the final cipher.) The letter Y<sub>p</sub> is eliminated from Matrix I, and is included in Matrix II to take care of a final 1 or 3 in the first encipherment which otherwise could not have been encrypted as a single element.

<sup>15</sup> See Appendix 7 for other examples

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f As has already been stated in subpar 2c, mathematics and mathematical methods have an important place in the art of cryptanalysis. This text has included only those introductory statistical and mathematical applications which apply to monoalphabetic systems. If it appears to the student that there has been a rather extensive treatment of too-specialized techniques, let him be reassured that these have been included as being in the nature of collateral information, rather than being an absolute necessity in the solution of the particular problems to which they were applied. As a final word of caution to the student the following extract from a report by C. H. O'D. Alexander is included:

"There is a considerable danger that a learner, when he realizes that statistical methods can be of some use, will attempt to use them where they are quite inappropriate. If he does this a few times and finds it gets him nowhere, he then gives the whole thing up as a waste of time and does not use such methods where he might. There is also the worse danger of doing statistical tests for their own sake so that they are used as a method of passing the time and avoiding real thought about the problem to be solved."

g. The general problem of cryptanalytic diagnosis has been discussed briefly in various Sections of this text. The problem is far from simple, since many variations and conventions may be encountered in the various systems treated in this text, furthermore, the problem is made even harder by the fact that certain systems, themselves quite simple, may be combined

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to produce a system much more difficult to diagnose. The lack of precise diagnostic tests, such as those available in the natural sciences,<sup>16</sup> is brought about by the fact that variations and conventions introduced into otherwise conventional systems may change radically the appearance and manifestations expected in the cipher text produced by the known systems, yielding "hitherto-unencountered phenomena." Each cryptosystem is then actually an individual and unique case in diagnosis.<sup>17</sup>

(1) For example, four-letter cipher groups of the pattern consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant do not necessarily prove a code system, even though this grouping is a frequent one in four-letter code systems, the basic system might still be a cipher system, with the apparent

<sup>16</sup> The author feels that it is of value to pursue further a discussion of how the science of cryptanalytics compares with some branch of one of the natural sciences, when the diagnostic procedures involved in each are considered. In that branch of biology called taxonomic botany, for example, the first steps in the classificatory process are based upon observation of externally quite marked differences; as the process continues, the observational details become finer and finer, involving more and more difficulties as the work progresses. Towards the end of the work the botanical taxonomist may have to dissect the specimen and study internal characteristics. The whole process is largely a matter of painstaking, accurate observation of data and drawing proper conclusions therefrom. Except for the fact that the botanical taxonomist depends almost entirely upon ocular observation of characteristics while the cryptanalyst in addition to observation must use some statistics, the steps taken by the former are quite similar to those taken by the latter. It is only at the very end of the work that a significant dissimilarity between the two sciences arises. If the botanist makes a mistake in observation or deduction, he merely fails to identify the specimen correctly, he has an "answer"--but the answer is wrong. He may not be cognizant of the error, however, other more skillful botanists will find him out. But if the cryptanalyst makes a mistake in observation or deduction, he fails to get any "answer" at all, he needs nobody to tell him he has failed. Further, there is one additional important point of difference. The botanist is studying a bit of Nature--and she does not consciously interpose obstacles, pitfalls, and dissimulations in the path of those trying to solve her mysteries. The cryptanalyst, on the other hand, is studying a piece of writing prepared with the express purpose of preventing its being read by any persons for whom it is not intended. The obstacles, pitfalls, and dissimulations are here consciously interposed by the one who encrypted the message. These, of course, are what make cryptanalytics different and difficult.

<sup>17</sup> Baudouin (op cit., Chapter XIV) drew up a sort of check list of the classificatory procedures which an analyst might follow when attempting to diagnose the cryptosystem underlying a particular cryptogram or cryptograms. However, the science of cryptanalytics being as it is does not lend itself to successful completion of such diagnostic "check lists." Thus, the one compiled by Baudouin is far from satisfactory and is of no more than academic interest to the present-day practicing cryptanalyst.

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characteristics of a code system. Upon closer examination, it might be possible to disprove a code system, based on the non-appearance of certain other characteristics that should be present in a code system

(2) If a cryptogram or a set of cryptograms contain only the letters A through O in the cipher text, all that can be said initially is that only 15 letters are present in the encrypted text, and that the system must be one of substitution, either cipher or code. If a cipher, then the system must of course be a multilateral system (including perhaps a mixed-length system), not excluding, for example, a digraphic system or a code chart. For instance, in the bilateral matrix below, the cipher text units consist only of pairs of consonants, and the plain-text elements include the 26 letters and the 374 most frequent digraphs; thus the system is essentially a digraphic system. Such a system would not be at once recognized as a digraphic system, and if the vowels were used as nulls, the diagnosis of the cryptosystem would be considerably impeded.

h. The often extensive and elaborate treatment of the many varieties of cryptosystems within the scope of this text has not been given solely for the sake of the analysis of the particular systems involved, but rather to illustrate the general cryptanalytic techniques which are applied to various problems. In being guided along the lines of "thinking cryptanalytically", the student has been put in a position to analyze successfully many possible variations and modifications of the cryptosystems treated in this text and in the accompanying course. The cryptosystems in this text and accompanying course have been solved for the most part from one or two messages. Naturally, there is a certain amount of artificiality in the

	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	X	Z
B	A	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AR	AS	AT	AU
C	AV	AW	AY	B	BA	BE	BI	BL	BO	BR	BT	BU	BY	C	CA	CC	CE	CH	CI	CK
D	CL	CO	CR	CT	CU	CY	D	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF	DG	DH	DI	DL	DM	DN	DO
F	DP	DQ	DR	DS	DT	DU	DV	DW	DY	E	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF	EG	EH	EI	EJ
G	EL	EM	EN	EO	EP	EQ	ER	ES	ET	EU	EV	EW	EX	EY	EZ	F	FA	FC	FE	FF
H	FI	FL	FO	FR	FS	FT	FU	FY	G	GA	GC	GE	GF	GG	GH	GI	GL	GN	GO	GP
J	GR	GS	GT	GU	GW	H	HA	HB	HC	HD	HE	HF	HI	HL	HM	HN	HO	HR	HS	HT
K	HU	HY	I	IA	IB	IC	ID	IE	IF	IG	IK	IL	IM	IN	IO	IP	IR	IS	IT	IV
L	IX	IZ	J	JA	JE	JO	JU	K	KA	KE	KI	KS	L	LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG
M	LI	LL	LM	LN	LO	LP	LR	LS	LT	LU	LV	LW	LY	M	MA	MB	MC	ME	MI	MM
N	MO	MP	MR	MS	MT	MU	MY	N	NA	NB	NC	ND	NE	NF	NG	NH	NI	NK	NL	NM
P	NN	NO	NP	NR	NS	NT	NU	NV	NW	NY	O	OA	OB	OC	OD	OE	OF	OG	OH	OI
Q	OK	OL	OM	ON	OO	OP	OR	OS	OT	OU	OV	OW	OX	OY	P	PA	PE	PF	PH	PI
R	PL	PM	PN	PO	PP	PR	PS	PT	PU	PY	Q	QU	R	RA	RB	RC	RD	RE	RF	RG
S	RH	RI	RL	RM	RN	RO	RP	RR	RS	RT	RU	RV	RW	RY	S	SA	SB	SC	SD	SE
T	SF	SG	SH	SI	SK	SL	SM	SN	SO	SP	SR	SS	ST	SU	SW	SY	T	TA	TB	TC
V	TD	TE	TF	TG	TH	TI	TL	TM	TN	TO	TP	TR	TS	TT	TU	TV	TY	TZ	U	UA
W	UB	UC	UD	UE	UG	UI	UL	UM	UN	UP	UR	US	UT	V	VA	VE	VI	VQ	W	WA
X	WE	WH	WI	WL	WN	WO	WR	WY	X	XA	XC	XE	XF	XI	XN	XP	XT	Y	YA	YB
Z	YC	YD	YE	YF	YG	YH	YI	YL	YM	YN	YO	YP	YR	YS	YT	YW	Z	ZA	ZE	ZI

Figure 103

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examples and messages employed herein. The texts of messages have been manipulated, especially in connection with the accompanying problems, in order to illustrate pedagogical principles and the application of cryptanalytic techniques. In actual practice, instead of the one or two messages, five might be required, or for that matter, fifty or more might be required in order to effect a solution. In operational practice, there is frequently a high incidence of garbles which would have a pronounced impact on not only a facile identification of the cryptosystem but also on its subsequent solution. Speed is an essential criterion in operational practice, a cryptosystem must be broken and messages read as soon as possible, to be of maximum use to a field commander--messages read six or twelve months after they were sent are hardly of more than historical importance. Nevertheless, when a system is cryptanalyzed for the first time, no matter when it is broken it helps maintain cryptologic continuity which is of extreme importance in successful operational practice.

i. The student should now study, if he has not already done so, the various appendices to this text. Through them, he may gain an insight into further aspects of cryptography and topics related to the art of cryptanalysis. Practice on many different ciphers of the types covered in this text will tend to sharpen the wits and give to the student confidence and facility in the cryptanalysis of unknown examples. It is for this reason that a course of problems is a necessary adjunct to the study of this text; as was previously mentioned, one month's actual practice in solution is worth a whole year's mere reading of theoretical principles.

j. It may be of assistance to indicate, by means of a graphic outline, the relationship existing among the various cryptographic systems thus far considered. The outline will be augmented with each succeeding text as the different cryptosystems are encountered, and will constitute what has already been alluded to in par 6d and there termed a "synoptic chart of cryptography". The synoptic chart for this text (Chart 9) forms an insert following this Section. Looking at this chart the student may see that, although it is essentially dichotomous in form, at several levels there appears a sort of cryptographic tertium quid--some category (or categories) of cryptosystems which properly belongs at the particular level shown, but which does not directly fit into either of the two primary subdivisions already appearing at that level. However, if the student will study the synoptic chart attentively, it will assist him in fixing in mind the manner in which the various systems covered thus far are related to one another, and this will be of benefit in clearing away some of the mental fog or haziness from which he is at first apt to suffer.

k. There remain five more volumes to this series of basic texts on the art of cryptanalysis. Military Cryptanalytics, Part II, will treat mainly periodic polyalphabetic substitution ciphers, including periodic numerical systems, Part III will treat varieties of aperiodic substitution systems, including an introduction to elementary cipher devices and cryptomechanisms, Part IV will treat transposition and fractionating systems, and combined substitution-transposition systems, Part V will treat the reconstruction of codes, and the solution of enciphered code systems, and Part VI will treat the solution of representative machine cipher systems. In addition,

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throughout the five remaining texts there will be interpolated statistical techniques applicable to the systems treated, and information on the application of analytical machines in cryptanalytic problems. The security classification of each succeeding text will vary according to the information contained therein. It is not intended that the student study all six texts; life is too short to become an expert cryptanalyst in all fields of the art. Parts I and II embrace most of the necessary fundamentals of cryptanalysis; the succeeding four volumes will impart knowledge on more specific categories of systems with which the cryptanalyst may be faced.

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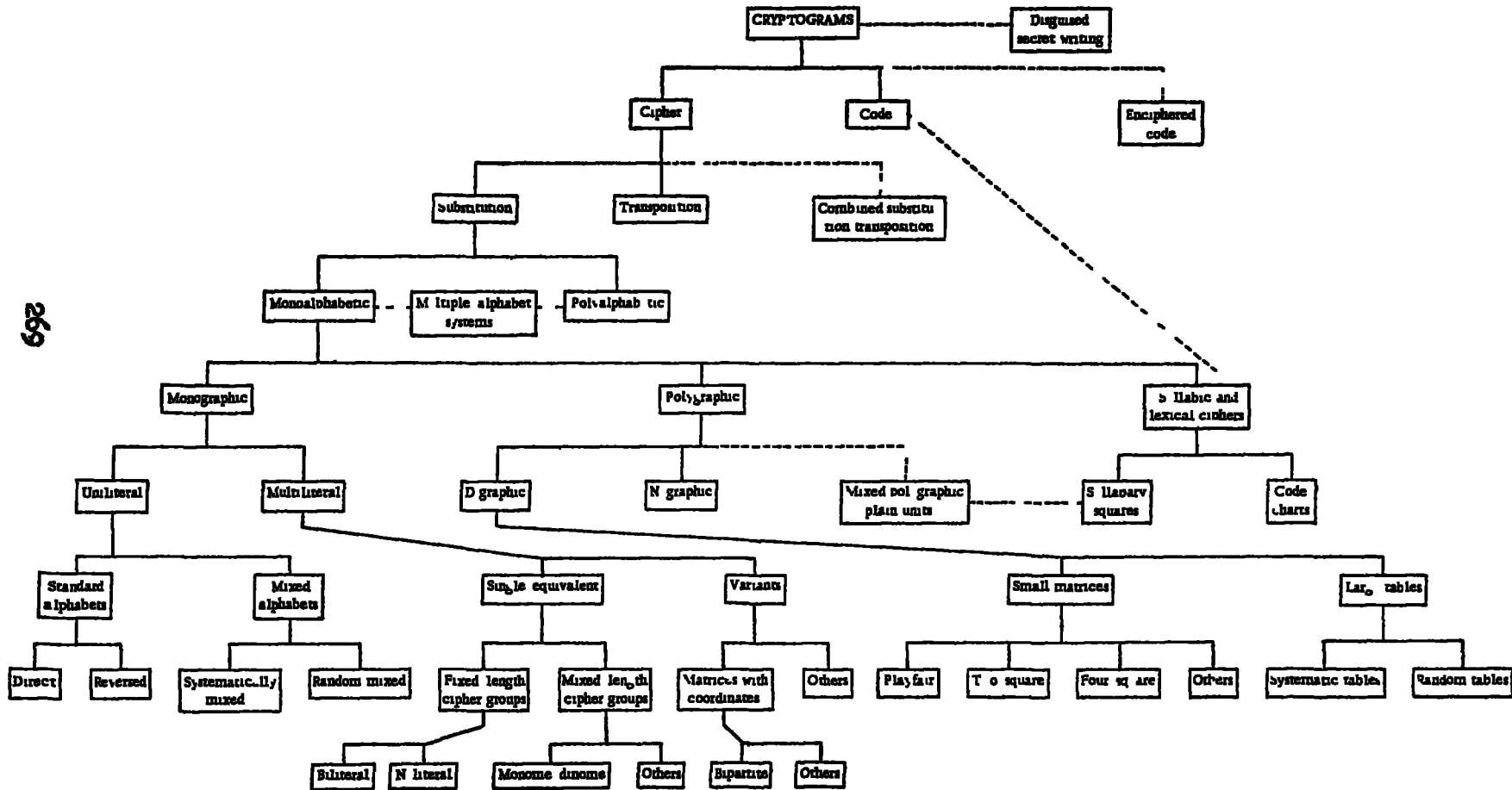


Chart 7. Synoptic chart of cryptography for Military Cryptanalytics, Part I.



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**APPENDICES**

## APPENDIX 1

## GLOSSARY FOR MILITARY CRYPTANALYSIS, PART I

Explanatory Notes

1. This glossary is designed primarily to be used in connection with the text Military Cryptanalysis, Part I. It is limited in scope to cryptologic terms actually appearing in the text, terms likely to be encountered in other cryptologic literature of approximately the same level as the text, and a few other terms considered necessary to complement or to clarify certain definitions.

2. The terms in this glossary are arranged in strictly alphabetical order, disregarding word spaces and hyphens. Single words and certain hyphenated words are followed directly by an abbreviation of the part of speech. Run-on entries, indicating a part of speech different from that of the main entry, are shown simply by means of a series of dashes followed by the abbreviation of the part of speech, and the appropriate definition. Abbreviations used for parts of speech, as well as those used to indicate examples, cross-references, etc., are those listed in Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.

## GLOSSARY FOR MILITARY CRYPTANALYSIS, PART I

accidental repetition. A repetition produced fortuitously, and not by the encipherment of identical plaintext letters by identical keying elements. (Cf. causal repetition.)

additive, n. A single digit, a series of digits, or a numerical group which, for the purpose of encipherment, is added to a numerical code group or to numerical cipher or plain text.

additive book. A book comprising a group of additive tables.

additive system. A cryptosystem in which encipherment is accomplished through the application of additives.

additive table. A tabular arrangement of additives.

addressee, n. The office, headquarters, activity or individual to whom a message is directed by the originator.

ADFGVX system. A German high-command cipher system used in World War I. Essentially, a biliteral substitution system employing a 6 x 6 square, to which a columnar transposition was subsequently applied.

applique unit, teleprinter. A special cipher attachment used in connection with a teleprinter to provide cryptographic treatment for teleprinter messages.

artificial word. A group of letters having no real meaning, constructed by the systematic arrangement of vowels and consonants so as to give the appearance and pronounceability of a bona fide word.

Baconian cipher. A cipher system invented by Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626). It is basically a monoalphabetic substitution system in which single plaintext letters are represented by five-letter cipher equivalents formed by permutations of two letters taken five at a time.

baud, n. A mark or space impulse in the international (Baudot) teleprinter code.

Baudot code. A five-unit code applied to teleprinter systems by Jean Maurice Emile Baudot (1845-1903). It employs a 32-element alphabet composed of permutations of two elements taken five at a time. Also called the international teleprinter code.

biliteral, adj. Of or pertaining only to cryptosystems, cipher alphabets, and frequency distributions which involve cipher units of two letters or characters. See the more inclusive term digraphic; see also biliteral frequency distribution.

biliteral alphabet. A cipher alphabet involving a cipher component composed of two-character units.

biliteral frequency distribution. A frequency distribution of pairs formed by combining successive letters or characters. Thus, a biliteral distribution of ABCDEF would list the following pairs: AB, BC, CD, DE, EF. (Cf. digraphic frequency distribution.)

bipartite alphabet. A biliteral alphabet in which the cipher units may be divided into two separate parts whose functions are clearly defined, viz., row indicators and column indicators of a matrix.

bipartite system. A substitution system involving the use of a bipartite alphabet.

blank-expectation test. See lambda test.

bust message. A message containing an error in encipherment which jeopardizes the cryptographic security of the message, and thus is potentially valuable to the cryptanalyst.

Caesar's cipher. An ancient form of simple substitution cipher in which each plaintext letter was replaced by the letter three places to the right of it in the normal alphabet; attributed to Julius Caesar.

call sign. A group of letters or numbers, or a combination of both, used as the identification for a telecommunication station (or stations), when stations are establishing contact with each other.

causal repetition. A repetition produced by the encipherment of identical plaintext letters by identical keying elements.

cell, n. An individual small square on cross-section paper, grilles, etc.

characteristic frequency. See normal frequency.

chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) table. A mathematical table listing the probabilities of occurrence by chance of a chi-square value higher than that observed in a given case; an adjunct to the chi-square test.

chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) test. A mathematical means for determining the relative likelihood that two distributions derive from the same source. For example, the test can be used to aid in the determination of whether a distribution is more likely to be random or not; in this usage, the observed distribution is compared with a theoretical distribution representing that which is expected for random. The end result of the test is a value representing the discrepancy between the two distributions which have been compared. This value, called a "chi-square value" may be interpreted as it is, or it may be interpreted through the use of a chi-square table.

chi ( $\chi$ ) test. A test applied to the distributions of the elements of two cipher texts either to determine whether the distributions are the result of encipherment by identical cipher alphabets, or to determine whether the underlying cipher alphabets are related. Also called the cross-product test.

cifax, n. Enciphered facsimile. The process of converting a plane image into an unintelligible image or series of electrical impulses and of reconverting it or them into intelligibility through the use of a key.--adj. Using or pertaining to cifax.

cipher, n. 1. A cipher system. 2. A cryptogram produced by means of a cipher system.---adj. Pertaining to that which enciphers or is enciphered.

cipher alphabet. An ordered arrangement of the letters (or other conventional signs, or both) of a written language and of the characters which replace them in a cryptographic process of substitution.

cipher clerk. A clerk who enciphers and deciphers messages.

cipher component. The sequence of a cipher alphabet containing the symbols which replace the plain symbols in the process of substitution.

cipher device. A nonmechanical and nonelectrical apparatus used for enciphering and deciphering.

cipher disk. A cipher device consisting of two or more concentric disks, each bearing on its periphery one component of a cipher alphabet.

cipher machine. A mechanical or electrical apparatus for enciphering and deciphering.

cipher square. An orderly arrangement or collection of sequences set forth in a rectangular form, commonly a square (e.g., a Vigenère square)

cipher system. Any cryptosystem in which cryptographic treatment is applied to textual units of regular length, usually monographic or digraphic. (Cf. code system.)

cipher text. The text of a cryptogram which has been produced by means of a cipher system.

ciphony, n. Enciphered telephony. The process of converting vocal communications into unintelligibility and of reconverting them into intelligibility through cryptographic treatment.---adj. Using or pertaining to ciphony.

citrol, n. The process of converting control and telemetering signals, such as those used in missile guidance, into unintelligibility and reconverting them into intelligibility through cryptographic treatment.---adj. Using or pertaining to citrol.

civision, n. Enciphered television. A system of converting television signals into unintelligible signals and vice versa, in accordance with certain predetermined procedures.---adj. Using or pertaining to civision.

clear text. Plain text.

code, n. 1. A code system. 2. A code book.---adj. Pertaining to that which encodes or is encoded.

code book. A book or document used in a code system, arranged in systematic form, containing units of plain text of varying length (letters, syllables, words, phrases, or sentences) each accompanied by one or more arbitrary groups of symbols used as equivalents in messages.

code chart. A chart in the form of a matrix containing letters, syllables, numbers, words and, occasionally, phrases. The matrix has row and column coordinates for the purpose of designating the plaintext elements within.

code clerk. A clerk who encodes and decodes messages.

code group. A group of letters or numbers, or a combination of both, assigned (in a code system) to represent a plaintext element.

code message. A cryptogram produced by encodement.

code system. A cryptosystem in which arbitrary groups of symbols represent plaintext units of irregular length, usually syllables, whole words, phrases and sentences.

code text. The text of a cryptogram which has been produced by means of a code system.

coincidence test. The kappa test. A statistical test applied to two ciphertext messages to determine whether they both involve encipherment by the same sequence of cipher alphabets.

columnar transposition. A method of transposition in which the ciphertext equivalent of a message is obtained by transcribing the columns of a matrix into which the message was inscribed earlier according to some scheme other than this vertical one.

column coordinate. A symbol normally at the top of a matrix or cryptographic table, identifying a specific column of cells, used in conjunction with a row coordinate to specify an individual cell in the matrix or table. Also called column indicator.

column indicator. See column coordinate.

communication intelligence (COMINT). Evaluated and interpreted information derived from the study of intercepted communications.

communication security (COMSEC). The protection resulting from all measures designed to deny to unauthorized persons information of value which might be derived from communications. Cryptosecurity, transmission security, and physical security are the components of communication security.

commutative, adj. As applied to cipher matrices, so constructed as to permit coordinates to be read in either row-column or column-row order without cryptographic ambiguity.

component, n. One of the two sequences (plain and cipher) which compose a cipher alphabet.

compromise, n. The loss of security of a classified document, information, or material, which results from the possibility of an unauthorized person or persons having knowledge thereof.

concealment system. A method of secret communication so designed as to convey a secret message without its presence being suspected by others than the addressee. In its most usual form, the plaintext elements are concealed by combining them with extraneous plaintext elements in such a way that the end result is an intelligible and apparently innocent message. (Cf. open code.)

crest, n. In its cryptologic application, a point of high relative frequency in a frequency distribution.

crib, n. 1. Plain text assumed or known to be present in a cryptogram.  
2. Keys assumed or known to have been used in a cryptogram.--v.t. To fit assumed or known plain text or keys into the proper position in an encrypted message.

cross-product test. See chi test.

cryptanalysis, n. The steps and operations performed in applying the principles of cryptanalytics.

cryptanalyst, n. A person versed in the art of cryptanalysis.

cryptanalytic, adj. Of, pertaining to, or used in cryptanalytics.

cryptanalytics, n. That branch of cryptology which deals with the principles, methods, and means employed in the solution or analysis of cryptosystems.

cryptanalyze, v.t. To solve by cryptanalysis.



cryptogram, n. A communication in visible writing which conveys no intelligible meaning in any known language, or which conveys some meaning other than the real meaning.

cryptographer, n. One who encrypts or decrypts messages or has a part in making a cryptographic system.

cryptographic, adj. Of, pertaining to, or concerned with cryptography.

cryptographic ambiguity. Uncertainty as to the method of decryption or as to the meaning intended after decryption; created by a fault in the structure of a cryptosystem.

cryptographic arithmetic. The method of modular arithmetic used in cryptographic procedures which involves no carrying in addition and no borrowing in subtraction.

cryptographic security. See cryptosecurity.

cryptographic system. See cryptosystem.

cryptographic text. Encrypted text; the text of a cryptogram.

cryptography, n. That branch of cryptology which treats of the means, methods, and apparatus for converting or transforming plaintext messages into cryptograms, and for reconvertng the cryptograms into their original plaintext form by a simple reversal of the steps used in their transformation.

cryptologic, adj. Of, pertaining to, or concerned with cryptology.

cryptology, n. That branch of knowledge which treats of hidden, disguised, or encrypted communications. It embraces all the means and methods of producing communication intelligence and maintaining communication security; for example, cryptology includes cryptography, cryptanalytics, traffic analysis, etc.

cryptomaterial, n. All documents, devices and machines employed in encrypting and decrypting messages.

cryptomathematician, n. One versed in cryptomathematics.

cryptomathematics, n. Those portions of mathematics and those mathematical methods which have cryptologic applications.

cryptosecurity, n. That component of communication security which results from the provision of technically sound cryptographic systems and from their proper use.

cryptosystem, n. The associated items or cryptomaterial and the methods and rules by which these items are used as a unit to provide a single means of encryption and decryption. A cryptosystem embraces the general cryptosystem and the specific keys essential to the employment of the general cryptosystem.

cyclic, adj. Periodic; continuing or repeating so that the first term of a series follows the last; characterized by a ring or closed-chain formation.

cyclic permutation. Any rearrangement of a sequence of elements which rearrangement merely involves shifting all the elements a common distance to the right or left of their initial positions in the sequence, the relative order remaining undisturbed; such a rearrangement requires that one consider the basic sequence as being circular in nature so that, for example, shifting that element which occupies the left-most position in the sequence one place to the left places this element in the right-most position.

daily keying element. That part of the specific key which changes at predetermined intervals, usually daily.

decimated alphabet. An alphabet produced by decimation.

decimation, n. The process of selecting members of a series by counting off at a chosen interval, the original series being treated as cyclic; or the result of the foregoing process.

decimation-mixed sequence. A mixed sequence produced by decimation.

decipher, v.t. To convert an enciphered message into its equivalent plain text by a reversal of the cryptographic process used in encipherment. (This does not include solution by cryptanalysis.)

deciphering alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the sequence of symbols in the cipher component is arranged in normal order for convenience in decipherment.

decipherment, n. 1. The process of deciphering. 2. The plain text of a deciphered cryptogram. 3. In an enciphered code system, the code text resulting from the removal of the encipherment.

decode, v.t. To convert an encoded message into its plain text by means of a code book. (This does not include solution by cryptanalysis.)

---n. 1. That section of a code book in which the code groups are in alphabetical, numerical, or other systematic order. 2. The decoded, but not translated, version of a code message.

decodement, n. 1. The process of decoding. 2. The decoded, but not translated, version of a cryptogram.

decrypt, v.t. To transform an unintelligible or cryptic communication into an intelligible one by a reversal of the cryptographic process used in encryption. (This does not include solution by cryptanalysis.)--n. A decrypted, but not translated, message.

decryption, n. The act of decrypting.

degarble, v.t. To make emendations in a garbled text.

derived numerical key. A key produced by assigning numerical values to a selected literal key.

diagnosis, cryptanalytic. A systematic examination of cryptograms with a view to discovering the general system underlying these cryptograms.

digraph, n. A pair of letters.

digraphic, adj. Of or pertaining to any combination of two characters.

digraphic frequency distribution. A frequency distribution of successive pairs of letters or characters. A digraphic distribution of ABCDEF would list the pairs: AB, CD, EF. (Cf. bilateral frequency distribution.)

digraphic idiomorph. A plaintext or cipher sequence which contains or shows a pattern in its construction as regards the number and position of repeated digraphs.

digraphic substitution. Encipherment by substitution methods in which the plaintext units are pairs of characters and their cipher equivalents usually consist of two characters.

digowe, n. A pair of digits.

direct standard cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which both the plain and cipher components are the normal sequence, the two components being juxtaposed in any of the non-crashing placements.

discriminant, n. A group of symbols indicating the specific cryptosystem used in encrypting a given message. Also called system indicator.

distribution, n. See frequency distribution.

doublet, n. A double-letter digraph, such as, LL, EE, etc.

double transposition. A cryptosystem in which the characters of a first or primary transposition are subjected to a second transposition.

encicøde, n. A portmanteau word for enciphered code.

encipher, v.t. To convert a plaintext message into unintelligible language by means of a cipher system.

enciphered code. A cryptographic system in which a cipher system is applied to encoded text.

enciphering alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the sequence of letters in the plain component is arranged in normal order for convenience in encipherment.

encipherment, n. 1. The process of enciphering. 2. Text which has been enciphered.

encoded cipher. The final text produced by enciphering the plain text and then encoding the enciphered text.

encode, v.t. To convert a plaintext message into unintelligible language by means of a code book.---n. That section of a code book in which the plaintext equivalents of the code groups are in alphabetical, numerical, or other systematic order.

encodement, n. 1. The act or process of encrypting plain text with a code system. 2. The text produced by encoding plain text.

encrypt, v.t. To convert a plaintext message into unintelligible language by means of a cryptosystem.

encrypted text. The text produced by the application of a cryptosystem to a plaintext message.

encryption, n. 1. The act of encrypting. 2. Encrypted text.

external text. In concealment systems, the apparently innocent enveloping text within which a secret message is hidden.

four-level dinome cipher. A bilateral substitution cipher system employing four cipher sequences composed of two-digit numbers, by means of which all or nearly all of the plaintext letters are provided with four two-digit variant equivalents.

four-square matrix system. A digraphic substitution system employing a matrix which usually consists of four 5 x 5 squares in which the letters of 25-element alphabets (usually combining I and J) are inserted according to any prearranged order.

fractionating system. A cipher system in which plaintext units are represented by two or more cipher symbols which in turn are dissociated and subjected to further encipherment by substitution or transposition or both.

fractionation, n. A cryptographic process wherein the cipher symbols, which combined represent a plaintext unit, are dissociated and subjected to further encipherment.

frequency distribution. A tabulation of the frequency of occurrence of plaintext or ciphertext units in a message or a group of messages. A frequency count.

frequency matrix. A type of cipher matrix providing variants. A matrix in which the number of different cipher values available to represent any given plaintext letter closely approximates its relative plaintext frequency.

garble, n. An error in transmission, reception, encryption, or decryption which renders incorrect or undecryptable a message or transmission or a portion thereof.---v.t. To make an error in transmission, reception, encryption, or decryption of a message.

general cryptosystem. The basic invariable method of encryption included in a cryptosystem, excluding the specific keys essential to its employment.

generatrix, n. In connection with the method of completing the plain component sequence, any one of the rows, each of which represents a trial "decipherment" of the original cryptogram.

Grandpre' cipher. A type of substitution system providing variants. This system employs a cipher square in which are inscribed ten 10-letter words containing all the letters of the alphabet in their approximate plaintext frequencies. These ten words are further linked together by a 10-letter word which appears vertically in the first column as a mnemonic feature for the inscription of the words in the rows.

grid, n. In a transposition system, a form or matrix over which a grille is placed for the purpose of enciphering or deciphering.

grille, n. 1. A sheet of paper, cardboard, thin metal, plastic, or like material in which perforations have been made for the uncovering of spaces in which textual units may be written or read on the grid. 2. A matrix in which certain squares are blocked out or otherwise marked so as not to be used.

group, n. A number of digits, letters or characters forming a unit for transmission or for cryptographic treatment.

high-echelon, adj. Pertaining to organizational units at the army divisional level or higher, or their equivalents.

high-grade, adj. Pertaining to a cryptosystem which offers a maximum of resistance to cryptanalysis; for example: (1) complex cipher machines, (2) one-time systems, (3) two-part codes enciphered with an additive book. (Cf. low-grade and medium-grade.)

Hill's algebraic encipherment. A true polygraphic system for the encipherment of polygraphs of any order, involving algebraic treatment by means of coefficients for the transformation of a plaintext polygraph into its ciphertext polygraphic equivalent, and vice versa. Invented by Professor Lester S. Hill of Hunter College.

hit, n. A coincidence or identity.

horizontal two-square matrix system. A digraphic substitution system employing a matrix which normally consists of two 5 x 5 squares placed side by side.

identification, n. Determination of the plaintext meaning of a cipher element or code group.

identify, v.t. To determine the plaintext meaning of a cipher element or code group.

idiomorph, n. A plaintext or cipher sequence which contains or shows a pattern in its construction as regards the number and positions of repeated letters.

idiomorphism, n. In a plaintext or cipher sequence, the phenomenon of showing a pattern as regards the number and positions of repeated letters.

index of coincidence. The ratio of the observed number of coincidences in a given cryptogram to the number of coincidences expected in a sample of random text of the same size as the cryptogram.

indicator, n. In cryptography, an element inserted within the text or heading of a message which serves as a guide to the selection or derivation and application of the correct system and key for the prompt decryption of the message. See also the more precise terms discriminant and message indicator.

inscription, n. In a transposition system, the process of writing a message into a matrix.

integer, n. A whole number.

intercept, v.t. In its cryptologic application, to gain possession of communications which are intended for other recipients, without obtaining the consent of the addressees and without preventing or ordinarily delaying the transmission of the communications to those addressees.--n. A copy of a message obtained by interception.

interception, n. The process of gaining possession of communications intended for others without obtaining the consent of the addressees and without preventing or ordinarily delaying the transmission of the communications to those addressees.

internal text. In concealment systems, the secret text which is enveloped by open or apparently innocent text.

international teleprinter code. See Baudot code.

interrupted-key columnar transposition. A columnar transposition system in which the plaintext elements are inscribed in a matrix in rows of irregular length as determined by a numerical key.

inverse four-square matrix system. A four-square matrix system in which the cipher sections contain normal alphabets while the plain component sections contain mixed alphabets.

invisible writing. Writing not visible to the naked eye; the characters composing such writing may be microscopic or inscribed with invisible ink.

isolog, n. A cryptogram of which the plain text is identical with that of another message encrypted in another system, key, code, etc.

isologous, adj. Pertaining to or having the nature of an isolog.

Jefferson cipher. A polyalphabetic substitution system invented by Thomas Jefferson and independently at a later date by the French cryptographer Bazeries. It provided for encipherment by means of a manually operated device involving a number of revolvable disks, each bearing a mixed alphabet on its periphery.

kappa plain constant. A constant employed in coincidence tests to denote the probability of coincidence of a given textual element or unit in plain text. It is the sum of the squares of the probabilities of occurrence of the different textual elements or units as they are employed in writing plain text; for example, in English telegraphic plain text, the monographic and digraphic kappa plain constants are .0667 and .0069 respectively.

kappa random constant. A constant employed in coincidence tests to denote the probability of coincidence of a given textual element or unit in random text. It is merely the reciprocal of the number of different elements or units of which the cipher text may have been composed; if a 26-letter alphabet were employed, for instance, the constant denoting the probability of coincidence of various textual elements would be derived as follows:

a. single letters	$1/26$	=	.0385
b. digraphs	$1/676$	=	.00148
c. trigraphs	$1/17576$	=	.000057

kappa test. See coincidence test.

key, n. 1. In cryptography, a symbol or sequence of symbols applied to successive textual elements of a message to accomplish their encryption or decryption. 2. A specific key.

- key book. A book containing key text, or plain text forming specific keys.
- keyed columnar transposition. A transposition system in which the columns of a matrix are taken off in the order determined by the specific key, which is often a derived numerical key.
- key phrase. An arbitrarily selected phrase from which a key is derived.
- key recovery. The cryptanalytic reconstruction of a key.
- key text. Text from which key is derived.
- key word. An arbitrarily selected word used as a key per se, or from which a key is derived.
- keyword-mixed alphabet. An alphabet constructed by writing the prearranged key word or key phrase (repeated letters, if present, usually being omitted after their first occurrence), and then completing the sequence from the unused letters of the alphabet in their normal sequence.
- lambda ( $\Lambda$ ) test. A test for monoalphabeticity in a message, based on a comparison of the observed number of blanks in its frequency distribution with the theoretically expected number of blanks both in (a) a normal plaintext message of equal length and (b) a random assortment of an equal number of letters. Also called the blank-expectation test.
- latent repetition. A plaintext repetition not apparent in cipher text but susceptible of being made patent as a result of analysis.
- Latin square. A cipher square in which no row nor column contains a repeated symbol.
- lexical, adj. Of, pertaining to, or connected with words. In its cryptographic sense, the word is used to characterize those cryptographic methods (chiefly codes) which deal with plaintext elements comprising complete words, phrases and sentences.
- literal key. A key composed of a sequence of letters.
- logarithmic weights. Numerical weights assigned to units of plain text, which weights are actually logarithms of the probabilities of the plaintext units, and which are used to evaluate the results of certain cryptanalytic operations.
- low-echelon, adj. Pertaining to organizational units below the level of the army division or its equivalent.
- low-grade, adj. Pertaining to a cryptosystem which offers only slight resistance to cryptanalysis; for example: (1) Playfair ciphers, (2) single transposition, (3) unenciphered one-part codes. (Cf. medium-grade and high-grade).



matrix, n. A geometric form or pattern. In transposition systems, the figure or diagram in which the various steps of the transposition are effected; in substitution systems, the figure or diagram containing the sequence or sequences of plaintext or cipher symbols.

medium-grade, adj. Pertaining to a cryptosystem which offers considerable resistance to cryptanalysis; for example: (1) strip ciphers, (2) polyphase transposition, (3) unenciphered two-part codes. (Cf. low-grade and high-grade).

message, n. Any thought or idea expressed in plain or secret language, prepared in a form suitable for transmission by any means of communication.

message indicator. That part of the specific key which changes with every message.

message keying element. See message indicator.

mixed cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the sequence of letters or characters in one or both of the components is not the normal sequence.

mixed-length system. A cryptosystem in which the units of cipher text or code text are of irregular or non-constant length, as for example, a monome-dinome system, or a code system employing both 4-letter and 5-letter groups.

mnemonic key. A key so constructed as to be easily remembered.

modulo, adj. Pertaining to a cyclic scale or basis of arithmetic. (Abbreviated as mod; e.g., mod 10, mod 26, etc.)

modulus, n. Scale or basis of arithmetic; the number n is called the modulus when all numbers which differ from each other by n or a multiple of n are considered equivalent.

monitor, v.t. To intercept and copy one's own or friendly radio and wire transmissions for the purpose of detecting and correcting violations of regulations.

monoalphabeticity, n. A characteristic of encrypted text which indicates that it has been produced by methods involving a single cipher alphabet or single code book, unenciphered. It is normally disclosed by frequency distributions which display "roughness", or pronounced variation in relative frequencies.

monoalphabetic substitution. A type of substitution employing a single cipher alphabet by means of which each cipher equivalent, composed of one or more elements, invariably represents one particular plaintext unit, wherever it occurs throughout any given message.

monographic, adj. Of or pertaining to any units comprising single characters.

monographic substitution. Encipherment by substitution methods in which the plaintext units are single characters and their cipher equivalents usually consist of single characters.

monome, n. A single digit.

monome-dinome system. A substitution system in which certain plaintext elements have single-digit cipher equivalents, while others are represented by pairs of digits.

multiliteral, adj. Of or pertaining only to cryptosystems, cipher alphabets, and frequency distributions which involve cipher units of two or more letters or characters. See the more inclusive term polygraphic.

multiliteral cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which one plaintext letter is represented by cipher units comprising two or more elements.

multiliteral system. A substitution system involving one or more multiliteral cipher alphabets.

multiple alphabet system. A type of substitution in which successive lengthy portions of a message are each monoalphabetically enciphered by a different alphabet; monoalphabetic encipherment by sections.

non-carrying sum. A sum produced in cryptographic (mod 10) arithmetic.

non-crashing, adj. A term used to describe that feature of the structure of certain cryptosystems which does not permit a plaintext unit to be self-enciphered.

non-commutative, adj. As applied to bipartite cipher matrices, so constructed that row and column coordinates must be read in a certain prescribed order (for example, in a row-column order).

normal frequency. The standard frequency of a plaintext unit or letter relative to other such units or letters, as disclosed by the statistical study of a large volume of text.

normal sequence. The normal alphabetical sequence of those letters which are used in the written text of any particular language, or any cyclic permutation thereof.

normal uniliteral frequency distribution. A distribution showing the standard relative frequency of single plaintext symbols as disclosed by statistical study of a large volume of text.

null, n. In cryptography, a symbol or unit of encrypted text having no plaintext significance.

numerical key. A key composed of a sequence of numbers.

numerically-keyed columnar transposition. A transposition system in which the columns of a matrix are taken off in the order determined by a numerical key.

off the cut. As applied to the division of cipher text into polygraphs, beginning elsewhere than with the initial character of a bona fide polygraph.

one-part code. A code in which the plaintext elements are arranged in alphabetical or numerical order accompanied by their code groups also arranged in alphabetical or numerical order.

one-time pad. A form of key book used in a one-time system so designed as to permit the destruction of each page of key as soon as it has been used.

one-time system. A cryptosystem in which the key, normally of a random nature, is used only once.

on the cut. As applied to the division of text into polygraphs, beginning with the first textual character.

open code. A cryptosystem in which units of plain text are used as the code equivalents for letters, numbers, words, phrases or sentences. The code equivalents themselves, usually words or phrases, can be combined to form the intelligible text of apparently innocent messages. (Cf. concealment system.)

originator, n. The individual (a commander or his officially designated representative) by whose authority a message is sent.

padding, n. Extraneous text added to a message for the purpose of concealing its length and beginning or ending or both.

paraphrase, v.t. To change the phraseology of a message without changing its meaning.

partially-polygraphic system. Any polygraphic substitution system in which the encipherment of certain members of the polygraphs shows group relationships; small matrix systems, such as the four-square, two-square and Playfair systems involve such group relationships and are considered to be partially-digraphic systems.

partition, n. Resolution of an integer into a set of integers (e.g., representation of the integer 6 as 1 and 5, 2 and 4, 3 and 3).

plaint repetition. A repetition which is externally visible in the original cryptographic text.

pentagraph, n. A set of five letters.

pentadrome, n. A set of five digits.

periodic substitution. Periodic polyalphabetic substitution. A method of encipherment involving the cyclic use of a plurality of alphabets.

permutation table. A table designed for the systematic construction of code groups. It may also be used to correct garbles in groups of code text.

phi ( $\phi$ ) test. A test applied to a frequency distribution to determine its relative monoalphabeticity. See also kappa plain constant and kappa random constant.

physical security. That component of communication security which results from all physical measures necessary to safeguard classified communication equipment and material from access thereto by unauthorized persons.

placode, n. A portmanteau word used to designate plain or unenciphered code.

plain code. Unenciphered code.

plain component. That component of a cipher alphabet which comprises the sequence of plaintext symbols.

plain component equivalents. In connection with the method of completing the plain component sequence, the plaintext equivalents for cipher units derived from an arbitrary juxtaposition of the components of a cipher alphabet.

plain language. Plain text.

plain text (clear text). 1. Text or language which conveys an intelligible meaning in the language in which it is written, with no hidden meaning.  
2. The intelligible text underlying a cryptogram.

Playfair system. A type of digraphic substitution using a single matrix normally of 25 cells.

Poisson table. Table of the Poisson distribution. A type of mathematical table containing probability data applicable to the phenomena of repetitions expected to obtain in samples of random text; used in cryptanalysis to determine whether or not the repetitions observed in a given sample of cryptographic text are causal repetitions or accidental (random) repetitions.

polyalphabetic substitution. A type of substitution in which the successive plaintext elements of a message, usually single letters, are enciphered by a succession of different alphabets which may be used more than once and which are used in a predetermined order.

polygraphic, adj. Of, pertaining to, or connected with any groupings comprising two or more letters or characters.

polygraphic substitution. Encipherment by substitution methods in which the plaintext units are regular length groupings of more than one element.

polyphase encipherment. Any system of encryption involving two or more successive operations of encipherment.

probable word. Plain text assumed or known to be present in a cryptogram. A crib.

probable-word method. The method of solution involving the trial of plain text assumed to be present in a cryptogram.

proforma message. A message in standardized form, designed to convey intelligence by conventions of arrangement and abbreviation.

pseudo-code system. A cipher system which produces a cryptogram whose groups resemble those produced by a code system.

pseudo-polygraphic system. A polygraphic substitution system in which at least one of the letters in each polygraph is enciphered mono-alphabetically.

quinqueliteral alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which each plaintext letter is represented by a 5-character equivalent.

randor-mixed cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the letters comprising the plain or cipher component have been mixed at random. (Cf. systematically-mixed cipher alphabet).

random text. Text which appears to have been produced by chance or accident, having no discernible patterns or limitations.

rapid analytical machinery. Any high-speed cryptanalytic machinery, usually electronic or photoelectric in nature.

raw traffic. Intercepted traffic showing no evidence of processing for communication intelligence purposes beyond sorting by clear address elements, elimination of unwanted messages, and the inclusion of a case number and/or an arbitrary traffic designator.

reciprocal cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which either of the two sequences may serve as plain or cipher since the equivalents exhibit reciprocity.

reciprocity, n. As used in cryptology, interchangeability of plain-cipher relationships (e.g.,  $A_p = B_c$  and  $B_p = A_c$ ).

related alphabets. Any of the several secondary cipher alphabets which are produced by sliding any given pair of primary components against each other.

relative code. Code text from which an encipherment has been removed in relative terms but not reduced to plain-code text, so that the groups differ from the actual, original plain code by an interval constant for every group; thus the difference between two relative code groups is the same as that between their plain-code equivalents.

repeating-key method. See periodic substitution.

repetitive encipherment. A type of encipherment in which the primary cipher text of a cryptogram is subjected to further encipherment with either the same or a different system. Double transposition is a frequently-encountered example of repetitive encipherment.

reversed standard cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which both the plain and cipher components are the normal sequence, the cipher component being reversed in direction from the plain component.

reversibility, n. That characteristic of the relationship between a plain-text digraph and its cipher digraph equivalent which permits the elements of each to be reversed (e.g.,  $AB_p = CD_c$  and  $BA_p = DC_c$ ).

revolving grille. A type of grille in which the apertures are so distributed that when the grille is turned successively through four angles of 90 degrees and set in position on the grid, all the cells on the grid are disclosed only once. Also called rotating grille.

rotating grille. See revolving grille.

rotor, n. A disk which is designed to rotate within a cipher machine and which controls the action of some other machine component or produces a variation in some textual or keying element.

roughness, n. That characteristic of a frequency distribution where there is displayed in the distribution a pronounced variation in relative frequencies of the elements considered. (Cf. smoothness.)

route transposition. A method of transposition in which the cipher-text equivalent of a message is obtained by transcribing, according to any prearranged route, the cells of a matrix into which the message was inscribed earlier according to some other prearranged route.

row coordinate. A symbol normally at the side of a matrix or cryptographic table, identifying a specific row of cells, used in conjunction with a column coordinate to specify an individual cell in the matrix or table. Also called row indicator.

row indicator. See row coordinate.

running digraph distribution. A bilateral distribution made on digit text.

secret ink. Any of several chemicals used for writing or printing which have the property of being initially invisible to the naked eye or of becoming so after a short time. Also called invisible ink or synthetic ink.

secret language. Text which conveys no intelligible meaning in any language or which conveys an intelligible meaning that is not the real, hidden meaning.

secret writing. 1. Visible writing in secret language. 2. Invisible writing.

separator, n. See word separator.

sequence, n. An ordered arrangement of symbols (letters, digits, etc.) having continuity. Specifically, the members of a component of a cipher alphabet in order; the symbols in a row, column, or diagonal of a cipher square in order; key letters or key figures in order.

setting, n. The arrangement and alignment of the variable elements of a cryptographic device or machine at any moment during its operation.

sigma, n. As used in cryptomathematics, a measure of the standard deviation from normal, expressed in terms of sigma ( $\sigma$ ).

simple substitution. Monoalphabetic uniliteral substitution.

simple transposition. See single transposition.

single transposition. A transposition in which only one inscription and one transcription are effected.

smoothness, n. That characteristic of a frequency distribution where there is displayed in the distribution no pronounced variation in relative frequencies of the elements considered. (Cf. roughness)

solution, n. In its cryptanalytic application, the process or result of solving a cryptogram or cryptosystem by cryptanalysis.

solve, v.t. To cryptanalyze. To find the plain text of encrypted communications by cryptanalytic processes, or to recover by analysis the keys and the principles of their application.

specific key. An element which is used with a specific cryptosystem to determine the encipherment of a message and which includes both the message keying element and the daily keying element. It may consist of a letter, number, word, phrase, sentence, a special document, book, or table, etc., usually of a variable nature and easily changeable at the will of the correspondents, or prearranged for them or for their agents by higher authority.

square, n. See matrix.

standard cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the sequence of letters in the plain component is the normal, and in the cipher component is the same as the normal, but either reversed in direction or shifted from its normal point of coincidence with the plain component.

standard uniliteral frequency distribution. See normal uniliteral frequency distribution.

stereotyne, n. A word, number, phrase, abbreviation, etc., which as a result of language habits, has a high probability of occurrence, especially at the beginning or ending of a message.

stereotyped messages. Related encrypted messages which are recognizable as such because of distinctive characteristics of the underlying plain text.

strip cipher device. A cipher device employing sliding alphabet strips.

substitution alphabet. See cipher alphabet.

substitution cipher. 1. A cipher system in which the elements of the plain text are replaced by other elements. 2. A cryptogram produced by enciphering a plaintext message with a substitution system.

substitution system. A system in which the elements of the plain or code text are replaced by other elements.



sum-checking digit, n. A preselected digit (normally the final digit) in a code or cipher group which is the non-carrying sum of the other digits in the group.

summing-trinome system, n. A substitution system in which each plaintext letter is assigned a unique numerical value of 0 to 9. This value is then expressed as a trinome, the digits of which sum to the designated value of the letter.

superencipherment, n. A form of superencryption in which the final step involves encipherment.--v.t. Superencipher.

superencryption, n. A further encryption of the text of a cryptogram for increased security. Enciphered code is a frequently-encountered example of superencryption.--v.t. Superencrypt.

switch group. A group used within a message to indicate that the following textual elements are encrypted with a different key or code book.

syllabary, n. In a code book, a list of individual letters, combinations of letters, or syllables, accompanied by their equivalent code groups, usually provided for spelling out words or proper names not present in the vocabulary of a code; a spelling table.

syllabary square. A cipher matrix containing individual letters, digits, syllables, frequent digraphs, trigraphs, etc., which are encrypted by the row and column coordinates of the matrix.

syllabic, adj. Of, pertaining to, or denoting syllables.

system, n. See cryptosystem.

systematically-mixed cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which the component that is mixed has been disarranged by systematic procedure. (Cf. random-mixed cipher alphabet)

system indicator. See discriminant.

teleprinter, n. An electrically-operated instrument resembling a typewriter, used for the transmission and reception-printing of messages by electrical means. Also called teletypewriter.

teletypewriter, n. A teleprinter.

tetragraph, n. A set of four letters.

tetranome, n. A set of four digits.

text, n. The part of a message containing the basic information which the originator desires to be communicated.

traffic, n. All transmitted communications.

traffic analysis. That branch of cryptology which, through a study of signal transmissions by all means short of cryptanalysis of message texts, assembles information concerning communication networks. This information is used (1) as a guide to further interception; (2) as an aid to cryptanalysis; (3) as a source of intelligence even in the absence of decrypted message texts; and (4) to strengthen our own security by discovering weaknesses in our communications and by avoiding weaknesses discovered in the communications of others.

traffic intercept. A copy of a communication obtained through interception.

transcription, n. In a transposition system, the process of removing the text from a matrix or grid by a method or route different from that used in the inscription.

transmission security. That component of communication security which results from all measures designed to protect transmissions from interception and traffic analysis.

transparency, direct. That characteristic of cipher text which indicates that certain plaintext elements may have been self-enciphered.

transparency, inverse. That characteristic of cipher text which indicates that certain cipher digraphs may be merely reversals of the corresponding plaintext digraphs.

transposition cipher. 1. A transposition system. 2. A cryptogram produced by enciphering a message with a transposition system.

transposition-mixed cipher alphabet. A cipher alphabet in which at least one component (plain or cipher) has been constructed by applying a form of transposition to either a standard or a mixed sequence.

transposition system. A cryptosystem in which the elements of plain text, whether individual letters, groups of letters, syllables, words, phrases, sentences, or code groups or their components undergo some change in their relative positions without a change in their identities.

trigraph, n. A set of three letters.

trigraphic, adj. Of or pertaining to any three-character group.

trigraphic frequency distribution. A frequency distribution of successive trigrams. A trigraphic frequency distribution of ABCDEF would consider only the trigrams ABC and DEF. (Cf. trilateral frequency distribution)

trigraphic substitution system. A substitution system in which the plaintext units are composed of three elements.

triliteral, adj. Of, or pertaining only to cryptosystems, cipher alphabets, and frequency distributions which involve cipher units of three letters or characters. See the more inclusive term trigraphic; see also triliteral frequency distribution.

triliteral frequency distribution. A distribution of the characters in the text of a message in sets of three, which will show: (a) each character with its two preceding characters or (b) each character with its two succeeding characters, or, in its most usual form, (c) each character with one preceding and one succeeding character. A triliteral frequency distribution of AECDEF would consider the groups ABC, BCD, CDE, DEF.

trinome, n. A set of three digits.

trinome-digraphic system. A substitution system in which plaintext digraphs are represented by 3-digit cipher elements.

trough, n. In its cryptologic application, a point of low relative frequency in a frequency distribution.

true polygraphic system. Any polygraphic substitution system in which the individual elements of the polygraphs display no evidence of monoalphabeticity, nor evidence of relationships within any group of polygraphs; that is, in a true polygraphic system, changing one letter in any plaintext polygraph affects the equivalent ciphertext polygraph in its entirety. (Cf. partially-polygraphic system and pseudo-polygraphic system.)

two-element differential. The characteristic incorporated in certain codes in which the groups differ from one another by a minimum of two elements, either in identity or the positions occupied. When the elements are letters, the characteristic is called a two-letter differential; when the elements are digits, it is called a two-digit differential.

two-part code. A randomized code, consisting of an encoding section in which the plaintext groups are arranged in alphabetical or other significant order accompanied by their code groups arranged in a non-alphabetical or random order; and a decoding section, in which the code groups are arranged in alphabetical or numerical order and are accompanied by their meanings as given in the encoding section.

two-square matrix system. A digraphic substitution system which normally employs a matrix consisting of two 5 x 5 squares arranged either horizontally or vertically.

unilateral, adj. Of, or pertaining only to cryptosystems, cipher alphabets, and frequency distributions which involve cipher units of single letters or characters. See the more inclusive term monographic; see also unilateral frequency distribution.

unilateral frequency distribution. A simple tabulation showing the frequency of individual characters of a text.

unilateral substitution. A cryptographic process in which the individual letters of a message text are replaced by single-letter cipher equivalents.

variant, n. 1. One of two or more cipher or code symbols which have the same plain equivalent; also called variant value. 2. One of several plaintext meanings which may be represented by a single code group.

variant system. A substitution system in which some or all plaintext letters may be represented by more than one cipher equivalent.

variant value. See variant.

vertical two-square matrix system. A digraphic substitution system employing a matrix which normally consists of two 5 x 5 squares arranged vertically.

Vigenère square. The cipher square commonly attributed in cryptographic literature to the French cryptographer Vigenère, having the normal sequence at the top (or bottom) and at the left (or right), with cyclic permutations of the normal or other sequence forming the successive rows (or columns) within the square.

visible writing. Writing in which the characters are inscribed with ordinary writing materials and can be seen with the naked eye. (Cf. invisible writing.)

Wheatstone cipher device. A cipher device consisting essentially of two rings mounted concentrically in a single plane, the outer (and larger) ring being the plain component of the device and comprising 27 equi-sized divisions, the inner (and smaller) ring being the cipher component, comprising 26 similar divisions. The device incorporates two hands (similar to those on a clock) pivoted at the center of the device--the larger hand serving the outer ring and the smaller hand, the inner--so geared together that for each complete revolution of the larger, the smaller turns through one complete revolution plus one twenty-sixth.

word pattern. The characteristic arrangement of repeated letters in a word which tends to make it readily identifiable when enciphered monoalphabetically.

word separator. A unit of one or more characters employed in certain cryptosystems to indicate the space between words. It may be enciphered or unenciphered. Also called a word spacer.

word transposition. A cryptosystem in which whole words are transposed according to a certain prearranged route or pattern.

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TABLE 1-A — Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in five sets of Governmental plain-text telegrams, each set containing 10,000 letters, arranged alphabetically

Set No 1		Set No 2		Set No 3		Set No 4		Set No. 5	
Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency
A	738	A	738	A	681	A	740	A	741
B	104	B	108	B	98	B	83	B	99
C	319	C	800	C	288	C	326	C	301
D	887	D	418	D	428	D	451	D	448
E	1,367	E	1,294	E	1,292	E	1,270	E	1,275
F	253	F	287	F	308	F	287	F	281
G	166	G	175	G	161	G	167	G	150
H	310	H	351	H	385	H	349	H	349
I	742	I	750	I	787	I	700	I	697
J	18	J	17	J	10	J	21	J	16
K	36	K	38	K	22	K	21	K	31
L	365	L	393	L	333	L	386	L	344
M	242	M	240	M	238	M	249	M	268
N	786	N	794	N	815	N	800	N	780
O	685	O	770	O	791	O	756	O	762
P	241	P	272	P	317	P	245	P	260
Q	40	Q	22	Q	45	Q	38	Q	30
R	760	R	745	R	762	R	785	R	786
S	658	S	588	S	585	S	628	S	604
T	986	T	879	T	894	T	958	T	928
U	270	U	233	U	312	U	247	U	233
V	163	V	173	V	142	V	133	V	155
W	166	W	163	W	136	W	133	W	132
X	43	X	50	X	44	X	53	X	41
Y	191	Y	155	Y	179	Y	213	Y	229
Z	14	Z	17	Z	2	Z	11	Z	5
Total	10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000

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TABLE 1-B—Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in five sets of Governmental plain-text telegrams, each set containing 10,000 letters, arranged according to frequency

Set No 1		Set No 2		Set No 3		Set No 4		Set No 5	
Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency	Letter	Absolute Frequency
E	1,367	E	1,294	E	1,292	E	1,270	E	1,275
T	986	T	879	T	894	T	958	T	928
N	786	N	794	N	815	N	800	R	786
R	760	A	783	O	791	O	756	N	780
I	742	O	770	I	787	A	740	O	762
A	738	I	750	R	762	R	735	A	741
O	685	R	745	A	681	I	700	I	697
S	658	S	583	S	585	S	628	S	604
D	387	D	413	D	423	D	451	D	448
L	365	L	393	H	335	L	386	H	349
C	319	H	351	L	333	H	349	L	344
H	310	C	300	P	317	C	326	C	301
U	270	F	287	U	312	F	287	F	281
F	253	P	272	F	308	M	249	M	268
M	242	M	240	C	288	U	247	P	260
P	241	U	233	M	238	P	245	U	238
Y	191	G	175	Y	179	Y	213	Y	229
G	166	V	173	G	161	G	167	W	182
W	166	W	163	V	142	V	133	V	155
V	163	Y	155	W	136	W	133	G	150
B	104	B	103	B	98	B	88	B	99
X	43	X	50	Q	45	X	53	X	41
Q	40	K	38	X	44	Q	38	K	31
K	36	Q	22	K	22	K	21	Q	30
J	18	J	17	J	10	J	21	J	16
Z	14	Z	17	Z	2	Z	11	Z	5
Total	10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000

TABLE 1-C—Absolute frequencies of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants appearing in five sets of Governmental plain-text telegrams, each set containing 10,000 letters

Set No	Vowels	High Frequency Consonants	Medium-Frequency Consonants	Low-Frequency Consonants
1	3,998	3,527	2,329	151
2	3,985	3,414	2,457	144
3	4,042	3,479	2,356	123
4	3,926	3,572	2,358	144
5	3,942	3,546	2,389	123
Total <sup>1</sup>	19,888	17,538	11,889	685

<sup>1</sup> Grand total, 50 000~~RESTRICTED~~

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TABLE 2-A — Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in the combined five sets of messages totalling 50,000 letters, arranged alphabetically

A	3,683	G	819	L	1,821	Q	175	V	766
B	487	H	1,694	M	1,237	R	3,788	W	780
C	1,534	I	3,676	N	3,975	S	3,058	X	231
D	2,122	J	82	O	3,764	T	4,595	Y	967
E	6,498	K	148	P	1,335	U	1,300	Z	49
F	1,416								

TABLE 2-B — Absolute frequencies of letters appearing in the combined five sets of messages totalling 50,000 letters, arranged according to frequency

E	6,498	I	3,676	C	1,534	Y	967	X	231
T	4,595	S	3,058	F	1,416	G	819	Q	175
N	3,975	D	2,122	P	1,335	W	780	K	148
R	3,788	L	1,821	U	1,300	V	766	J	82
O	3,764	H	1,694	M	1,237	B	487	Z	49
A	3,683								

TABLE 2-C — Absolute frequencies of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants appearing in the combined five sets of messages totalling 50,000 letters

Vowels	19,888
High-frequency consonants (D, N, R, S, and T)	17,538
Medium-frequency consonants (B, C, F, G, H, L, M, P, V, and W)	11,889
Low-frequency consonants (J, K, Q, X, and Z)	685
Total	50,000

TABLE 2-D — Absolute frequencies of letters as initial letters of 10,000 words found in Governmental plain-text telegrams

(1) ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY										
A	905	G	109	L	196	Q	30	V	77	
B	287	H	272	M	384	R	611	W	320	
C	664	I	344	N	441	S	965	X	4	
D	525	J	44	O	646	T	1,253	Y	88	
E	390	K	23	P	433	U	122	Z	12	
F	855									
									Total	10,000
(2) ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY										
T	1,253	R	611	M	384	L	196	J	44	
S	965	D	525	I	344	U	122	Q	30	
A	905	N	441	W	320	G	109	K	23	
F	855	P	433	B	287	Y	88	Z	12	
C	664	E	390	H	272	V	77	X	4	
O	646									
									Total	10,000

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TABLE 2-E -- Absolute frequencies of letters as final letters of 10,000 words found in Governmental plain-text telegrams

(1) ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY										
A	269	G	225	L	354	Q	8	V	4	
B	22	H	450	M	154	R	769	W	45	
C	86	I	22	N	872	S	962	X	116	
D	1,002	J	6	O	575	T	1,007	Y	866	
E	1,628	K	53	P	213	U	31	Z	9	
F	252									
									Total	10,000
(2) ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY										
E	1,628	R	769	F	252	C	86	I	22	
T	1,007	O	575	G	225	K	53	Z	9	
D	1,002	H	450	P	213	W	45	Q	8	
S	962	L	354	M	154	U	31	J	6	
N	872	A	269	X	116	B	22	V	4	
Y	866									
									Total	10,000

TABLE 3 -- Relative frequencies of letters appearing in 1,000 letters based upon Table 2-B

(1) ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY										
A	73 66	G	16 38	L	36 42	Q	3 50	V	15 32	
B	9 74	H	33 88	M	24 74	R	75 76	W	15 60	
C	30 68	I	73 52	N	79 50	S	61 16	X	4 62	
D	42 44	J	1 64	O	75 28	T	91 90	Y	19 34	
E	129 96	K	2 96	P	26 70	U	26 00	Z	98	
F	28 32									
									Total	1,000 00
(2) ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY										
E	129 96	I	73 52	C	30 68	Y	19 34	X	4 62	
T	91 90	S	61 16	F	28 32	G	16 38	Q	3 50	
N	79 50	D	42 44	P	26 70	W	15 60	K	2 96	
R	75 76	L	36 42	U	26 00	V	15 32	J	1 64	
O	75 28	H	33 88	M	24 74	B	9 74	Z	98	
A	73 66									
									Total	1,000 00
(3) VOWELS					(4) HIGH-FREQUENCY CONSONANTS					
A	73 66				D	42 44				
E	129 96				N	79 50				
I	73 52				R	75 76				
O	75 28				S	61 16				
U	26 00				T	91 90				
Y	19 34									
Total					Total					
397 76					350 76					

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(5) MEDIUM-FREQUENCY CONSONANTS		(6) LOW-FREQUENCY CONSONANTS	
B	9 74	X	4.62
C	30 68	Q	3 50
F	28 32	K	2 96
G	16 38	J	1 64
H	33 88	Z	98
L	36 42		
M	24 74	Total	18 70
P	26 70		
V	15 32		
W	15 60		
Total	237 78	Total (3), (4), (5), (6)	1,000 00

TABLE 4 — *Frequency distribution for 10,000 letters of literary English, as compiled by Hitt<sup>1</sup>*

(1) ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY									
A	778	G	174	L	372	Q	8	V	112
B	141	H	595	M	288	R	651	W	176
C	296	I	667	N	686	S	622	X	27
D	402	J	51	O	807	T	855	Y	196
E	1,277	K	74	P	223	U	308	Z	17
F	197								
(2) ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY									
E	1,277	R	651	U	308	Y	196	K	74
T	855	S	622	C	296	W	176	J	51
O	807	H	595	M	288	G	174	X	27
A	778	D	402	P	223	B	141	Z	17
N	686	L	372	F	197	V	112	Q	8
I	667								

TABLE 5 — *Frequency distribution for 10,000 letters of telegraphic English, as compiled by Hitt<sup>1</sup>*

(1) ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY									
A	813	G	201	L	392	Q	38	V	136
B	149	H	386	M	273	R	677	W	166
C	306	I	711	N	718	S	656	X	51
D	417	J	42	O	844	T	634	Y	208
E	1,319	K	88	P	243	U	321	Z	6
F	205								
(2) ARRANGED ACCORDING TO FREQUENCY									
E	1,319	S	656	U	321	F	205	K	88
O	844	T	634	C	306	G	201	X	51
A	813	D	417	M	273	W	166	J	42
N	718	L	392	P	243	B	149	Q	38
I	711	H	386	Y	208	V	136	Z	6
R	677								

<sup>1</sup> Hitt, Capt Parker *Manual for the Solution of Military Ciphers* Army Service Schools Press, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1916~~RESTRICTED~~

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TABLE 6-A—Frequency distribution of digraphs, based on 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, reduced to 5,000 digraphs

FIRST LETTER	SECOND LETTER																										Total	Blanks
	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		
A	3	6	14	27	1	4	6	2	17	1	2	32	14	64	2	12	44	41	47	13	7	3	12				374	9
B	4				18				2	1		6	1		4		2	1	1	2						7	49	14
C	20		3	1	32	1		14	7	4	5	1	1	41			4	1	14	4	1	1	1			155	8	
D	32	4	4	8	33	8	2	2	27	1		3	5	4	16	5	2	12	13	15	5	3	4	1		209	3	
E	35	4	32	60	42	18	4	7	27	1		29	14	111	12	20	12	87	54	37	3	20	7	7	4	1	648	1
F	5		2	1	10	11	1		39			2	1		40	1		9	3	11	3	1	1			141	9	
G	7		2	1	14	2	1	20	5	1		2	1	3	6	2		5	3	4	2	1				82	7	
H	20	1	3	2	20	5			33			1	2	3	20	1	1	17	4	28	8	1	1		1	171	7	
I	8	2	22	6	13	10	19				2	23	9	75	41	7		27	35	27		25	15	2		363	7	
J	1				2										2							2					7	22
K	1		1		6				2			1		1					1								13	19
L	28	3	3	9	37	3	1	1	20			27	2	1	13	3		2	6	8	2	2	2	10		133	5	
M	36	6	3	1	26	1		1	9				13		10	8		2	4	2	2			2		126	10	
N	26	2	19	52	57	9	27	4	30	1	2	5	5	8	18	3	1	4	24	82	7	3	3	5		397	2	
O	7	4	8	12	3	25	2	3	5	1	2	19	25	77	6	25		64	14	19	37	7	8	1	2	376	2	
P	14	1	1	1	23	2		3	6			13	4	1	17	11		13	6	8	3	1	1	1		135	6	
Q													1					1				15					17	23
R	39	2	9	17	98	6	7	3	30	1	1	5	9	7	23	13		11	31	42	5	5	4	9		382	3	
S	24	3	13	5	49	12	2	26	34	1		2	3	4	15	10		5	19	63	11	1	4	1		307	4	
T	28	3	6	6	71	7	1	78	45			5	6	7	50	2	1	17	19	19	5	36	41	1		454	4	
U	5	3	3	3	11	1	8		5			6	5	21	1	2		31	12	12		1				130	9	
V	6				57				12						1							1					77	21
W	12				22			4	13			1		2	19			1	1					1		76	16	
X	2		2	1	1	1		1	2					1	1	2		1	1	7						23	13	
Y	6	2	4	4	9	11	1	1	3			2	2	6	10	3		4	11	15	1	1				96	7	
Z	1				2				1																		4	23
Total	370	46	154	217	657	137	32	170	374	8	14	189	123	397	373	130	17	363	304	462	130	75	77	23	99	45,000		
Blanks	1	11	6	7	1	7	12	10	3	18	19	6	6	7	3	8	21	4	4	5	7	15	11	23	10	23		248

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		- SECOND LETTER																										Total		
		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	Blanks		
FIRST LETTER	A	1	4	9	5		2	3	1	8		3	7	2	29		4		16	11	31	1	3		1	5	146	6		
	B	4			1	8				1			6	2		4							1				2	29	17	
	C	7		1		10		2	5	1		4				22	1		4	1	4							62	14	
	D	10	2	2	2	15	3	1	1	12			2	2		4	3		8	6	6	6	2	1	1	3		86	6	
	E	9	3	8	24	25	7	1	2	7	1	1	6	6	34	6	10	1	43	23	18	1	7	2	4	1	4	254	0	
	F	2		1		2	1			18			5	1		12	1		2	1	5	1				1		48	12	
	G	4		1	1	8	1	1	11	2			2		1	2	1		2	2	6	3					1	49	9	
	H	6				7	1			6				1		3	1		7	1	11	6		1				51	14	
	I	2	1	6	2	2	5	11					8	2	42	21	2		10	10	11		9		5			149	9	
	J															2													2	25
	K	1	1	1		3	1			2			1		1														11	18
	L	14	1	1		15	1			8			6			7	2		1	2	1	1	2			2		64	11	
	M	11	1			5				4			1	2		4	2			1						3		34	16	
	N	10	3	8	22	22	5	22	2	6		2	2	2	3	10	2		2	9	27	3	1					163	6	
	O	3	3	3	11	4	9	2		6		1	4	9	33	2	8		20	9	7	20	1	4	1	1	1	167	3	
	P	4				18			1	1			5			7	3		8	3	2	1						53	15	
	Q																							3					3	25
	R	14	2	6	9	34	2	3		19		1	1	3	3	24	2		2	8	10	4		1				148	7	
	S	8	2	8	1	15	2		4	13			2	1	1	5	6	1	1	6	23	6	3					108	7	
	T	16	1	4	3	27	4	1	21	23			3	1	2	22	3		10	8	8	4	12		8	4		185	5	
	U	4	3	1	2	3		1		4			2	2	9		1		1	4	10							47	12	
	V	3				17				4						1													25	22
	W	4				10			1	5						6			1									27	20	
	X			1			1	1	4				1									2						10	20	
	Y	3	1	2	1	2	3			1			3	2		2	2		1	2	2			1				28	11	
	Z					10																		1					11	24
Total	140	28	63	84	262	43	43	50	150	1	12	67	38	163	166	54	2	139	107	184	57	24	26	11	26	10	1,960			
Blanks	4	12	9	13	4	10	15	15	4	25	20	7	11	15	6	8	24	8	8	8	8	11	19	17	22	17	22		334	

<sup>1</sup>Fractional values have been discarded. This accounts for the discrepancy between the indicated total (1,960) and the stated total (2,000)

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## TABLES 7-11, Inclusive

*Absolute frequencies of digraphs, trigraphs, and tetragraphs and the logarithms of their assigned probabilities*<sup>1</sup>

1 For each of the following 18 tables, the basic data were first arranged according to their absolute frequencies (F), and then the logarithms— $L_{10}(F)$  of the frequencies found

2 The tables are designed to facilitate determination of the relative weights or probability of occurrence of sets of digraphs, trigraphs, or tetragraphs, particularly with respect to various "matching" operations. For example, are the matched digraphs RE and ET more probable than the matched digraphs RT and EF? Table 7-A shows the frequencies (F) of the digraphs to be as follows: RE=98, ET=37, RT=42, EF=18. Therefore, 98 times 37 is compared with 42 times 18, or 3,626 with 756. This arithmetic method of approach is extremely cumbersome for a large number of comparisons. By using the logarithms of the individual frequencies, the operation is greatly simplified, since the addition of the logarithms of two numbers is equivalent to the multiplication of their equivalent arithmetic values. Thus, the foregoing computation may be expressed as  $\text{Log } 98 + \text{Log } 37$ , compared with  $\text{Log } 42 + \text{Log } 18$ , or  $0.96 + 0.79$  versus  $0.81 + 0.66$  (see Table 7-A and explanation below). If more than one occurrence of a particular digraph is involved, it is merely necessary to multiply the logarithmic value by the number of the occurrences, viz.,  $\text{Log } X + 2(\text{Log } Y) + 3(\text{Log } Z)$ , as compared with  $\text{Log } A + 3(\text{Log } B) + 2(\text{Log } C)$ .

3 The logarithm of any given number is the power to which 10 must be raised to equal the given number. Thus,  $10^2=100$ , or the logarithm of  $100=2$ . Similarly,  $10^3=1,000$ , or the logarithm of  $1,000=3$ . The sum of logarithms is equal to the logarithm of the product of their antilogs (arithmetic numbers they represent). For example,  $10^2=100$ ,  $10^3=1,000$ ,  $10^{2+3}=100 \times 1,000$ ,  $\text{Log } 100,000=5$ . Also,  $10^0=1$ , or  $\text{Log } 1=0$ . The Log of 0 is minus infinity ( $-\infty$ ).

4 In the compilation of the logarithms of the elements constituting these tables, frequencies of 1, of course, had a logarithmic value of 0.00. Digraphs which did not occur,<sup>2</sup> i.e., those with 0 occurrences, had a logarithmic value of minus infinity ( $-\infty$ ). For practical use, each of the original frequency occurrences in these tables was doubled, i.e., EN was given a frequency of 222 instead of 111, the frequency of RE became 196 instead of 98, etc. Thus, single occurrences were doubled ( $2 \times 1 = 2$ ), and the logarithms of those elements became 0.30 instead of 0. This is equivalent to saying  $\text{Log } 1 + \text{Log } 2 = 0.00 + 0.30 = 0.30$ . Those elements which occurred 0 times, now were assumed to have an occurrence of 1, with an equivalent logarithmic value of 0.00.

5 In order to place all the logarithms of the initial frequencies on a comparable logarithmic basis, it was merely necessary to add 0.30 to each of them. While EN had a frequency of 111 in the original compilation, it now had a frequency of 222, or  $2(111)$ . The logarithm of 222 is 2.35. This is equivalent to saying  $\text{Log } 111 + \text{Log } 2 = 2.05 + 0.30 = 2.35$ .

6 The frequencies as stated in terms of their actual logarithms do not readily indicate their relative size for each distribution. Therefore, the highest frequency in each group was given a value of 0.99, and the lowest a value of 0, frequencies intermediate between these extremes were

<sup>1</sup> These frequency distributions are based upon data derived from 50,000 letters of U S Governmental plain-text telegrams, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

<sup>2</sup> While in general it is possible to assign probability values to digraphs in accordance with their observed frequencies, it is not strictly correct to associate the probability " $p$ " with a frequency of zero. This would be equivalent to saying "Because a specified digraph has not occurred, it cannot occur and would be reflected in the mathematics. Log probability zero equals minus infinity." What may be said is "Since a specified digraph has not occurred in the data its true probability value is unknown except that it must be below the probability value assigned to a frequency of one." The proper way to assign a probability value to digraphs with frequencies of zero is to continue counting until they have at least one occurrence then the true relative probability can be found.

A simple practical method of taking this difficulty into account is merely to assume that in twice the amount of data the digraph probably would have occurred at least once that is it has a frequency of one-half.

It should be pointed out however, that since probabilities are multiplied (by summing logarithms) a 10% error in evaluating the digraph ZZ for example, makes the product, wherever ZZ occurs 10% wrong and is just as serious as a 10% error in evaluating the high frequency digraph EN. In practice however results obtained from the logarithmic method are so satisfactory that refinements are not needed.

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evaluated in proportion to their respective frequencies. This is equivalent to expressing the frequencies in logarithms with a base other than 10. In other words, this procedure of converting the logarithms to the range from 00 to 99 consists in dividing up the original range of logarithms into 100 equal parts and assigning each one to the proper rank in the range.

7 The new base (C) used to convert each of the digraphic frequencies to the logarithmic range 0 to 0 99 is derived as follows, when 222 is the highest frequency (F)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } 222 &= C^{0.99} \\ \text{Log}_{10} 222 &= \text{Log}_{10} C^{0.99} \\ \text{Log}_{10} 222 &= (0.99) (\text{Log}_{10} C) \\ C &= \text{Antilog } \frac{\text{Log}_{10} 222}{0.99} = \text{Antilog } \frac{2.35}{0.99} \\ C &= 224 \end{aligned}$$

8 The formula for the computation of the logarithm to the new base (C) of any actual frequency (Y) of a series is

$$\text{Log}_c Y = \frac{\text{Log}_{10} Y}{\text{Log}_{10} C}$$

It is more expeditious to use reciprocals in the conversion of a whole series of logarithmic values, as in this instance. The formula is  $(\text{Log}_{10} C)^{-1} (\text{Log}_{10} Y) = \text{Log}_c Y$ .

9 The digraphic index chart, Table 15, on page 37, summarizes the logarithmic frequencies of all English plain-text digraphs, computed to a base of 224 so that the logarithm of the highest frequency (EN) is 0 99.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EN} &= 222 \\ \text{Log}_{10} 222 &= 2.35 \\ (\text{Log}_{10} C)^{-1} &= (\text{Log}_{10} 224)^{-1} = 0.421 \\ \text{Log}_c 222 &= 0.421 \times 2.35 = 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

10. Likewise, the trigraphs and tetragraphs have been computed to the bases 1586 and 1244, respectively, so that the logarithms of the highest-frequency trigraph (ENI) and tetragraph (TION) are 0.99. Since no use is being made of the trigraphs appearing less than 100 times and tetragraphs appearing less than 50 times, the basic frequencies of the trigraphs and tetragraphs have not been doubled in computing the new bases of the logarithms.

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TABLE 7-A, Contd—The 428 different digraphs of Table 6-A, arranged according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
EH	7 0 85	48	RU	5 0 70	42	GS	3 0 48	33	JE	2 0 30	25
EW	7 0 85	48	RV	5 0 70	42	HC	3 0 48	33	JO	2 0 30	25
EX	7 0 85	48	SD	5 0 70	42	HN	3 0 48	33	JU	2 0 30	25
GA	7 0 85	48	SR	5 0 70	42	LB	3 0 48	33	KI	2 0 30	25
IP	7 0 85	48	TL	5 0 70	42	LC	3 0 48	33	LM	2 0 30	25
NU	7 0 85	48	TU	5 0 70	42	LF	3 0 48	33	LR	2 0 30	25
OA	7 0 85	48	UA	5 0 70	42	LP	3 0 48	33	LU	2 0 30	25
OV	7 0 85	48	UI	5 0 70	42	MC	3 0 48	33	LV	2 0 30	25
RG	7 0 85	48	UM	5 0 70	42	NP	3 0 48	33	LW	2 0 30	25
RN	7 0 85	48	AF	4 0 60	38	NV	3 0 48	33	MR	2 0 30	25
TF	7 0 85	48	BA	4 0 60	38	NW	3 0 48	33	MT	2 0 30	25
TN	7 0 85	48	BO	4 0 60	38	OE	3 0 48	33	MU	2 0 30	25
XT	7 0 85	48	CK	4 0 60	38	OH	3 0 48	33	MY	2 0 30	25
AB	6 0 78	45	CR	4 0 60	38	PH	3 0 48	33	NE	2 0 30	25
AG	6 0 78	45	CU	4 0 60	38	PU	3 0 48	33	NK	2 0 30	25
BL	6 0 78	45	DB	4 0 60	38	RH	3 0 48	33	OG	2 0 30	25
GO	6 0 78	45	DC	4 0 60	38	SB	3 0 48	33	OK	2 0 30	25
ID	6 0 78	45	DN	4 0 60	38	SM	3 0 48	33	OY	2 0 30	25
KE	6 0 78	45	DW	4 0 60	38	TB	3 0 48	33	PF	2 0 30	25
LS	6 0 78	45	EB	4 0 60	38	UB	3 0 48	33	RB	2 0 30	25
MB	6 0 78	45	EG	4 0 60	38	UC	3 0 48	33	SG	2 0 30	25
OO	6 0 78	45	EY	4 0 60	38	UD	3 0 48	33	SL	2 0 30	25
PI	6 0 78	45	GT	4 0 60	38	YI	3 0 48	33	TP	2 0 30	25
PS	6 0 78	45	HS	4 0 60	38	YP	3 0 48	33	UP	2 0 30	25
RF	6 0 78	45	MS	4 0 60	38	AH	2 0 30	25	WN	2 0 30	25
TC	6 0 78	45	NH	4 0 60	38	AK	2 0 30	25	XA	2 0 30	25
TD	6 0 78	45	NR	4 0 60	38	AO	2 0 30	25	XC	2 0 30	25
TM	6 0 78	45	OB	4 0 60	38	BI	2 0 30	25	XI	2 0 30	25
UL	6 0 78	45	PM	4 0 60	38	BR	2 0 30	25	XP	2 0 30	25
VA	6 0 78	45	RW	4 0 60	38	BU	2 0 30	25	YB	2 0 30	25
YA	6 0 78	45	SN	4 0 60	38	DG	2 0 30	25	YL	2 0 30	25
YN	6 0 78	45	SW	4 0 60	38	DH	2 0 30	25	YM	2 0 30	25
CL	5 0 70	42	WH	4 0 60	38	DQ	2 0 30	25	ZE	2 0 30	25
DM	5 0 70	42	YC	4 0 60	38	FC	2 0 30	25	AE	1 0 00	13
DP	5 0 70	42	YD	4 0 60	33	FL	2 0 30	25	AJ	1 0 00	13
DU	5 0 70	42	YR	4 0 60	33	GC	2 0 30	25	BJ	1 0 00	13
FA	5 0 70	42	AA	3 0 48	33	GF	2 0 30	25	BM	1 0 00	13
GI	5 0 70	42	AW	3 0 48	33	GL	2 0 30	25	BS	1 0 00	13
GR	5 0 70	42	CC	3 0 48	33	GP	2 0 30	25	BT	1 0 00	13
HF	5 0 70	42	DL	3 0 48	33	GU	2 0 30	25	CD	1 0 00	13
NL	5 0 70	42	DV	3 0 48	33	HD	2 0 30	25	CF	1 0 00	13
NM	5 0 70	42	EU	3 0 48	33	HM	2 0 30	25	CM	1 0 00	13
NY	5 0 70	42	FS	3 0 48	33	IB	2 0 30	25	CN	1 0 00	13
OI	5 0 70	42	FU	3 0 48	33	IK	2 0 30	25	CS	1 0 00	13
RL	5 0 70	42	GN	3 0 48	33	IZ	2 0 30	25	CW	1 0 00	13

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TABLE 7-C—The 53 digraphs composing 50% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their initial letters

(1) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR FINAL LETTERS

(2) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR ABSOLUTE FREQUENCIES

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$			
AL..	32	1 51	76	MA .	36	1 56	78	AN..	64	1 81	89			
AN..	64	1 81	89	ND .	52	1 72	85	AT .	47	1 67	83			
AR..	44	1 64	82	NE .	57	1 76	87	AR .	44	1 64	82			
AS..	41	1.61	80	NI .	30	1 48	75	AS .	41	1 61	80			
AT... 47	1 67	83	NT .	82	1 91	93	AL .	32	1 51	76	NT... 82	1 91	93	
CE... 32	1 51	76	ON..	77	1 89	92	CO .	41	1 61	80	NE.. 57	1 76	87	
CO... 41	1 61	80	OR .	64	1 81	89	CE .	32	1 51	76	ND... 52	1 72	85	
DA... 32	1 51	76	OU .	37	1 57	79	DE..	33	1 52	77	NI... 30	1 48	75	
DE.. 33	1 52	77	RA..	39	1 59	80	DA..	32	1 51	76	ON .	77	1 89	92
EA .	35	1 54	78	RE .	98	1 99	96	EN 111	2 05	99	OR .	64	1 81	89
EC .	32	1 51	76	RI..	30	1 48	75	ER 87	1 94	94	OU.. 37	1 57	79	
ED..	60	1 78	88	RO 28	1 45	74	ED..	60	1 78	88	RE... 98	1 99	96	
EE... 42	1 62	81	RS... 31	1 49	75	ES .	54	1 73	86	RT.. 42	1 62	81		
EL.. 29	1 46	74	RT.. 42	1 62	81	EE .	42	1 62	81	RS .	31	1 49	75	
EN...111	2 05	99	SE.. 49	1 69	84	ET.. 37	1 57	79	RI.. 30	1 48	75			
ER.. 87	1 94	94	SI... 34	1 53	77	EA .	35	1 54	78	RO.. 28	1 45	74		
ES .	54	1 73	86	ST .	63	1 80	88	EC .	32	1 51	76	SE... 63	1 80	88
ET... 37	1 57	79	TA .	28	1 45	74	EL .	29	1 46	74	SI... 34	1 53	77	
FI.. 39	1 59	80	TE.. 71	1 85	91	FO... 40	1 60	80	TH... 78	1 89	92			
FO... 40	1 60	80	TH .	78	1 89	92	FI... 39	1 59	80	TE.. 71	1 85	91		
HI... 33	1 52	77	TI.. 45	1 65	82	HI .	33	1 52	77	TO... 50	1 70	84		
HT... 28	1 45	74	TO... 50	1 70	84	HT.. 28	1 45	74	TI.. 45	1 65	82			
IN .	75	1 88	92	TW.. 36	1 56	78	IN .	75	1 88	92	TY... 41	1 61	80	
IO .	41	1 61	80	TY .	41	1 61	80	IO.. 41	1 61	80	TW... 36	1 56	78	
IS .	35	1 54	78	UR .	31	1 49	75	IS.. 35	1 54	78	TA.. 28	1 45	74	
LA... 28	1 45	74	VE.. 57	1 76	87	LE.. 37	1 57	79	UR.. 31	1 49	75			
LE.. 37	1 57	79	2,495			LA 28	1 45	74	VE.. 57	1 76	87			
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TABLE 7-D, Concluded —The 122 digraphs composing 75% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their initial letters

(2) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR ABSOLUTE FREQUENCIES

F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)
AN . 64	1 81	89	EI . 27	1 43	73	MA . 36	1 56	78	RI . 30	1 48	75
AT . 47	1 67	83	EP . 20	1 30	67	ME . 26	1 41	72	RO . 28	1 45	74
AR . 44	1 64	82	EV . 20	1 30	67				RD . 17	1 23	64
AS . 41	1 61	80	EF . 18	1 26	66	NT . 82	1 91	93			
AL . 32	1 51	76	EM . 14	1 15	61	NE . 57	1 76	87	ST . 63	1 80	88
AD . 27	1 43	73				ND . 52	1 72	85	SE . 49	1 69	84
AI . 17	1 23	64	FO . 40	1 60	80	NI . 30	1 48	75	SI . 34	1 53	77
AC . 14	1 15	61	FI . 39	1 59	80	NG . 27	1 43	73	SH . 26	1 41	72
AM . 14	1 15	61				NA . 26	1 41	72	SA . 24	1 38	71
AU . 13	1 11	59	GH . 20	1 30	67	NS . 24	1 38	71	SS . 19	1 28	67
			GE . 14	1 15	61	NC . 19	1 28	67	SO . 15	1 18	62
BE . 18	1 26	66				NO . 18	1 26	66			
			HI . 33	1 52	77				TH . 78	1 89	92
CO . 41	1 61	80	HT . 28	1 45	74	ON . 77	1 89	92	TE . 71	1 85	91
CE . 32	1 51	76	HA . 20	1 30	67	OR . 64	1 81	89	TO . 50	1 70	84
CA . 20	1 30	67	HE . 20	1 30	67	OU . 37	1 57	79	TI . 45	1 65	82
CH . 14	1 15	61	HO . 20	1 30	67	OF . 25	1 40	72	TY . 41	1 61	80
CT . 14	1 15	61	HR . 17	1 23	64	OM . 25	1 40	72	TW . 36	1 56	78
						OP . 25	1 40	72	TA . 28	1 45	74
DE . 33	1 52	77	IN . 75	1 88	92	OL . 19	1 28	67	TS . 19	1 28	67
DA . 32	1 51	76	IO . 41	1 61	80	OT . 19	1 28	67	TT . 19	1 28	67
DI . 27	1 43	73	IS . 35	1 54	78	OS . 14	1 15	61	TR . 17	1 23	64
DO . 16	1 20	63	IR . 27	1 43	73						
DT . 15	1 18	62	IT . 27	1 43	73	PE . 23	1 36	70	UR . 31	1 49	75
DS . 13	1 11	59	IV . 25	1 40	72	PR . 18	1 26	66	UN . 21	1 32	68
			IL . 23	1 36	70	PO . 17	1 23	64			
EN . 111	2 05	99	IC . 22	1 34	69	PA . 14	1 15	61	VE . 57	1 76	87
ER . 87	1 94	94	IG . 19	1 28	67						
ED . 60	1 78	88	IX . 15	1 18	62	QU . 15	1 18	62	WE . 22	1 34	69
ES . 54	1 73	86	IE . 13	1 11	59				WO . 19	1 28	67
EE . 42	1 62	81									
ET . 37	1 57	79	LE . 37	1 57	79	RE . 98	1 99	96	YT . 15	1 18	62
EA . 35	1 54	78	LA . 28	1 45	74	RT . 42	1 62	81			
EC . 32	1 51	76	LL . 27	1 43	73	RA . 39	1 59	80			
EL . 29	1 46	74	LI . 20	1 30	67	RS . 31	1 49	75			
			LO . 13	1 11	59						
									3,745		

TABLE 7-E —All the 428 digraphs of Table 6-A, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters and then alphabetically according to their final letters

(SEE TABLE 6-A —READ ACROSS THE ROWS)

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TABLE 8—The 428 different digraphs of Table 6-A, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters and then according to their absolute frequencies under each initial letter,<sup>1</sup> accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$I_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$
AN . 64	1 81	89	CT . 14	1 15	61	ED . 60	1 78	88	GH . 20	1 30	67
AT . 47	1 67	83	CI . 7	0 85	48	ES . 54	1 73	86	GE . 14	1 15	61
AR . 44	1 64	82	CL . 5	0 70	42	EE . 42	1 62	81	GA . 7	0 85	48
AS . 41	1 61	80	CK . 4	0 60	38	ET . 37	1 57	79	GO . 6	0 78	45
AL . 32	1 51	76	CR . 4	0 60	38	EA . 35	1 54	78	GI . 5	0 70	42
AD . 27	1 43	73	CU . 4	0 60	38	EC . 32	1 51	76	GR . 5	0 70	42
AI . 17	1 23	64	CC . 3	0 48	33	EL . 29	1 46	74	GT . 4	0 60	38
AC . 14	1 15	61	CD . 1	0 00	13	EI . 27	1 43	73	GN . 3	0 48	33
AM . 14	1 15	61	CF . 1	0 00	13	EP . 20	1 30	67	GS . 3	0 48	33
AU . 13	1 11	59	CM . 1	0 00	13	EV . 20	1 30	67	GC . 2	0 30	25
AP . 12	1 08	58	CN . 1	0 00	13	EF . 18	1 26	66	GF . 2	0 30	25
AY . 12	1 08	58	CS . 1	0 00	13	EM . 14	1 15	61	GL . 2	0 30	25
AV . 7	0 85	48	CW . 1	0 00	13	EO . 12	1 08	58	GP . 2	0 30	25
AB . 6	0 78	45	CY . 1	0 00	13	EQ . 12	1 08	58	GU . 2	0 30	25
AG . 6	0 78	45				EH . 7	0 85	48	GD . 1	0 00	13
AF . 4	0 60	38	DE . 33	1 52	77	EW . 7	0 85	48	GG . 1	0 00	13
AA . 3	0 48	33	DA . 32	1 51	76	EX . 7	0 85	48	GJ . 1	0 00	13
AW . 3	0 48	33	DI . 27	1 43	73	EB . 4	0 60	38	GM . 1	0 00	13
AH . 2	0 30	25	DO . 16	1 20	63	EG . 4	0 60	38	GW . 1	0 00	13
AK . 2	0 30	25	DT . 15	1 18	62	EY . 4	0 60	38			
AO . 2	0 30	25	DS . 13	1 11	59	EU . 3	0 48	33			
AE . 1	0 00	13	DR . 12	1 08	58	EJ . 1	0 00	13			
AJ . 1	0 00	13	DD . 8	0 90	51	EZ . 1	0 00	13	HI . 33	1 52	77
			DF . 8	0 90	51				HT . 28	1 45	74
BE . 18	1 26	66	DM . 5	0 70	42	FO . 40	1 60	80	HA . 20	1 30	67
BY . 7	0 85	48	DP . 5	0 70	42	FI . 39	1 59	80	HE . 20	1 30	67
BL . 6	0 78	45	DU . 5	0 70	42	FF . 11	1 04	56	HO . 20	1 30	67
BA . 4	0 60	38	DE . 4	0 60	38	FT . 11	1 04	56	HR . 17	1 23	64
BO . 4	0 60	38	DC . 4	0 60	38	FE . 10	1 00	55	HU . 8	0 90	51
BI . 2	0 30	25	DN . 4	0 60	38	FR . 9	0 95	53	HF . 5	0 70	42
BR . 2	0 30	25	DW . 4	0 60	38	FA . 5	0 70	42	HS . 4	0 60	38
BU . 2	0 30	25	DL . 3	0 48	33	FS . 3	0 48	33	HC . 3	0 48	33
BJ . 1	0 00	13	DV . 3	0 48	33	FU . 3	0 48	33	HN . 3	0 48	33
BM . 1	0 00	13	DG . 2	0 30	25	FC . 2	0 30	25	HD . 2	0 30	25
BS . 1	0 00	13	DH . 2	0 30	25	FL . 2	0 30	25	HM . 2	0 30	25
BT . 1	0 00	13	DQ . 2	0 30	25	FD . 1	0 00	13	HB . 1	0 00	13
			DJ . 1	0 00	13	FG . 1	0 00	13	HL . 1	0 00	13
CO . 41	1 61	80	DY . 1	0 00	13	FM . 1	0 00	13	HP . 1	0 00	13
CE . 32	1 51	76				FP . 1	0 00	13	HQ . 1	0 00	13
CA . 20	1 30	67	EN . 111	2 05	99	FW . 1	0 00	13	HW . 1	0 00	13
CH . 14	1 15	61	ER . 87	1 94	94	FY . 1	0 00	13	HY . 1	0 00	13

<sup>1</sup> For arrangement alphabetically first under initial letters and then under final letters, see Table 6-A

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TABLE 8, Contd.—The 428 different digraphs of Table 6-A, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters and then according to their absolute frequencies under each initial letter,<sup>1</sup> accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{21}(2F)$	I	$L_{20}(I)$	$L_{21}(2I)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{21}(2I)$	I	$L_{20}(I)$	$L_{21}(2I)$				
IN	75	1 88	92	LO	13	1 11	59	ND	52	1 72	85	OV	7	0 85	48
IO	41	1 61	80	LY	10	1 00	55	NI	30	1 48	75	OO	6	0 78	45
IS	35	1 54	78	LD	9	0 95	53	NG	27	1 43	73	OI	5	0 70	42
IR	27	1 43	73	LT	8	0 90	51	NA	26	1 41	72	OB	4	0 60	38
IT	27	1 43	73	LS	6	0 78	45	NS	24	1 38	71	OE	3	0 43	33
IV	25	1 40	72	LB	3	0 48	33	NC	19	1 28	67	OH	3	0 43	33
IL	23	1 36	70	LC	3	0 48	33	NO	18	1 26	66	OG	2	0 30	25
IC	22	1 34	69	LF	3	0 48	33	NF	9	0 95	53	OK	2	0 30	25
IG	19	1 28	67	LP	3	0 48	33	NN	8	0 90	51	OY	2	0 30	25
IX	15	1 18	62	LM	2	0 30	25	NU	7	0 85	48	OJ	1	0 00	13
IE	13	1 11	59	LR	2	0 30	25	NL	5	0 70	42	OX	1	0 00	13
IF	10	1 00	55	LU	2	0 30	25	NM	5	0 70	42				
IM	9	0 95	53	LV	2	0 30	25	NY	5	0 70	42	PE	23	1 36	70
IA	8	0 90	51	LW	2	0 30	25	NH	4	0 60	38	PR	18	1 26	66
IP	7	0 85	48	LG	1	0 00	13	NR	4	0 60	38	PO	17	1 23	64
ID	6	0 78	45	LH	1	0 00	13	NP	3	0 48	33	PA	14	1 15	61
IB	2	0 30	25	LN	1	0 00	13	NV	3	0 48	33	PL	13	1 11	59
IK	2	0 30	25					NW	3	0 48	33	PP	11	1 04	56
IZ	2	0 30	25	MA	36	1 56	78	NB	2	0 30	25	PT	8	0 90	51
				ME	26	1 41	72	NK	2	0 30	25	PI	6	0 78	45
JE	2	0 30	25	MM	13	1 11	59	NJ	1	0 00	13	PS	6	0 78	45
JO	2	0 30	25	MO	10	1 00	55	NQ	1	0 00	13	PM	4	0 60	38
JU	2	0 30	25	MI	9	0 95	53					PH	3	0 48	33
JA	1	0 00	13	MP	8	0 90	51					PU	3	0 48	33
				MB	6	0 78	45	ON	77	1 89	92	PF	2	0 30	25
KE	6	0 78	45	MS	4	0 60	38	OR	64	1 81	89	PB	1	0 00	13
KI	2	0 30	25	MC	3	0 48	33	OU	37	1 57	79	PC	1	0 00	13
KA	1	0 00	13	MR	2	0 30	25	OF	25	1 40	72	PD	1	0 00	13
KC	1	0 00	13	MT	2	0 30	25	OM	25	1 40	72	PN	1	0 00	13
KL	1	0 00	13	MU	2	0 30	25	OP	25	1 40	72	PV	1	0 00	13
KN	1	0 00	13	MY	2	0 30	25	OL	19	1 28	67	PW	1	0 00	13
KS	1	0 00	13	MD	1	0 00	13	OT	19	1 28	67	PY	1	0 00	13
				MF	1	0 00	13	OS	14	1 15	61				
LE	37	1 57	79	MH	1	0 00	13	OD	12	1 08	58	QU	15	1 18	62
LA	28	1 45	74					OC	8	0 90	51	QM	1	0 00	13
LL	27	1 43	73	NT	82	1 91	93	OW	8	0 90	51	QR	1	0 00	13
LI	20	1 30	67	NE	57	1 76	87	OA	7	0 85	48				

<sup>1</sup> For arrangement alphabetically first under initial letters and then under final letters, see Table 6-A

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TABLE 8, Concluded —The 428 different digraphs of Table 6-A, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters and then according to their absolute frequencies under each initial letter,<sup>1</sup> accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{10}(T)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{10}(2F)$	
RE	98	1 99	96	SR	5 0 70	42	US	12 1 08	58	XI	2 0 30	25
RT	42	1 62	81	SN	4 0 60	38	UT	12 1 08	58	XP	2 0 30	25
RA	39	1 59	80	SW	4 0 60	38	UE	11 1 04	56	XD	1 0 00	13
RS	31	1 49	75	SB	3 0 48	33	UG	8 0 90	51	XE	1 0 00	13
RI	30	1 48	75	SM	3 0 48	33	UL	6 0 78	45	XF	1 0 00	13
RO	28	1 45	74	SG	2 0 30	25	UA	5 0 70	42	XH	1 0 00	13
RD	17	1 23	64	SL	2 0 30	25	UI	5 0 70	42	XN	1 0 00	13
RP	13	1 11	59	SK	1 0 00	13	UM	5 0 70	42	XO	1 0 00	13
RR	11	1 04	56	SV	1 0 00	13	UB	3 0 48	33	XR	1 0 00	13
RC	9	0 95	53	SY	1 0 00	13	UC	3 0 48	33	XS	1 0 00	13
RM	9	0 95	53				UD	3 0 48	33			
RY	9	0 95	53	TH	78 1 89	92	UP	2 0 30	25	YT	15 1 18	62
RG	7	0 85	48	TE	71 1 85	91	UF	1 0 00	13	YF	11 1 04	56
RN	7	0 85	48	TO	50 1 70	84	UO	1 0 00	13	YS	11 1 04	56
RF	6	0 78	45	TI	45 1 65	82	UV	1 0 00	13	YO	10 1 00	55
RL	5	0 70	42	TY	41 1 61	80				YE	9 0 95	53
RU	5	0 70	42	TW	36 1 56	78	VE	57 1 76	87	YA	6 0 78	45
RV	5	0 70	42	TA	28 1 45	74	VI	12 1 08	58	YN	6 0 78	45
RW	4	0 60	38	TS	19 1 28	67	VA	6 0 78	45	YC	4 0 60	38
RH	3	0 48	33	TT	19 1 28	67	VO	1 0 00	13	YD	4 0 60	38
RE	2	0 30	25	TR	17 1 23	64	VT	1 0 00	13	YR	4 0 60	38
RJ	1	0 00	13	TF	7 0 85	48				YI	3 0 48	33
RK	1	0 00	13	TN	7 0 85	48	WE	22 1 34	69	YP	3 0 48	33
				TC	6 0 78	45	WO	19 1 28	67	YB	2 0 30	25
ST	63	1 80	88	TD	6 0 78	45	WI	13 1 11	59	YL	2 0 30	25
SE	49	1 69	84	TM	6 0 78	45	WA	12 1 08	58	YM	2 0 30	25
SI	34	1 53	77	TL	5 0 70	42	WH	4 0 60	38	YG	1 0 00	13
SH	26	1 41	72	TU	5 0 70	42	WN	2 0 30	25	YH	1 0 00	13
SA	24	1 38	71	TB	3 0 48	33	WL	1 0 00	13	YU	1 0 00	13
SS	19	1 28	67	TP	2 0 30	25	WR	1 0 00	13	YW	1 0 00	13
SO	15	1 18	62	TG	1 0 00	13	WS	1 0 00	13			
SC	13	1 11	59	TQ	1 0 00	13	WY	1 0 00	13	ZE	2 0 30	25
SF	12	1 08	58	TZ	1 0 00	13				ZA	1 0 00	13
SU	11	1 04	56				XT	7 0 85	48	ZI	1 0 00	13
SP	10	1 00	55	UR	31 1 49	75	XA	2 0 30	25			
SD	5	0 70	42	UN	21 1 32	68	XC	2 0 30	25			
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<sup>1</sup> For arrangement alphabetically first under initial letters and then under final letters, see Table 6-A

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TABLE 9-B—The 18 digraphs composing 25% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their final letters

(1) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR INITIAL LETTERS						(2) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR ABSOLUTE FREQUENCIES					
F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
ED.. 60	1 78	88	IN.. 75	1 88	92	ED.. 60	1 78	88	IN.. 75	1 88	92
ND.. 52	1 72	85	ON.. 77	1 89	92	ND.. 52	1 72	85	AN... 64	1 81	89
NE.. 57	1 76	87	TO.. 50	1 70	84	RE.. 98	1 99	96	TO.. 50	1 70	84
RE... 98	1 99	96	ER.. 87	1 94	94	TE.. 71	1 85	91	ER.. 87	1 94	94
SE... 49	1 69	84	OR... 64	1 81	89	NE... 57	1 76	87	OR.. 64	1 81	89
TE.. 71	1 85	91	ES... 54	1 73	86	VE.. 57	1 76	87	ES.. 54	1 73	86
VE... 57	1 76	87	NT.. 82	1 91	93	SE... 49	1 69	84	NT... 82	1 91	93
TH... 78	1 89	92	ST... 63	1 80	88	TH.. 78	1 89	92	ST... 63	1 80	88
AN... 64	1 81	89	1,249			EN.. 111	2 05	99	1,249		
EN... 111	2 05	99				ON.. 77	1 89	92			

TABLE 9-C—The 53 digraphs composing 50% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their final letters

## (1) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR INITIAL LETTERS

F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$	F	$L_{20}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
DA.. 32	1 51	76	NE.. 57	1 76	87	AN.. 64	1 81	89	AS... 41	1 61	80
EA... 35	1 54	78	RE... 98	1 99	96	EN... 111	2 05	99	ES... 54	1 73	86
LA... 28	1 45	74	SE... 49	1 69	84	IN.. 75	1 88	92	IS... 35	1 54	78
MA... 36	1 56	78	TE... 71	1 85	91	ON.. 77	1 89	92	RS... 31	1 49	75
RA... 39	1 59	80	VE.. 57	1 76	87				AT... 47	1 67	83
TA... 28	1 45	74	TH.. 78	1 89	92	CO... 41	1 61	80	ET... 37	1 57	79
EC... 32	1 51	76	FI.. 39	1 59	80	FO... 40	1 60	80	HT... 28	1 45	74
ED... 60	1 78	88	HI... 33	1 52	77	IO... 41	1 61	80	NT... 82	1 91	93
ND... 52	1 72	85	NI.. 30	1 48	75	RO... 28	1 45	74	RT... 42	1 62	81
CE... 32	1 51	76	RI.. 30	1 48	75	TO... 50	1 70	84	ST.. 63	1 80	88
DE... 33	1 52	77	SI... 34	1 53	77				OU... 37	1 57	79
EE... 42	1 62	81	TI.. 45	1 65	82	AR... 44	1 64	82	TW... 36	1 56	78
LE... 37	1 57	79	AL... 32	1 51	76	ER... 87	1 94	94	TY... 41	1 61	80
			EL... 29	1 46	74	OR... 64	1 81	89	2,495		
						UR.. 81	1 49	75			

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TABLE 9-C, Concluded—The 53 digraphs composing 50% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their final letters

(2) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR ABSOLUTE FREQUENCIES

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$				
RA	39	1 59	80	EE	42	1 62	81	EN	111	2 05	99	ES	54	1 73	.86
MA	36	1 56	78	LE	37	1 57	79	ON	77	1 89	92	AS	41	1 61	80
EA	35	1 54	78	DE	33	1 52	77	IN	75	1 88	92	IS	35	1 54	78
DA	32	1 51	76	CE	32	1 51	76	AN	64	1 81	.89	RS	31	1 49	75
LA	28	1 45	.74												
TA	28	1 45	74	TH	78	1 89	92					NT	82	1 91	93
								TO	50	1 70	84	ST	63	1 80	88
EC	32	1 51	76	TI	45	1 65	82	CO	41	1 61	.80	AT	47	1 67	83
				FI	39	1 59	80	IO	41	1 61	80	RT	42	1 62	81
ED	60	1 78	88	SI	34	1 53	77	FO	40	1 60	80	ET	37	1 57	79
ND	52	1 72	.85	HI	33	1 52	77	RO	28	1 45	74	HT	28	1 45	74
				NL	30	1 48	75					OU	37	1 57	79
RE	98	1 99	96	RI	30	1 48	75	ER	87	1 94	94	TW	36	1 56	78
TE	71	1 85	.91					OR	64	1 81	89				
NE	57	1 76	87	AL	32	1 51	76	AR	44	1 64	.82	TY	41	1 61	.80
VE	57	1 76	87	EL	29	1 46	74	UR	31	1 49	75				
SE	49	1 69	84										2,495		

TABLE 9-D—The 122 digraphs composing 75% of the 5,000 digraphs of Table 6-A, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities, arranged alphabetically according to their final letters

(1) AND ACCORDING TO THEIR INITIAL LETTERS

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$				
CA	20	1 30	.67	ND	52	1 72	85	EF	18	1 26	66	SI	34	1 53	77
DA	32	1 51	76	RD	17	1 23	64	OF	25	1 40	72	TI	45	1 65	82
EA	35	1 54	78	BE	18	1 26	66	IG	19	1 28	67	AL	32	1 51	76
HA	20	1 30	67	CE	32	1 51	76	NG	27	1 43	73	EL	29	1 46	.74
LA	28	1 45	74	DE	33	1 52	77	CH	14	1 15	61	IL	23	1 36	70
MA	36	1 56	78	EE	42	1 62	81	GH	20	1 30	67	LL	27	1 43	73
NA	26	1 41	72	GE	14	1 15	61	SH	26	1 41	72	OL	19	1 28	67
PA	14	1 15	61	HE	20	1 30	67	TH	78	1 89	.92				
RA	39	1 59	80	IE	13	1 11	59	AI	17	1 23	64	AM	14	1 15	61
SA	24	1 38	71	LE	37	1 57	79	DI	27	1 43	73	EM	14	1 15	.61
TA	28	1 45	74	ME	26	1 41	72	EI	27	1 43	73	OM	25	1 40	72
				NE	57	1 76	87	FI	39	1 59	80	AN	64	1 81	89
AC	14	1 15	61	PE	23	1 36	70	HI	33	1 52	77	EN	111	2 05	99
EC	32	1 51	76	RE	98	1 99	96	LI	20	1 30	67	IN	75	1 88	92
IC	22	1 31	69	SE	49	1 69	84	NI	30	1 48	75	ON	77	1 89	92
NC	19	1 28	67	TE	71	1 85	91	RI	30	1 48	75	UN	21	1 32	68
AD	27	1 43	73	VE	57	1 76	87								
ED	60	1 78	88	WE	22	1 34	69								

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TABLE 10-B—The 56 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
AND	228	2 36	86	GHT	196	2 29	84	REE	146	2 16	80
ATI	160	2 20	81	HRE	153	2 18	80	RED	113	2 05	76
ASH	143	2 16	80	HIR	106	2 03	75	STO	202	2 31	84
ATE	135	2 13	79	ION	260	2 41	88	SIX	146	2 16	80
COM	136	2 13	79	ING	226	2 35	86	SEV	131	2 12	78
DAS	140	2 15	79	IVE	225	2 35	86	STA	115	2 06	76
DER	101	2 00	74	INE	192	2 28	83	TIO	221	2 34	85
DRE	100	2 00	74	IGH	140	2 15	79	THI	211	2 32	85
ENT	569	2 76	99	IRT	105	2 02	75	TEE	174	2 24	82
EEN	196	2 29	84	MEN	131	2 12	78	TOP	174	2 24	82
EVE	177	2 25	82	NIN	207	2 32	85	TWE	170	2 23	82
EST	176	2 25	82	NTH	171	2 23	82	TWO	163	2 21	81
ERE	138	2 14	79	NTY	157	2 20	81	THR	158	2 20	81
EIG	135	2 13	79	NET	118	2 07	77	TER	115	2 06	76
ERS	126	2 10	78	OUR	211	2 32	85	TED	112	2 05	76
EQU	114	2 06	76	ONE	210	2 32	85	UND	125	2 10	78
ERI	109	2 04	76	ORT	146	2 16	80	VEN	190	2 28	83
FOR	218	2 34	85	PER	115	2 06	76	WEN	153	2 18	80
FOU	152	2 18	80								
FIV	135	2 13	79								

TABLE 10-C—The 56 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their central letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
DAS	140	2 15	79	IGH	140	2 15	79	ENT	569	2 76	99
EEN	196	2 29	84	THI	211	2 32	85	AND	228	2 36	86
VEN	190	2 28	83	GHT	196	2 29	84	ING	226	2 35	86
TEE	174	2 24	82	THR	158	2 20	81	ONE	210	2 32	85
WEN	153	2 18	80	TIO	221	2 34	85	INE	192	2 28	83
REE	146	2 16	80	NIN	207	2 32	85	UND	125	2 10	78
MEN	131	2 12	78	SIX	146	2 16	80	ION	260	2 41	88
SEV	131	2 12	78	EIG	135	2 13	79	FOR	218	2 34	85
NET	118	2 07	77	FIV	135	2 13	79	TOP	174	2 24	82
PER	115	2 06	76	HIR	106	2 03	75	FOU	152	2 18	80
TER	115	2 06	76					COM	136	2 13	79
RED	113	2 05	76								
TED	112	2 05	76								
DER	101	2 00	74								

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TABLE 10-C, Concluded—The 56 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their central letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$			
EQU	114	2 06	76	EST	176	2 25	82	OUR	211	2 32	85
HRE	153	2 18	80	ASH	143	2 16	80	IVE	225	2 35	86
ORT	146	2 16	80	STO	202	2 31	84	EVE	177	2 25	82
ERE	138	2 14	79	NTH	171	2 23	82	TWE	170	2 23	82
ERS	126	2 10	78	ATI	160	2 20	81	TWO	163	2 21	81
ERI	109	2 04	76	NTY	157	2 20	81				
IRT	105	2 02	75	ATE	135	2 13	79				
DRE	100	2 00	74	STA	115	2 06	76				

TABLE 10-D—The 56 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their final letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(F)$			
STA	115	2 06	76	THI	211	2 32	85	TER	115	2 06	76
AND	228	2 36	86	ATI	160	2 20	81	HIR	106	2 03	75
UND	125	2 10	78	ERI	109	2 04	76	DER	101	2 00	74
RED	113	2 05	76	COM	136	2 13	79	DAS	140	2 15	79
TED	112	2 05	76	ION	260	2 41	88	ERS	126	2 10	78
IVE	225	2 35	86	NIN	207	2 32	85	ENT	569	2 76	99
ONE	210	2 32	85	EEN	196	2 29	84	GHT	196	2 29	84
INE	192	2 28	83	VEN	190	2 28	83	EST	176	2 25	82
EVE	177	2 25	82	WEN	153	2 18	80	ORT	146	2 16	80
TEE	174	2 24	82	MEN	131	2 12	78	NET	118	2 07	77
TWE	170	2 23	82	TIO	221	2 34	85	IRT	105	2 02	75
HRE	153	2 18	80	STO	202	2 31	84	FOU	152	2 18	80
REE	146	2 16	80	TWO	163	2 21	81	EQU	114	2 06	76
ERE	138	2 14	79	TOP	174	2 24	82	FIV	135	2 13	79
ATE	135	2 13	79	FOR	218	2 34	85	SEV	131	2 12	78
DRE	100	2 00	74	OUR	211	2 32	85	SIX	146	2 16	80
ING	226	2 35	86	THR	158	2 20	81	NTY	157	2 20	81
EIG	135	2 13	79	PER	115	2 06	76				

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TABLE 11-A—The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$		F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$		F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$
TION	218	2 34	99	THIR	104	2 02	87	ASHT	64	1 81	.79
EVEN	168	2 23	95	EENT	102	2 01	87	HUND	64	1 81	79
TEEN	163	2 21	94	REQU	98	1 99	86	DRED	63	1 80	79
ENTY	161	2 21	94	HIRT	97	1 99	86	RIOD	63	1 80	.79
STOP	154	2 19	93	COMM	93	1 97	85	IVED	62	1 79	78
WENT	153	2 18	93	QUES	87	1 94	84	ENTS	62	1 79	78
NINE	153	2 18	93	UEST	87	1 94	84	FFIC	62	1 79	78
TWEN	152	2 18	93	EQUE	86	1 93	84	FROM	59	1 77	78
THRE	149	2 17	93	NDRE	77	1 89	82	IRTY	59	1 77	78
FOUR	144	2 16	92	OMMA	71	1 85	81	RTEE	59	1 77	78
IGHT	140	2 15	92	LLAR	71	1 85	81	UNDR	59	1 77	78
FIVE	135	2 13	91	OLLA	70	1 85	81	NAUG	56	1 75	77
HREE	134	2 13	91	VENT	70	1 85	81	OURT	56	1 75	.77
DASH	132	2 12	91	DOLL	68	1 83	80	UGHT	56	1 75	77
EIGH	132	2 12	91	LARS	68	1 83	80	STAT	54	1 73	76
SEVE	121	2 08	89	THIS	68	1 83	80	AUGH	52	1 72	76
ENTH	114	2 06	89	PERI	67	1 83	80	CENT	52	1 72	76
MENT	111	2 05	88	ERIO	66	1 82	80	FICE	50	1 70	75

TABLE 11-B—The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their initial letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$		F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$		F	Ln(F)	$\frac{L_m}{(2F)}$
ASHT	64	1 81	79	HREE	134	2 13	91	REQU	98	1 99	86
AUGH	52	1 72	76	HIRT	97	1 99	86	RIOD	63	1 80	.79
COMM	93	1 97	85	HUND	64	1 81	79	RTEE	59	1 77	78
CENT	52	1 72	76	IGHT	140	2 15	92	STOP	154	2 19	93
DASH	132	2 12	91	IVED	62	1 79	78	SEVE	121	2 08	89
DOLL	68	1 83	80	IRTY	59	1 77	78	STAT	54	1 73	76
DRED	63	1 80	79	LLAR	71	1 85	81	TION	218	2 34	99
EVEN	168	2 23	95	LARS	68	1 83	80	TEEN	163	2 21	94
ENTY	161	2 21	94	MENT	111	2 05	88	TWEN	152	2 18	93
EIGH	132	2 12	91	NINE	153	2 18	93	THRE	149	2 17	93
ENTH	114	2 06	89	NDRE	77	1 89	82	THIR	104	2 02	87
EENT	102	2 01	87	NAUG	56	1 75	77	THIS	68	1 83	80
EQUE	86	1 93	84	OMMA	71	1 85	81	UEST	87	1 94	84
ERIO	66	1 82	80	OLLA	70	1 85	81	UNDR	59	1 77	78
ENTS	62	1 79	78	OURT	56	1 75	77	UGHT	56	1 75	77
FOUR	144	2 16	92	PERI	67	1 83	80	VENT	70	1 85	81
FIVE	135	2 13	91	QUES	87	1 94	84	WENT	153	2 18	93
FFIC	62	1 79	78								
FROM	59	1 77	78								
FICE	50	1 70	75								

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TABLE 11-C—The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their second letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)			
DASH . . . . .	132	2 12	91	TION . . . . .	218	2 34	99	HREE . . . . .	134	2 13	91
LARS . . . . .	68	1 83	80	NINE . . . . .	153	2 18	93	ERIO . . . . .	66	1 82	80
NAUG . . . . .	56	1 75	77	FIVE . . . . .	135	2 18	91	DRED . . . . .	63	1 80	79
NDRE . . . . .	77	1 89	82	EIGH . . . . .	132	2 12	91	FROM . . . . .	59	1 77	78
TEEN . . . . .	163	2 21	94	HIRT . . . . .	97	1 99	86	IRTY . . . . .	59	1 77	78
WENT . . . . .	153	2 18	93	RIOD . . . . .	63	1 80	79	ASHT . . . . .	64	1.81	79
SEVE . . . . .	121	2 08	89	FICE . . . . .	50	1 70	75	STOP . . . . .	154	2 19	93
MENT . . . . .	111	2 05	88	LLAR . . . . .	71	1 85	81	RTEE . . . . .	59	1 77	78
EENT . . . . .	102	2 01	87	OLLA . . . . .	70	1 85	81	STAT . . . . .	54	1 73	76
REQU . . . . .	98	1 99	86	OMMA . . . . .	71	1 85	81	QUES . . . . .	87	1 94	84
UEST . . . . .	87	1 94	84	ENTY . . . . .	161	2 21	94	HUND . . . . .	64	1 81	79
VENT . . . . .	70	1 85	81	ENTH . . . . .	114	2 06	89	OURT . . . . .	56	1 75	77
PERI . . . . .	67	1 83	80	ENTS . . . . .	62	1 79	78	AUGH . . . . .	52	1 72	76
CENT . . . . .	52	1 72	76	UNDR . . . . .	59	1 77	78	EVEN . . . . .	168	2 23	95
FFIC . . . . .	62	1 79	78	FOUR . . . . .	144	2 16	92	IVED . . . . .	62	1 79	78
IGHT . . . . .	140	2 15	92	COMM . . . . .	93	1 97	85	TWEN . . . . .	152	2 18	93
UGHT . . . . .	56	1 75	77	DOLL . . . . .	68	1 83	80				
THRE . . . . .	149	2 17	93	EQUE . . . . .	86	1 93	84				
THIR . . . . .	104	2 02	87								
THIS . . . . .	68	1 83	80								

TABLE 11-D—The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their third letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)	F	L <sub>10</sub> (F)	L <sub>25</sub> (2F)			
LLAR . . . . .	71	1 85	81	EIGH . . . . .	132	2 12	91	COMM . . . . .	93	1 97	85
STAT . . . . .	54	1 73	76	AUGH . . . . .	52	1 72	76	OMMA . . . . .	71	1 85	81
FICE . . . . .	50	1 70	75	IGHT . . . . .	140	2 15	92	WENT . . . . .	153	2 18	93
UNDR . . . . .	59	1 77	78	ASHT . . . . .	64	1 81	79	NINE . . . . .	153	2 18	93
EVEN . . . . .	168	2 23	95	UGHT . . . . .	56	1 75	77	MENT . . . . .	111	2 05	88
TEEN . . . . .	163	2 21	94	THIR . . . . .	104	2 02	87	EENT . . . . .	102	2 01	87
TWEN . . . . .	152	2 18	93	THIS . . . . .	68	1 83	80	VENT . . . . .	70	1 85	81
HREE . . . . .	134	2 13	91	ERIO . . . . .	66	1 82	80	HUND . . . . .	64	1 81	79
QUES . . . . .	87	1 94	84	FFIC . . . . .	62	1 79	78	CENT . . . . .	52	1 72	76
DRED . . . . .	63	1 80	79	OLLA . . . . .	70	1 85	81	TION . . . . .	218	2 34	99
IVED . . . . .	62	1 79	78	DOLL . . . . .	68	1 83	80	STOP . . . . .	154	2 19	93
RTEE . . . . .	59	1 77	78					RIOD . . . . .	63	1 80	79
								FROM . . . . .	59	1 77	78

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TABLE 11-D, Concluded —The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their third letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
REQU. . . .	98	1 99	86	DASH . . . .	132	2 12	91	FOUR . . . .	144	2 16	92
				UEST . . . .	87	1 94	84	EQUE . . . .	86	1 93	84
THRE . . . .	149	2 17	93					NAUG . . . .	56	1 75	77
HIRT . . . .	97	1 99	86	ENTY . . . .	161	2 21	94				
NDRE . . . .	77	1 89	82	ENTH . . . .	114	2 06	89	FIVE . . . .	135	2 13	91
LARS . . . .	68	1 83	80	ENTS . . . .	62	1 79	78	SEVE . . . .	121	2 08	89
PERI . . . .	67	1 83	80	IRTY . . . .	59	1 77	78				
OURT . . . .	56	1 75	77								

TABLE 11-E —The 54 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in the 50,000 letters of Governmental plain-text telegrams, arranged first alphabetically according to their final letters, and then according to their absolute frequencies, accompanied by the logarithms of their assigned probabilities

	F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$		F	$L_{10}(F)$	$L_{25}(2F)$
OMMA . . . .	71	1 85	81	DASH . . . .	132	2 12	91	QUES . . . .	87	1 94	84
OLLA . . . .	70	1 85	81	EIGH . . . .	132	2 12	91	THIS . . . .	68	1 83	80
				ENTH . . . .	114	2 06	89	LARS . . . .	68	1 83	80
FFIC . . . .	62	1 79	78	AUGH . . . .	52	1 72	76	ENTS . . . .	62	1 79	78
				PERI . . . .	67	1 83	80	WENT . . . .	153	2 18	93
HUND . . . .	64	1 81	79	DOLL . . . .	68	1 83	80	IGHT . . . .	140	2 15	92
DRED . . . .	63	1 80	79	COMM . . . .	93	1 97	85	MENT . . . .	111	2 05	88
RIOD . . . .	63	1 80	79	FROM . . . .	59	1 77	78	EENT . . . .	102	2 01	87
IVED . . . .	62	1 79	78	TION . . . .	218	2 34	99	HIRT . . . .	97	1 99	86
				EVEN . . . .	168	2 23	95	UEST . . . .	87	1 94	84
NINE . . . .	153	2 18	93	TEEN . . . .	163	2 21	94	VENT . . . .	70	1 85	81
THRE . . . .	149	2 17	93	TWEN . . . .	152	2 18	93	ASHT . . . .	64	1 81	79
FIVE . . . .	135	2 13	91	ERIO . . . .	66	1 82	80	OURT . . . .	56	1 75	77
HREE . . . .	134	2 13	91	STOP . . . .	154	2 19	93	UGHT . . . .	56	1 75	77
SEVE . . . .	121	2 08	89	FOUR . . . .	144	2 16	92	STAT . . . .	54	1 73	76
EQUE . . . .	86	1 93	84	THIR . . . .	104	2 02	87	CENT . . . .	52	1 72	76
NDRE . . . .	77	1 89	82	LLAR . . . .	71	1 85	81	REQU . . . .	98	1 99	86
RTEE . . . .	59	1 77	78	UNDR . . . .	59	1 77	78	ENTY . . . .	161	2 21	94
FICE . . . .	50	1 70	75					IRTY . . . .	59	1 77	78
NAUG . . . .	56	1 75	77								

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~~RESTRICTED~~TABLE 12 — *Average length of words and messages*

Number of letters in word $x$	Number of times $x$ -letter word appears	Number of letters
1	378	378
2	973	1,946
3	1,307	3,921
4	1,635	6,540
5	1,410	7,050
6	1,143	6,858
7	1,009	7,063
8	717	5,736
9	476	4,284
10	274	2,740
11	161	1,771
12	86	1,032
13	23	299
14	23	322
15	4	60
	9,619	50,000

- (1) Average length of words..... 5.2 letters  
(2) Average length of messages..... 217 letters  
(3) Modal (most frequent) length..... 105-114 letters  
(4) It is extremely unusual to find five consecutive letters without at least one vowel  
(5) The average number of letters between vowels is two

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TABLE 13 — *Checkerboard individual frequencies*<sup>1</sup>

[Based on a count of 5 000 digraphs]

P <sub>1</sub>					C <sub>1</sub>				
A	B	C	D	E	244	225	375	394	197
F	G	H	I J	K	125	98	193	271	95
L	M	N	O	P	229	199	188	350	251
Q	R	S	T	U	148	162	258	427	295
V	W	X	Y	Z	42	12	34	91	97
212	317	358	308	249	A	B	C	D	E
120	108	216	256	85	F	G	H	I J	K
216	140	152	435	269	L	M	N	O	P
206	121	306	364	284	Q	R	S	T	U
38	29	21	147	43	V	W	X	Y	Z
C <sub>2</sub>					P <sub>2</sub>				

<sup>1</sup> The numbers in the C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub> squares represent the frequency of the individual components of the cipher digraph used to replace a given P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> digraph in accordance with a digraphic checkerboard system where P<sub>1</sub> and P<sub>2</sub> are the plain-text squares



~~RESTRICTED~~TABLE 14 — *Relative logarithmic values of frequencies of English digraphs*

[Based on a count of 5,000 digraphs. To obtain logarithm to base 10 (Log 10) divide by 100]

		SECOND LETTER																										
		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	
FIRST LETTER	A	48	78	115	143	00	60	78	30	123	00	30	151	115	181	30	108	*	164	161	167	111	85	48	*	108	*	
	B	60	*	*	*	126	*	*	*	30	00	*	78	00	*	60	*	*	30	00	00	30	*	*	*	*	85	*
	C	130	*	48	00	151	00	*	115	85	*	60	70	00	00	161	*	*	60	00	115	60	*	00	*	00	*	
	D	151	60	60	90	152	90	30	30	143	00	*	48	70	60	120	70	30	108	111	118	70	48	60	*	00	*	
	E	154	60	151	178	162	126	60	85	143	00	*	146	115	205	108	130	108	194	173	157	48	130	85	85	60	00	
	F	70	*	30	00	100	104	00	*	159	*	*	30	00	*	160	00	*	95	48	104	48	*	00	*	00	*	
	G	85	*	30	00	115	30	00	130	70	00	*	30	00	48	78	30	*	70	48	60	30	*	00	*	*	*	
	H	130	00	48	30	130	70	*	*	152	*	*	00	30	48	130	00	00	123	60	145	90	*	00	*	00	*	
	I	90	30	135	78	111	100	128	*	*	*	30	136	95	188	161	85	*	143	154	143	*	140	*	118	*	30	
	J	00	*	*	*	30	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	*	*	*	*	*
	K	00	*	00	*	78	*	*	*	30	*	*	00	*	00	*	*	*	*	00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	L	145	48	48	95	157	48	00	00	130	*	*	143	30	00	111	48	*	30	78	90	30	30	30	*	100	*	
	M	156	78	48	00	141	00	*	00	95	*	*	*	111	*	100	90	*	30	60	30	30	*	*	*	30	*	
	N	141	30	123	172	176	95	43	60	148	00	30	70	70	90	126	48	00	60	138	191	85	48	48	*	70	*	
	O	85	60	90	108	48	140	30	48	70	00	30	128	140	189	78	140	*	181	115	128	157	85	90	00	30	*	
	P	115	00	00	00	136	30	*	48	78	*	*	111	60	00	123	104	*	126	78	90	48	00	00	*	00	*	
	Q	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	00	*	*	*	*	00	*	*	118	*	*	*	*	*	
	R	159	30	95	123	199	78	85	48	148	00	00	70	95	85	145	111	*	104	149	162	70	70	60	*	95	*	
	S	138	48	111	70	169	108	30	142	153	*	00	30	48	60	118	100	*	70	128	180	104	00	60	*	00	*	
	T	145	48	78	78	185	85	00	189	165	*	*	70	78	85	170	30	00	123	128	128	70	*	156	*	161	00	
	U	70	48	48	48	104	00	90	*	70	*	*	78	70	132	00	30	*	149	108	108	*	00	*	*	*	*	
	V	78	*	*	*	176	*	*	*	108	*	*	*	*	*	00	*	*	*	*	00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	W	108	*	*	*	134	*	*	60	111	*	*	00	*	30	128	*	*	00	00	*	*	*	*	*	00	*	
	X	30	*	30	00	00	00	*	00	30	*	*	*	*	00	00	30	*	00	00	85	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	Y	78	30	60	60	95	104	00	00	48	*	*	30	30	78	100	48	*	60	104	118	00	*	00	*	*	*	
	Z	00	*	*	30	*	*	*	00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*In computations, assign a value of -100 as the log for these digraphs. These combinations do not usually occur in 5,000 digraphs. Do not assign "0" to these combinations as that is the logarithmic value for a frequency of one, and these combinations have a frequency of less than one.

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TABLE 15 — *Relative logarithmic values (Log. 222) of frequencies of English digraphs \**

[Based on a count of 5,000 digraphs]

		SECOND LETTER																										
		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	
FIRST LETTER	A	33	45	61	73	13	38	45	25	64	13	25	76	61	89	25	58	0	32	80	33	59	48	33	0	58	0	
	B	33	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	25	13	0	45	13	0	38	0	0	25	13	13	25	0	0	0	48	0	
	C	67	0	33	13	76	13	0	61	48	0	33	42	13	13	80	0	0	38	18	61	38	0	13	0	18	0	
	D	76	33	33	51	77	51	25	25	73	13	0	33	42	33	63	42	0	58	59	62	42	33	38	0	18	0	
	E	78	33	76	88	81	66	33	48	73	13	0	74	61	99	58	67	58	94	86	79	33	67	48	48	33	13	
	F	42	0	25	13	55	56	13	0	80	0	0	25	13	0	80	13	0	59	33	56	33	0	13	0	18	0	
	G	48	0	25	13	61	25	13	67	42	13	0	25	13	33	45	25	0	42	33	38	25	0	13	0	0	0	
	H	67	13	33	25	67	42	0	0	77	0	0	13	25	33	67	13	13	64	33	74	51	0	13	0	13	0	
	I	51	25	69	45	59	55	67	0	0	0	0	25	70	53	92	80	48	0	73	73	73	0	72	0	62	0	25
	J	13	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
	K	13	0	13	0	45	0	0	0	25	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L	74	33	33	58	79	33	13	13	67	0	0	73	25	13	59	33	0	25	45	51	25	25	25	0	55	0	
	M	78	45	33	13	72	13	0	13	53	0	0	0	59	0	55	51	0	25	33	25	25	0	0	0	25	0	
	N	72	25	67	85	87	53	73	33	75	13	25	42	42	51	66	33	13	33	71	93	48	33	33	0	42	0	
	O	48	33	51	53	33	72	25	33	42	13	25	67	72	92	45	72	0	89	61	67	79	48	51	13	25	0	
	P	61	13	13	13	70	25	0	33	45	0	0	59	33	13	64	56	0	66	45	51	33	13	13	0	13	0	
	Q	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	
	R	80	25	53	64	96	45	48	33	75	13	13	42	53	48	74	59	0	56	75	81	42	42	33	0	53	0	
	S	71	33	59	42	84	58	25	72	77	0	13	25	33	33	62	55	0	42	67	88	56	13	33	0	13	0	
	T	74	33	45	45	91	48	13	92	82	0	0	42	45	48	84	25	13	64	67	67	42	0	73	0	80	13	
	U	42	33	33	33	56	13	51	0	42	0	0	45	42	68	13	25	0	75	58	58	0	13	0	0	0	0	
	V	45	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	W	58	0	0	0	69	0	0	33	59	0	0	13	0	25	67	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	
	X	25	0	25	13	13	13	0	13	25	0	0	0	0	13	13	25	0	13	13	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Y	45	25	33	33	53	56	13	13	33	0	0	25	25	45	55	33	0	33	56	62	13	0	13	0	0	0	
	Z	13	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

\*See pages 11-12 for details

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Table 16-A.--Frequency distribution of digraphs, based on 64,365 letters of decrypted U. S. Government messages in which Z was used as a word-separator and X was used for both Xp and Zp.

		2 <sup>d</sup> Ltr																										
		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 <sup>st</sup> Ltr	A	28	154	142	137	17	90	99	13	118	16	43	220	157	427	18	112	2	625	526	347	56	52	20	3	66	546	
	B	63	14	7	1	193	1		1	43	33		148	6	18	61	2		59	17	8	15	1	1	3	60	19	
	C	123	1	19	8	240	22	28	183	115		48	95	390	5	414	3	1	63	64	161	47	1	5	3	27	122	
	D	360	12	33	30	270	4	16		141	2	1	7	4	6	102	11	11	33	32	34	38	38	17	1	11	1024	
	E	180	34	226	383	620	131		35	13	275	3	6	185	144	758	75	118	91	857	329	187	40	210	28	76	29	1715
	F	44	16	10	3	100	122	4	1	365	2		28	23	4	536	68		114	8	32	34	1	1	2	3	343	
	G	78	29	7	18	258	5	31	240	25		1	11	5	31	20	18		73	29	17	25	2			1	275	
	H	194	1	6	12	193	14	1	24	213	3	9	7	2	24	93	3	24	229	26	257	17	2	6	1	3	428	
	I	85	10	209	30	152	53	330	5	5	1	46	181	40	704	200	92	1	128	303	217	2	272	2	193	1	56	
	J	26		3	2	31	3		1	18	20		3	1	4	35	1		5	2	18	7	2	1		2	19	
	K	28		2	6	108	2			54	3	20	11	3	10	9		1	1	9	2	1	1	2	1	10	59	
	L	159	6	6	48	328	14		4	194	2	1	237	20	65	120	5		5	41	25	41	5		1	71	296	
	M	521	68	36	12	198	1	58	1	92	4	1	2	62	4	43	101		10	53	20	17	1	3	6	86	231	
	N	112	13	157	286	733	77	244	4	234		14	15	9	76	169	16	16	13	135	267	64	10	7	7	14	910	
	O	25	67	46	100	56	317	66	26	23	6	23	161	230	873	59	57	2	418	129	143	413	49	59	92	13	916	
	P	304	5	8	363	169		2	37	27	3		75	46	9	145	104	3	153	26	351	44	2	2	1	4	122	
	Q	2	1	1		7			4	1			1	5	11	1	1	9	5	7		117		1			46	
	R	261	5	44	86	967	26	59	5	191	5	30	61	122	45	570	310	4	72	208	174	60	19	14	13	74	733	
	S	143	14	66	6	389	85	52	426	334	1	16	16	34	6	99	47	13	5	143	305	138	13	12	1	43	788	
	T	171	1	67	22	357	32	6	572	275	2	10	27	18	49	372	9	2	119	99	156	37	1	313	10	48	1106	
	U	45	48	26	60	87	4	61	2	35	1	3	56	61	96	32	38		453	140	48	5	5	5	1	1	44	
	V	39		10	2	496	1	1		91		1	3	1	8	19	4	1	3	4	7	1	9	1	1	7	34	
	W	111	1	3	7	34	1	11	33	107	2	1	10		12	367	7	2	3	11	5			13	13	2	30	
	X	9	1	8	7	350	9		2	10	1	2		2	2	10	20	3	12	9	32	1	1		32	3	203	
	Y	8	3	6	3	14	6	3	2	5			4	9	10	49	27		3	18	8	4	1	1		8	432	
	Z	902	244	1058	613	364	844	120	171	328	98	69	135	274	349	750	323	36	700	768	1046	130	46	278	271	42		

In the text which gave rise to this and the following two tables, the frequently-used punctuation signs "comma" and "period" were abbreviated as CMA and PD, respectively, and the procedure term "repeat" was abbreviated as RPT; thus, the digraphs CH, PD, PT, and RP, which usually do not occur frequently (see Table 6-A), are of relatively high frequency here.

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Table 16-B.--Frequency distribution of digraphs, based on the text used for Table 16-A, from which the Z word-separator has been omitted (total 53,866 letters).

		2 <sup>d</sup> Ltr																									
		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 <sup>st</sup> Ltr	A	78	175	190	164	40	136	111	26	189	19	52	227	166	439	58	147	3	657	619	395	65	58	40	23	67	
	B	63	14	9	2	193	5		1	43	32		149	6	18	62	2		62	17	13	15	2	3	3	60	
	C	133	1	31	20	263	32	29	184	119		48	98	393	11	416	8	2	78	79	180	47	1	6	4	27	
	D	443	66	102	74	307	86	26	13	183	7	5	23	32	22	151	97	16	142	118	153	59	40	55	2	18	
	E	299	70	381	481	690	283	48	37	326	21	12	201	190	855	181	278	93	931	476	367	53	215	87	136	34	
	F	60	19	42	25	109	137	7	2	380	3	1	39	25	10	582	80	1	148	56	67	49	3	9	3	7	
	G	102	39	20	59	266	19	32	262	37	5	2	12	10	41	45	38	4	91	53	38	31	2	3	7	1	
	H	270	8	34	28	215	54	13	31	220	14	11	8	13	34	139	14	23	239	64	315	18	3	16	5	3	
	I	86	10	213	41	156	55	330	8	5	1	46	182	40	705	202	96	1	148	303	218	2	270	3	196	1	
	J	28		7	2	31	7		1	21	20		3	1	5	36	2		6	2	19	7	2	2		2	
	K	35	4	7	10	108	10	2		56	3	20	11	4	13	12	7	1	6	11	5	2	1	4	1	10	
	L	197	21	38	61	338	47	2	13	207	7	4	243	26	68	134	19		21	59	50	44	8	14	1	72	
	M	595	72	66	18	206	22	64	4	96	6	1	6	67	17	63	123	3	26	61	40	22	2	10	15	86	
	N	213	27	280	336	748	139	254	12	263	6	19	31	47	86	234	92	24	66	202	352	75	23	28	28	17	
	O	63	82	191	155	93	426	72	47	37	13	27	172	252	910	99	112	2	473	204	214	417	51	68	170	17	
	P	311	7	16	388	170	5	3	40	29	4		76	46	11	150	111	3	179	37	365	44	2	2	1	5	
	Q	14	4	3		7	2		4	5		1	2	5	11	8	2	9	10	10	2	117		3	1		
	R	298	12	131	146	1011	84	66	14	207	17	40	69	142	59	639	369	8	103	266	263	67	19	29	30	74	
	S	237	37	143	31	396	149	55	453	369	5	19	25	60	36	173	129	16	62	178	385	144	14	34	2	43	
	T	277	30	167	70	400	97	21	592	308	14	16	43	67	100	463	95	5	195	150	282	52	12	338	30	57	
	U	48	48	33	61	88	7	61	2	36	4	4	56	61	97	35	40		454	148	50	6	5	6	6	1	
	V	41		13	5	499	7	1		92		2	4	3	8	21	6	2	4	9	8	1	9	1	1	7	
	W	113	6	6	9	37	2	12	35	107	3	1	10	1	14	367	10	2	3	11	6	1		13	13	4	
	X	18	2	23	22	361	20		4	12	3	10	2	9	11	24	41	3	26	29	47	4	1		54	3	
	Y	59	14	57	37	19	33	18	5	22	1	4	7	22	25	74	77	1	31	36	38	10	1	18		13	
	Z																										

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Table 16-C.--The 53 digraphs from Table 6-A which comprise 50% of the total, arranged according to frequencies reduced to a base of 5,000 digraphs, shown with the corresponding frequencies of the same digraphs from Table 16-B (also reduced to a base of 5,000).<sup>1</sup>

<u>Dig.</u>	<u>6-A</u>	<u>16-B</u>	<u>Dig.</u>	<u>6-A</u>	<u>16-B</u>
EN	111	79	FO	40	54
RE	98	94	FI	39	35
ER	87	86	RA	39	28
NT	82	33	ET	37	34
TH	78	55	LE	37	31
ON	77	84	OU	37	39
IN	75	65	MA	36	55
TE	71	36	TW	36	31
AN	64	41	EA	35	28
OR	64	44	IS	35	28
ST	63	36	SI	34	34
ED	60	45	DE	33	29
NE	57	69	HI	33	20 <sup>1</sup>
VE	57	46	AL	32	21 <sup>1</sup>
ES	54	44	CE	32	24
ND	52	31	DA	32	41
TO	50	43	EC	32	36
SE	49	37	RS	31	25
AT	47	37	UR	31	42
TI	45	29	NI	30	24
AR	44	61	RI	30	19 <sup>1</sup>
EE	42	64	EL	29	19 <sup>1</sup>
RT	42	24	HT	28	29
AS	41	57	LA	28	18 <sup>1</sup>
CO	41	39	RO	28	59
IO	41	19 <sup>1</sup>	TA	28	26
TY	41	5 <sup>1</sup>			

<sup>1</sup> With the exception of AL, EL, HI, IO, LA, RI, TY, the digraphs of this table are all from among the 65 digraphs from Table 16-B which comprise 50% of the total.

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## APPENDIX 3

## WORD AND PATTERN LISTS - ENGLISH

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**A. LIST OF WORDS USED IN MILITARY TEXT ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY  
ACCORDING TO WORD LENGTH**

**TWO LETTER WORDS**

AM	BY	EM	IN	MM	OK	TO
AN	CO	GO	IS	MP	ON	US
AS	CP	HE	IT	MY	OR	WD
AT	CQ	HQ	MC	NO	QM	WE
BE	DO	IF	ME	OF	SO	WO
BN						

**THREE LETTER WORDS**

ACT	BID	DUN	HAS	MIX	PVT	TEN
ADD	BIG	EAT	HER	NAN	QMC	THE
ADJ	BOX	END	HIM	NET	RED	TIN
AGE	BUT	EYE	HIS	NEW	RID	TON
AGO	BUY	FAR	HOW	NOT	ROB	TOO
AID	CAM	FEW	ILL	NOW	RUN	TOP
AIM	CAN	FIT	ITS	OFF	SAW	TRY
AIR	CAR	FIX	JIG	OLD	SAY	TUB
ALL	CAV	FOR	JOB	ONE	SEA	TWO
AND	COL	FOX	KEG	OUR	SEE	USE
ANY	CPL	GAL	LAW	OUT	SET	VAT
APT	CUT	GAS	LAY	OWE	SGT	WAR
ARC	CWT	GEN	LET	OWN	SHE	WAS
ARE	DAY	GET	LOT	PAR	SIX	WAY
ARM	DID	GHQ	LOW	PAY	SPY	WET
ASK	DIE	GOT	MAJ	PEN	SUM	WGT
BAD	DOG	GUN	MAN	PER	SUN	WON
BAG	DRY	HAD	MAT	PIN	TAN	YET
BAR	DUE	HAM	MEN	PUT	TAX	YOU

**FOUR LETTER WORDS**

ABLE	BOTH	EACH	FLEE	HIGH	LATE	MAIN
AIDE	BULB	EAST	FORM	HILL	LEAD	MANY
ALLY	BULK	EASY	FOUR	HITS	LEAK	MASK
ALSO	CALL	EDGE	FROM	HOLD	LEFT	MASS
AREA	CELL	EYES	FULL	HOOK	LESS	MEAT
ARMY	CITY	FALL	FUSE	INTO	LIEU	MEET
ASIA	CODE	FARM	FUZE	ITEM	LINE	MESS
AWAY	COOK	FAST	GUNS	JOIN	LIST	MIKE
AXIS	DARK	FEEL	HALF	JULY	LOAD	MILE
BACK	DASH	FEEET	HALT	JUNE	LONG	MINE
BASE	DATE	FELL	HAND	JUST	LOOK	MORE
BEEN	DAYS	FILE	HARD	KEEP	LOSS	MOVE
BLUE	DIRT	FIRE	HAVE	KIND	LOST	MTCL
BODY	DOWN	FIRM	HEAD	KING	LOVE	MULE
BOMB	DRAW	FIVE	HERD	LAND	MADE	NAVY
BOOK	DUMP	FLAG	HERE	LAST	MAIM	NEAR

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## FOUR LETTER WORDS—Continued

NEXT	PARK	REAR	SHOT	TEAM	TOOK	WEST
NINE	PASS	RIOT	SIDE	TENT	TOOL	WHAT
NOON	PIPE	ROAD	SOME	TEXT	TOWN	WHEN
NOTE	PLAN	ROUT	SOON	THAN	TYPE	WILL
OBOE	POST	RULE	STOP	THAT	UNIT	WIRE
OMIT	PUMP	RUSH	SUNK	THEM	VARY	WITH
ONCE	PUSH	SAID	TAKE	THEN	VERY	XRAY
ONLY	RAID	SAME	TALK	THEY	WEAK	YOKE
OPEN	RAIL	SANK	TANK	THIS	WEEK	ZERO
ORAL	RAIN	SEEN	TARE	TIME	WELL	ZONE
OVER	RANK	SHIP	TASK	TONS	WERE	

## FIVE LETTER WORDS

ABOUT	BOATS	DECKS	FIGHT	LATER	PRIOR	SHIPS	TITLE
AFTER	BOMBS	DEFER	FIRES	LEAST	PROOF	SHORE	TODAY
AGAIN	BOOTH	DELAY	FIRST	LEAVE	PROVE	SIEGE	TOTAL
AGENT	BREAK	DEPOT	FLANK	LEVEL	QUEEN	SIGHT	TRACT
ALARM	BRIBE	DEPTH	FLARE	LIGHT	QUICK	SIXTH	TRAIN
ALERT	BROKE	DOCKS	FLATS	LIMIT	QUIET	SIXTY	TROOP
ALIGN	BURST	DRAWN	FLEET	LOCAL	RADIO	SLOPE	TRUCE
ALINE	CANAL	DRESS	FOGGY	MAJOR	RAFTS	SMALL	TRUCK
ALLOW	CASES	DRILL	FORCE	MARCH	RAIDS	SMOKE	UNDER
ALONG	CAUSE	DRIVE	FORTY	METER	RALLY	SOUTH	UNION
AMONG	CEASE	EAGER	FRESH	MILES	RANGE	SPEED	UNITS
ANNEX	CHECK	EARLY	FRONT	MOTOR	RAPID	SPELL	USUAL
APPLY	CHIEF	EIGHT	GATES	NAVAL	REACH	SPLIT	VALOR
APRIL	CLEAR	ENEMY	GAUGE	NIGHT	READY	SQUAD	VISIT
AREAS	CLERK	ENTER	GIVEN	NINTH	REFER	STAFF	VITAL
ARMOR	CLOSE	EQUAL	GOING	NORTH	REPEL	STAKE	VOCAL
ASSET	COAST	EQUIP	GROUP	ORDER	RIDGE	START	VOICE
AWAIT	COLON	ERASE	GUARD	OTHER	RIGHT	STEEL	WAGON
AWARD	COMMA	ERROR	GUEST	PACKS	RIGID	SUGAR	WEIGH
BAKER	CORPS	ETHER	HEAVY	PAIRS	RIVER	TAKEN	WHEEL
BANKS	COUNT	EVERY	HONOR	PARTY	ROGER	TANKS	WHERE
BARGE	COVER	FATAL	HORSE	PETER	ROUTE	TENTH	WHICH
BEACH	CREEK	FEARS	HOURS	PLACE	SCALE	THEIR	WIDTH
BEGIN	CREST	FERRY	HOUSE	PLAIN	SEIZE	THERE	WIPED
BEING	CROSS	FIELD	ISSUE	PLANS	SEVEN	THESE	WOODS
BLACK	CURVE	FIFTH	JAPAN	POINT	SHELL	THIRD	YARDS
BLIND	DAILY	FIFTY	LARGE	PRESS	SHIFT	THREE	ZEBRA

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## SIX LETTER WORDS

ACCEPT	BOMBED	DEGREE	FIERCE	LESSON	OTHERS	RESUME	SUFFER
ACCESS	BOMBER	DEPART	FILING	LETTER	OUTPUT	RETIRE	SUMMER
ACROSS	BOTTOM	DEPEND	FINISH	LINING	PANAMA	RETURN	SUMMIT
ACTION	BRANCH	DEPLOY	FIRING	LIQUID	PARADE	REVIEW	SUMMON
ACTIVE	BREACH	DESERT	FLIGHT	LITTER	PARLEY	RIDING	SUNDAY
ADJUST	BREEZE	DETACH	FLYING	LITTLE	PASSED	ROCKET	SUNKEN
ADVICE	BRIDGE	DETAIL	FOLLOW	LOCATE	PASSES	ROUTED	SUNSET
ADVISE	BROKEN	DEVICE	FORCES	LOSSES	PATROL	ROUTES	SUPPLY
AFFAIR	BUREAU	DEVISE	FORMAL	MANAGE	PERIOD	RUBBER	SURVEY
ALASKA	CANADA	DIRECT	FORMED	MANNER	PICKET	RUNNER	SWITCH
ALLEGE	CANCEL	DIVERT	FOUGHT	MANUAL	PINCER	SALARY	SYSTEM
ALLIED	CANNOT	DIVIDE	FOURTH	MEAGER	PISTOL	SCHEME	TABLES
ALLIES	CANVAS	DOCTOR	FRIDAY	MEDIUM	PLACES	SCHOOL	TANKER
ALWAYS	CASUAL	DOLLAR	FUTURE	MEMBER	PLANES	SCORED	TARGET
ANIMAL	CAUSED	DOWNED	GARAGE	METHOD	POINTS	SCREEN	TATTOO
ANNUAL	CENTER	DRYRUN	GEORGE	METRIC	POISON	SEAMAN	TERROR
ANYWAY	CHANGE	DUGOUT	GREASE	MINING	POLICE	SEAMEN	THIRTY
APPEAR	CHARGE	DURING	GROUND	MINUTE	PONTON	SEARCH	THOUGH
ARABIA	CHEESE	EFFECT	GUNNER	MIRROR	POSTAL	SECOND	TREAT
ARMIES	CHURCH	EFFORT	HALTED	MOBILE	PREFER	SECTOR	TRAINS
ARMORY	CIPHER	EIGHTH	HAMMER	MONDAY	PROMPT	SECURE	TRENCH
ARREST	CIRCLE	EIGHTY	HAPPEN	MORALE	PROPER	SELECT	TROOPS
ARRIVE	COFFEE	EITHER	HARBOR	MORTAR	PURSUE	SERIAL	TURRET
ASSETS	COLORS	ELEVEN	HELPER	MOVING	RADIAL	SETTLE	TWELVE
ASSIST	COLUMN	EMBARK	HIGHER	MURDER	RAIDED	SEVERE	TWENTY
ASSURE	COMBAT	EMPLOY	HOURLY	MUZZLE	RATION	SHELLS	UNABLE
ATTACH	COMMIT	ENCODE	INDEED	NAUGHT	RAVINE	SIGCOM	UNITED
ATTACK	COMMON	ENGAGE	INFORM	NEARER	RECORD	SIGNAL	UNLESS
ATTAIN	CONVEY	ENGINE	INLAND	NINETY	REDUCE	SINGLE	VALLEY
AUGUST	CONVOY	ENROLL	INTEND	NORMAL	REFILL	SLIGHT	VERBAL
BANNER	COURSE	ENTIRE	INTENT	NOTING	REFUGE	SPHERE	VERIFY
BARBED	CREDIT	ERASER	INVENT	NOUGHT	REFUSE	SPOOLS	VESSEL
BARGES	CRISIS	ESCORT	ISLAND	NOVICE	REJECT	SPOONS	VICTIM
BATTEN	CRITIC	EUROPE	ISSUES	NOZZLE	RELIEF	STATES	VICTOR
BATTLE	DAMAGE	EXCEPT	KEEPER	NUMBER	REMAIN	STATUS	VISITS
BEEBLE	DEBARK	EXCESS	KILLED	OCCUPY	REMEDY	STRAFE	VISUAL
BEFORE	DECIDE	EXCITE	LADDER	OFFEND	REPAIR	STREET	WEIGHT
BETTER	DECODE	EXPECT	LANDED	OFFICE	REPORT	STRESS	WIRING
BEYOND	DECREE	EXPELS	LAUNCH	OPPOSE	RESCUE	STRIPS	WITHIN
BILLET	DEFEAT	EXPEND	LEADER	ORDERS	RESIST	SUBMIT	WOODED
BITTER	DEFECT	EXTEND	LEAGUE	ORIENT	RESULT	SUDDEN	ZIGZAG
BODIES	DEFEND	EXTENT					

## SEVEN LETTER WORDS

ABANDON	ALMANAC	APPOINT	ASIATIC	AVIATOR	BATTERY	BETWEEN
ABSENCE	AMMETER	APPROVE	ASSAULT	AWKWARD	BATTLES	BICYCLE
ADDRESS	ANALYZE	ARMORED	ATTACKS	BAGGAGE	BEARING	BINDING
ADVANCE	ANOTHER	ARRANGE	ATTEMPT	BALLOON	BECAUSE	BIVOUC
AGAINST	ANTENNA	ARRIVAL	AVERAGE	BARRAGE	BEDDING	BOMBARD

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## SEVEN LETTER WORDS—Continued

BOMBERS	DEBOUCH	FITTING	LANDING	PACKAGE	REQUEST	SUPPOSE
BOMBING	DECIDED	FOGHORN	LEADING	PASSAGE	REQUIRE	SURPLUS
BOYCOTT	DECLARE	FORCING	LECTURE	PASSIVE	RESERVE	SUSPEND
BRIBERY	DECODED	FORGING	LIAISON	PATROLS	RESPECT	TACTICS
BRIGADE	DEFENSE	FORWARD	LIBRARY	PAYROLL	RESPOND	TALKING
CALIBER	DELAYED	FOXHOLE	LICENSE	PLACING	RFIRED	TARGETS
CALIBRE	DELIVER	FUELOIL	LIFTING	PLATOON	RETREAT	TERRAIN
CAPTAIN	DERRICK	FURNISH	LOADING	POUNDER	REVENUE	THATTHE
CAPTIVE	DESTROY	FURTHER	LOGICAL	PRAIRIE	REVERSE	THROUGH
CARRIER	DETRAIN	GASSING	LOOKOUT	PRECEDE	REVOLVE	TOBACCO
CAVALRY	DETRUCK	GENERAL	MACHINE	PREPARE	ROUTINE	TONIGHT
CENTRAL	DEVELOP	GETTING	MANDATE	PRESENT	RUNNING	TONNAGE
CHANGES	DIAGRAM	GLASSES	MANNING	PRESSED	SAILORS	TORPEDO
CHANNEL	DISCUSS	GRADUAL	MAPPING	PRIMARY	SATISFY	TRACTOR
CHARLIE	DISEASE	GRENADE	MARCHED	PROCEED	SECRECY	TRAFFIC
CHASSIS	DISMISS	GUARDED	MARSHAL	PROGRAM	SECTION	TRAWLER
CIRCUIT	DISTILL	HALTING	MARTIAL	PROMOTE	SECTORS	TRIGGER
CLIPPER	DROPPED	HASBEEN	MAXIMUM	PROPOSE	SERVICE	TUESDAY
COASTAL	EASTERN	HEADING	MEDICAL	PROTECT	SESSION	TWELFTH
COLLECT	ECHELON	HEAVIER	MESSAGE	PROTEST	SETBACK	UNKNOWN
COLLEGE	ELEMENT	HIGHEST	MESSING	PROVOST	SEVENTH	UNUSUAL
COLONEL	ELEVATE	HOLDING	MILITIA	PURPOSE	SEVENTY	USELESS
COMMAND	EMBASSY	HORIZON	MINIMUM	PURSUIT	SEVERAL	UTILITY
COMMEND	ENCODED	HOSTILE	MISFIRE	PUSHING	SHELLED	VACANCY
COMMENT	ENEMIES	HUNDRED	MISSING	QUARTER	SHORTLY	VARYING
COMMUTE	ENFORCE	ICEBERG	MISSION	QUICKLY	SIGNIFY	VESSELS
COMPANY	ENGAGED	ILLEGAL	MORNING	RADIATE	SIMILAR	VICTORY
COMPASS	ENTENTE	ILLNESS	NATURAL	RAIDING	SIMPLEX	VILLAGE
CONCEAL	ENTRAIN	INCLUDE	NEAREST	RAILWAY	SINKING	VISIBLE
CONDEMN	ENTRUCK	INFLICT	NIGHTLY	RAINING	SIXTEEN	VISITOR
CONDUCT	ENVELOP	INITIAL	NOTHING	RAPIDLY	SLOPING	WARFARE
CONFINE	EXCLUDE	INQUIRE	NUMBERS	REACHED	SMOKING	WARSHIP
CONTACT	EXPLAIN	INQUIRY	OBSERVE	RECEIPT	SOLDIER	WEATHER
CONTAIN	EXPRESS	INSPIRE	OCTOBER	RECEIVE	STARTER	WESTERN
CONTROL	EXTRACT	INSTALL	OFFENSE	RECOVER	STATION	WHETHER
CORRECT	EXTREME	INSTANT	OFFICER	RECRUIT	STEAMER	WILLIAM
COUNCIL	FALLING	INVADED	OMITTED	REDUCED	STOPPED	WINDAGE
COURIER	FARTHER	ISLANDS	OPERATE	REFUGEE	STORAGE	WITHOUT
COVERED	FEDERAL	ISSUING	OPINION	REGULAR	SUCCESS	WITHTHE
CROSSED	FIFTEEN	JANUARY	ORDERED	RELEASE	SUGGEST	WITNESS
CRUISER	FIGHTER	JUMPOFF	OUTPOST	RELIEVE	SUMMARY	WOUNDED
CURRENT	FILLING	KITCHEN	OUTSIDE	REPAIRS	SUNRISE	WRECKED
CYCLONE	FINDING	KILLING	PACIFIC	REPLACE	SUPPORT	WRITTEN
DAMAGED	FISHING					

## EIGHT LETTER WORDS

ACTIVITY	ADVANCED	AIRBORNE	AIRPLANE	ANNOUNCE	APPROACH	ASSEMBLE
ACTUALLY	ADVANCES	AIRCRAFT	ALTITUDE	ANTITANK	APPROVAL	ASSEMBLY
ADJACENT	ADVISING	AIRDROME	AMERICAN	APPARENT	ARMAMENT	ASSIGNED
ADJUTANT	ADVISORY	AIRFIELD	ANALYSIS	APPEARED	ARRESTED	ASSOONAS

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## EIGHT LETTER WORDS—Continued

ATLANTIC	CRITIQUE	DRIFTING	FORENOON	MEDICINE	PRIORITY	SERGEANT
ATTACKED	CROSSING	EASTERLY	FORTRESS	MEMORIAL	PRISONER	SHELLING
ATTEMPTS	CRUISERS	EASTWARD	FOURTEEN	MERCIFUL	PROBABLE	SHIPPING
AVIATION	DAMAGING	ECONOMIC	FRONTAGE	MESSAGES	PROBABLY	SIGHTING
BARRACKS	DARKNESS	EFFECTED	FUSELAGE	MIDNIGHT	PROGRESS	SKIRMISH
BARRAGES	DAYLIGHT	EFFICACY	GARRISON	MILITARY	PROHIBIT	SOLDIERS
BATTERED	DECEMBER	EIGHTEEN	GROUNDED	MISFIRES	PROTESTS	SOUTHERN
BATTLING	DECIPHER	ELEMENTS	GROUPING	MISSIONS	PROTOCOL	SPECIFIC
BESEIGED	DECISION	ELEVENTH	GUARDING	MOBILIZE	PURPOSES	SPOTTING
BILLETED	DECISIVE	ELIGIBLE	HAVEBEEN	MONOPOLY	QUARTERS	SQUADRON
BOUNDARY	DECLARED	EMPLOYEE	HINDERED	MOUNTAIN	RAILHEAD	STANDARD
BREAKING	DECREASE	EMPLOYER	HOSPITAL	MOVEMENT	RAILROAD	STATIONS
BUILDING	DEDICATE	ENCIPHER	HOWITZER	NATIONAL	RALLYING	STRATEGY
BULLETIN	DEFEATED	ENCIRCLE	IDENTIFY	NAUTICAL	RECEIVER	SUFFERED
BUSINESS	DEFENDED	ENFILADE	IGNITION	NINETEEN	RECORDER	SUITABLE
CALAMITY	DEFENDER	ENGAGING	IMPROPER	NORTHERN	REDCROSS	SUPERIOR
CAMPAIGN	DEFENSES	ENGINEER	IMPROVED	NOVEMBER	REENLIST	SUPPLIES
CANISTER	DEFERRED	ENLISTED	INCIDENT	OBSERVED	REGIMENT	SURPRISE
CAPACITY	DEFINITE	ENORMOUS	INDICATE	OBSERVER	REGISTER	SURROUND
CAPTURED	DELAYING	ENROLLED	INDIRECT	OBSOLETE	REJECTED	SURVIVED
CARELESS	DEMANDED	ENTERING	INFANTRY	OBSTACLE	REJECTOR	SUSPENSE
CARRIAGE	DEPARTED	ENTRENCH	INFECTED	OCCUPIED	REMEDIES	SWEEPING
CARRIERS	DEPLOYED	ENVELOPE	INITIATE	OFFENDED	REMEMBER	SWIMMING
CARRYING	DEPORTED	EQUALIZE	INSECURE	OFFICERS	REPAIRED	TACTICAL
CASUALTY	DESCRIBE	EQUIPAGE	INSIGNIA	OFFICIAL	REPEATER	TAXATION
CAUSEWAY	DESERTED	ESCORTED	INSTRUCT	OPERATOR	REPELLED	TELEGRAM
CEMETERY	DESERTER	ESTIMATE	INTEREST	OPPOSING	REPLACED	TERRIBLE
CENTERED	DESPATCH	EUROPEAN	INTERIOR	OPPOSITE	REPORTED	TERRIFIC
CHAPLAIN	DETACHED	EVACUATE	INTERNAL	ORDINATE	REPULSED	THATHAVE
CHEMICAL	DETECTOR	EXCAVATE	INTRENCH	ORDNANCE	REQUIRED	THIRTEEN
CIRCULAR	DETONATE	EXCHANGE	INVADING	OUTBOARD	RESEARCH	THOUSAND
CITATION	DEVELOPE	EXERCISE	INVASION	OUTGUARD	RESERVES	THURSDAY
CIVILIAN	DICTATED	EXPANDED	INVENTED	OUTPOSTS	RESPECTS	TOMORROW
CLERICAL	DICTATOR	EXPEDITE	JETPLANE	PAINTING	RESTORED	TOTALING
CODEBOOK	DIMINISH	EXPELLED	JUNCTION	PARALLAX	RETIRING	TRAILERS
COMMANDS	DIRECTOR	EXPENDED	LANGUAGE	PARALLEL	RETURNED	TRAINING
COMMENCE	DISARMED	EXPENSES	LATITUDE	PASSPORT	REVIEWED	TRANSFER
COMMERCE	DISASTER	EXTENDED	LETTERED	PLANNING	REVOLVER	TRAVERSE
COMPLETE	DISLODGE	EXTERIOR	LIMITING	POLITICS	RIGOROUS	TRAWLERS
COMPOSED	DISPATCH	FACTIONS	LOCATION	PONTOONS	SABOTAGE	VEHICLES
CONCLUDE	DISPERSE	FATALITY	LUMINOUS	POSITION	SANITARY	VICINITY
CONCRETE	DISTANCE	FEBRUARY	MAINTAIN	POSITIVE	SATURDAY	VIGOROUS
CONFLICT	DISTRESS	FERRYING	MANDATED	POSSIBLE	SCHEDULE	WARSHIPS
CONGRESS	DISTRICT	FIGHTERS	MANEUVER	POSTPONE	SEABORNE	WESTERLY
CONTINUE	DIVIDING	FIGHTING	MARCHING	PREPARED	SEALEVEL	WESTWARD
CONTRACT	DIVISION	FINISHED	MARITIME	PRESERVE	SELECTED	WINDWARD
CORPORAL	DOCTRINE	FLANKING	MATERIAL	PRESSING	SENTENCE	WIRELESS
CORRIDOR	DOMINANT	FLEXIBLE	MATERIEL	PRESSURE	SENTINEL	WITHDRAW
COVERING	DRESSING	FOOTHOLD	MECHANIC	PRINTING	SEPARATE	WITHDREW
CRITICAL						

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## NINE LETTER WORDS

ACCESSORY	CENTERING	DEVELOPED	FORMATION	MOVEMENTS	PROTECTOR
ACCOMPANY	CHALLENGE	DIETITIAN	FORTIFIED	MUNITIONS	PROTESTED
ACCORDING	CHARACTER	DIFFERENT	FRONTLINE	NAVALBASE	PROVISION
ADDRESSED	CHAUFFEUR	DIFFICULT	GROUPMENT	NECESSARY	PROXIMITY
ADDRESSES	CHRONICAL	DIMENSION	GYROMETER	NECESSITY	RADIATION
ADMISSION	CIGARETTE	DIRECTION	HOSTILITY	NEGLIGENT	RADIOGRAM
ADVANCING	CIRCULATE	DIRIGIBLE	HURRICANE	NEWSPAPER	READINESS
ADVANTAGE	CIVILIANS	DISAPPEAR	IDENTICAL	NORTHEAST	REARGUARD
AERODROME	CLEARANCE	DISCUSSED	IMMEDIATE	NORTHERLY	REBELLION
AEROPLANE	COALITION	DISINFECT	IMPORTANT	NORTHWARD	RECEIVING
AFTERNOON	COLLAPSED	DISMISSAL	IMPRESSED	NORTHWEST	RECOGNIZE
AGREEMENT	COLLISION	DISPERSED	INCENTIVE	NUMBERING	RECOMMEND
AIRDROMES	COMBATANT	DISTRICTS	INCIDENCE	OBJECTION	REENFORCE
AIRPLANES	COMMANDED	DIVISIONS	INCIDENTS	OBJECTIVE	REFERENCE
ALLOTMENT	COMMANDER	DOMINANCE	INCLINING	OBTAINING	REFILLING
ALLOWANCE	COMMITTEE	DOMINATED	INCLUDING	OCCUPYING	REGARDING
ALTERNATE	COMPANIES	ECHELONED	INCLUSIVE	OFFENSIVE	REINFORCE
AMBULANCE	COMPELLED	EFFECTIVE	INCREASED	OFFICIALS	REINSTATE
AMUSEMENT	COMPLETED	EFFICIENT	INDEMNITY	OPERATING	REMAINDER
ANNOUNCED	CONDEMNED	ELABORATE	INDICATED	OPERATION	REMAINING
ANONYMOUS	CONDENSED	ELEVATION	INFLATION	OSCILLATE	REPRESENT
APPARATUS	CONDITION	ELSEWHERE	INFLICTED	OUTSKIRTS	REPRISALS
APPOINTED	CONFERRED	EMBASSIES	INFLUENCE	PARACHUTE	REQUESTED
ARBITRARY	CONFIDENT	EMERGENCY	INHABITED	PARAGRAPH	REQUIRING
ARTILLERY	CONFLICTS	EMPLOYING	INSTANTLY	PARTITION	RESOURCES
ASCENSION	CONQUERED	ENDURANCE	INTEGRITY	PASSENGER	RESTRAINT
ASSAULTED	CONTINUAL	ENGINEERS	INTENSIVE	PATRIOTIC	RETENTION
ASSISTANT	CONTINUED	ENLISTING	INTENTION	PENETRATE	RETURNING
ASSOCIATE	CONTINUES	ENTRAINED	INTERCEPT	PERMANENT	REVIEWING
ASSURANCE	COOPERATE	EQUIPMENT	INTERDICT	PERSONNEL	SCREENING
ATTACKING	CORRECTED	ESTABLISH	INTERFERE	PLACEMENT	SEAPLANES
ATTEMPTED	CRITICISE	ESTIMATED	INTERMENT	POLITICAL	SECRETARY
ATTENTION	CRITICISM	ESTIMATES	INTERPOSE	POPULATED	SEMICOLON
AUTOMATIC	DEBARKING	EXCESSIVE	INTERRUPT	POSITIONS	SEMRIGID
AVAILABLE	DECREASED	EXCLUSION	INTERVENE	PRACTICAL	SEPTEMBER
BALLISTIC	DEFECTIVE	EXCLUSIVE	INTERVIEW	PRECEDING	SERIOUSLY
BAROMETER	DEFENSIVE	EXECUTIVE	INVENTION	PREFERRED	SERVICING
BATTALION	DEFICIENT	EXERCISES	IRREGULAR	PREMATURE	SEVENTEEN
BATTERIES	DEPARTURE	EXHIBITED	KILOMETER	PREPARING	SHELLFIRE
BEACHHEAD	DEPENDENT	EXPANSION	LAUNCHING	PRESIDENT	SITUATION
BEGINNING	DESCRIBED	EXPANSIVE	LIABILITY	PRINCIPAL	SIXTEENTH
BLOCKADED	DESIGNATE	EXPENSIVE	LOGISTICS	PRINCIPLE	SOUTHEAST
BOMBARDED	DESTITUTE	EXPLOSION	LONGITUDE	PRISONERS	SOUTHWARD
BRIGADIER	DESTROYED	EXPLOSIVE	MAINTAINS	PROCEDURE	SOUTHWEST
BUILDINGS	DESTROYER	EXTENDING	MANGANESE	PROCEEDED	SPEARHEAD
CABLEGRAM	DETENTION	EXTENSION	MECHANISM	PROJECTOR	STANDARDS
CAMPAIGNS	DETERMINE	EXTENSIVE	MEMORANDA	PROMOTION	STATEMENT
CANCELLED	DETONATED	FIFTEENTH	MESSENGER	PROPOSALS	STRAGGLER
CARTRIDGE	DETRAINED	FIREALARM	MOTORIZED	PROTECTED	STRATEGIC

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## NINE LETTER WORDS—Continued

SUBMITTED	SUSPENDED	TELEPHONE	THEREFORE	UNTENABLE	WEDNESDAY
SUCCEEDED	SUSPICION	TENTATIVE	TRANSPORT	VARIATION	WITNESSES
SURRENDER	TECHNICAL	TERRITORY	TWENTIETH	WATERTANK	YESTERDAY
SUSPECTED	TECHNIQUE				

## TEN LETTER WORDS

ACCEPTABLE	COLLISIONS	DESPATCHES	EXPENDABLE	MAINTAINED
ACCEPTANCE	COMMANDANT	DESTROYERS	EXPERIENCE	MANAGEMENT
ACCIDENTAL	COMMANDEER	DETACHMENT	EXPERIMENT	MECHANISM
ACCORDANCE	COMMANDING	DETERMINED	EXPLOSIONS	MEMORANDUM
ACTIVITIES	COMMISSARY	DETONATION	EXTINGUISH	MILLIMETER
ADDITIONAL	COMMISSION	DETRAINING	FACILITIES	MOTORCYCLE
AIRCONTROL	COMMITMENT	DETRUCKING	FLASHLIGHT	NATURALIZE
AIRSUPPORT	COMMUNIQUE	DIFFERENCE	FORMATIONS	NAVIGATION
ALLEGIANCE	COMPENSATE	DIPLOMATIC	FOUNDATION	NEGLIGENCE
ALLOCATION	COMPLETELY	DIRECTIONS	FOURTEENTH	NEWSPAPERS
AMBASSADOR	COMPRESSED	DISCIPLINE	FRONTLINES	NINETEENTH
AMMUNITION	CONCERNING	DISCUSSION	GEOGRAPHIC	OBJECTIVES
ANATEDATING	CONCESSION	DISPATCHED	GONIOMETER	OCCUPATION
ANTICIPATE	CONCLUSION	DISPATCHER	GOVERNMENT	ONEHUNDRED
APPARENTLY	CONDITIONS	DISPATCHES	GYROSCOPIC	OPERATIONS
APPEARANCE	CONFERENCE	DISPERSION	HYDROMETER	OPPOSITION
APPROACHED	CONFESSION	DISTRESSED	HYGROMETER	OVERCOMING
ARMORED CAR	CONFIDENCE	DISTRIBUTE	ILLITERATE	PATROLLING
ARTIFICIAL	CONNECTING	DIVEBOMBER	ILLUMINATE	PERMISSION
AS POSSIBLE	CONNECTION	DOMINATION	ILLUSTRATE	PERSISTENT
ASSEMBLIES	CONSPIRACY	EFFICIENCY	IMPASSIBLE	PHOSPHORUS
ASSESSMENT	CONSTITUTE	EIGHTEENTH	IMPOSSIBLE	POPULATION
ASSIGNMENT	CONTINGENT	ELEMENTARY	IMPRESSION	POSSESSION
ASSISTANCE	CONTINUOUS	EMPLOYMENT	IMPRESSIVE	POSTOFFICE
ATOMIC BOMB	CONTRABAND	ENCIPHERED	INCENDIARY	PRECEDENCE
ATTACHMENT	CONVENIENT	ENCIRCLING	INDICATING	PREFERENCE
ATTAINMENT	COORDINATE	ENEMY TANKS	INDICATION	PRESCRIBED
ATTEMPTING	CORRECTION	ENGAGEMENT	INDIVIDUAL	PROHIBITED
AUDIBILITY	CREDENTIAL	ENLISTMENT	INFLICTING	PROPORTION
AUTOMOBILE	CROSSROADS	ENROLLMENT	INSECURITY	PROTECTION
BALLISTICS	DEBOUCHING	ENTERPRISE	INSPECTION	PROVISIONS
BATTLESHIP	DECIPHERED	ENTRENCHED	INSTRUCTED	QUARANTINE
BEEN NEEDED	DECORATION	ENTRUCKING	INSTRUCTOR	RECEPTACLE
BRIDGEHEAD	DEDICATION	EQUIVALENT	INSTRUMENT	RECREATION
CAMOUFLAGE	DEFICIENCY	ESTIMATION	INTERNMENT	RECRUITING
CAPABILITY	DEFINITION	EVACUATING	INVITATION	REENFORCED
CASUALTIES	DEMOBILIZE	EVACUATION	IRRIGATION	REENLISTED
CENSORSHIP	DEPARTMENT	EVALUATION	KILOMETERS	REGIMENTAL
CENTRALIZE	DEPENDABLE	EXCAVATION	LABORATORY	REGULATION
CIRCUITOUS	DEPLOYMENT	EXCITEMENT	LIEUTENANT	REINFORCED
COASTGUARD	DEPRESSION	EXHIBITION	LIMITATION	RESISTANCE
COLLECTING	DESIGNATED	EXPEDITING	LOCOMOTIVE	RESPECTFUL
COLLECTION	DESPATCHED	EXPEDITION	MACHINE GUN	RESTRICTED

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## TEN LETTER WORDS—Continued

REVOLUTION	SUBMISSION	SUSPENSION	TRANSPORTS	UNEXPENDED
SANITATION	SUBSTITUTE	SUSPICIONS	TRANSVERSE	UNSUITABLE
SEPARATION	SUCCESSFUL	SUSPICIOUS	TROOPSHIPS	VICTORIOUS
SIGNALLING	SUCCESSIVE	THIRTEENTH	TWENTYFIVE	VISIBILITY
SIMILARITY	SUFFICIENT	THREATENED	UNDERSTAND	WILLATTACK
STATISTICS	SUPPORTING	TRAJECTORY	UNDERSTOOD	WITHDRAWAL
SUBMARINES				

## ELEVEN LETTER WORDS

ACCESSORIES	CONCENTRATE	EMPLACEMENT	INTERCEPTS	REAPPOINTED
AERONAUTICS	CONFINEMENT	ENCOUNTERED	INTERESTING	RECOGNITION
ALTERNATING	CONSTITUTED	ENEMYPLANES	INTERFERING	RECOMMENDED
APPLICATION	CONSUMPTION	ENFORCEMENT	INTERPRETER	RECONNOITER
APPOINTMENT	CONTINENTAL	ENGAGEMENTS	INTERRUPTED	REPLACEMENT
APPROACHING	CONTROVERSY	ENGINEERING	INTERVENING	REQUIREMENT
APPROPRIATE	COOPERATION	ESTABLISHED	INVESTIGATE	REQUISITION
APPROXIMATE	CORPORATION	ESTIMATEDAT	LEGISLATION	RESERVATION
ARBITRATION	CORRECTNESS	EXAMINATION	LIGHTBOMBER	RESIGNATION
ARMORED CARS	CREDENTIALS	EXPLANATION	MAINTENANCE	RESPONSIBLE
ARRANGEMENT	CUSTOMHOUSE	EXTENSIVELY	MANUFACTURE	RESTRICTION
ASSESSMENTS	DEBARKATION	EXTERMINATE	MEASUREMENT	RETALIATION
ASSIGNMENTS	DEMONSTRATE	FINGERPRINT	NATIONALISM	RETROACTIVE
ASSOCIATION	DESCRIPTION	FIRECONTROL	NATIONALITY	SCHOOLHOUSE
BATTLEFIELD	DESCRIPTIVE	HEAVYBOMBER	NAVALATTACK	SEVENTEENTH
BATTLESHIPS	DESIGNATION	HEAVYLOSSES	NAVALBATTLE	SEVENTYFIVE
BELLIGERENT	DESTRUCTION	HOSTILITIES	NAVALFORCES	SIGNIFICANT
BLOCKBUSTER	DETERIORATE	IMMEDIATELY	NECESSITATE	SMOKESCREEN
BOMBARDMENT	DEVELOPMENT	IMMIGRATION	OBSERVATION	STRATEGICAL
CATASTROPHE	DISAPPEARED	IMPEDIMENTA	OVERWHELMED	SUBSISTENCE
CERTIFICATE	DISCONTINUE	IMPROVEMENT	PARENTHESIS	SUITABILITY
CIRCULATION	DISCREPANCY	INCOMPETENT	PARENTHESSES	SUPERIORITY
COEFFICIENT	DISINFECTED	INDEPENDENT	PENETRATION	SURRENDERED
COINCIDENCE	DISPOSITION	INFLAMMABLE	PERFORMANCE	SYNCHRONIZE
COMMUNICATE	DISTINCTION	INFORMATION	PHILIPPINES	TEMPERATURE
COMMUNIQUE	DISTINGUISH	INSPIRATION	PHOTOGRAPHY	THERMOMETER
COMPARTMENT	DYNAMOMETER	INSTITUTION	PREARRANGED	TOPOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION	ECHELONMENT	INSTRUCTION	PREPARATION	TRADITIONAL
COMPOSITION	EFFECTIVELY	INSTRUMENTS	PRELIMINARY	TRANSFERRED
COMPUTATION	ELECTRICITY	INTELLIGENT	PROGRESSIVE	WITHDRAWING
CONCEALMENT	EMBARKATION	INTERCEPTED	RANGEFINDER	

## TWELVE LETTER WORDS

ADVANTAGEOUS	CARELESSNESS	CONCENTRATED	CONSIDERABLE	COORDINATION
AGRICULTURAL	COMMENCEMENT	CONCILIATION	CONSTITUTING	DECENTRALIZE
ANNOUNCEMENT	COMMENDATION	CONFIDENTIAL	CONSTITUTION	DECIPHERMENT
ANTI AIRCRAFT	COMMISSIONED	CONFIRMATION	CONSTRUCTION	DEMONSTRATED
ANTICIPATION	COMMISSIONER	CONFISCATION	CONTINUATION	DEPARTMENTAL
BREAKTHROUGH	COMPENSATION	CONFORMATION	CONVALESCENT	DIFFICULTIES
CANCELLATION	COMPLETENESS	CONSCRIPTION	CONVERSATION	DISORGANIZED

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## TWELVE LETTER WORDS—Continued

DISPLACEMENT	HYDROGRAPHIC	INTRODUCTION	PRESERVATION	SIGNIFICANCE
DISSEMINATED	ILLUMINATING	INTRODUCTORY	PRESIDENTIAL	SIMULTANEOUS
DISTRIBUTING	ILLUMINATION	IRREGULARITY	PROCLAMATION	SOUTHWESTERN
DISTRIBUTION	ILLUSTRATION	LIGHTBOMBERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUBSTITUTION
EMPLACEMENTS	INAUGURATION	MARKSMANSHIP	RADIOSTATION	SUCCESSFULLY
ENCIPHERMENT	INCOMPETENCE	MEASUREMENTS	RECREATIONAL	TRANSFERRING
ENTANGLEMENT	INEFFICIENCY	MEDIUMBOMBER	REENLISTMENT	TRANSMISSION
ENTERPRISING	INSTRUCTIONS	MOBILIZATION	REGISTRATION	TRANSPACIFIC
FIGHTERPLANE	INTELLIGENCE	NONCOMBATANT	REPLACEMENTS	UNIDENTIFIED
GENERALALARM	INTERDICTION	NORTHWESTERN	RESPECTFULLY	UNITEDSTATES
GENERALSTAFF	INTERFERENCE	OBSTRUCTIONS	ROADJUNCTION	UNSUCCESSFUL
GEOGRAPHICAL	INTERMEDIATE	ORGANIZATION	SATISFACTORY	VERIFICATION
HEADQUARTERS	INTERRUPTION	PREPARATIONS	SEARCHLIGHTS	VETERINARIAN
HEAVYBOMBERS	INTERVENTION	PREPAREDNESS	SHARPSHOOTER	

## THIRTEEN LETTER WORDS

ACCOMMODATION	CORRESPONDING	DISTINGUISHED	INSTANTANEOUS	REENFORCEMENT
APPROXIMATELY	COUNTERATTACK	ENTERTAINMENT	INTERNATIONAL	REIMBURSEMENT
CHRONOLOGICAL	DECENTRALIZED	ESTABLISHMENT	INVESTIGATION	REINFORCEMENT
CIRCUMSTANCES	DEMONSTRATION	EXTERMINATION	MEDIUMBOMBERS	REINSTATEMENT
COMMUNICATION	DEPENDABILITY	EXTRAORDINARY	MISCELLANEOUS	REVOLUTIONARY
CONCENTRATING	DETERMINATION	FIGHTERPLANES	PRELIMINARIES	SPECIFICATION
CONCENTRATION	DISAPPEARANCE	IMPRACTICABLE	QUALIFICATION	TRANSATLANTIC
CONGRESSIONAL	DISCREPANCIES	INDETERMINATE	QUARTERMASTER	WARDEPARTMENT
CONSIDERATION	DISSEMINATION	INSTALLATIONS	REAPPOINTMENT	

## FOURTEEN LETTER WORDS

ADMINISTRATION	DEMOBILIZATION	IRREGULARITIES	RECONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATIVE	DISCONTINUANCE	METEOROLOGICAL	REORGANIZATION
CENTRALIZATION	DISTINGUISHING	NATURALIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
CHARACTERISTIC	IDENTIFICATION	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBILITY
CIRCUMSTANTIAL	INTERPRETATION	RECONNAISSANCE	SATISFACTORILY
CLASSIFICATION	INVESTIGATIONS	RECONNOITERING	TRANSPORTATION
CORRESPONDENCE			

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## THREE LETTER WORDS

SEA	SEE	MAJ	TAN	TOP	EAT	APT	TAX
JOB	AGE	ADJ	GEN	GHQ	MAT	BUT	FIX
ROB	SHE	ASK	MEN	BAR	VAT	CUT	MIX
TUB	THE	GAL	PEN	CAR	ACT	OUT	SIX
QMC	DIE	ALL	TEN	FAR	GET	PUT	BOX
ARC	ONE	ILL	PIN	PAR	LET	PVT	FOX
BAD	ARE	COL	TIN	WAR	NET	CWT	DAY
HAD	USE	CPL	TON	HER	SET	YOU	LAY
ADD	DUE	CAM	WON	PER	WET	CAV	PAY
RED	OWE	HAM	DUN	AIR	YET	LAW	SAY
AID	EYE	AIM	GUN	FOR	SGT	SAW	WAY
BID	OFF	HIM	RUN	OUR	WGT	FEW	ANY
DID	BAG	ARM	SUN	GAS	FIT	NEW	SPY
RID	KEG	SUM	OWN	HAS	GOT	HOW	DRY
OLD	BIG	CAN	AGO	WAS	LOT	LOW	TRY
AND	JIG	MAN	TOO	HIS	NOT	NOW	BUY
END	DOG	NAN	TWO	ITS			

## FOUR LETTER WORDS

AREA	MIKE	BASE	WEEK	FELL	JOIN	PASS	LIST
ASIA	YOKE	FUSE	TALK	WELL	NOON	LESS	LOST
BULB	ABLE	DATE	BULK	HILL	SOON	MESS	POST
BOMB	FILE	LATE	RANK	WILL	DOWN	LOSS	JUST
HEAD	MILE	NOTE	SANK	FULL	TOWN	HITS	ROUT
LEAD	MULE	BLUE	TANK	TOOL	ZERO	DAYS	NEXT
LOAD	RULE	HAVE	SUNK	TEAM	ALSO	MEAT	TEXT
ROAD	SAME	FIVE	BOOK	THEM	INTO	THAT	LIEU
RAID	TIME	LOVE	COOK	ITEM	KEEP	WHAT	DRAW
SAID	SOME	MOVE	HOOK	MAIM	SHIP	FEET	XRAY
HOLD	LINE	FUZE	LOOK	FROM	DUMP	MEET	AWAY
HAND	MINE	HALF	TOOK	FARM	PUMP	LEFT	BODY
LAND	NINE	FLAG	DARK	FIRM	STOP	OMIT	THEY
KIND	ZONE	KING	PARK	FORM	NEAR	UNIT	ALLY
HARD	JUNE	LONG	MASK	THAN	REAR	HALT	ONLY
HERD	OBOE	EACH	TASK	PLAN	OVER	TENT	JULY
ONCE	PIPE	HIGH	ORAL	BEEN	FOUR	SHOT	ARMY
MADE	TYPE	DASH	MTCL	SEEN	EYES	RIOT	MANY
AIDE	TARE	PUSH	FEEL	THEN	THIS	DIRT	VARY
SIDE	HERE	RUSH	RAIL	WHEN	AXIS	EAST	VERY
CODE	WERE	WITH	CALL	OPEN	TONS	FAST	EASY
FLEE	FIRE	BOTH	FALL	MAIN	GUNS	LAST	CITY
EDGE	WIRE	LEAK	CELL	RAIN	MASS	WEST	NAVY
TAKE	MORE	BACK					

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## FIVE LETTER WORDS

COMMA	SCALE	ALONG	CANAL	WAGON	PRIOR	DRESS	START
ZEBRA	TITLE	AMONG	FATAL	UNION	MAJOR	PRESS	ALERT
SQUAD	ALINE	BEACH	VITAL	COLON	VALOR	CROSS	LEAST
SPEED	SLOPE	REACH	TOTAL	DRAWN	ARMOR	FLATS	COAST
WIPED	FLARE	WHICH	EQUAL	RADIO	HONOR	BOATS	CREST
RIGID	THERE	MARCH	USUAL	EQUIP	ERROR	RAFTS	GUEST
RAPID	WHERE	WEIGH	NAVAL	TROOP	MOTOR	UNITS	FIRST
FIELD	SHORE	FRESH	WHEEL	GROUP	AREAS	TRACT	BURST
BLIND	CEASE	WIDTH	STEEL	CLEAR	BOMBS	FLEET	ABOUT
GUARD	ERASE	FIFTH	REPEL	SUGAR	RAIDS	QUIET	ALLOW
AWARD	THESE	TENTH	LEVEL	UNDER	WOODS	ASSET	ANNEX
THIRD	CLOSE	NINTH	APRIL	ORDER	YARDS	SHIFT	TODAY
BRIBE	HORSE	BOOTH	SMALL	DEFER	MILES	EIGHT	DELAY
PLACE	CAUSE	DEPTH	SHELL	REFER	FIRES	FIGHT	READY
VOICE	HOUSE	NORTH	SPELL	EAGER	CASES	LIGHT	FOGGY
FORCE	ROUTE	SOUTH	DRILL	ROGER	GATES	NIGHT	DAILY
TRUCE	ISSUE	SIXTH	ALARM	ETHER	PACKS	RIGHT	RALLY
THREE	LEAVE	BREAK	JAPAN	OTHER	DECKS	SIGHT	APPLY
RIDGE	DRIVE	BLACK	QUEEN	BAKER	DOCKS	AWAIT	EARLY
SIEGE	PROVE	CHECK	TAKEN	LATER	BANKS	SPLIT	ENEMY
RANGE	CURVE	QUICK	SEVEN	METER	TANKS	LIMIT	EVERY
BARGE	SEIZE	TRUCK	GIVEN	PETER	PLANS	VISIT	FERRY
LARGE	CHIEF	CREEK	ALIGN	AFTER	SHIPS	AGENT	FIFTY
GAUGE	STAFF	FLANK	AGAIN	ENTER	CORPS	POINT	PARTY
STAKE	PROOF	CLERK	PLAIN	RIVER	FEARS	FRONT	FORTY
SMOKE	BEING	LOCAL	TRAIN	COVER	PAIRS	COUNT	SIXTY
BROKE	GOING	VOCAL	BEGIN	THEIR	HOURS	DEPOT	HEAVY

## SIX LETTER WORDS

CANADA	HALTED	DEVICE	CHARGE	SEVERE	ARRIVE	TRENCH	MANUAL
ARABIA	ROUTED	NOVICE	GEORGE	RETIRE	ACTIVE	LAUNCH	ANNUAL
ALASKA	LIQUID	PIERCE	REFUGE	ENTIRE	TWELVE	SEARCH	CASUAL
PANAMA	INLAND	REDUCE	MORALE	BEFORE	BREEZE	CHURCH	VISUAL
METRIC	ISLAND	PARADE	UNABLE	SECURE	RELIEF	SWITCH	CANCEL
CRITIC	DEFEND	DECIDE	CIRCLE	ASSURE	ZIGZAG	THOUGH	VESSEL
BOMBED	OFFEND	DIVIDE	SINGLE	FUTURE	RIDING	FINISH	DETAIL
BARBED	DEPEND	DECODE	MOBILE	GREASE	FILING	EIGHTH	REFILL
RAIDED	EXPEND	ENCODE	BEEBLE	CHEESE	LINING	FOURTH	ENROLL
LANDED	INTEND	COFFEE	BATTLE	ADVISE	MINING	ATTACK	SCHOOL
WOODED	EXTEND	DECREE	SETTLE	DEVISE	FIRING	DEBARK	PATROL
INDEED	SECOND	DEGREE	LITTLE	OPPOSE	WIRING	EMBARK	PISTOL
ALLIED	BEYOND	STRAFE	NOZZLE	COURSE	DURING	VERBAL	SYSTEM
KILLED	GROUND	ENGAGE	MUZZLE	REFUSE	NOTING	RADIAL	VICTIM
FORMED	METHOD	DAMAGE	SCHEME	LOCATE	MOVING	SERIAL	SIGCOM
DOWNED	PERIOD	MANAGE	RESUME	EXCITE	FLYING	ANIMAL	BOTTOM
SCORED	RECORD	GARAGE	ENGINE	MINUTE	BREACH	FORMAL	INFORM
PASSED	OFFICE	BRIDGE	RAVINE	RESCUE	DETACH	NORMAL	MEDIUM
CAUSED	POLICE	ALLEGE	EUROPE	LEAGUE	ATTACH	SIGNAL	SUDDEN
UNITED	ADVICE	CHANGE	SPHERE	PURSUE	BRANCH	POSTAL	SCREEN

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## SIX LETTER WORDS—Continued

SUNKEN	MORTAR	RUNNER	FORCES	COLORS	TARGET	CANNOT	MONDAY
BROKEN	RUBBER	KEEPER	BARGES	ACCESS	PICKET	ACCEPT	SUNDAY
SEAMEN	MEMBER	HELPER	BODIES	EXCESS	ROCKET	EXCEPT	ANYWAY
HAPPEN	BOMBER	PROPER	ALLIES	UNLESS	BILLET	PROMPT	REMEDY
BATTEN	NUMBER	NEARER	ARMIES	STRESS	TURRET	DEPART	VALLEY
ELEVEN	PINCER	ERASER	TABLES	ACROSS	SUNSET	DESERT	PARLEY
REMAIN	LEADER	CENTER	PLANES	ASSETS	WEIGHT	DIVERT	CONVEY
ATTAIN	LADDER	BETTER	PASSES	VISITS	FLIGHT	ESCORT	SURVEY
WITHIN	MURDER	LETTER	LOSSES	POINTS	SLIGHT	EFFORT	VERIFY
COLUMN	PREFER	BITTER	STATES	STATUS	NAUGHT	REPORT	SUPPLY
RATION	SUFFER	LITTER	ROUTES	ALWAYS	FOUGHT	ARREST	HOURLY
ACTION	MEAGER	AFFAIR	ISSUES	COMBAT	NOUGHT	RESIST	DEPLOY
COMMON	HIGHER	REPAIR	CRISIS	DEFEAT	CREDIT	ASSIST	EMPLOY
SUMMON	CIPHER	HARBOR	SHELLS	THREAT	SUBMIT	AUGUST	CONVOY
POISON	EITHER	TERROR	SPOOLS	DEFECT	COMMIT	ADJUST	OCCUPY
LESSON	TANKER	MIRROR	TRAINS	EFFECT	SUMMIT	DUGOUT	SALARY
PONTON	HAMMER	SECTOR	SPOONS	REJECT	RESULT	OUTPUT	ARMORY
RETURN	SUMMER	VICTOR	STRIPS	SELECT	ORIENT	BUREAU	NINETY
DRYRUN	BANNER	DOCTOR	TROOPS	EXPECT	INTENT	REVIEW	EIGHTY
TATTOO	MANNER	CANVAS	ORDERS	DIRECT	EXTENT	FOLLOW	TWENTY
APPEAR	GUNNER	PLACES	OTHERS	STREET	INVENT	FRIDAY	THIRTY
DOLLAR							

## SEVEN LETTER WORDS

MILITIA	COVERED	REFUGEE	WARFARE	PROMOTE	FORGING	VARYING
ANTENNA	RETIRED	WINDAGE	DECLARE	COMMUTE	FISHING	ICEBERG
ALMANAC	ARMORED	BAGGAGE	PREPARE	REVENUE	PUSHING	DEBOUCH
BIVOUAC	PRESSED	PACKAGE	CALIBRE	RELIEVE	NOTHING	THROUGH
TRAFFIC	CROSSED	VILLAGE	MISFIRE	RECEIVE	TALKING	FURNISH
PACIFIC	OMITTED	TONNAGE	INSPIRE	PASSIVE	SINKING	TWELFTH
ASIATIC	DELAYED	AVERAGE	REQUIRE	CAPTIVE	SMOKING	SEVENTH
REDUCED	COMMAND	STORAGE	INQUIRE	REVOLVE	FALLING	SETBACK
INVADED	COMMEND	BARRAGE	LECTURE	APPROVE	FILLING	DERRICK
DECIDED	SUSPEND	PASSAGE	RELEASE	OBSERVE	KILLING	DETRUCK
DECODED	RESPOND	MESSAGE	DISEASE	RESERVE	RAINING	ENTRUCK
ENCODED	BOMBARD	COLLEGE	SUNRISE	ANALYZE	MANNING	MEDICAL
WOUNDED	AWKWARD	ARRANGE	LICENSE	JUMPOFF	RUNNING	LOGICAL
GUARDED	FORWARD	WITHTHE	DEFENSE	BOMBING	MORNING	CONCEAL
PROCEED	REPLACE	THATTHE	OFFENSE	PLACING	SLOPING	ILLEGAL
ENGAGED	SERVICE	CHARLIE	PROPOSE	FORCING	MAPPING	MARSHAL
DAMAGED	ADVANCE	PRAIRIE	SUPPOSE	HEADING	BEARING	INITIAL
REACHED	ABSENCE	VISIBLE	PURPOSE	LEADING	GASSING	MARTIAL
MARCHED	ENFORCE	BICYCLE	REVERSE	LOADING	MESSING	FEDERAL
WRECKED	BRIGADE	HOSTILE	BECAUSE	BEDDING	MISSING	GENERAL
SHELLED	GRENADE	EXTREME	MANDATE	RAIDING	LIFTING	SEVERAL
DROPPED	PRECEDE	CONFINE	RADIATE	HOLDING	HALTING	CENTRAL
STOPPED	OUTSIDE	MACHINE	OPERATE	LANDING	GETTING	NATURAL
HUNDRED	INCLUDE	ROUTINE	ELEVATE	BINDING	FITTING	COASTAL
ORDERED	EXCLUDE	CYCLONE	ENTENTE	FINDING	ISSUING	GRADUAL

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SEVEN LETTER WORDS—Continued

UNUSUAL	ENTRAIN	ENVELOP	STARTER	SUCCESS	ASSAULT	RAILWAY
ARRIVAL	CONTAIN	SIMILAR	QUARTER	USELESS	INSTANT	SECRECY
CHANNEL	CAPTAIN	REGULAR	DELIVER	ILLNESS	ELEMENT	VACANCY
COLONEL	CONDEMN	CALIBER	RECOVER	WITNESS	COMMENT	SIGNIFY
COUNCIL	ABANDON	OCTOBER	AVIATOR	ADDRESS	CURRENT	SATISFY
FUELOIL	OPINION	OFFICER	TRACTOR	EXPRESS	PRESENT	RAPIDLY
INSTALL	SESSION	POUNDER	VISITOR	DISMISS	APPOINT	QUICKLY
DISTILL	MISSION	TRIGGER	TACTICS	DISCUSS	RECEIPT	NIGHTLY
PAYROLL	STATION	WEATHER	ISLANDS	TARGETS	ATTEMPT	SHORTLY
CONTROL	SECTION	WHETHER	CHANGES	SURPLUS	SUPPORT	COMPANY
WILLIAM	ECHELON	ANOTHER	ENEMIES	RETREAT	SUGGEST	DESTROY
DIAGRAM	BALLOON	FARTHER	BATTLES	EXTRACT	HIGHEST	PRIMARY
PROGRAM	PLATOON	FURTHER	GLASSES	CONTACT	NEAREST	SUMMARY
MINIMUM	LIAISON	SOLDIER	CHASSIS	COLLECT	PROTEST	LIBRARY
MAXIMUM	HORIZON	CARRIER	ATTACKS	RESPECT	REQUEST	JANUARY
HASBEEN	EASTERN	COURIER	VESSELS	CORRECT	AGAINST	BRIBERY
FIFTEEN	WESTERN	HEAVIER	PATROLS	PROTECT	OUTPOST	BATTERY
SIXTEEN	FOGHORN	TRAWLER	BOMBERS	INFLICT	PROVOST	INQUIRY
BETWEEN	UNKNOWN	STEAMER	NUMBERS	CONDUCT	BOYCOTT	CAVALRY
KITCHEN	TOBACCO	CLIPPER	REPAIRS	TONIGHT	WITHOUT	VICTORY
WRITTEN	TORPEDO	CRUISER	SAILORS	CIRCUIT	LOOKOUT	EMBASSY
EXPLAIN	WARSHIP	AMMETER	SECTORS	RECRUIT	SIMPLEX	UTILITY
TERRAIN	DEVELOP	FIGHTER	COMPASS	PURSUIT	TUESDAY	SEVENTY
DETRAIN						

EIGHT LETTER WORDS

INSIGNIA	EXPELLED	DICTATED	STANDARD	LANGUAGE	ENVELOPE	OPPOSITE
SPECIFIC	ENROLLED	EFFECTED	OUTBOARD	DISLODGE	INSECURE	CONTINUE
TERRIFIC	DISARMED	INFECTED	OUTGUARD	EXCHANGE	PRESSURE	CRITIQUE
ECONOMIC	ASSIGNED	REJECTED	WINDWARD	PROBABLE	DECREASE	THATHAVE
MECHANIC	RETURNED	SELECTED	EASTWARD	SUITABLE	EXERCISE	DECISIVE
ATLANTIC	APPEARED	BILLETED	WESTWARD	ELIGIBLE	SURPRISE	POSITIVE
RAILHEAD	DECLARED	INVENTED	DESCRIBE	TERRIBLE	SUSPENSE	PRESERVE
RAILROAD	PREPARED	DEPARTED	ORDNANCE	POSSIBLE	DISPERSE	EQUALIZE
REPLACED	HINDERED	DESERTED	DISTANCE	FLEXIBLE	TRAVERSE	MOBILIZE
ADVANCED	SUFFERED	ESCORTED	COMMENCE	ASSEMBLE	DEDICATE	INVADING
DEMANDED	CENTERED	DEPORTED	SENTENCE	OBSTACLE	INDICATE	DIVIDING
EXPANDED	BATTERED	REPORTED	ANNOUNCE	ENCIRCLE	INITIATE	BUILDING
DEFENDED	LETTERED	ARRESTED	COMMERCE	SCHEDULE	ESTIMATE	GUARDING
OFFENDED	REPAIRED	ENLISTED	ENFILADE	MARITIME	ORDINATE	ENGAGING
EXPENDED	REQUIRED	SURVIVED	CONCLUDE	AIRDROME	DETONATE	DAMAGING
EXTENDED	RESTORED	IMPROVED	LATITUDE	AIRPLANE	SEPARATE	MARCHING
GROUNDED	DEFERRED	OBSERVED	ALTITUDE	JETPLANE	EVACUATE	BREAKING
BESIEGED	CAPTURED	REVIEWED	EMPLOYEE	MEDICINE	EXCAVATE	FLANKING
DETACHED	REPULSED	DEPLOYED	CARRIAGE	DOCTRINE	OBSOLETE	TOTALING
FINISHED	COMPOSED	AIRFIELD	FUSELAGE	POSTPONE	COMPLETE	SHELLING
OCCUPIED	MANDATED	FOOTHOLD	EQUIPAGE	SEABORNE	CONCRETE	BATTLING
ATTACKED	DEFEATED	THOUSAND	FRONTAGE	AIRBORNE	EXPEDITE	SWIMMING
REPELLED	REPEATED	SURROUND	SABOTAGE	DEVELOPE	DEFINITE	TRAINING

EIGHT LETTER WORDS—Continued

PLANNING	ELEVENTH	CAMPAIGN	PRISONER	VEHICLES	RESPECTS	WITHDRAW
SWEEPING	ANTITANK	CHAPLAIN	IMPROPER	MISFIRES	ELEMENTS	WITHDREW
SHIPPING	CODEBOOK	MAINTAIN	REPEATER	DEFENSES	ATTEMPTS	TOMORROW
GROUPING	CHEMICAL	MOUNTAIN	DESERTER	EXPENSES	PROTESTS	PARALLAX
ENTERING	CLERICAL	BULLETIN	DISASTER	PURPOSES	OUTPOSTS	SATURDAY
COVERING	TACTICAL	INVASION	REGISTER	RESERVES	ENORMOUS	THURSDAY
RETIRING	CRITICAL	DECISION	CANISTER	ANALYSIS	LUMINOUS	CAUSEWAY
ADVISING	NAUTICAL	DIVISION	RECEIVER	BARRACKS	RIGOROUS	EFFICACY
OPPOSING	OFFICIAL	LOCATION	REVOLVER	MISSIONS	VIGOROUS	IDENTIFY
DRESSING	MATERIAL	AVIATION	OBSERVER	STATIONS	CONTRACT	STRATEGY
PRESSING	MEMORIAL	CITATION	MANEUVER	FACTIONS	INDIRECT	PROBABLY
CROSSING	NATIONAL	TAXATION	EMPLOYER	PONTOONS	CONFLICT	ASSEMBLY
DRIFTING	INTERNAL	JUNCTION	HOWITZER	WARSHIPS	DISTRICT	ACTUALLY
FIGHTING	CORPORAL	IGNITION	CORRIDOR	OFFICERS	INSTRUCT	MONOPOLY
SIGHTING	HOSPITAL	POSITION	SUPERIOR	SOLDIERS	AIRCRAFT	EASTERLY
LIMITING	APPROVAL	FORENOON	INTERIOR	CARRIERS	DAYLIGHT	WESTERLY
PAINTING	MATERIEL	SQUADRON	EXTERIOR	TRAILERS	MIDNIGHT	BOUNDARY
PRINTING	PARALLEL	GARRISON	OPERATOR	TRAWLERS	PROHIBIT	MILITARY
SPOTTING	SENTINEL	NORTHERN	DICTATOR	CRUISERS	SERGEANT	SANITARY
DELAYING	SEALEVEL	SOUTHERN	REJECTOR	FIGHTERS	DOMINANT	FEBRUARY
RALLYING	PROTOCOL	CIRCULAR	DIRECTOR	QUARTERS	ADJUTANT	CEMETERY
CARRYING	MERCIFUL	DECEMBER	DETECTOR	CARELESS	ADJACENT	ADVISORY
FERRYING	TELEGRAM	REMEMBER	ASSOONAS	WIRELESS	INCIDENT	INFANTRY
APPROACH	AMERICAN	NOVEMBER	POLITICS	BUSINESS	ARMAMENT	CAPACITY
ENTRENCH	EUROPEAN	DEFENDER	COMMANDS	DARKNESS	MOVEMENT	FATALITY
INTRENCH	CIVILIAN	RECORDER	ADVANCES	CONGRESS	REGIMENT	CALAMITY
RESEARCH	HAVEBEEN	ENGINEER	BARRAGES	PROGRESS	APPARENT	VICINITY
DESPATCH	NINETEEN	TRANSFER	MESSAGES	FORTRESS	PASSPORT	PRIORITY
DISPATCH	EIGHTEEN	DECIPHER	REMEDIES	DISTRESS	INTEREST	ACTIVITY
SKIRMISH	THIRTEEN	ENCIPHER	SUPPLIES	REDCROSS	REENLIST	CASUALTY
DIMINISH	FOURTEEN					

NINE LETTER WORDS

MEMORANDA	CANCELLED	IMPRESSED	ATTEMPTED	ASSURANCE	AERODROME
STRATEGIC	COMPELLED	DISCUSSED	PROTESTED	ALLOWANCE	HURRICANE
AUTOMATIC	DETRAINED	INDICATED	REQUESTED	INCIDENCE	AEROPLANE
PATRIOTIC	ENTRAINED	POPULATED	SUBMITTED	REFERENCE	INTERVENE
BALLISTIC	CONDEMNED	ESTIMATED	CONTINUED	INFLUENCE	FRONTLINE
BEACHHEAD	ECHELONED	DOMINATED	DESTROYED	REENFORCE	DETERMINE
SPEARHEAD	DEVELOPED	DETONATED	MOTORIZED	REINFORCE	TELEPHONE
DESCRIBED	CONQUERED	SUSPECTED	SEMRIGID	LONGITUDE	INTERFERE
ANNOUNCED	PREFERRED	CORRECTED	RECOMMEND	COMMITTEE	ELSEWHERE
BLOCKADED	CONFERRED	PROTECTED	REARGUARD	ADVANTAGE	SHELLFIRE
SUCCEEDED	DECREASED	INFLICTED	NORTHWARD	CARTRIDGE	THEREFORE
PROCEEDED	INCREASED	COMPLETED	SOUTHWARD	CHALLENGE	PROCEDURE
COMMANDED	CONDENSED	INHABITED	AMBULANCE	AVAILABLE	PREMATURE
SUSPENDED	COLLAPSED	EXHIBITED	DOMINANCE	UNTENABLE	DEPARTURE
BOMBARDED	DISPERSED	ASSAULTED	CLEARANCE	DIRIGIBLE	NAVALBASE
FORTIFIED	ADDRESSED	APPOINTED	ENDURANCE	PRINCIPLE	MANGANESE

NINE LETTER WORDS—Continued

CRITICISE	REGARDING	PERSONNEL	INVENTION	CONTINUES	STATEMENT
INTERPOSE	ACCORDING	CABLEGRAM	PROMOTION	BUILDINGS	EQUIPMENT
ASSOCIATE	INCLUDING	RADIOGRAM	SEMICOLON	OFFICIALS	GROUPEMENT
IMMEDIATE	LAUNCHING	FIREALARM	AFTERNOON	REPRISALS	INTERMENT
OSCILLATE	ATTACKING	CRITICISM	DISAPPEAR	PROPOSALS	ALLOTMENT
CIRCULATE	DEBARKING	MECHANISM	IRREGULAR	CIVILIANS	PERMANENT
DESIGNATE	REFILLING	DIETITIAN	SEPTEMBER	CAMPAIGNS	DIFFERENT
ALTERNATE	SCREENING	SEVENTEEN	COMMANDER	MAINTAINS	REPRESENT
COOPERATE	REMAINING	SUSPICION	SURRENDER	DIVISIONS	RESTRAINT
ELABORATE	OBTAINING	BATTALION	REMAINDER	MUNITIONS	INTERCEPT
PENETRATE	INCLINING	REBELLION	PASSENGER	POSITIONS	INTERRUPT
REINSTATE	BEGINNING	COLLISION	MESSANGER	ENGINEERS	TRANSPORT
CIGARETTE	RETURNING	PROVISION	BRIGADIER	PRISONERS	NORTHEAST
PARACHUTE	PREPARING	EXPANSION	STRAGGLER	READINESS	SOUTHEAST
DESTITUTE	NUMBERING	ASCENSION	NEWSPAPER	CONFLICTS	NORTHWEST
TECHNIQUE	CENTERING	DIMENSION	CHARACTER	DISTRICTS	SOUTHWEST
EXPANSIVE	REQUIRING	EXTENSION	KILOMETER	INCIDENTS	INTERVIEW
DEFENSIVE	OPERATING	EXPLOSION	BAROMETER	MOVEMENTS	YESTERDAY
OFFENSIVE	ENLISTING	ADMISSION	GYROMETER	OUTSKIRTS	WEDNESDAY
EXPENSIVE	RECEIVING	EXCLUSION	DESTROYER	ANONYMOUS	EMERGENCY
INTENSIVE	REVIEWING	RADIATION	PROJECTOR	APPARATUS	NORTHERLY
EXTENSIVE	EMPLOYING	VARIATION	PROTECTOR	DISINFECT	SERIOUSLY
EXPLOSIVE	OCCUPYING	INFLATION	CHAUFFEUR	INTERDICT	INSTANTLY
EXCESSIVE	PARAGRAPH	FORMATION	LOGISTICS	DIFFICULT	ACCOMPANY
INCLUSIVE	ESTABLISH	OPERATION	STANDARDS	COMBATANT	ARBITRARY
EXCLUSIVE	TWENTIETH	SITUATION	RESOURCES	IMPORTANT	NECESSARY
TENTATIVE	FIFTEENTH	ELEVATION	COMPANIES	ASSISTANT	SECRETARY
DEFECTIVE	SIXTEENTH	OBJECTION	BATTERIES	CONFIDENT	ARTILLERY
EFFECTIVE	WATERTANK	DIRECTION	EMBASSIES	PRESIDENT	ACCESSORY
OBJECTIVE	TECHNICAL	CONDITION	AIRDROMES	DEPENDENT	TERRITORY
INCENTIVE	CHRONICAL	COALITION	SEAPLANES	NEGLIGENT	LIABILITY
EXECUTIVE	PRACTICAL	PARTITION	AIRPLANES	DEFICIENT	HOSTILITY
RECOGNIZE	POLITICAL	DETENTION	EXERCISES	EFFICIENT	PROXIMITY
SERVICING	IDENTICAL	RETENTION	WITNESSES	PLACEMENT	INDEMNITY
ADVANCING	PRINCIPAL	INTENTION	ADDRESSES	AGREEMENT	INTEGRITY
PRECEDING	DISMISSAL	ATTENTION	ESTIMATES	AMUSEMENT	NECESSITY
EXTENDING	CONTINUAL				

TEN LETTER WORDS

ATOMICBOMB	APPROACHED	COMPRESSED	UNDERSTOOD	CONFIDENCE
GEOGRAPHIC	ENTRENCHED	DISTRESSED	COASTGUARD	NEGLIGENCE
GYROSCOPIC	DESPATCHED	DESIGNATED	POSTOFFICE	EXPERIENCE
DIPLOMATIC	DISPATCHED	RESTRICTED	ACCORDANCE	PREFERENCE
BRIDGEHEAD	THREATENED	INSTRUCTED	ALLEGIANCE	DIFFERENCE
PRESCRIBED	MAINTAINED	PROHIBITED	APPEARANCE	CONFERENCE
REENFORCED	DETERMINED	REENLISTED	ACCEPTANCE	CAMOUFLAGE
REINFORCED	ONEHUNDRED	MECHANIZED	RESISTANCE	DEPENDABLE
BEEENEEDED	DECIPHERED	CONTRABAND	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDABLE
UNEXPENDED	ENCIPHERED	UNDERSTAND	PRECEDENCE	UNSUITABLE

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## TEN LETTER WORDS—Continued

ACCEPTABLE	EVACUATING	ALLOCATION	GONIOMETER	CONTINGENT
IMPASSIBLE	COLLECTING	FOUNDATION	HYDROMETER	SUFFICIENT
IMPOSSIBLE	CONNECTING	RECREATION	HYGROMETER	CONVENIENT
ASPOSSIBLE	INFLECTING	IRRIGATION	AMBASSADOR	EQUIVALENT
RECEPTACLE	EXPEDITING	NAVIGATION	INSTRUCTOR	ENGAGEMENT
MOTORCYCLE	RECRUITING	REGULATION	BALLISTICS	MANAGEMENT
AUTOMOBILE	ATTEMPTING	POPULATION	STATISTICS	EXCITEMENT
DISCIPLINE	SUPPORTING	ESTIMATION	CROSSROADS	DETACHMENT
QUARANTINE	EXTINGUISH	DOMINATION	DESPATCHES	ATTACHMENT
ENTERPRISE	NINETEENTH	DETONATION	DISPATCHES	EXPERIMENT
TRANSVERSE	EIGHTEENTH	OCCUPATION	ASSEMBLIES	ENROLLMENT
COORDINATE	THIRTEENTH	SEPARATION	FACILITIES	ASSIGNMENT
ILLUMINATE	FOURTEENTH	DECORATION	ACTIVITIES	ATTAINMENT
ANTICIPATE	WILLATTACK	LIMITATION	CASUALTIES	INTERMENT
ILLITERATE	ARTIFICIAL	SANITATION	FRONTLINES	GOVERNMENT
ILLUSTRATE	CREDENTIAL	INVITATION	SUBMARINES	ASSESSMENT
COMPENSATE	ADDITIONAL	EVACUATION	OBJECTIVES	COMMITMENT
DISTRIBUTE	ACCIDENTAL	EVALUATION	ENEMYTANKS	DEPARTMENT
SUBSTITUTE	REGIMENTAL	EXCAVATION	SUSPICIONS	ENLISTMENT
CONSTITUTE	INDIVIDUAL	COLLECTION	COLLISIONS	INSTRUMENT
COMMUNIQUE	WITHDRAWAL	CONNECTION	PROVISIONS	DEPLOYMENT
TWENTYFIVE	AIRCONTROL	INSPECTION	EXPLOSIONS	EMPLOYMENT
SUCCESSIVE	SUCCESSFUL	CORRECTION	FORMATIONS	PERSISTENT
IMPRESSIVE	RESPECTFUL	PROTECTION	OPERATIONS	AIRSUPPORT
LOCOMOTIVE	MEMORANDUM	EXHIBITION	DIRECTIONS	CONSPIRACY
CENTRALIZE	SUSPENSION	EXPEDITION	CONDITIONS	DEFICIENCY
NATURALIZE	DISPERSION	DEFINITION	TROOPSHIPS	EFFICIENCY
DEMOBILIZE	CONCESSION	AMMUNITION	NEWSPAPERS	COMPLETELY
COMMANDING	CONFESSION	OPPOSITION	KILOMETERS	APPARENTLY
DEBOUCHING	DEPRESSION	PROPORTION	DESTROYERS	INCENDIARY
DETRUCKING	IMPRESSION	REVOLUTION	TRANSPORTS	COMMISSARY
ENTRUCKING	POSSESSION	MACHINEGUN	SUSPICIOUS	ELEMENTARY
ENCIRCLING	SUBMISSION	BATTLESHIP	VICTORIOUS	LABORATORY
SIGNALLING	COMMISSION	CENSORSHIP	CIRCUITOUS	TRAJECTORY
PATROLLING	PERMISSION	ARMORED CAR	CONTINUOUS	CAPABILITY
OVERCOMING	DISCUSSION	DIVEBOMBER	PHOSPHORUS	AUDIBILITY
DETRAINING	CONCLUSION	COMMANDEER	FLASHLIGHT	VISIBILITY
CONCERNING	DEDICATION	DISPATCHER	COMMANDANT	SIMILARITY
INDICATING	INDICATION	MILLIMETER	LIEUTENANT	INSECURITY
ANTEDATING				

## ELEVEN LETTER WORDS

IMPEDIMENTA	SURRENDERED	CONSTITUTED	INFLAMMABLE	CERTIFICATE
TOPOGRAPHIC	ENCOUNTERED	BATTLEFIELD	RESPONSIBLE	COMMUNICATE
RECOMMENDED	TRANSFERRED	PERFORMANCE	NAVALBATTLE	INVESTIGATE
PREARRANGED	DISINFECTED	MAINTENANCE	TEMPERATURE	APPROPRIATE
ESTABLISHED	REAPPOINTED	COINCIDENCE	MANUFACTURE	APPROXIMATE
OVERWHELMED	INTERCEPTED	SUBSISTENCE	SCHOOLHOUSE	EXTERMINATE
DISAPPEARED	INTERRUPTED	CATASTROPHE	CUSTOMHOUSE	DETERIORATE

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## ELEVEN LETTER WORDS—Continued

CONCENTRATE	SMOKESCREEN	DISTINCTION	PHILIPPINES	CONFINEMENT
DEMONSTRATE	APPLICATION	DESTRUCTION	PARENTHESSES	REQUIREMENT
NECESSITATE	ASSOCIATION	INSTRUCTION	HEAVYLOSSES	MEASUREMENT
DISCONTINUE	RETALIATION	RECOGNITION	COMMUNIQUES	IMPROVEMENT
SEVENTYFIVE	DEBARKATION	REQUISITION	PARENTHESIS	CONCEALMENT
PROGRESSIVE	EMBARKATION	COMPOSITION	CREDENTIALS	ECHELONMENT
RETROACTIVE	LEGISLATION	DISPOSITION	BATTLESHIPS	DEVELOPMENT
DESCRIPTIVE	CIRCULATION	COMPETITION	ARMOREDCARS	APPOINTMENT
SYNCHRONIZE	INFORMATION	DESCRIPTION	CORRECTNESS	COMPARTMENT
APPROACHING	EXPLANATION	CONSUMPTION	ENGAGEMENTS	BELLIGERENT
INTERVENING	DESIGNATION	INSTITUTION	ASSIGNMENTS	INCOMPETENT
ENGINEERING	RESIGNATION	LIGHTBOMBER	ASSESSMENTS	FINGERPRINT
INTERFERING	EXAMINATION	HEAVYBOMBER	INSTRUMENTS	DISCREPANCY
ALTERNATING	PREPARATION	RANGEFINDER	INTERCERPTS	PHOTOGRAPHY
INTERESTING	COOPERATION	DYNAMOMETER	ESTIMATEDAT	IMMEDIATELY
WITHDRAWING	IMMIGRATION	THERMOMETER	SIGNIFICANT	EXTENSIVELY
DISTINGUISH	INSPIRATION	INTERPRETER	INDEPENDENT	EFFECTIVELY
SEVENTEENTH	CORPORATION	RECONNOITER	INTELLIGENT	PRELIMINARY
NAVALATTACK	PENETRATION	BLOCKBUSTER	COEFFICIENT	CONTROVERSY
STRATEGICAL	ARBITRATION	AERONAUTICS	BOMBARDMENT	ELECTRICITY
TRADITIONAL	COMPUTATION	NAVALFORCES	REPLACEMENT	NATIONALITY
CONTINENTAL	OBSERVATION	ACCESSORIES	EMPLACEMENT	SUITABILITY
FIRECONTROL	RESERVATION	HOSTILITIES	ENFORCEMENT	SUPERIORITY
NATIONALISM	RESTRICTION	ENEMYPLANES	ARRANGEMENT	

## TWELVE LETTER WORDS

TRANSPACIFIC	CONSTITUTING	ILLUMINATION	CONSTITUTION	EMPLACEMENTS
HYDROGRAPHIC	BREAKTHROUGH	ANTICIPATION	NORTHWESTERN	MEASUREMENTS
UNIDENTIFIED	GEOGRAPHICAL	REGISTRATION	SOUTHWESTERN	ADVANTAGEOUS
COMMISSIONED	CONFIDENTIAL	ILLUSTRATION	MARKSMANSHIP	SIMULTANEOUS
DISSEMINATED	PRESIDENTIAL	INAUGURATION	MEDIUMBOMBER	ANTIAIRCRAFT
CONCENTRATED	RECREATIONAL	COMPENSATION	COMMISSIONER	NONCOMBATANT
DEMONSTRATED	AGRICULTURAL	CONVERSATION	PSYCHROMETER	CONVALESCENT
DISORGANIZED	DEPARTMENTAL	RADIOSTATION	SHARPSHOOTER	DISPLACEMENT
SIGNIFICANCE	UNSUCCESSFUL	CONTINUATION	DIFFICULTIES	COMMENCEMENT
INTELLIGENCE	GENERALALARM	PRESERVATION	UNITEDSTATES	ANNOUNCEMENT
INTERFERENCE	VETERINARIAN	MOBILIZATION	PREPARATIONS	ENTANGLEMENT
INCOMPETENCE	TRANSMISSION	ORGANIZATION	OBSTRUCTIONS	DECIPHERMENT
CONSIDERABLE	VERIFICATION	INTERDICTION	INSTRUCTIONS	ENCIPHERMENT
FIGHTERPLANE	CONFISCATION	ROADJUNCTION	LIGHTBOMBERS	REENLISTMENT
INTERMEDIATE	COMMENDATION	INTRODUCTION	HEAVYBOMBERS	INEFFICIENCY
DECENTRALIZE	CONCILIATION	CONSTRUCTION	HEADQUARTERS	SUCCESSFULLY
GENERALSTAFF	CANCELLATION	INTERVENTION	PREPAREDNESS	RESPECTFULLY
TRANSFERRING	PROCLAMATION	CONSCRIPTION	COMPLETENESS	SATISFACTORY
ENTERPRISING	CONFIRMATION	INTERRUPTION	CARELESSNESS	INTRODUCTORY
ILLUMINATING	CONFORMATION	DISTRIBUTION	SEARCHLIGHTS	IRREGULARITY
DISTRIBUTING	COORDINATION	SUBSTITUTION	REPLACEMENTS	

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## THIRTEEN LETTER WORDS

TRANSATLANTIC	CHRONOLOGICAL	DETERMINATION	FIGHTERPLANES	ESTABLISHMENT
DISTINGUISHED	CONGRESSIONAL	EXTERMINATION	INSTALLATIONS	ENTERTAINMENT
DECENTRALIZED	INTERNATIONAL	CONSIDERATION	MEDIUMBOMBERS	REAPPOINTMENT
DISAPPEARANCE	SPECIFICATION	CONCENTRATION	MISCELLANEOUS	WARDEPARTMENT
IMPRACTICABLE	QUALIFICATION	DEMONSTRATION	INSTANTANEOUS	APPROXIMATELY
INDETERMINATE	COMMUNICATION	QUARTERMASTER	REENFORCEMENT	EXTRAORDINARY
CORRESPONDING	ACCOMMODATION	CIRCUMSTANCES	REINFORCEMENT	REVOLUTIONARY
CONCENTRATING	INVESTIGATION	DISCREPANCIES	REIMBURSEMENT	DEPENDABILITY
COUNTERATTACK	DISSEMINATION	PRELIMINARIES	REINSTATEMENT	

## FOURTEEN LETTER WORDS

CHARACTERISTIC	RECONNOITERING	ADMINISTRATION	REORGANIZATION
RECONNAISSANCE	METEOROLOGICAL	INTERPRÉTATION	RECONSTRUCTION
DISCONTINUANCE	CIRCUMSTANTIAL	TRANSPORTATION	IRREGULARITIES
CORRESPONDENCE	CLASSIFICATION	CENTRALIZATION	INVESTIGATIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE	IDENTIFICATION	NATURALIZATION	SATISFACTORILY
REPRESENTATIVE	RECOMMENDATION	DEMOBILIZATION	RESPONSIBILITY
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C. LIST OF WORDS USED IN MILITARY TEXT ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY  
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O CC UPY	FU LL	CA NN OT
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SU DD EN	I LL	W OO DS
LA DD ER	INSTA LL	PR OO F
BE DD ING	PAYRO LL	B OO K
FL EE	REFI LL	C OO K
S EE	SHE LL	H OO K
THR EE	SMA LL	L OO K
PROC EE D	SPE LL	T OO K
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PA SS ED	A SS URE	BA TT LESHIP
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## MISCELLANEOUS PATTERNS

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ABACDEFB	DEDICATE	ABBA	ADM ISSI ON
ABACDEFB	ENEMYTAN KS	ABBA	M ISSI ON
ABACDEFB	DEDICATI ON	ABBA	PERM ISSI ON
ABACDEFB	ETERINARIAN	ABBA	F ITTI NG
ABACDEFCD	ELECTRICIT Y	ABBA	AFTER NOON
ABACDEFD	SUSPECTE D	ABBA	NOON
ABACDEFD	SUSPENDED	ABBA	F OLLO W
ABACDEFE	ANALYSIS	ABBA	C OMMO N
ABACDEFGA	EXECUTIVE	ABBA	OPPO SE
ABACDEFGB	POPULATIO N	ABBA	OPPO SITE
ABACDEFGBA	ENEMYPLANE S	ABBA	B OTTO M
ABACDEFGBA	S EVENTYFIVE	ABBAB	B AGGAG E
ABACDEFGBEHF	D ETERMINATION	ABBAB	WITN ESSES
ABACDEFGDH	G ENERALSTAFF	ABBACA	APPARA TUS
ABACDEFGE	MEMORANDA	ABBACA	L ETTERE D
ABACDEFGHA	MEMORANDUM	ABBACB	V ESSELS
ABACDEFGHIA	D ECENTRALIZE	ABBACDA	M ESSENCE R
ABBA	AFFA IR	ABBACDA	EFFECTE D
ABBA	APPA RENT	ABBACDB	M ISSIONS
ABBA	APPA RENTLY	ABBACDEA	IRRIGATI ON
ABBA	B ARRA CKS	ABBACDEDA	OPPOSITIO N
ABBA	B ARRA GE	ABBACDEF A	EFFECTIVE
ABBA	ARRA NGE	ABBACDEF A	D IFFICULTI ES
ABBA	P ASSA GE	ABBACDEF A	IMMIGRATI ON
ABBA	ASSA ULT	ABBACDEFCD	ILLITERATE
ABBA	ATTA CH	ABBACDEFDA	ATTAINMENT
ABBA	ATTA CK	ABBACDEFEC	ARRANGEMEN T
ABBA	ATTA IN	ABBACDEFGB	ATTACHMENT
ABBA	B ATTA LION	ABBCA	ANNUA L
ABBA	IN DEED	ABBCA	APPEA R
ABBA	EFFE CT	ABBCA	DIS APPEA R
ABBA	COMP ELLE D	ABBCA	C ARRIA GE
ABBA	SH ELLE D	ABBCA	S ETTLE
ABBA	CONF ERRE D	ABBCA	ISSUI NG
ABBA	COMPR ESSE D	ABBCA	FOUR TEENT H
ABBA	IMPR ESSE D	ABBCA	SIX TEENT H
ABBA	PR ESSE D	ABBCA	CHA UFFEU R
ABBA	V ESSE L	ABBCA	S URROU ND
ABBA	CIGAR ETTE	ABBCADA EFC	APPEARANCE
ABBA	B ETTE R	ABBCADA EFC	DIS APPEARANCE
ABBA	L ETTE R	ABBCADC	APPEARE D
ABBA	D IFFI CULT	ABBCBBDA	P OSSESSIO N
ABBA	W ILLI AM	ABBCBDA	ASSISTA NCE
ABBA	F ILLI NG	ABBCBDAED	ASSISTANT
ABBA	K ILLI NG	ABCCDAB	ASSOONAS
ABBA	REF ILLI NG	ABBCDA	ALLOWA NCE
ABBA	SW IMMI NG	ABBCDA	APPROA CH

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ABBCDA	ARRIVA L	ABCA	ADVA NCE
ABBCDA	ASSURA NCE	ABCA	DI AGRA M
ABBCDA	M ESSAGE	ABCA	EV ALUA TION
ABBCDA	ILLUMI NATE	ABCA	ALWA YS
ABBCDAB	M ESSAGES	ABCA	C AMPA IGN
ABBCDAB	C ORRIDOR	ABCA	M ANDA TE
ABBCDAEA	B ELLIGERE NT	ABCA	M ANUA L
ABBCDAEFC	ALLOCATIO N	ABCA	J ANUA RY
ABBCDAEFC	IMMEDIATE	ABCA	C ANVA S
ABBCDAEFGAE	ILLUMINATIN G	ABCA	CH APLA IN
ABBCDAEFGAHE	ILLUMINATION	ABCA	C APTA IN
ABBCDAEFGAHE	D ISSEMINATION	ABCA	AREA
ABBCDBCEA	APPROPRIA TE	ABCA	DEB ARKA TION
ABBCDCA	EFFICIE NT	ABCA	EMB ARKA TION
ABBCDCA	C OLLISIO N	ABCA	ASIA
ABBCDCAED	EFFICIENC Y	ABCA	CO ASTA L
ABBCDCAED	C OLLISIONS	ABCA	C ASUA L
ABBCDCEFA	ADDITIONA L	ABCA	C ASUA LTY
ABBCDDCA	C OMMISSIO N	ABCA	AVIA TOR
ABBCDDCA	C OMMISSIO NER	ABCA	BARB ED
ABBCDDCEAFGC	ACCOMMODATIO N	ABCA	BOMB
ABBCDEA	ACCOMPA NY	ABCA	BOMB ARD
ABBCDEA	APPROVA L	ABCA	BOMB ER
ABBCDEA	ASSOCIA TE	ABCA	LIGHT, BOMB ER
ABBCDEA	SH ELLFIRE	ABCA	BRIB E
ABBCDEA	T ERIBLE	ABCA	BULB
ABBCDEAFB	ACCORDANC E	ABCA	CANC EL
ABBCDEAFB	REENFORCÉ	ABCA	CHEC K
ABBCDEAFBC	ACCEPTANCE	ABCA	CIRC LE
ABBCDEAFBGB	REENFORCEMEN T	ABCA	CIRC ULATE
ABBCDEAFD	APPLICATI ON	ABCA	CONC EAL
ABBCDEAFEC	ASSOCIATIO N	ABCA	CONC LUDE
ABBCDEAFGC	ACCEPTABLE	ABCA	HUN DRED
ABBCDEAFGC	ALLEGIANCE	ABCA	L EADE R
ABBCDEAFGHF	C ORRESPONDIN G	ABCA	EAGE R
ABBCDEFGA	ACCIDENTA L	ABCA	M EAGE R
ABBCDEFGA	APPROXIMA TE	ABCA	S EAME N
ABBCDEFGA	OCCUPATIO N	ABCA	ST EAME R
ABBCDEFGBAHAC	IRREGULARITIE S	ABCA	N EARE ST
ABBCDEFGBA	IRREGULARI TY	ABCA	C EASE
ABBCDEFGEA	ILLUSTRATI ON	ABCA	GR EASE
ABBCDEFGHAD	C OMMENDATION	ABCA	INCR EASE D
ABCA	P ACKA GE	ABCA	L EAVE
ABCA	EV ACUA TING	ABCA	ECHE LON
ABCA	EV ACUA TION	ABCA	WR ECKE D
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ABCA	H ELPE R	ABCA	I NFAN TRY
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ABCA	ABS ENCE	ABCA	SU NKEN
ABCA	LIC ENSE	ABCA	FLA NKIN G
ABCA	C ENTE R	ABCA	I NLAN D
ABCA	ENTE R	ABCA	I NTEN D
ABCA	ENVE LOP	ABCA	CO NTIN UAL
ABCA	R EQU E ST	ABCA	CO NTIN UE
ABCA	FI ERCE	ABCA	I NVEN T
ABCA	S ERGE ANT	ABCA	OCTO BER
ABCA	MAT ERIE L	ABCA	D OCTO R
ABCA	REV ERSE	ABCA	F OGHO RN
ABCA	OBS ERVE	ABCA	P OISO N
ABCA	R ESPE CT	ABCA	C OMPO SED
ABCA	W ESTE RLY	ABCA	C ONVO Y
ABCA	W ESTE RN	ABCA	EN ORMO US
ABCA	ETHE R	ABCA	EXPL OSIO N
ABCA	MAN EUVE R	ABCA	PUMP
ABCA	R EVIE W	ABCA	PURP OSE
ABCA	EXCE PT	ABCA	HA RBOR
ABCA	EXPE CT	ABCA	AI RBOR NE
ABCA	EXPE ND	ABCA	MU RDER
ABCA	EXTE ND	ABCA	O RDER
ABCA	GAUG E	ABCA	O RDER S
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ABCA	L IFTI NG	ABCA	QUA RTER
ABCA	S IGNI FY	ABCA	QUA RTER S
ABCA	BU ILDI NG	ABCA	FEB RUAR Y
ABCA	INDI CATE	ABCA	FO RWAR D
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ABCA	A IRFI ELD	ABCA	S TART
ABCA	REPR ISAL	ABCA	PRO TECT
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ABCA	LA NDIN G	ABCA	S TRAT EGIC

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ABCA	S TRAT EGY	ABCAC	P RAIRI E
ABCA	D UGOU T	ABCAC	PRO TESTS
ABCA	UNSU ITABLE	ABCACA	D IETITI AN
ABCA	P URSU E	ABCACB	O RDERED
ABCA	P URSU IT	ABCACBDEC	PROPORTIO N
ABCA	O UTGU ARD	ABCACDEFD	PROPOSALS
ABCAA	D ECREE	ABCADA	ALMANA C
ABCAA	D EGREE	ABCADA	R ELIEVE
ABCAA	B ETWEE N	ABCADA	C ENTERE D
ABCAA	DI SCUSS	ABCADA	B ESIEGE D
ABCAA	A SPOSS IBLE	ABCADA	R EVIEWE D
ABCAAB	P ONTOON	ABCADAB	CO NTINENT AL
ABCAAB	THATH E	ABCADAC	S EALEVEL
ABCAACDEB	P REARRANGE D	ABCADAC	INDIVID UAL
ABCAB	W ARFAR E	ABCADAEC	IGNITION
ABCAB	S ECREC Y	ABCADAÉFB	TENTATIVE
ABCAB	OBS ERVER	ABCADAÉFC	S IGNIFICAN T
ABCAB	W HETHE R	ABCADAÉFCE	S IGNIFICANC E
ABCAB	B INDIN G	ABCADAÉFGHF	SUBSISTENCE
ABCAB	F INDIN G	ABCADB	ATLANT -IC
ABCAB	S INKIN G	ABCADB	BRIBER Y
ABCAB	PA INTIN G	ABCADB	CIRCUI T
ABCAB	PR INTIN G	ABCADB	W EDNESD AY
ABCAB	I NTENT	ABCADB	LOG ISTICS
ABCAB	P ONTON	ABCADB	EXPL OSIONS
ABCAB	C ORPOR AL	ABCADB	PREPAR ING
ABCAB	RECRE ATION	ABCADB	IM PROPER
ABCAB	P RIORI TY	ABCADB	PROPER
ABCAB	SUPE RIORI TY	ABCADBA	INSIGNI A
ABCAB	DI SEASE	ABCADBC	PREPARE
ABCAB	PRO TECTE D	ABCADBCEFCGG	PREPAREDNESS
ABCAB	PRO TESTE D	ABCADBD	PREPARA TION
ABCAB	O UTPUT	ABCADBEFD	CIRCUITOU S
ABCABA	INT ERFERE	ABCADC	R ADIATI ON
ABCABB	D ISMISS	ABCADC	ST ANDARD
ABCABB	D ISMISS AL	ABCADC	V ARIATI ON
ABCABC	THATHA VE	ABCADC	ASIATI C
ABCABCA	ENTENTE	ABCADC	AVIATI ON
ABCABDA	S ENTENCE	ABCADC	R EVIEWI NG
ABCABDB	REPRESE NT	ABCADC	EXTENT
ABCABDBEFGFHIB	REPRESENTATIVE	ABCADC	I NVENTE D
ABCABDBEFGFHIED	REPRESENTATIONS	ABCADC	TACTIC S
ABCABDC	RETREAT	ABCADC	S TARTER
ABCABDED	M ANGANESE	ABCADC	ZIGZAG
ABCABDEFA	C ORPORATIO N	ABCADCA	CO NVENIEN T
ABCABDEFGHD	RECREATIONA L	ABCADCB	CO NDENSED
ABCAC	ARMAM ENT	ABCADCB	TACTICA L
ABCAC	N EARER	ABCADCFBGABC	ENTERTAINMENT
ABCAC	PROPO SE	ABCADCFGED	CONCENTRATE

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ABCADCEFGHEHC	CONCENTRATING	ABCADEFA	ENVELOPE
ABCADCEFGHEHBC	CONCENTRATION	ABCADEFA	EXPEDITE
ABCADD	D EPRESSION	ABCADEFA	EXPERIMENT
ABCADD	EXCESS	ABCADEFAB	INDICATING
ABCADD	D ISTILL	ABCADEFAB	D ISTINGUISH
ABCADD	P OSTOFFICE	ABCADEFABGADE	D ISTINGUISHING
ABCADD	B OYCOTT	ABCADEFAGB	INDICATION
ABCADDA	AMBASSADOR	ABCADEFB	ADVANCED
ABCADDA	EXPELLED	ABCADEFBA	EXT RAORDINARY
ABCADDECCFA	UNSUCCESSFUL	ABCADEFCA	BOMBARDMENT
ABCADDEFA	EXCESSIVE	ABCADEFCA	CIRCULAR
ABCADEA	ADVANTAGE	ABCADEFCA	U NTENABLE
ABCADEA	ADVANTAGEOUS	ABCADEF CGHB	RETROACTIVE
ABCADEA	D ECREASE	ABCADEFD	ADVANCING
ABCADEA	S EPTEMBER	ABCADEFD	EXTENDING
ABCADEA	R EQUESTED	ABCADEFD	EXTERIOR
ABCADEA	D ISCIPLINE	ABCADEFE	CONCRETE
ABCADEAB	CO NTINGENT	ABCADEFE	EXPEDITING
ABCADEAE	EXPENDED	ABCADEFE	EXPEDITING
ABCADEAE	EXPENSES	ABCADEFE	OBSOLETE
ABCADEAE	EXTENDED	ABCADEFE	G ONIOMETRIC
ABCADEAFA	ELSEWHERE	ABCADEFE	PURPOSES
ABCADEAFGA	EXPERIENCE	ABCADEFE	RECRUITING
ABCADEB	C ENTERING	ABCADEFEA	C OMPOSITION
ABCADEB	ENTERING	ABCADEFGA	EXPENSIVE
ABCADEB	R ESPECTS	ABCADEFGA	EXTENSIVE
ABCADEB	INCIDENT	ABCADEF GAF	ECHELONMENT
ABCADEB	M ISFIRES	ABCADEFGB	C ASUALTIES
ABCADEBCE	INCIDENCE	ABCADEFGB	CIRCULATING
ABCADEC	M ANDATED	ABCADEF GBC	CONCLUSION
ABCADEC	S ECRETARY	ABCADEF GC	INDICATED
ABCADEC	GYR OSCOPIC	ABCADEF GC	S TRATEGICAL
ABCADECA	REARGUARD	ABCADEF GD	EXTENSION
ABCADECAF D	D ISTINCTION	ABCADEF GDC	CONCEALMENT
ABCADECFC	CONCERNING	ABCADEF GE	REPRISALS
ABCADEDA	CO NFINEMENT	ABCADEF GF	BOMBARDED
ABCADEDAFB	INVITATION	ABCADEF GHAB	C ONFORMATION
ABCADEDBD	SUBSTITUTE	ABCADEF GHCA	EXTERMINATE
ABCADEDBDE	SUBSTITUTION	ABCADEF GHCFIG	EXTERMINATION
ABCADEDC	L I EUTENANT	ABCADEF GHEIGCF	REORGANIZATION
ABCADEDFGA	ENTERPRISE	ABCADEF GHH	R ESPECTFULLY
ABCADEDFGDBC	CONCILIATION	ABCADEF GHIAJF	CIRCUMSTANCES
ABCADEDFGFB	ENTERPRISING	ABCADEF GHIB	RETROACTIVE
ABCADEE	P ROGRESS	ABCADEF GHIE	GEOGRAPHICAL
ABCADEEBFGHC	CANCELLATION	ABCADEF GHIGBH	CIRCUMSTANTIAL
ABCADEED	CANCELLED	ABCBA	COMP LETELY
ABCADEEFBC	CONCESSION	ABCBA	AWKWARD
ABCADEEFGD	P ROGRESSIVE	ABCBA	CAPACITY
ABCADEFA	ECHELONED	ABCBA	PA CIFIC

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ABCBA	SPE CIFIC	ABCBDEBA	RECEIVER
ABCBA	HIN DERED	ABCBDEBA	REPEATER
ABCBA	DIVID E	ABCBDEFA	REJECTOR
ABCBA	GARAG E	ABCBDEFA	STATIONS
ABCBA	C ITATI ON	ABCBDEFBA	DEVELOPED
ABCBA	LEVEL	ABCBDEFGA	R ESISTANCE
ABCBA	P REFER	ABCBDEFGBA	DETERMINED
ABCBA	REFER	ABCBDEFGHFA	DISINFECTED
ABCBA	P RESER VATION	ABCBDEFGHIJBA	DECENTRALIZED
ABCBA	RESER VATION	ABCCA	LITTL E
ABCBA	TAXAT ION	ABCCA	PASSP ORT
ABCBA	HOS TILIT Y	ABCCA	S TREET
ABCBA	U TILIT Y	ABCCABDEC	C ROSSROADS
ABCBA	AC TIVIT Y	ABCCBADED	MILLIMETE R
ABCBA	U SELESS	ABCCBCA	BE GINNING
ABCBAAB	P REFERRE D	ABCCBDA	INF LAMMABL E
ABCBAB	DIVIDI NG	ABCCDA	COLLEC T
ABCBAB	AC TIVITI ES	ABCCDA	CORREC T
ABCBABDEB	P REFERENCE	ABCCDA	T RIGGER
ABCBABDEB	REFERENCE	ABCCDA	RUBBER
ABCBADA	MINIMUM	ABCCDA	RUNNER
ABCBADB	P RESERVE	ABCCDA	SPOOLS
ABCBADB	RESERVE	ABCCDA	SPOONS
ABCBADB	REVERSE	ABCCDA	SUGGES T
ABCBADBC	RESERVES	ABCCDA	SUPPOS E
ABCBADEB	SPE CIFICATI ON	ABCCDA	TURRET
ABCBCDBA	REMEMBER	ABCCDAA	SUCCESS
ABCBDA	DEFEND	ABCCDAAEB	SUCCESSFU L
ABCBDA	DEPEND	ABCCDAAEBFF	SUCCESSFULL Y
ABCBDA	MU NITION S	ABCCDAAEFD	SUCCESSIVE
ABCBDA	RESEAR CH	ABCCDAB	P RESSURE
ABCBDA	STATES	ABCCDAEC	TERRITOR Y
ABCBDA	STATUS	ABCCDAED	CORRECTE D
ABCBDA	IN TEREST	ABCCDAEFB	COLLECTIO N
ABCBDAB	DEFENDE R	ABCCDAEFB	CORRECTIO N
ABCBDAB	E NGAGING	ABCCDAEFBC	CONNECTION
ABCBDABA	DEFENDED	ABCCDAEFC	CONNECTIN G
ABCBDABD	DEPENDEN T	ABCCDAEFDGG	CORRECTNESS
ABCBDABDEA	STATISTICS	ABCCDEA	GASSING
ABCBDAEFGB	DEPENDABLE	ABCCDEA	GETTING
ABCBDAEFGHG	DEPENDABILI TY	ABCCDEA	ST RAGGLER
ABCBDACBA	PARAGRAPH	ABCCDEA	IN TERRUPT
ABCBDDBA	DEFERRED	ABCCDEAB	IN TERRUPT E D
ABCBDEA	E CONOMIC	ABCCDEAD	COMMENCE
ABCBDEA	DAMAGED	ABCCDEAD	COMMERCE
ABCBDEA	PO LITICAL	ABCCDEADCDE	COMMENCEMEN T
ABCBDEAEC	MANAGEMEN T	ABCCDEBFGHDA	DISSEMINATED
ABCBDEBA	DEFEATED	ABCCDEFA	COMMUNIC ATE
ABCBDEBA	DESERTED	ABCCDEFA	SUPPLIES

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ABCDEFAGHFBE	COMMUNICATION	ABCD	INSPIRE
ABCDEFBGHDGAD	CORRESPONDENCE	ABCD	LOCAL
ABCDEFGA	R EAPPOINTE D	ABCD	LAU NCHIN G
ABCDEFGHAFG	R EAPPOINTMENT	ABCD	CO NDEM N
ABCD	S ABOTA GE	ABCD	MACHI NEGUN
ABCD	R AILWA Y	ABCD	NOTIN G
ABCD	ANIMA L	ABCD	EXPA NSION
ABCD	S ANITA RY	ABCD	CO NTAIN
ABCD	M ARSHA L	ABCD	MOU NTAIN
ABCD	M ARTIA L	ABCD	I NTERN AL
ABCD	E ASTWA RD	ABCD	FRO NTLIN E
ABCD	N ATURA L	ABCD	I NTREN CH
ABCD	N ATURA LIZE	ABCD	C ONTRO L
ABCD	TE CHNIC AL	ABCD	H ORIZO N
ABCD	COUNC IL	ABCD	OUTBO ARD
ABCD	R EACHE D	ABCD	PROMP T
ABCD	L EAGUE	ABCD	RECOR D
ABCD	EASTE RLY	ABCD	REPOR T
ABCD	EASTE RN	ABCD	RETUR N
ABCD	W EATHE R	ABCD	P RIMAR Y
ABCD	H EAVIE R	ABCD	RIVER
ABCD	INS ECURE	ABCD	ROGER
ABCD	S ECURE	ABCD	FA RTHER
ABCD	R EDUCE	ABCD	FU RTHER
ABCD	SCH EDULE	ABCD	NO RTHER LY
ABCD	B EFORE	ABCD	SATIS FY
ABCD	R EFUGE	ABCD	SHIPS
ABCD	R EFUSE	ABCD	WAR SHIPS
ABCD	R EGIME NT	ABCD	THIRT Y
ABCD	R EGIME NTAL	ABCD	WI THOUT
ABCD	EITHE R	ABCD	EX TRACT
ABCD	FUS ELAGE	ABCD	TRACT
ABCD	D ELIVE R	ABCD	INS TRUCT
ABCD	GR ENADE	ABCD	DES TRUCT ION
ABCD	ERASE	ABCD	TWENT Y
ABCD	OP ERATE	ABCD	B UREAU
ABCD	R ESCUE	ABCD	WESTW ARD
ABCD	PR ESIDE NT	ABCDAA	R EFUGEE
ABCD	R ESUME	ABCDAA	C ODEBOO K
ABCD	D EVICE	ABCDAA	BU SINESS
ABCD	D EVISE	ABCDAA	DI STRESS
ABCD	GOING	ABCDAA	STRESS
ABCD	T HOUGH	ABCDAAAD	F ORENOON
ABCD	C HURCH	ABCDAB	DECIDE
ABCD	F IGH TI NG	ABCDAB	DECODE
ABCD	INFLI CT	ABCDAB	SP EARHEA D
ABCD	EXT INGUI SH	ABCDAB	R EDUCED
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ABCD	INQUI RY	ABCDAB	ERASER

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ABCDAB	GEORGE	ABCDAECD	L ABORATOR Y
ABCDAB	POSTPO NE	ABCDAECE	OUTPOSTS
ABCDAB	RETIRE	ABCDAECFD	EX AMINATION
ABCDAB	ES TIMATI ON	ABCDAED	T RAVERSE
ABCDABA	DECIDED	ABCDAEE	ACTUALL Y
ABCDABAB	INCLININ G	ABCDAEE	EXPRESS
ABCDABC	M AINTAIN	ABCDAEE	THIRTEE N
ABCDABC	M AINTAIN ED	ABCDAEEFAB	THIRTEENTH
ABCDABCEFD	PHOSPHORUS	ABCDAEFA	OV ERWHELME D
ABCDABEFA	ENTRENCH E D	ABCDAEFAB	INFLECTIN G
ABCDAC	L ANGUAG E	ABCDAEFB	P RESCRIBE D
ABCDAC	ANYWAY	ABCDAEFBE	O NEHUNDRED
ABCDAC	GOV ERNMEN T	ABCDAEFC	M ANUFACTU RE
ABCDAC	I NSTANT	ABCDAEFC	PR ESIDENTI AL
ABCDAC	I NSTANT LY	ABCDAEFC	D ISTRIBUT E
ABCDAC	DI SPERSE	ABCDAEFCA	D ISTRIBUTI NG
ABCDAC	RES TRICTI ON	ABCDAEFCA	D ISTRIBUTI ON
ABCDAC	PA TRIOTI C	ABCDAEFD	F LASHLIGH T
ABCDACB	CO NDEMNE D	ABCDAEFD	C ONTROVER SY
ABCDACDAEFG	I NSTANTANEOUS	ABCDAEFD	A SCENSION
ABCDACEFD	COINCIDENCE	ABCDAEFD	WINDWARD
ABCDAD	MOVEME NT	ABCDAEFDB	RESTRICTE D
ABCDAD	A MUSEME NT	ABCDAEFDE	RESTRICTI ON
ABCDAD	RIGORO US	ABCDAEFE	PAR ENTHESES
ABCDADC	S ANITATI ON	ABCDAEFE	RETURNIN G
ABCDADEDAFB	INSTITUTION	ABCDAEFEGE	RE SPONSIBILI TY
ABCDAEFEAGC	ANTI AIRCRAFT	ABCDAEFF	REDCROSS
ABCDAEA	EXTREME	ABCDAEFGAHB	INSPIRATION
ABCDAEA	MAXIMUM	ABCDAEFGC	REGARDING
ABCDAEAB	SU ITABILIT Y	ABCDAEFGD	RESTRAINT
ABCDAEABD	UNI TEDSTATES	ABCDAEFGFE	TR ANSPACIFIC
ABCDAEAE	PAR ENTHESES	ABCDAEFGHC	TWENTYFIVE
ABCDAEB	F IGHTEING	ABCDAEFGHFBC	CONSCRIPTION
ABCDAEB	S IGHTEING	ABCDBA	PR ACTICA L
ABCDAEB	RAILROA D	ABCDBA	W ATERTA NK
ABCDAEB	REPORTE D	ABCDBA	DIV EBOMBE R
ABCDAEB	RETURNE D	ABCDBA	ENGINE
ABCDAEB	TRACTOR	ABCDBA	S ENTINE L
ABCDAEB	INS TRUCTOR	ABCDBA	R EVOLVE
ABCDAEBA	RECORDER	ABCDBA	S ITUATI ON
ABCDAEBC	DE TONATION	ABCDBAA	ENGINEE R
ABCDAEBFBC	U NIDENTIFIED	ABCDBAAEDBC	ENGINEERING
ABCDAEBFC	SATISFACT ORY	ABCDBAB	LIABILI TY
ABCDAEC	AVERAGE	ABCDBAD	RE TALIATI ON
ABCDAEC	D ISTRICT	ABCDBAEAD	D ISPOSITIO N
ABCDAEC	OUTPOST	ABCDBAEBE	U NEXPENDE D
ABCDAECA	TWENTIE T H	ABCDBBA	ANTENNA
ABCDAECAB	I NTERNMENT	ABCDBBA	D ISCUSSI ON
ABCDAECB	D ISTRICTS	ABCDBBDEA	TRA NSMISSION

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ABCDBCAEB	INTENTION	ABCDCEBA	ELIGIBLE
ABCDBCEA	A ERODROME	ABCDCECA	D ESTITUTE
ABCDBEA	INCENDI ARY	ABCDCEGDA	CO NSTITUTIN G
ABCDBEA	PR OTECTIO N	ABCDCEFGAB	PHOTOGRAPH Y
ABCDBEA	IN TERCEPT	ABCDCEFGCA	DEM OBILIZATIO N
ABCDBEAB	IN TERCEPT E D	ABCDCEFGCA	M OBILIZATIO N
ABCDBEAE	C ONTINUOU S	ABCDDA	R ECOMME ND
ABCDBEAFB	INVENTION	ABCDDA	T OBACCO
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ABCDBEAFD	INCENTIVE	ABCDDAB	B EACHHEA D
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ABCDEA	OVERCO MING	ABCDEAFAGHEAID	IDENTIFICATION
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ABCDEA	T RAWLER	ABCDEAFB	INVASION
ABCDEA	DI RECTOR	ABCDEAFBC	RESOURCES
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ABCDECAC	I	NTERVEINE	ABCDEEDFGBA	RECONNOITER
ABCDECACFE	M	AINTENANCE	ABCDEEDFGBAFE	RECONNOITERING
ABCDECACFDA		TRANSATLANTIC	ABCDEEFAB	ENROLLMENT
ABCDECBA		NEGLIGENT	ABCDEEFAB	CONFESSION
ABCDECBA		REVOLVER	ABCDEEFAE	EMBASSIES
ABCDECBA	P	ROTECTOR	ABCDEEFDGFA	DISAPPEARED
ABCDECBAFB		NEGLIGENCE	ABCDEEFGCAHB	INTERRUPTION
ABCDECCEFA		DISCUSSED	ABCDEFA	ABLEGRAM
ABCDECDCAF	I	NTERFERENCE	ABCDEFA	AMERICAN
ABCDECFA		ENCIRCLE	ABCDEFA	AMOUFLAGE
ABCDECFA		EVACUATE	ABCDEFA	CHRONICAL
ABCDECFB		SEAPLANES	ABCDEFA	CONFLICT
ABCDECFEA		STANDARDS	ABCDEFA	DISCREPANCY
ABCDEDA	N	EWSPAPE R	ABCDEFA	SEABORNE
ABCDEDA		MARITIME	ABCDEFA	EMPLOYER
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ABCDEFABA	EMPLACEMENT	ABCDEFBAGHD	MEASUREMENTS
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ABCDEFACD	ALTERNATE	ABCDEFCA	NORTHERN
ABCDEFACGF	ALTERNATING	ABCDEFCA	ESTIMATES
ABCDEFAD	CONTRACT	ABCDEFCA	DOMINATION
ABCDEFAD	DESTROYER	ABCDEFCA	ESTIMATED
ABCDEFAD	INTERVIEW	ABCDEFCA	DETONATED
ABCDEFAD	OPERATOR	ABCDEFCA	DISTRESSED
ABCDEFAD	FI RECONTROL	ABCDEFCA	DISPERSED
ABCDEFAD	PROCEDURE	ABCDEFCA	ELABORATE
ABCDEFAD	DESTROYERS	ABCDEFCA	DEPARTURE
ABCDEFAD	TRANSVERSE	ABCDEFCA	CUSTOMHOUSE
ABCDEFAD	DISCONTINUE	ABCDEFCA	INTERVENING
ABCDEFAD	DISCONTINUANCE	ABCDEFCA	INTERVENTION
ABCDEFAD	EXPANDED	ABCDEFCA	INTERFERING
ABCDEFAD	IMPROVEMENT	ABCDEFCA	DEMONSTRATION
ABCDEFAD	RADIOSTATION	ABCDEFCA	INTERMEDIATE
ABCDEFAD	ENCIPHERED	ABCDEFCA	HYDROGRAPHIC
ABCDEFAD	ENFORCEMENT	ABCDEFCA	REINSTATE
ABCDEFAD	AEROPLANE	ABCDEFCA	FINGERPRINT
ABCDEFAD	DETACHMENT	ABCDEFCA	REINSTATEMENT
ABCDEFAD	INFLATION	ABCDEFCA	CERTIFICATE
ABCDEFAD	REINFORCE	ABCDEFCA	THERMOMETER
ABCDEFAD	TRAJECTORY	ABCDEFCA	CONFERENCE
ABCDEFAD	REIMBURSEMENT	ABCDEFCA	INTERPRETATION
ABCDEFAD	REINFORCEMENT	ABCDEFCA	COMPETITION
ABCDEFAD	INTERDICT	ABCDEFCA	DEMobilize
ABCDEFAD	INTERDICTION	ABCDEFCA	COMPUTATION
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ABCDEFAD	DEPARTMENTAL	ABCDEFCA	IMPRESSION
ABCDEFAD	REGISTRATION	ABCDEFCA	IMPRESSIVE
ABCDEFAD	ENCIPHERMENT	ABCDEFCA	INSTALLATIONS
ABCDEFAD	CONFISCATION	ABCDEFCA	CONGRESSIONAL
ABCDEFAD	INVESTIGATE	ABCDEFCA	DISARMED
ABCDEFAD	INVESTIGATION	ABCDEFCA	Mechanized
ABCDEFAD	INVESTIGATIONS	ABCDEFCA	TECHNIQUE
ABCDEFAD	BREAKTHROUGH	ABCDEFCA	RECOGNIZE
ABCDEFAD	DECLARED	ABCDEFCA	ENFILADE
ABCDEFAD	DEPARTED	ABCDEFCA	EQUALIZE
ABCDEFAD	DEPLOYED	ABCDEFCA	EQUIPAGE
ABCDEFAD	DEPORTED	ABCDEFCA	EQUIVALENT
ABCDEFAD	DETACHED	ABCDEFCA	DESIGNATE
ABCDEFAD	EMPLOYMENT	ABCDEFCA	EXCHANGE
ABCDEFAD	ENTRAINED	ABCDEFCA	GROUPING
ABCDEFAD	REGISTER	ABCDEFCA	GUARDING
ABCDEFAD	PROJECTOR	ABCDEFCA	INSECURITY
ABCDEFAD	MEASUREMENT	ABCDEFCA	DIPLOMATICS

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ABCDEFGA	OPERATIO N	ABCDEFGFABF	I NCOMPETENCE
ABCDEFGA	SOLDIERS	ABCDEFGFAG	I NCOMPETENT
ABCDEFGA	DI SPATCHES	ABCDEFGGAG	H EAVYLOSSES
ABCDEFGA	WITHDRAW	ABCDEFGHA	CONSPIRAC Y
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ABCDEFGAB	D ESPATCHES	ABCDEFGHA	C ENTRALIZE
ABCDEFGAB	U NDERSTAND	ABCDEFGHA	EXCLUSIVE
ABCDEFGAB	WITHDRAWI NG	ABCDEFGHA	EXPANSIVE
ABCDEFGABF	ENLISTMENT	ABCDEFGHA	EXPLOSIVE
ABCDEFGAC	I NSTRUMENT	ABCDEFGHA	MECHANISM
ABCDEFGAC	F OUNDATION	ABCDEFGHAB	C ONSUMPTION
ABCDEFGACB	I NSTRUMENTS	ABCDEFGHADB	INFORMATION
ABCDEFGAD	SOUTHEAST	ABCDEFGHAGC	CONVALESCEN T
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ABCDEFGAFE	IMPRACTICA BLE	ABCDEFGHCAEB	INTRODUCTION
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ABCDEFGBA	REMAINDER	ABCDEFGHFCAG	AGRICULTURAL
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ABCDEFGCHEA	RANGEFINDER	ABCDEFGHIDAB	C ONSIDERATION
ABCDEFGDAHB	INSTRUCTION	ABCDEFGHIFKA	SEARCHLIGHTS
ABCDEFGDAHBC	INSTRUCTIONS	ABCDEFGHIGBA	DEMONSTRATED
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-S	EV	EN	TY	FI	VE	
	IR	RE	GU	LA	RI	TY
	NO	MI	NA	TI	ON	
	SU	SP	IC	IO	US	

AB — — — — BA

	DE	MO	NS	TR	AT	ED	
	NO	TI	FI	CA	TI	ON	

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F. DIGRAPHIC IDIOMORPHS: FOUR-SQUARE<sup>1</sup>

(Grouped by number of significant letters in the idiomorphic pattern)

Two letters

A- A-  
 B LO CK AD ED  
 I NV AD ED  
 D AM AG E  
 CO MM AN DS  
 I SL AN DS  
 A IR PL AN ES  
 E NE MY PL AN ES  
 DE SI GN AT ED  
 E ST IM AT ED  
 I ND IC AT ED  
 C AV AL RY  
 N AV AL  
 P RO CE DU RE  
 ME CH AN IZ ED  
 IM ME DI AT IEL Y  
 WI TH DR AW  
 WI TH DR EW  
 EM ER GE NC Y  
 L IE UT EN AN T  
 FI FT EE N  
 FI FT H  
 FI FT Y  
 BR ID GE HE AD  
 V IC IN IT Y  
 W IT HD RA W  
 A DD IT IO NA L  
 A MM UN IT IO N  
 CO ND IT IO N  
 RE CO GN IT IO N  
 E LE ME NT  
 MI LI TA RY  
 MI NI MU M  
 NI NT H  
 P OI NT  
 T OM OR RO W  
 PO NT ON  
 RE QU ES T  
 RE QU IR E  
 P RI SO NE R  
 RE SI ST AN CE  
 D IS PO SI TI ON  
 PO SI TI ON  
 SO UT H

A- A-  
 SQ UA DR ON  
 FI GH TE RP LA NE  
 MO TO RI ZE D  
 D EP AR TU RE  
 UN US UA L  
 A- -- A-  
 S AB OT AG E  
 D ET AC HM EN T  
 H AS BE EN  
 BA TT AL IO N  
 BO MB ED  
 CA SU AL TI ES  
 CA SU AL TY  
 CO MB AT  
 CO OR DI NA TES  
 DI RE CT IO N  
 DI SP AT CH  
 ME DI UM BO MB ER  
 DI VE BO MB ER  
 R OA DJ UN CT IO N  
 R EP LA CE ME NT  
 R ET RE AT  
 S EV ER AL  
 JU NC TI ON  
 CO NF IR MA TI ON  
 I NF OR MA TI ON  
 I NT EL LI GE NC E  
 PA TR OL  
 SA BO TA GE  
 SE VE RE  
 AC TI VI TY  
 A TT EN TI ON  
 S UC CE SS FU LL Y  
 A- --- A-  
 AR TI LL ER Y  
 AT TA CK ED  
 R EE NF OR CE  
 R EE NF OR CE ME NT  
 ID EN TI FY  
 IM PA SS IB LE  
 IM PO SS IB LE

A- -- -- A-  
 MO VE ME NT  
 E MP LA CE ME NT  
 PE RS ON NE L  
 A RT IL LE RY  
 A- --- --- A-  
 CO MM UN IC AT IO NS  
 CO NC EN TR AT E  
 R EO PG AN IZ AT IO N  
 LI EU TE NA NT  
 CO NS TR UC TI ON  
 A- --- --- --- A-  
 CO MM IS SI ON ED  
 -B -B  
 UN AB LE  
 OB ST AC LE  
 AD VA NC E  
 AG AI NS T  
 R AI LH EA D  
 PR EP AR AT IO N  
 A SS AU LT  
 B OM BA RD  
 A IR BO RN E  
 S EA BO RN E  
 A DV AN CI NG  
 VI CI NI TY  
 DE TA CH  
 DE TA CH ME NT  
 H AV EB EE N  
 M OV EM EN T  
 EN EM Y  
 R ES ER VE  
 R ET UR N  
 FL AN K  
 FO LL OW  
 B AG GE  
 HA SB EE N  
 A PP RO AC HI NG  
 DE BO UC HI NG  
 L AU NC HI NG  
 I MM ED IA TE LY

<sup>1</sup> See subpar. \_\_\_\_, Section IX.

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Two letters (cont.)

-B -B  
 IN IT IA TE  
 F IF TH  
 TE RR IT OR Y  
 S IX TY  
 M IS CE LL AN EO US  
 E LE VA TI ON  
 E LE VE N  
 LI AI SO N  
 DA MA GE  
 MO RN IN G  
 U NU SU AL  
 OB JE CT IV E  
 C OL ON  
 C OL ON EL  
 SU PE RI OR IT Y  
 M OT OR IZ ED  
 OU TS KI RT S  
 EQ UI PM EN T  
 A VE RA GE  
 B AR RA GE  
 AI RC RA FT  
 AN TI AI RC RA FT  
 RE MA IN  
 R EQ UI RE ME NT  
 M IS SI NG

-B -B  
 P ER SO NN EL  
 ES TI MA TE DA T  
 P LA TO ON  
 S UP PL Y  
 S UP PO RT  
 NA VA LB AS E  
 F OR WA RD  
 WI ND WA RD  
  
 -B -- -B  
 C AS UA LT Y  
 P AT RO LS  
 B AT TL ES HI PS  
 GE NE RA L  
 W IL LA TT AC K  
 T RA NS MI SS IO N  
 R EC OG NI TI ON  
 T RO OP SH IP  
 RE GI ME NT  
 CA RR IE RS  
 MI SS IO NS  
 TW EN TY  
 R EQ UE ST ED

-B -- -- -B  
 I DE NT IF IC AT IO N  
 M EC HA NI ZE D  
 D EP LO YM EN T  
 M ES SE NG ER  
 D ES TR OY ER  
 A IR SU PP OR T  
 V LS IB IL IT Y  
 ME SS EN GE R  
 I MP AS SI BL E  
 I MP OS SI BL E  
 A NT IA IR CR AF T  
 C OM MA ND IN G  
 OP ER AT IO N  
 PR IS ON ER  
 PR OC ED UR E  
 RE EN FO RC E  
 TR AN SP OR TA TI ON  
 YE ST ER DA Y  
  
 -B -- -- -- -B  
 R EC OM ME ND ED  
 HE AV YL OS SE S  
 R EC OM ME ND AT IO N  
 C OM MU NI CA TI ON  
 R EC ON NO IT ER IN G

Three letters

A- A- A-  
 N AV AL BA SE  
 R EQ UI SI TI ON

A- A- -- A-  
 RE QU ES TE D

-B -B -B  
 B OM BA RD ME NT  
 EL EM EN TS  
 EN GA GE ME NT

Four letters

AB A- -B  
 H EA DQ UA RT ER S  
 EL EV EN

A- AB -B  
 AD DI TI ON AL

A- -B AB  
 M OR NI NG  
 P OS TP ON E

AB -B A-  
 CA NC EL  
 RE CO NN AI SS AN CE

A- AB -- -B  
 SO UT HW ES T

A- -B -B -- A-  
 RE CO IN OI TE R

AB -B -- A-  
 AD VA NC ED  
 EN EM YT AN KS

A- A- -B -B  
 W IT HD RA VA L

A- -B -- AB  
 IT TE RD IC T

AB -- A- -B  
 SI GH TI NG

A- A- -- A- A-  
 CO IN AN DI IG

A- -B -- A- -B  
 S AT IS FA CT OR Y

A- A- -- -B -B  
 RE QU IR EM EN T

A- -- A- C- C-  
 DI SP AT CH ES

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A- -- -- C- A- C-  
RO AD JU NC TI ON

-B AB A-  
DI SP OS IT IO N  
P OS IT IO N  
PR ES EN T  
RE PR ES EN T

-B A- AB  
RE PE AT ED

-B A- A- -B  
DE ST RO YE R

-B A- -B -- A-  
UN ID EN TI FI ED

-B A- -- AB  
U NS UC CE SS FU L

-B A- -- A- -B  
ME DI UM BO MB ER

-B A- -- -B A-  
VI SI BI LI TY

-B A- -- -- AB  
IN FO RM AT IO N

-B A- -- -- A- -B  
IN ST AL LA TI ON

-B -D -B -- -D  
CR OS SR OA DS

-B -D -D -B  
AI RS UP FO RT

-B -D -- -D -B  
IN ST RU CT IO N  
C ON ST RU CT IO N

-B -- A- AB  
F IG HT ER PL AN ES

-B -- A- -- -- AB  
E ST AB LI SH ME NT

-B -- -B A- A-  
EN CO UN TE RE D

-B -- -- -B -D -D  
RE IN FO RC EM EN T

Five letters

A- -B AB -- -B  
NA VA IA TT AC K

A- -B -- -B AB  
R EC ON NA IS SA NC E

-B A- A- -- AB  
DI ST RI BU TI ON

-B A- -B AB  
RE PL AC EM EN T

-B -D -- -D -B -D  
IN ST RU CT IO NS

Six letters

AB CB C- A-  
P OS IT IO NS

AB -D -D AB  
C ON DI TI ON  
RA DI OG RA M

A- A- -B AB A-  
RE QU IS IT IO N

A- CB -- A- CB  
Q UA RT ER MA ST ER

A- CB -- CB A-  
SC HO OL HO US E

A- -- CB A- -- CB  
ID EN TI FI CA TI ON

-B AE AD -D  
A DM IN IS TR AT IV E

Seven letters

-B AD -- -B -D AD  
RE EN FO RC EM EN T

Eight letters

AB -B AD -- -B AD  
QU AR TE RM AS TE R

AB -B C- AB CB  
EM PL AC EM EN T

AB -D C- AD C- -B  
IN TE RD IC TI ON

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## APPENDIX 4

## SERVICE TERMINOLOGY &amp; STEREOTYPES

Familiarity with the style and peculiar phraseology which exist in military messages greatly facilitates the cryptanalytic recovery of the plain text of any such messages which have been encrypted. Thus, this appendix has been compiled to comprise notes on those idiosyncrasies present in military messages which are of particular interest and aid to the cryptanalyst. The notes which are applicable to the messages of all Services are grouped together in Section A, those which are applicable to messages of ground, naval, and air origin, respectively, constitute Sections B, C, and D; those which apply to special types of messages, such as weather messages, are contained in Section E; and remarks on stereotypic beginnings and endings of messages comprise Section F.

Although the notes contained herein derive primarily from U. S. military communications, many apply as well to the military communications of other countries. At the very least, this appendix indicates the types of information on message style and phraseology which, when known concerning the messages of any source, can be quite helpful in the cryptanalysis of such messages.

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A. REMARKS APPLICABLE TO MESSAGES OF ALL SERVICES

1. When mention is made of time in military messages, it is conventionally specified in terms of the 24-hour clock system (ending at midnight), in which time is expressed as a group of four numerals. The first two numerals of the group denote the hour and the last two numerals, the minute after the hour; for example, 6:00 AM appears as 0600 and 6:00 PM appears as 1800. For any current month, the day may be indicated by prefixing the four-digit time group with a two-digit date group, indicating the day of the month; for example, 080600 denotes 6:00 AM on the 8th day of the month. In some instances, a four-digit time group or six-digit date-time group occurring in a message may be found with a literal suffix, giving rise to such groups as 1800Z, 080600Q, etc; this suffix may be any one of the letters A to I or K to Z and is a type of designator used in communications practices to refer to a particular one of the 24 time zones of the earth.

2. Administrative messages in general often contain many sequences of numbers, brought about by numerous references to previous messages and to various Service regulations (among other items), reference generally being made on the basis of identifying serial numbers and dates which such items usually bear; specific illustrations of this fact appear in several of the succeeding paragraphs in this appendix. Furthermore, administrative messages contain references to items having literal designations; to minimize errors in this connection such designations are often spelled out phonetically, by means of a phonetic alphabet, such as one of the following:

<u>ABLE</u>	<u>JIG</u>	<u>SUGAR</u>	<u>ALFA</u>	<u>JULIETT</u>	<u>SIERRA</u>
<u>BAKER</u>	<u>KING</u>	<u>TARE</u>	<u>BRAVO</u>	<u>KILO</u>	<u>TANGO</u>
<u>CHARLIE</u>	<u>LOVE</u>	<u>UNCLE</u>	<u>COCA</u>	<u>LIMA</u>	<u>UNION</u>
<u>DOG</u>	<u>MIKE</u>	<u>VICTOR</u>	<u>DELTA</u>	<u>METRO</u>	<u>VICTOR</u>
<u>EASY</u>	<u>NAN</u>	<u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>ECHO</u>	<u>NECTAR</u>	<u>WHISKEY</u>
<u>FOX</u>	<u>OBOE</u>	<u>XRAY</u>	<u>FOXTROT</u>	<u>OSCAR</u>	<u>EXTRA</u>
<u>GEORGE</u>	<u>PETER</u>	<u>YOKE</u>	<u>GOLF</u>	<u>PAPA</u>	<u>YANKEE</u>
<u>HOW</u>	<u>QUEEN</u>	<u>ZEBRA</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>QUEBEC</u>	<u>ZULU</u>
<u>ITFM</u>	<u>ROGER</u>		<u>INDIA</u>	<u>ROMEO</u>	

3. The messages of all Services exhibit a high content of abbreviations; for this reason, the following list of frequently-encountered abbreviations is included:

NAVY OFFICER RANKS

FADM....fleet admiral  
 ADM.....admiral  
 VADM....vice admiral  
 RADM....rear admiral  
 COMO....comodore  
 CAPT....captain  
 CDR.....commander  
 LCDR....lt. commander  
 LT.....lieutenant  
 LTJG....lieut. jr. grade  
 ENS.....ensign

ARMY, AIR OFFICER RANKS

GEN.....general  
 LTGEN...lt. general  
 MAJGEN..major general  
 BRIGGEN..brigadier general  
 COL.....colonel  
 LTCOL...lt. colonel  
 MAJ.....major  
 CAPT....captain  
 1ST LT...first lieutenant  
 2ND LT...second lieutenant

PUNCTUATION

CLN...colon  
 CMA...comma  
 PARA..paragraph  
 PAREN.parenthesis  
 PD....period  
 RPT...repeat

MISCELLANEOUS

CG....commanding general  
 CO....commanding officer  
 COM...commander  
 COMDT.commandant  
 DET...detachment  
 ETA...estimated time of arrival  
 ETD...estimated time of departure  
 GMT...Greenwich mean time  
 HQ...headquarters  
 LAT..latitude  
 LONG..longitude  
 LTR..letter  
 MSG..message  
 NR...number  
 RE...reference  
 UR...your

4. The identity of the person originating a military message may appear as a signature at the end of a message and the addressee's identity may appear at the beginning; or either, or both, of these may be "buried" in the middle of the message, set off by parentheses. If the signature is at the end of the message, it may be preceded by STOP (or PERIOD or SIGNED, or both. The identification of the originator or addressee may consist merely of his command designation (e.g., COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST ARMY) or it may consist of his name and rank, followed by COMMANDING or some other appropriate amplifying data (e.g., in the Army, his branch of service).

Examples:

JONES, COLONEL, ARTILLERY

COMMANDING OFFICER, THIRD REGIMENT

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SIX

SMITH, FLIGHT LEADER, SECOND SQUADRON

5. In military communications, long messages are often broken into parts, each part subsequently being treated as a separate message. Thus, messages arise which begin "PART (number) OF (number) PARTS", or "(number) PART MESSAGE PART (number)", often separated from the following message text by STOP or simply by an "X".

B. REMARKS ON ITEMS APPEARING IN GROUND (ARMY) MESSAGES

1. When mention of an army unit appears in a military message, its size (echelon) is indicated, generally preceded by a numerical or literal designation and, as further information concerning the unit, its branch of service may be included. The several echelons of the U. S. Army, listed in descending order of size, are: army, corps, division (DIV), brigade, regiment (REGT), battalion (BN), company<sup>1</sup> (CO), platoon. Some of the branches of service which may appear, as mentioned above, are: Infantry (INF), Artillery (ARTY), Signal Corps (SIG C), Armor, Ordnance (ORD), Engineers (ENG), Quartermaster (QM).

Examples of unit designations:

(a) "A" Company, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

<sup>1</sup> An artillery unit at this echelon is termed a battery.



(b) 1st Armored Division

(c) 57th Signal Battalion

2. In connection with 1, above, an army is the normal command of a general (four stars); a corps being the command of a lieutenant general, a division, the command of a major general; and a brigade, the command of a brigadier general. A regiment is normally commanded by a colonel, a battalion may be commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major; a company, by a captain, and a platoon, by a lieutenant.

3. For reference purposes, when giving locations of units, readily-recognizable landmarks such as hills, crossroads and road junctions may be referred to in terms of their altitude above sea level (in number of feet), if such landmarks do not bear proper names which are suitable for the purpose. Thus, a reference, in a military message, to CROSSROADS SIX FIVE ZERO would apply to that particular crossroads within a preselected area which is located at an altitude of 650 feet. If, within any preselected area of reference, there are two or more landmarks of any given type which are both at the same altitude, it is necessary to affix a distinctive letter or number to the altitude designation of each, in order to clearly identify a particular one, thus, such a reference as CROSSROADS SIX FIVE ZERO DASH [hyphen] B may be encountered. In this connection, CROSSROADS may be found abbreviated as "CR", and ROADJUNCTION as "RJ".

4. The location of any particular unit may be specified in terms of its location with respect to a particular place or locality, or to a particular landmark. However, its location may also be specified by stating how it is located on a specific map or portion of a map. This gives rise in military messages to phrases such as COORDINATES ONE FIVE POINT TWO FOUR DASH ONE NINE FOUR POINT SEVEN, wherein the numbers before the "dash" indicate the unit's location with respect to the horizontal grid lines of a preselected map and the numbers after the "dash" indicate its location with respect to the vertical grid lines.

5. Specific highways, turnpikes, and other roadways are often identified in military messages by stating the place names of their terminal points; thus the highway running between Grizurbeto and Bolzano could be called the GRIZURBETO DASH [hyphen] BOLZANO HIGHWAY. Similarly, when reference is made to an imaginary straight line across the terrain in a particular area, such a line may be identified by specifying any recognizable landmarks between which the line runs, for example, LINE CROSSROADS THREE ONE FIVE DASH ROADJUNCTION TWO NINE EIGHT.

6. Included below is a brief list of frequent words appearing in low-echelon ground traffic, the abbreviation for certain ones are appended in parentheses after them. In addition to the words listed below, numbers and ranks/titles will be found to have a high frequency of occurrence.

ACROSS	ADVANCE	AIRPLANE
ACTIVITY	ADVISE	AMMUNITION (AT O)
ADDITIONAL	AFTERNOON	AREA

ARMORED	HILL	RADIO
ARMY	HOSTILE	RAILROAD
ARRIVE	IDENTIFICATION (IDENT)	READY
ARTILLERY (ARTY)	IMMEDIATELY	RECEIVE
ATTACK	INFANTRY (INF)	RECONNAISSANCE (RCN)
BARRAGE	INFORMATION (INFO)	REFERENCE (RE) (REF)
BATTALION (BN)	LARGE	REGIMENT (REGT)
BRIDGE	LEFT	REINFORCEMENTS
CAPTURE	LIGHT	REPORTS
CASUALTIES	LINE	REQUEST
COMMA	LOCATION	REQUIRE
COMMAND POST (CP)	MACHINEGUN (MG)	REQUISITION
COMMUNICATION (COMM)	MESSAGE (MSG)	RESERVES
COMPANY (CO)	MORNING	RIGHT
CONCENTRATION	MORTAR	RIVER
COUNTERATTACK	MOUNTAIN	ROAD
CROSSROADS (CR)	MOVE	ROADJUNCTION (RJ)
DAILY	MOVEMENT	ROCKET
DASH	NEAR	SEND
DEFEND	NEUTRALIZE	SMALL
DEFENSIVE	NIGHT	SOUTH
DISPOSITION	NORTH	STOP
DIVISION (DIV)	NOTHING	SUPPLY
EAST	OBJECTIVE	SUPPORT
EMPLACEMENTS	OFFENSIVE	TANKS
ENEMY	OFFICER	TODAY
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	ORDER	TOMORROW
FIRE	PATROL	TONIGHT
FLANK	PLANE	TROOPS
FORCE	POSITION	VICINITY
FROM (FM)	PREPARE	WEST
HEADQUARTERS (HQ)	PRISONER	WOODS
HEAVY	PROCEED	YESTERDAY

## C. REMARKS ON ITEMS APPEARING IN NAVAL MESSAGES

1. Mention of various sized groupings of vessels are found in messages of naval origin, among which those mentioned below are quite frequently encountered. A major naval force is called a fleet, and the levels of echelonment (or subdivision) within a fleet are the task force, task group, and task unit (in descending order of size). The basic unit of all fleet vessels is termed a division, and is comprised of two or more vessels of the same type; in this connection, when mention is made of a division in a naval message, the particular type of vessel of which the division is made up is often specified; for example, CRUISER DIVISION. A squadron is made up of two or more divisions of submarines, destroyers, landing ships or other light vessels, and a flotilla comprises two or more such squadrons.

2. In connection with 1, above, a fleet is normally commanded by an admiral (four stars), a task force being the command of a vice admiral; and a task group, the command of a rear admiral. Furthermore, in time of war the officer in command of a convoy or flotilla often holds the rank of commodore; the officer commanding an individual ship may range in rank from captain on down, depending on the type of ship.

3. A list of the main combat vessels is included below, the approximate maximum speed of each, which is expressed in KIOTS, is shown in parentheses.

BATTLESHIP	(35)
CARRIER	(35)
CARRIER ESCORT	(15)
CRUISER	(30)
DESTROYER	(35)
DESTROYER ESCORT	(25)
SUBMARINE	(20, on surface; 10, submerged)

When a particular vessel is mentioned in a naval message, it may be identified by a numerical designation, by a group of letters, or by some proper name.

4. In naval messages, the direction of an object from a ship, or the course of a particular naval vessel or unit at sea is given as a compass bearing expressed in degrees (from 0 to 359), for example, BEARING ZERO EIGHT FIVE. In some instances the statement of a bearing will be followed by the word TRUE or MAGNETIC, indicating that the bearing is measured from the geographical pole (true north) or the magnetic pole (not corrected for variation), respectively.

5. The position of a particular naval vessel or unit at sea may be specified in a naval message by stating its latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes. The latitude may be from 0 to 90 degrees and the longitude from 0 to 180 degrees, a specified latitude is generally followed by NORTH or SOUTH (as appropriate) and, similarly, longitude is followed by EAST or WEST. For example, LATITUDE THREE ZERO DEGREES TWO ONE MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE ONE FOUR TWO DEGREES ONE SIX MINUTES WEST, or more briefly LATITUDE THREE ZERO DASH TWO ONE NORTH LONGITUDE ONE FOUR TWO DASH ONE SIX WEST. If position is stated in conjunction with a bearing, it is not necessary to state both latitude and longitude, and the location, NORTH or SOUTH, with respect to the equator or EAST or WEST with respect to Greenwich Meridian may be found omitted where no ambiguity arises. Positions are also sometimes given as a bearing and distance in miles from a specific point.

6. The following words may be expected to appear frequently in a selection of naval messages of various types:

AIRCRAFT	EXECUTE	RADAR
ALTITUDE	FLEET	RE-JOIN
BEACH	FLIGHT	RENDEZVOUS
BLOCKADE	FORMATION	SAIL
BOMBED	FUEL	SEA
CARGO	GUARDING	SHIFT
CHANNEL	HARBOR	SHIP
COASTAL	KNOTS	SORTY
COMMAND	LATITUDE	SQUADRON
CONTACT	LONGITUDE	STARBOARD
CONVOY	MILES	STRAFED
CORRECTED	MINE (FIELD)	STRAIT
COURSE	MISSION	TARGET
CRAFT	NAVAL	VESSELS
DEPART	NAVY	VIA
DEPLOY	OPERATIONS	VOYAGE
EMBARK	PILOT	WEATHER
ESCORT	PORT	

#### D. REMARKS ON ITEMS APPEARING IN AIR MESSAGES

1. The various elements of which an air force is composed and which may be mentioned in air messages are given below. The smallest grouping of aircraft, composed of one or more aircraft of a particular type, is called a flight. A squadron is two or more flights of the same type; a group is made up of two or more squadrons, a wing comprises two or more groups, an air division is composed of two or more wings, and two or more divisions constitute an air force.

2. In connection with 1, above, a flight is usually commanded by a major, a squadron being the command of a lieutenant colonel, a group being the command of a colonel, a wing, the command of a brigadier general; and an air force, the command of a major general.

3. Some of the types of aircraft which may be mentioned frequently in air messages are listed below, an indication of the range of speed of each type, expressed in KNOTS, is shown in parentheses.

BOMBER	(250-400)
CARGO PLANE	(150-350)
FIGHTER	(250-500)
JET BOMBER	(350-600)
JET FIGHTER	(250-500)
LIAISON PLANE	(65-150)

4. The position of a particular aircraft may be specified in an air message by stating its latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes, sometimes in conjunction with its altitude in feet. (Latitude may be from 0 to 90 degrees and longitude from 0 to 180 degrees.)

1. Weather messages. Any generalization on the specific elements which a weather message will contain would perforce be rather tenuous, the contents of a particular weather message generally being dependent on its source and purpose. However, there are certain elements which may be expected to appear in most weather messages, these are listed below with an indication of the terms in which each is generally expressed:

a. Identification of the originating station (by code number, or location).

b. Wind speed (knots) and direction (tens of degrees, from 00-36).

c. Amount of low clouds (tenths of sky covered) and their height (hundreds of feet).

d. Types of low, medium, and high clouds (e.g., cumulus, stratus, cirrus, etc.).

e. Temperature of the air and temperature of the dew point (both in degrees Fahrenheit).

f. Present and past weather (e.g., clear, partly cloudy, cloudy or overcast, fog, drizzle, rain, snow, showers, thunderstorm, etc.).

g. Horizontal visibility (miles).

h. Atmospheric pressure (tens, units, and tenths digits in millibars) and barometric tendency (e.g., falling, steady, rising, etc.).

2. Air-to-ground position reports. Position reports made by aircraft in flight may be expected to contain the majority of the following elements of information:

a. Position of the aircraft (in latitude and longitude or with respect to some locality on the ground).

b. Time.

c. Speed.

d. Altitude.

e. Weather conditions.

f. Estimated time of arrival at next reporting point or at destination.

## F. STEREOTYPIC BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Within the confines of the comparatively limited scope of military messages, stereotypy of phraseology is inevitable. Particularly in the beginnings of messages is this limitation apparent; thus these positions lend themselves most readily to attack by the cryptanalyst. The following list of stereotypes have a high frequency of positional occurrence, and therefore may provide a fruitful source for cribs. It is to be noted that a stereotypic initial word often may suggest a whole opening phrase. For example, if a message of low-echelon ground origin begins with the word HEAVY, then it is not too unlikely that the opening phrase is "HEAVY ARTILLERY (FIRE, BARRAGE) (FALLING, INTERDICTING)....," which might be expanded into "HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE FALLING ON OUR POSITIONS (NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST) OF...."

## BEGINNINGS

ACKNOWLEDGE	NUMBERS (1, 1st, 2, 2d, etc.)
ADVANCE	ORDERS
ADVISE (THIS COMMAND)	OUR
(THIS HEADQUARTERS)	PARAPHRASE
ARRIVE	PLEASE
ATTACK	POSITION
ATTENTION	PREPARE (TO) (-ATIONS FOR)
CANCEL	PROCEED
CITE	RECEIPT
COMMANDING (GENERAL)	RECEIVE
COMMUNICATION (OFFICER)	RECOMMEND (-ATION) (-ED)
CONCENTRATE (-ION OF)	REFER (-RING) (TO) (YOUR)
CONFIRM	REFERENCE (YOUR, MY) (MESSAGE, RADIO-
CONTINUE	GRAM, TELEGRAM) (NUMBER) (DATED, OF)
DEPART (-URE)	REPEAT
DISCONTINUE	REPORT
EFFECTIVE	REQUEST
ENEMY	REQUIRE
EQUIPMENT	RERAD
EXPEDITE (SHIPMENT)	REURAD
FOLLOWING (ARE) (IS)	SEND
FOR	SITUATION REPORT
FROM	STATUS REPORT
HEAVY	SUPPLY
HOSTILE	VERIFY
INFORM (-ATION)	YOUR (COMMAND) (ORGANIZATION)
IN REPLY (TO YOUR) (MESSAGE)	
LOCATION (OF)	

## ENDINGS

ACKNOWLEDGE	PERIOD
ADVISE (IMMEDIATELY)	REPLY
CONFIRM	REFERENCE
END	REQUESTED
END OF MESSAGE	SIGNED (NAME)
IMMEDIATELY	STOP
NUMBERS (1, 1st, 2, 2d, etc.)	TITLES (MAJ, COL, etc.)

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## APPENDIX 5

## LETTER FREQUENCY DATA - FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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The letter frequency data contained herein has been compiled from selected newspaper and magazine articles comprising war communiqués and other military-type text. In the material which was processed there were place names and words foreign to each particular language, these words account for the presence of certain non-characteristic letters in the data given herein for those languages which make use of the Roman alphabet.

## A. GERMAN LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of German plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 60,046 letters of text. (The letters X and Y are derived from foreign words contained in German plain text).

A	3,601	G	1,921	L	1,988	Q	6	V	523
B	1,023	H	2,477	M	1,360	R	4,339	W	899
C	1,620	I	4,879	N	6,336	S	4,127	X	12
D	3,248	J	192	O	1,635	T	3,447	Y	24
E	10,778	K	747	P	499	U	2,753	Z	654
F	958								

60,046

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, German language = .0787

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 60,046 letters of German plain text, reduced to 1,000 letters, arranged according to their relative frequencies.

E	180	T	57	G	32	F	16	P	8
N	106	D	54	O	27	W	15	J	3
I	81	U	46	C	27	K	13	Y	-
R	72	H	41	M	23	Z	11	X	-
S	69	L	33	B	17	V	9	Q	-
A	60								

1,000

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants in 60,046 letters of German plain text. Percentage of 8 most frequent letters in German plain text.

Vowels A, E, I, O, U, and Y = 39.4%

High-Frequency Consonants D, N, R, S, and T = 35.8%

Medium-Frequency Consonants B, C, F, G, H, L, M, and W = 20.4%

Low-Frequency Consonants J, K, P, Q, V, X, and Z = 4.4%

(In descending order of frequency)

8 most frequent letters E, N, I, R, S, A, T, and D = 67.9%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 9,568 words in German plain text, arranged according to their frequencies.

D	1,716	U	550	Z	343	K	263	O	135
A	762	N	544	M	339	P	181	T	106
S	698	G	461	N	306	R	167	E	22
E	686	B	460	F	280	L	158	Q	2
I	581	V	408	H	265	J	135		

9,568

2-a. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 60,046 letters of German plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

		2 <sup>d</sup> Letter																											
		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 <sup>st</sup> Letter	A	4	14	10	4	33	7	9	7	1	1	2	33	13	48		2		22	27	23	36	1	1			1		
	B	6				48		1	1	5			3			3			11	2	1	3		1			1		
	C								130				5																
	D	29	2		8	127	1	2	2	60		1	3	2	2	4	1		5	6	2	9	2	2				2	
	E	13	22	10	31	13	12	32	24	90	2	6	28	25	235	3	6		195	68	28	24	9	15				7	
	F	7	1		3	15	7	2		2			2	1	1	3			10	2	10	12							
	G	10	1		8	78	1	2	2	8		2	7	1	3	1			11	8	5	8	2	1				1	
	H	29	1		8	64	1	2	1	14		2	8	3	6	6	1		20	4	23	7	2	3				1	
	I	3	1	39	7	91	2	18	7	2		7	12	11	84	13	1		7	53	44	1	2	1				1	
	J	4				8																		3					
	K	12	1		1	11		1	1	1			5			9			10	1	5	4							
	L	26	3	1	6	27	1	2		37		3	20	1	2	4				10	12	6	1					1	
	M	16	3		4	26	2	2	1	14	1	2	1	11	1	8	5		1	3	3	9	1	1				1	
	N	39	12	1	118	58	9	57	8	35	4	10	6	10	18	8	5		4	36	27	20	10	17				14	
	O	1	3	5	3	11	3	3	3			1	18	6	33	1	5		18	12	4	1	1	5				1	
	P	10				5	4		1	2			1				7	2		7		1	1						
	Q																							1					
	R	34	11	5	35	60	9	12	9	37	2	11	6	8	12	19	3		6	22	18	26	6	8				5	
	S	14	6	55	13	46	3	7	3	30	1	5	4	7	3	16	6		2	40	57	9	5	5			1	5	
	T	25	3		17	88	2	4	6	40	1	3	7	3	4	4			14	20	7	16	2	10				13	
	U	1	2	8	2	37	15	5	1			2	2	11	76		2		18	28	14	1	1	2				1	
	V	1				19				3							21												
	W	16				24				20	3						6						6						
	X																												
	Y																												
	Z	1			1	8				5			1			2						4	27	4					

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, German language = .0111

2-c. The 95 digraphs comprising 75% of German plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

EN	235	RE	60	NA	39	ED	31	TA	25	NR	20	TU	16
ER	195	DI	60	LI	37	SI	30	EM	25	LL	20	WA	16
CH	130	NE	58	UE	37	HA	29	PH	24	VE	19	UF	15
DE	127	NG	57	RI	37	DA	29	EU	24	RO	19	FE	15
ND	118	ST	57	AU	36	EL	28	WE	24	OR	18	EW	15
IE	91	SC	55	NS	36	US	28	HT	23	UR	18	AB	14
EI	90	IS	53	NI	35	LT	28	AT	23	NN	18	HI	14
TE	88	BE	48	RD	35	AS	27	AR	22	RT	18	TR	14
IN	84	AN	48	RA	34	LE	27	ES	22	OL	18	SA	14
GE	78	SE	46	AE	33	NT	27	EB	22	IG	18	MI	14
	1236	IT	44		2508	ZU	27	VO	21	NW	17	NZ	14
UN	76	SS	40	ON	33	LA	26	NU	20	TD	17	UT	14
ES	68	TI	40	AL	33	ME	26	WI	20	MA	16	SD	13
HE	64	IC	39	EG	32	RU	26	TS	20	SO	16		3750

2-d. Frequent digraphs in German plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

EN	235	NE	58	IE	91	EI	90	ES	68	SE	46	AN	48	NA	39
ER	195	RE	60	IN	84	NI	35	IS	53	SI	30	IT	44	TI	40
DE	127	ED	31	GE	78	EG	32								

2-e. Frequent digraphs in German plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

CH	130	HC	0	ND	113	DN	2	NG	57	GN	3	SC	55	CS	0
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2-f. Doublets occurring in German plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

SS	40	EE	13	FF	7	RR	6	GG	2	PP	2	OO	1
LL	20	MM	11	TT	7	AA	4	II	2	HH	1	UU	1
NN	18	DD	8										

2-g. The 22 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 9,568 words in German plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

DE	805	EI	300	DA	244	WE	192	ER	153	ZU	124	ST	112
DI	567	GE	299	VO	214	VE	172	HA	140	MI	117	IN	111
UN	428	BE	252	SI	197	WI	155	AL	134	SN	112	SE	111
AU	318												

<sup>1</sup> The 10 digraphs above this line compose 25% of German plain text.

<sup>2</sup> The 37 digraphs above this line compose 50% of German plain text.

3-a. The 102 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 60,046 letters of German plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

SCH 666	ERE 313	REN 198	AUS 162	IST 142	HRE 124	VAU 108
DER 602	ENS 270	SSE 191	TIS 159	STA 141	HER 122	TSC 107
CHE 599	CHT 264	KEI 190	DER 157	DES 140	ACH 119	ENN 106
DIE 564	NGE 263	TER 188	EMI 157	FUE 139	GES 118	ERG 106
NDE 541	NDI 259	REN 185	ENG 155	MTT 139	ABE 117	RIT 106
EIN 519	IND 254	ITT 184	TON 154	UER 138	FRA 117	EHR 105
END 481	ERD 248	LBE 178	SEN 152	ERU 137	BYN 116	CHA 104
DEN 457	INE 247	FNE 175	ITI 151	TUN 136	MEN 115	VON 104
ICH 453	AND 246	LIC 175	AUF 149	SEI 133	RDE 112	SIC 103
TFN 425	RDE 239	EGE 173	IES 149	ESE 132	VER 110	ICE 102
UNG 377	ENA 214	DAS 172	ASS 148	ERT 128	LAN 109	ITE 101
HEN 332	ERS 212	ENU 171	ETW 148	NDA 127	ENB 108	ENZ 100
UND 331	EDE 209	NUN 169	ENT 146	IED 126	ESS 108	ERB 100
GEN 321	STE 205	NER 166	ERI 143	ERN 125	LLE 108	KUT 100
ISC 317	VER 204	RUN 163	EST 142			

3-b. The 25 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 9,568 words in German plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

EIN 242	DAS 79	SCH 73	AUF 64	DEU 61	UNT 57	UEB 53
VER 170	BRI 79	AUS 69	NER 63	GES 60	GRO 56	FOL 52
FUE 89	DIE 76	SEI 68	IHD 62	GEG 59	AUC 55	WIR 51
SIC 86	NIC 73	STA 65	ALL 61			

4. The 121 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 60,046 letters of German plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

SCHE 398	TSCH 107	ENIN 80	RITI 66	WERD 61	DIEB 54
ISCH 317	NUND 106	NICH 80	ATIO 65	RSCH 60	EMZU 54
CHEN 296	ITIS 104	UNGD 80	GEND 65	EDEN 59	ITEN 54
NDFR 243	SICH 103	EITE 79	TEND 65	ERGE 59	KRIE 54
EINE 218	RUNG 101	DEUT 78	EBER 64	ESSE 59	RIEG 54
ENDE 216	ANDE 100	FUER 78	GEGE 64	UNTE 59	SDIE 54
NDIE 176	UNGE 100	CHTE 77	POLI 64	EICH 58	URCH 53
LICH 168	EREI 94	EGEN 76	SIND 64	TLIC 58	ALLE 52
ICHT 151	TION 93	NEIN 76	TUNG 64	INER 57	DERS 52
TISC 146	SEIN 92	IESE 75	FNSI 62	EBEN 56	ETWE 52
ERDE 144	IEDE 91	ERST 74	FUTS 62	ENDA 56	HABE 52
ENDI 141	LAND 91	RDIE 74	LITI 62	ENST 56	OIKEN 52
NDEN 136	SSEN 90	ERDI 72	UEBE 62	IGEN 56	SCHI 52
RDEN 133	BRIT 89	STLN 72	UTSC 62	ONDE 56	DEMD 51
ENUN 120	DASS 86	CIER 71	AUCH 61	TENS 56	DISC 51
ICHE 120	NTER 86	INDI 71	DENS 61	EDIE 55	ENEN 51
INDE 111	EDER 83	REIN 71	EIND 61	ERTE 55	NACH 51
NGEN 110	EREN 83	DERE 70	GLIT 61	HREN 55	NDAS 51
ERUN 109	ENGE 81	NGDE 70	SCHA 61	TDIE 55	UNGS 51
DIES 108	ENAU 80	ENBE 68	SCHL 61	ATEN 54	AVEN 50
					NBER 50

5. Average length of words in German plain text = 6.3

## B. FRENCH LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of French plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 55,758 letters of text.

A	4,480	G	624	L	2,737	Q	616	V	801
B	406	H	276	M	1,617	R	4,117	W	6
C	1,944	I	4,230	N	4,406	S	4,564	X	317
D	2,198	J	184	O	3,255	T	4,057	Y	100
E	9,334	K	25	P	1,689	U	3,045	Z	84
F	646								

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, French language = .0777

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 55,758 letters in French plain text reduced to 1,000 letters, and arranged according to their frequencies.

E	167	T	73	C	35	G	11	J	3
S	82	O	58	P	30	Q	11	Y	2
A	80	U	55	M	29	B	7	Z	2
N	79	L	49	V	14	X	6	K	1
I	76	D	39	F	12	H	5	W	-
R	74								1,000

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants in 55,758 letters of French plain text. Percentage of 8 most frequent letters in French plain text.

Vowels A, E, I, O, U, and Y = 43.8%

High-Frequency Consonants N, R, S, and T = 30.7%

Medium-Frequency Consonants C, D, L, M, and P = 18.3%

Low-Frequency Consonants B, F, G, H, J, K, Q, V, W, X, and Z = 7.2

(In descending order of frequency)

8 most frequent letters E, S, A, N, I, R, T, and O = 68.9%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 10,748 words in French plain text, arranged according to their frequencies. (One-letter words have been omitted).

D	1445	L	784	I	315	U	240	H	67
P	929	S	664	F	313	O	177	Z	7
E	894	Q	394	T	305	G	146	K	5
A	866	R	389	N	278	B	115	W	3
C	816	M	337	V	263	J	98	Y	3

9,553

2-a. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 55,758 letters of French plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

	2 <sup>d</sup> Letter																									
	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
A	2	6	20	12	4	6	11		50	1		36	12	68	1	21	3	41	17	46	27	13			2	1
B	4				4				4			12			4			5	2	1	2					
C	15		6		47			11	20			5			48			4	1	8	8					
D	18			1	109			1	20	1			1		10	1		6	2		26					
E	30	4	49	48	30	15	14	3	13	5		56	58	105	4	38	12	87	154	58	27	17		8	3	
F	10		2	1	9	6			8			1			8	1		10	1		1					
G	6				16		1		2			3	1	7	6			8		4	2					
H	6				6				4						3			1			4					
I	9	3	12	10	41	4	4			1		27	8	49	51	5	12	27	52	47		9		7	1	
J	4				6																					
K																										
L	57		1	5	95	1		1	23			26		3	10	1			5	4	12				1	
M	22	9	1	1	52				23				13		8	9			1		4					
N	19	1	29	40	54	9	11	1	20	1		3	2	10	19	6	4	3	53	99	4	7			1	
O		5	7	3	1	1	2	1	21	1		10	21	109		7		27	13	8	52	2			2	
P	30		1	1	13			2	3						11			35	9		34	1	6	4		
Q			1																			54				
R	62	2	10	13	127	2	6		24	1		16	11	8	27	5	3	7	14	19	6	7			1	
S	42	2	16	32	75	5	2	1	36	2		15	8	6	22	24	11	8	41	33	24	4			1	
T	40	1	7	22	78	4	1	2	67	1		12	4	4	14	11	7	44	23	10	11	2				
U	12	3	10	5	39	4	3	1	24	3		13	6	26	1	8	1	48	26	19	1	8		13	1	
V	9				24				16						16				5			2				
W																										
X	4		3	3	3			1	1				1	1		4	1	1	2	3		1				
Y	2				2										1					2						
Z					3				1						1											

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, French language = .0093

2-c. The 87 digraphs comprising 75% of French plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

ES 154	1,237 <sup>1</sup>	DC 49	ND 40	EE 30	SP 24	NI 20
RE 127	ET 58	LN 49	2,515 <sup>2</sup>	NC 29	SU 24	DI 20
ON 109	EM 58	ED 48	TA 40	AU 29	RI 24	CI 20
DE 109	LA 57	CO 48	UE 39	IR 27	VE 24	AC 20
EN 105	EL 56	UR 48	EP 38	EU 27	TS 23	UT 19
NT 99	QU 54	CE 47	AL 36	IL 27	MI 23	NO 19
LE 95	NE 54	IT 47	SI 36	RO 27	LI 23	RT 19
ER 89	NS 53	AT 46	PO 35	OR 27	SO 22	HA 19
TE 78	ME 52	TR 44	PR 34	DU 26	MA 22	DA 18
SE 75	IS 52	SA 42	ST 33	LL 26	TD 22	AS 17
AN 68	OU 52	IE 41	SD 32	US 26	AP 21	EV 17
TI 67	IO 51	AR 41	PA 30	UN 26	OI 21	
RA 62	AI 50	SS 41	EA 30	UI 24	OM 21	3,751

2-d. Frequent digraphs in French plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

ES 154	SE 75	LE 95	EL 56	RA 62	AR 41	IS 52	SI 36
RE 127	ER 89	TE 78	ET 58	EM 58	ME 52	EC 49	CE 47
DE 109	ED 48	TI 67	IT 47	LA 57	AL 36	AT 46	TA 40
EN 105	NE 54						

2-e. Frequent digraphs in French plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

NT 99	TN 4	QU 54	UQ 1	KS 53	SN 6	OU 52	UO 1
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2-f. Doublets occurring in French plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

SS 41	LL 26	NN 10	PP 9	CC 6	AA 2	GG 1
EE 30	MM 13	TT 10	RR 7	FF 6	DD 1	UU 1

2-g. The 22 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,748 words in French plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

DE 501	RE 283	PO 222	SU 168	AU 150	DI 124	SO 117
CO 394	PA 268	IN 178	CE 163	NO 133	AL 122	VO 112
QU 347	LE 240	SE 178	ET 153	TR 127	UN 122	FR 101
PR 291						

<sup>1</sup> The 13 digraphs above this line compose 25% of French plain text.

<sup>2</sup> The 39 digraphs above this line compose 50% of French plain text.



3-a. The 97 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 55,758 letters of French plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

ENT 588	CON 271	EST 188	ESS 151	NSE 130	EUR 115	TRA 105
ION 555	ERE 267	ERA 185	AIT 147	REN 127	NTA 115	ISS 104
TIO 433	ANT 238	ECO 184	POU 146	SQU 124	SER 115	INT 103
ONS 373	ESE 230	ESD 179	TER 146	AIR 123	ESO 112	TEN 103
RES 367	ELA 227	OND 175	COM 143	EPA 120	DEC 110	UEL 102
QUE 338	LLE 216	LEM 173	ESP 139	QUI 120	EPR 110	ANS 101
DES 313	PAR 213	NCE 173	OUS 139	SET 120	ALL 109	BLE 101
EDE 305	NDE 211	ELE 172	AIS 137	REC 119	ECE 109	QUA 101
EME 288	SDE 210	ESA 163	EMA 137	AND 118	UNE 108	CES 100
ATI 287	DEL 209	TDE 163	IER 136	ETA 118	RAI 106	EPE 100
LES 284	PRE 206	ITE 162	NTS 135	SEN 118	RLE 106	ETR 100
NTE 281	OUR 205	SSE 160	TES 135	PRO 117	SSI 106	OMM 100
TRE 280	RAN 196	ONT 157	EQU 133	ISE 116	EHE 105	TAT 100
MEN 272	IRE 191	ANC 153	IQU 131	REP 116	SUR 105	

3-b. The 20 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,748 words in French plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CON 213	COM 129	FRA 93	INT 75	ETA 69	SER 61	VOU 56
POU 144	PRO 105	PAR 87	CEN 72	DAN 68	TRA 57	FAI 50
PRE 135	ALL 104	QUA 80	NOU 69	RED 65	RES 56	

4. The 82 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 55,758 letters of French plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

TION 431	CONS 98	LEME 83	ERAL 71	EREN 58	RESS 55
MENT 251	EPAR 98	QUEL 83	ERES 70	ESSE 58	IERE 53
ATIO 220	RESE 96	LEMA 80	DANS 67	NOUS 58	IRES 53
IONS 208	ENTE 95	PORT 80	OUBE 67	TRES 58	TEDE 53
EMEN 200	LLEM 93	ENTS 78	EMAN 66	ENER 57	EQUE 52
POUR 136	FRAN 91	EPRE 77	SENT 66	NDES 57	NDEL 52
IQUE 128	PRES 91	EDES 76	ANDE 63	NSEI 57	ECOM 51
IOND 124	ENTA 90	ESET 76	PART 62	NTDE 57	GENE 51
DELA 120	RANC 90	INTE 76	SDES 62	CAIS 56	SEIL 51
AIRE 117	ANCE 89	ALLE 75	ESEN 61	ESTI 56	ELES 50
ONDE 107	SION 89	ANTE 75	RAIT 61	ITIO 55	ETAT 50
ECON 102	COMM 88	MAND 75	ENTD 60	NETE 55	ILLE 50
ESDE 102	ELLE 84	CENT 74	SSIO 60	NERA 55	SQUE 50
ONSE 101	NTER 84	QUES 72	ENCE 59		

5. Average length of words in French plain text = 5.2 letters.

## C. ITALIAN LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

In all calculations, accented letters have been combined with the corresponding unaccented letter.

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of Italian plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 57,906 letters of text.

A	6,771	G	1,168	L	3,592	Q	227	V	1,024
B	527	H	493	M	1,441	R	4,037	W	13
C	2,367	I	6,568	N	4,094	S	2,967	X	9
D	2,258	J	18	O	5,022	T	4,139	Y	14
E	6,784	K	28	P	1,616	U	1,547	Z	527
F	655								
<u>57,906</u>									

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, Italian language = .0745

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 57,906 letters in Italian plain text, reduced to 1,000 letters and arranged according to their frequencies.

E	117	R	70	P	28	F	11	K	-
A	117	L	62	U	27	B	9	J	-
I	113	S	51	M	25	Z	9	Y	-
O	87	C	41	G	20	H	9	W	-
T	72	D	39	V	18	Q	4	X	-
N	71								
<u>1,000</u>									

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants in 57,906 letters of Italian plain text. Percentage of 8 most frequent letters in Italian plain text.

Vowels A,E,I,O,U, and Y = 46.1%

High-Frequency Consonants L,N,R, and T = 27.4%

Medium-Frequency Consonants C,D,G,M,P,S, and V = 22.2%

Low-Frequency Consonants B,F,H,J,K,Q,W,X, and Z = 4.3%

(Listed in descending order of frequency)

8 most frequent letters E,A,I,O,T,N,R,L = 70.8%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 10,481 words in Italian plain text, arranged according to their frequencies. (One letter words have been omitted.)

D	1,381	L	500	T	337	U	217	J	13
C	1,041	R	403	G	333	Q	172	W	9
S	895	N	396	F	298	B	153	K	6
P	830	E	374	V	263	H	69	Y	3
A	822	M	371	O	235	Z	29	X	2
I	685								
<u>10,481</u>									

2-a. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 57,847 letters of Italian plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

1st Letter	2nd Letter																											
	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		
A	18	9	39	41	14	12	22	1	19			76	24	78	5	24	4	57	36	63	6	24					12	
B	10	7			7				10			1		4			4				2							
C	32		10		20			33	33			2		64		1	5				6							
D	31			1	65				64						23			2			9							
E	23	7	31	53	15	8	22	2	25			66	18	73	6	22	4	96	62	27	6	17					4	
F	9				11	7			11			1			10			6			3							
G	9				11		8	2	20			17		8	9			11										
H	6				27				9																			
I	66	8	52	30	31	11	11	2	11			35	31	62	44	20	3	20	48	45	15	16					7	
J																					1							
K																												
L	62	3	8	6	49	2	7		56			52	4	2	21	5	1	3	6	15	7	3						
M	31	5			35				17				4		18	13					2							
N	32	1	15	26	51	6	11	1	37			3	1	10	50	4	5	2	11	66	8	4					11	
O	17	4	22	27	10	5	10	1	20			45	24	86	4	25	2	55	40	14	3	18					2	
P	23				30				14			2			28	11		23			7							
Q																					20							
R	64	1	8	8	71	1	7		63			4	13	9	45	2		12	9	16	10	3					3	
S	20		15	1	32	2			45			2	3		25	9			31	58	12	1						
T	83		1		65	1			59			1		1	56			43	1	37	10							
U	12	2	4	3	15	1	3		10			6	3	24	8	6		9	11	15							1	
V	26				23				23						10			2			2	2						
W																												
X																												
Y																												
Z	13				4				20						3													5

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, Italian language \* .0081

2-c. The 89 digraphs comprising 75% of Italian plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs, (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

ER	96	RI	63	LL	52	AC	38	MA	31	HE	25	VE	23
ON	86	IA	63	IC	51	TT	37	SS	31	OP	25	OC	22
TA	78	LA	62	NE	50		2,495 <sup>2</sup>	DA	31	AM	24	AG	22
AN	78	IN	62	NO	50	NI	37	EC	30	UN	24	EG	22
AL	76		1,260 <sup>1</sup>	LE	49	ME	35	PE	30	EI	24	EP	22
EN	73	RA	62	IS	48	AS	35	ID	30	AV	24	LO	21
RE	71	ES	61	IT	45	IL	35	IE	30	OM	24	IP	20
NT	66	TI	59	OL	45	CH	33	PO	28	PA	23	ZI	20
DE	65	ST	58	RO	45	CJ	33	OD	27	DO	23	SA	20
TE	65	AR	57	SI	44	NA	32	ET	27	VI	23	CE	20
EL	65	TO	56	IO	43	SE	32	VA	26	AP	23	QU	20
DI	64	LI	56	TR	43	CA	32	ND	26	FR	23	GI	20
CO	64	OR	55	OS	40	IM	31	SO	25	EA	23		3,762
AT	63	ED	52	AD	39								

2-d. Frequent digraphs in Italian plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

ER	96	RE	71	EL	66	LE	49	LI	56	IL	35
ON	86	NO	50	DE	65	ED	53	OR	55	RO	45
TA	83	AT	63	RA	64	AR	57	IC	52	CI	33
AN	78	NA	32	IN	62	NI	37	IS	48	SI	45
AL	76	LA	62	ES	62	SE	32	AD	41	DA	31
EN	73	NE	51	TI	59	IT	45	AC	39	CA	32

2-e. Frequent digraphs in Italian plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

NT	66	TN	1	ST	58	TS	1	CH	33	HC	0
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2-f. Doublets occurring in Italian plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

LL	52	AA	18	II	11	NN	10	FF	7	MM	4	VV	2
TT	37	EE	15	PP	11	GG	8	ZZ	5	OO	4	DD	1
SS	31	RR	12	CC	10	BB	7						

2-g. The 26 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,481 words in Italian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CO	543	PE	210	PR	184	NO	154	SE	121	MA	112	RE	108
DE	505	CH	197	QU	172	PA	153	SO	121	UN	111	ES	107
ST	222	AL	186	NE	169	PO	141	TR	121	SU	109	TE	103
DI	215	IN	185	RI	162	CA	132	DA	120				

<sup>1</sup> The 18 digraphs above this line comprise 25% of Italian plain text.

<sup>2</sup> The 43 digraphs above this line comprise 50% of Italian plain text.

3-a. The 90 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 57,906 letters of Italian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

DEL 348	STA 215	ERE 169	ICA 145	SSI 130	ODI 114	ESI 107
ENF 348	ALI 213	ZIO 166	RAN 145	NEL 127	ORI 114	COR 106
ELL 314	EDI 212	ATO 165	STR 145	ACO 125	RIA 114	IAN 106
CON 306	ALL 201	NTI 165	ALE 144	ATI 125	ATE 113	TAN 105
CHE 276	ITA 198	ANT 163	IDI 143	IDE 123	ETT 113	ATE 104
LLA 274	ANO 197	ERA 163	COM 139	ADI 121	ODE 113	NON 103
ION 265	OST 196	TRA 160	ECO 137	AND 121	PRE 112	VER 103
ONE 247	ERT 187	ESS 158	LLE 137	TEN 120	NDO 110	ICA 101
PER 238	ARE 186	ATT 157	ONT 136	ONO 119	ONI 110	OLA 101
EDE 228	TAL 184	NTO 156	TER 136	ARI 117	AZI 109	STI 101
NTE 227	LIA 180	ADE 155	TAT 134	NTR 117	ENE 109	OCO 100
ICO 216	IST 174	EST 151	TTA 132	PAR 116	ELA 107	RIA 100
MEN 216	GLI 171	RES 146	ATA 130	TRO 116	ERO 107	

3-b. The 19 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,481 words in Italian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

DEL 217	STA 106	QUA 81	PRE 62	DAL 57	PER 55	GRA 53
CON 195	ALL 100	PRO 75	NEL 57	ANC 56	RUS 55	STO 51
COM 137	ITA 94	QUE 74				

4. The 57 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 57,906 letters of Italian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

DELL 209	ALIA 99	ICON 74	AGLI 66	LIAN 59	OPER 56
MENT 188	CONT 93	VANO 74	ICHE 66	TORI 59	RUSS 56
IONE 160	ADEL 92	ECON 73	IDEL 64	ALLE 58	TATO 55
ELLA 150	OSTR 88	IONI 71	ELLE 63	ANDO 58	TEDE 55
ZION 147	ENFO 87	STAT 70	NELL 63	DALL 58	OCON 54
TALI 125	AMEN 83	STRA 70	IMEN 61	NPRO 58	SION 53
AZIO 106	ALLA 81	GLIA 69	ANTI 60	OCHE 58	TANI 53
EDEL 106	ENZA 75	ISTA 68	ATTA 60	ANTE 57	STOP 52
ITAL 106	ONTR 75	ODEL 68	PART 60	EPER 57	NOST 51
ENTE 105	ENTI 74	ACON 66			

5. Average length of words in Italian plain text = 5.5 letters.

## D. SPANISH LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of Spanish plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 60,115 letters of text.

A	6,681	G	823	L	2,174	Q	346	V	602
B	799	H	367	M <sup>1</sup>	1,740	R	4,628	W <sup>2</sup>	36
C	3,137	I	4,920	N <sup>1</sup>	4,823	S	4,140	X	127
D	2,687	J	190	O	5,859	T	3,180	Y	413
E	7,801	K	22	P	1,785	U	2,172	Z	182
F	481								
									60,115

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, Spanish language = .0747

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 60,115 letters in Spanish plain text, reduced to 1,000 letters, and arranged according to their frequencies.

E	130	S	69	U	36	V	10	J	3
A	111	T	53	P	30	F	8	Z	3
O	97	C	52	M	29	Y	7	X	2
I	82	D	45	G	14	H	6	W	1
N	80	L	36	B	13	Q	6	K	-
R	77								
									1,000

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants in 60,115 letters of Spanish plain text. Percentage of 8 most frequent letters in Spanish plain text.

Vowels A,E,I,O,U, and Y = 46.3%

High-Frequency Consonants N,R, and S = 22.6%

Medium-Frequency Consonants C,D,L,M,P, and T = 24.5%

Low-Frequency Consonants B,F,G,H,J,K,Q,V,W,X, and Z = 6.6%

(In descending order of frequency)

8 most frequent letters, E,A,O,I,N,R,S, and T = 69.9%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 10,129 words in Spanish plain text, arranged according to their frequencies. (One-letter words have been omitted).

P	1,128	L	435	Q	286	V	183	Y	27
C	1,081	R	425	I	281	F	177	W	19
D	1,012	M	403	H	230	O	169	Z	2
E	989	N	346	U	219	B	124	K	1
S	789	T	298	G	206	J	47	X	-
A	761								

10,129

<sup>1</sup> Includes Ñ throughout all tables.

<sup>2</sup> From foreign words appearing in Spanish plain text.

2-a. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 60,115 letters of Spanish plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

		2 <sup>d</sup> Letter																											
		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 <sup>st</sup> Letter	A	12	14	54	64	15	5	8	4	10	8		41	30	64	4	24	5	81	62	18	9	9				11	4	
	B	11				5				14	1		12				5			12	2	1	3						
	C	39		5		17			8	80			3				69			6		13	18						
	D	32		1	2	84			1	30						1	59	2	1	3	1		6					1	
	E	20	5	47	26	17	8	21	6	9	3		44	26	126	5	23	4	94	119	17	5	10	1	8	2	3		
	F	2				9				12			1				7			4			5						
	G	12				12				5			1		2	15				11		1	11						
	H	15				3				5							6						1						
	I	43	8	42	29	40	5	8			1		14	16	50	67	4	1	16	27	24	1	8					5	
	J	4				5											3						3						
	K					1																							
	L	44		5	5	35	1	3		28			9	5	1	17	5	1	2	4	5	5	3					1	
	M	32	10			42				30						15	10						6						
	N	41	2	33	37	41	10	6	2	28	1		5	4	3	43	10	2	4	21	91	12	6				1	1	
	O	19	17	28	26	16	6	5	5	4	1		22	33	104	4	29	7	58	73	12	3	5				2	9	1
	P	30		1		16				5			8			31				34	1	3	19						
	Q																						29						
	R	74	1	12	10	94	1	12		45	1	1	6	15	11	43	7	3	10	10	15	9	6					1	1
	S	32	2	18	15	57	3	2	4	41	1		5	7	5	22	26	4	4	10	57	23	2					4	
	T	60		1		67				35						56				34			11						
	U	13	6	11	5	52	1	3		9			9	6	34	1	3		9	10	4		1					2	
	V	12			1	15				15						7													
	W	1				1																							1
	X			1						4								3					2						
	Y	5	1	3	2	5	1	1						1	1	1	5	2	1	1	3	1	1						
	Z	6		1	1												3												2

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, Spanish language = .0091

2-c. The 87 digraphs comprising 75% of Spanish plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs, (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

EN 126	TE 67	IN 50	NA 41	MA 32	IS 27	EA 20
ES 119	AN 64	EC 47	IE 40 <sup>2</sup>	SA 32	EM 26	OA 19
ON 104	1,287 <sup>1</sup>	PI 45	2,513 <sup>2</sup>	PO 31	SP 26	PU 19
ER 94	AD 64	EL 44	CA 39	MI 30	ED 26	SC 18
RE 94	AS 62	LA 44	ND 37	PA 30	OD 26	AT 18
NT 91	TA 60	RO 43	TI 35	AD 30	AP 24	CU 18
LE 84	DO 59	FO 43	LE 35	DI 30	IT 24	EE 17
AP 81	OR 58	IA 43	TR 34	ID 29	EP 23	OB 17
CI 80	SE 57	IC 42	UN 34	CU 29	SU 23	CE 17
RA 74	CT 57	ME 42	PR 34	OP 29	SO 22	ET 17
OS 73	TO 56	AL 41	OM 33	LI 28	OL 22	LO 17
CO 69	AC 54	SI 41	NC 33	NI 28	LS 21	
IO 67	UE 52	NE 41	DA 32	OC 28	EG 21	3,753

2-d. Frequent digraphs in Spanish plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a)

EN 126	NE 41	AR 81	RA 74	AS 62	SA 32	LA 44	AL 41
ES 119	SE 57	CI 80	IC 42	OR 58	RO 43	EL 44	LE 35
ON 104	NO 43	AN 64	NA 41	AC 54	CA 39	MA 32	AM 30
ER 94	RE 94	AD 64	DA 32				

2-e. Frequent digraphs in Spanish plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

NT 91	TN 0	ST 57	TS 0	ND 37	DN 1	NC 33	CN 0
IO 67	OI 4						

2-f. Doublets occurring in Spanish plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

EE 17	AA 12	RR 10	SS 10	LL 9	CC 5	OO 4	NN 3	DD 2
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2-g. The 21 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,129 words in Spanish plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies

CO 684	PR 307	PA 263	SE 189	CA 151	PE 111	MA 101
RE 335	ES 286	PO 247	DI 175	SI 137	UN 109	CU 100
DE 323	QU 286	IN 235	PU 157	MI 117	HA 108	SO 100

<sup>1</sup> The 15 digraphs above this line comprise 25% of Spanish plain text,

<sup>2</sup> The 40 digraphs above this line comprise 50% of Spanish plain text.



3-a. The 105 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 60,115 letters of Spanish plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

ENT 596	ARA 229	POR 176	OSE 147	ERO 131	NDE 121	PER 111
ION 564	ONE 227	TER 174	ONS 144	ONT 131	RAN 121	ASE 109
CIO 502	ESE 217	ODE 168	REC 144	ANA 130	STE 119	CAN 109
NTE 429	ADE 202	ERE 166	ORE 143	ARE 130	RSH 118	UNI 108
CON 415	PAR 193	ERA 165	OCO 142	UNT 129	ARI 117	OSI 107
EST 355	CIA 190	TRA 165	EDE 141	ANO 127	TEN 116	GEN 105
RES 335	ENC 190	AME 163	ICI 140	TAR 127	OND 115	NCO 105
ADO 307	NCI 188	ERI 162	END 139	ANT 126	RIA 115	RIO 105
QUE 294	PRE 184	MER 159	SEN 139	ESA 126	ECI 114	ERW 104
ACI 277	DEL 183	ELA 158	TAD 138	IER 126	IST 113	OMI 104
NTO 270	NDO 183	PRO 155	ECO 135	ADA 125	ONA 113	SCO 104
IEN 267	NES 183	ACO 153	STR 134	DEN 124	DAD 112	TES 103
COM 246	DOS 182	ENE 151	TOS 133	AND 123	INT 112	BIE 101
ICA 242	MEN 181	UES 150	IDA 132	DIS 121	NTR 112	NTI 100
STA 240	ITA 176	LSP 149	SDE 132	IDO 121	ESI 111	TOR 100

3-b. The 19 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,129 words in Spanish plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CON 298	PAR 154	PUN 93	INT 72	UNI 55	CUA 52	REP 51
COM 218	PRO 139	PER 80	RES 72	DIS 53	TRA 52	ARG 50
EST 194	PRE 114	GOB 77	NUE 66	INF 53		

4. The 86 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 60,115 letters of Spanish plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CIION 444	CONS 104	ERNO 79	AMER 72	FORM 62	EEST 55
ACIO 252	CONT 99	IERN 78	IEND 72	SENT 62	SCON 55
ENIE 233	PUNT 95	OQUE 78	IDAD 71	ICIO 61	SIDE 55
ESTA 174	ANDO 91	IONA 77	ENDO 70	ONTR 60	CIEN 54
IONE 159	TADO 91	UEST 77	ERIC 70	SION 60	NFOR 54
MENT 150	ACON 90	BIER 76	NTOS 70	CCIO 59	OPOR 54
ONES 146	ANTE 89	ICAN 76	MIEN 69	GENT 58	RESP 54
IENT 141	NTER 85	RESE 76	IOND 67	COMA 57	ARIO 53
ENTO 137	INTE 84	GOBI 75	MERI 67	ESDE 57	ESTR 53
ENCI 128	NIES 82	OBIE 75	NIRA 67	ORES 57	ARGE 51
PARA 117	ADOS 81	ECON 74	DELA 65	RECI 57	ECTO 51
ENTA 115	AMEN 81	RGEN 73	ENTI 64	AQUE 56	PART 51
NCIA 115	OCON 81	RICA 73	NTIN 64	IONP 56	POST 51
PRES 111	ESEN 80	STAD 73	COMI 63	QUES 56	EPRE 50
UNTO 111	ONDE 80				

5. Average length of words in Spanish plain text = 5.9 letters

## E. PORTUGUESE LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of Portuguese plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 45,106 letters of text.

A	5,362	G	724	L	1,245	Q	348	V	737
B	470	H	304	M	1,699	R	3,292	W	24
C	2,285	I	3,314	N	2,912	S	3,409	X	166
D	1,900	J	160	O	5,001	T	2,679	Y	22
E	5,441	K	17	P	1,377	U	1,491	Z	207
F	520								

45,106

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, Portuguese language = .0746

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 45,106 letters of Portuguese plain text, reduced to 1,000 letters.

E	121	N	65	U	33	F	11	X	4
A	119	T	59	P	30	B	10	J	3
O	111	C	51	L	28	Q	8	W	1
S	76	D	42	V	16	H	7	Y	-
I	73	M	38	G	16	Z	5	K	-
R	73								

1,000

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low frequency consonants in 45,106 letters of Portuguese plain text. Percentage of 8 most frequent letters in Portuguese plain text.

Vowels A,E,I,O,U, and Y = 45.8%

High-Frequency Consonants N,R, and S = 21.3%

Medium-Frequency Consonants C,D,L,M,P, and T = 24.8%

Low-Frequency Consonants B,F,G,H,J,K,Q,V,W,X,Y, and Z = 8.1%

(In descending order of frequency)

8 most frequent letters E,A,O,S,I,R,N, and T = 69.7%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 7,058 words in Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their frequencies.

P	847	M	405	I	264	B	113	Z	14
C	731	T	348	F	222	G	111	W	11
E	608	R	316	Q	222	J	92	K	7
S	601	N	299	O	187	U	77	Y	4
A	597	V	271	L	143	H	60	X	2
D	506								

7,058

2-a. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 44,921 letters of Portuguese plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

		2 <sup>d</sup> Letter																										
		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 <sup>st</sup> Letter	A	11	11	52	60	15	7	14	2	18	2		38	36	56	49	23	8	68	72	22	8	16	1			5	
	B	11			1	10				5			2	1		9			9	2	1	2						
	C	60		2		30			4	39			5		1	85			7		8	12						
	D	45				61				33				1		61			2	1	1	5						
	E	15	5	48	22	11	11	23	1	27	6	1	31	44	97	6	18	6	76	95	20	7	12	1	15		5	
	F	9				14				13			1			15			2			3						
	G	15				14				4			1		1	14			14			15						
	H	10				8				3						11						1						
	I	42	3	34	31	6	7	9		1			16	22	53	26	5	2	25	39	27	2	10		2		7	
	J	7				2										2							7					
	K																											
	L	24	1	4	4	24	1	5	9	21			2	4	2	14	4	2	1	4	7	6	2					
	M	41	10	3	4	51	1			26	1		1	2	1	16	15	1	3	5	2	6	2					
	N	31		29	35	14	7	8	12	18						25	1			19	114	4	4				1	
	O	21	9	32	25	27	10	7	3	20	4		20	36	79	5	35	8	71	85	18	12	22	1	1	1	1	
	P	26		2		25				2			4		1	60	1	1	28	1	1	3						
	Q					1																	37					
	R	75	2	14	9	86	3	7	1	46	1		2	18	8	34	7	3	11	8	18	4	6				1	
	S	41	6	22	10	62	6	3	2	23	2		3	12	5	23	35	7	4	40	47	18	5					
	T	65		1	1	69	1			26					1	88			33		1	13						
	U	22	5	5	7	26	1	4		18	1		14	11	17	2	4		9	6	11		1				2	
	V	11				37				23						9			1									
	W	1																										
	X	10		3		1				2							3					1						
	Y																											
	Z	7		1		9				2				1		1		1	1									

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, Portuguese language = .0084

2-c. The 91 digraphs comprising 75% of Portuguese plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

NT 114	TA 65	ST 47	AM 36	CE 30	OD 25	AT 22
EN 97	1,224 <sup>1</sup>	RI 46	2,505 <sup>2</sup>	NC 29	NO 25	UA 22
ES 95	SE 62	DA 45	ND 35	PR 28	LA 24	OA 21
TO 88	DO 61	EH 44	OP 35	IT 27	LE 24	LI 21
RE 86	DE 61	IA 42	SP 35	OE 27	AP 23	OL 20
CO 85	AD 60	MA 41	RO 34	EI 27	EG 23	ET 20
OS 85	FO 60	SA 41	IC 34	UE 26	VI 23	OI 20
ON 79	CA 60	SS 40	TR 33	MI 26	SO 23	NS 19
ER 76	AN 56	CI 39	DI 33	IO 26	SI 23	SU 18
RA 75	IN 53	IS 39	OC 32	PA 26	OV 22	RT 18
AS 72	AC 52	AL 38	EL 31	TI 26	SC 22	EP 18
OR 71	ME 51	VE 37	ID 31	FE 25	IM 22	VI 18
TE 69	AO 49	QU 37	NA 31	IR 25	ED 22	3,755
AR 68	EC 48	OM 36				

2-d. Frequent digraphs in Portuguese plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

ES 95	SE 62	OR 71	RO 34	ME 51	EM 44
RE 86	ER 76	CA 60	AC 52	EC 48	CE 30
CO 85	OC 32	AD 60	DA 45	MA 41	AM 36
RA 75	AR 68	PO 60	OP 35	CI 39	IC 34
AS 72	SA 41	AN 56	NA 31	DI 33	ID 31

2-e. Frequent digraphs in Portuguese plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

NT 114	TK 1	ST 47	TS 0	ND 35	DN 0
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2-f. Doublets occurring in Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

SS 40	EE 11	OO 5	LL 2	II 1	PP 1	TT 1
AA 11	RR 11	CC 2	MM 2			

2-g. The 20 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 6,803 words in Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CO 464	RE 276	IN 188	PA 143	MA 130	ME 111	TR 103
PO 386	DE 259	ES 173	NA 133	PE 122	MI 105	DI 102
SE 333	QU 220	PR 169	TE 132	VE 115	NO 104	

<sup>1</sup> The 15 digraphs above this line compose 25% of Portuguese plain text.

<sup>2</sup> The 42 digraphs above this line compose 50% of Portuguese plain text.

3-a. The 59 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 45,106 letters of Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

ENT 474	TOS 191	ERE 150	IDA 133	OSE 126	ECE 115	ASE 105
NTO 457	EST 186	CIA 145	TER 132	ARE 125	NCI 114	ITO 104
ONT 303	ACA 182	ADE 143	OPO 130	ESE 124	REC 113	ELE 103
INTE 284	RES 181	ETA 143	SPO 130	OVE 124	FAR 112	ERI 103
CON 255	QUE 172	ICA 142	ADA 129	SSA 124	ESS 110	PRO 102
PON 236	NTA 167	OCO 140	TRA 129	DES 123	DAD 109	AME 101
CAO 227	POR 159	ARA 136	NDO 127	ECO 121	ORE 108	OSS 101
ADO 211	ACO 158	DOS 134	ENC 126	ODE 118	EDI 107	IME 100
MEN 205	COM 154	OES 134				

3-b. The 19 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 6,497 words in Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

CON 224	QUE 109	PRO 93	QUA 83	TRA 66	VEX 53	RES 52
PON 213	EST 105	POR 88	DES 71	MIL 61	IND 52	REC 51
COM 136	PAR 93	NAO 86	SER 70	REF 56		

4. The 38 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 45,106 letters of Portuguese plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

ONTO 233	ENTA 97	AMEN 81	CONT 68	CONS 58	RENT 52
POINT 221	NCIA 95	PARA 81	FORM 67	NTES 58	TELE 52
MENT 183	PORT 87	COES 73	OCON 66	ANDO 57	EGRA 51
ENFO 173	DADE 86	IDAD 71	ELEG 61	ANTE 57	NFOR 51
ENTE 147	ESTA 85	CENT 70	ADOS 60	ORMA 54	OPON 51
ACAO 142	ENCI 83	INTE 70	IMEN 60	VEXA 54	LEGR 50
NTOS 141	SPON 83				

5. Average length of words in Portuguese plain text = 6.48

## F. RUSSIAN LETTER FREQUENCY DATA

1-a. Absolute frequencies of single letters of Russian plain text, arranged alphabetically, based on 67,850 letters of text.

А	5,122	З	1,280	И	4,463	У	1,578	Щ	257
Б	1,095	И	4,923	О	8,078	Ф	127	Ы	1,421
В	3,543	Й	961	П	1,815	Х	941	Ь	960
Г	1,141	К	2,324	Р	3,427	Ц	369	Э	173
Д	2,076	Л	2,747	С	3,917	Ч	902	Ю	455
Е	5,537	М	1,936	Т	4,041	Ш	554	Я	1,185
Ж	502								

67,850

1-b. Monographic kappa plain, Russian language = .0568

1-c. Frequency distribution of single letters based on 67,850 letters of Russian plain text, reduced to 1,000 letters, arranged according to their relative frequencies.

О	119	В	52	П	27	Б	16	Ж	7
Е	82	Р	50	У	23	Й	14	Ю	7
А	75	Л	40	Ы	21	Ь	14	Ц	5
И	73	К	34	З	19	Х	14	Щ	4
Н	66	Д	31	Я	17	Ч	13	Э	3
Т	60	М	29	Г	17	Ш	8	Ф	2
С	58								

1,000

1-d. Percentage of vowels, high-frequency consonants, medium-frequency consonants, and low-frequency consonants in 67,850 letters of Russian plain text.  
Percentage of 10 most frequent letters in Russian plain text.

Vowels А, Е, И, Й, О, У, Ы, Э, Ю, and Я = 43.4%

High-Frequency Consonants В, Н, Р, С, and Т = 28.6%

Medium-Frequency Consonants Б, Г, Д, З, К, Л, М, П, Х, Ч, and Ъ = 25.4%

Low-Frequency Consonants Ж, Ф, Ц, Ш, and Щ = 2.6%

10 most frequent letters (in descending order of frequency) О, Е, А, И, Н, Т, С, В, Р, and Л = 67.5%

1-e. Absolute frequencies of single letters as initial letters of 10,601 words in Russian plain text, arranged according to their frequencies.  
(One-letter words have been omitted.)

П	1,210	Д	496	И	321	Х	120	Ф	58
С	983	М	446	Г	292	А	116	Ц	47
Н	800	Р	429	У	222	Е	92	Я	41
В	731	Т	418	Ч	182	Ж	72	Ю	34
О	650	З	404	Э	147	Ш	63	Щ	2
К	555	Б	344	Л	146				

10,601

2-а. Frequency distribution of digraphs based on 67,850 letters of Russian plain text, reduced to 5,000 digraphs.

		2 <sup>d</sup> Letter																														
		А	Б	В	Г	Д	Е	Ж	З	И	Й	К	Л	М	Н	О	П	Р	С	Т	У	Ф	Х	Ц	Ч	Ш	Щ	Ы	Ь	Э	Ю	Я
1 <sup>st</sup> Letter	А	2	12	35	8	11	7	6	15	7	7	19	27	19	15	5	11	26	31	27	3	1	10	6	7	10	1			2	6	9
	Б	5					9	1		6			6		2	21		8	1		6						1	11				2
	В	35	1	5	3	3	32		2	17		7	10	3	9	58	6	6	19	6	7		1	1	2	4	1	18	1	2		3
	Г	7				3	3			5		1	5		1	50		7			2											
	Д	25		3	1	1	29	1	1	13		1	5	1	13	22	3	6	8	1	10			1	1	1		5	1			1
	Е	2	9	18	11	27	7	5	10	6	15	13	35	24	63	7	16	39	37	33	3	1	8	3	7	3	3			1	1	2
	Ж	5	1			6	12			5					6				1													
	З	35	1	7	1	5	3			4		2	1	2	9	9	1	3	1		2							4				4
	И	1	6	22	5	10	21	2	23	19	11	19	21	20	32	8	13	11	29	29	3	1	17	3	11	1	1		1	3	17	
	Й	1	1	4	1	3		1	2	4		5	1	2	7	9	7	3	10	2				1	3	2						
	К	24	1	4	1		4	1	1	26		1	4	1	2	66	2	10	3	7	10			1								
	Л	25	1	1	1	1	33	2	1	36		1	2	1	8	30	2		3	1	6		4	1				2	30	4	9	
	М	18	2	4	1	1	21	1	2	23		3	1	3	7	19	5	2	5	3	9	1			2			5	1	1		3
	Н	54	1	2	3	3	34			58		3		1	24	67	2	1	9	9	7	1		5	2			36	3			5
	О	1	28	84	32	47	15	7	18	12	29	19	41	38	30	9	18	43	50	39	3	2	5	2	12	4	3			2	3	2
	П	7					15			4			9		1	46		41	1		6								2			2
	Р	55	1	4	4	3	37	3	1	24		3	1	3	7	56	2	1	5	9	16		1	1	1	2		8	3			5
	С	8	1	7	1	2	25			6		40	13	3	9	27	11	4	11	82	6		1	1	2	2		1	8			17
	Т	35	1	27	1	3	31		1	28		5	1	1	11	56	4	26	18	2	10				1			11	21			4
	У	1	4	4	4	11	2	6	3	2		8	5	5	5	1	5	7	14	7			1		8	3	2				9	1
Ф	2					2			2						1		1	1														
Х	4	1	4	1	3	1		2	3		4	3	3	4	18	5	3	4	2	2	1			1								
Ц	3					7			10		2				1													1				
Ч	12					23			13		2			6						7	1				1			1				
Ш	5					11			14		1	2		2	2													1				
Щ	3					8			6					1																		
Ы		1	9	1	3	12		2	4	7	3	6	6	3	2	10	3	9	4	1		16		1	2							
Ь		2	4	1	1	2		2	2		6		3	13	2	4	1	11	3					1	4				1	3	1	
Э											1			1				1	9													
Ю		2	1	2	1			3	1		1		1	1	1	3	1	1	7				1	1		4						
Я	1	3	9	1	3	3	1	5	3	2	3	3	4	6	3	6	3	6	10				2	1	4	1	1			1	1	1

2-b. Digraphic kappa plain, Russian language = .0052

2-c. The 159 digraphs comprising 75% of Russian plain text, based on the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a), arranged according to their relative frequencies.

ОВ	84	ЛР	39	ЛО	30	ЕМ	24	АМ	19	АД	14	ИР	11	ВП	10
СТ	82	ОМ	38	ЛЬ	30	РИ	24	ОК	19	ШИ	14	СС	11	АП	10
НО	67	РЕ	37	ДЕ	29	НИ	24	ТС	18	УС	14	ШЕ	11	ЛЯ	9
КО	66	<sup>1258</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	ИР	29	ИЗ	23	ВЫ	18	ЬН	13	АП	11	РТ	9
ЕН	63	ЕС	37	ОЙ	29	ЧЕ	23	ОЗ	18	СЛ	13	ИЧ	11	ЯВ	9
НИ	58	ЛИ	36	ИС	29	<sup>2452</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	МА	18	ДН	13	ТН	11	ВН	9
ВО	58	НЫ	36	ТИ	28	МИ	23	ХО	18	ДИ	13	ИЙ	11	НС	9
РО	56	ВА	35	ОБ	28	ДО	22	ОП	18	ЕК	13	УД	11	БЕ	9
ТО	56	ЗА	35	АТ	27	ИВ	22	ЕВ	18	ИТ	13	ЕГ	11	ЗН	9
РА	55	ЕЛ	35	ТВ	27	ИЛ	21	СЯ	17	ЧИ	13	ИД	10	ЕБ	9
НА	54	АВ	35	ЕД	27	ТЬ	21	ИХ	17	ОИ	12	ЕЗ	10	МУ	9
ГО	50	ТА	35	АЛ	27	МЕ	21	ИЯ	17	ЖЕ	12	ИС	10	ЫВ	9
ОС	50	НЕ	34	СО	27	ИЕ	21	ВИ	17	АБ	12	ЫП	10	НТ	9
АН	48	ЕТ	33	КИ	26	БО	21	РУ	16	ЧА	12	АХ	10	ЭТ	9
ОД	47	ЛЕ	33	АР	26	ИМ	20	ЕП	16	ЫЕ	12	ЦИ	10	АЯ	9
ПО	46	ОГ	32	ТР	26	ВС	19	ЫХ	16	ОЧ	12	ЯТ	10	СН	9
ОР	43	ВЕ	32	ДА	25	ИИ	19	ПЕ	15	ТЫ	11	КУ	10	УЮ	9
ПР	41	ИН	32	СЕ	25	МО	19	АЗ	15	СП	11	ДУ	10	ЗО	9
ОЛ	41	ТЕ	31	ЛА	25	АК	19	ЕЙ	15	ЬС	11	КР	10	ОО	9
СК	40	АС	31	КА	24	ИК	19	ОЕ	15	Ы	11	ТУ	10	<sup>3750</sup>	
ОТ	39	ОН	30												

2-d. Frequent digraphs in Russian plain text whose reversals are also frequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

ОВ	84	ВО	58	РО	56	ОР	43	ГО	50	ОГ	32	ВА	35	АВ	35
НО	67	ОН	30	ТО	56	ОТ	39	ОЛ	41	ЛО	30	ЕЛ	35	ЛЕ	33
ЕН	63	НЕ	34	НА	54	АН	45	ЕР	39	РЕ	37	ЕТ	33	ТЕ	31
НИ	58	ИН	32												

2-e. Frequent digraphs in Russian plain text whose reversals are rare or infrequent, accompanied by their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

ПР 41 | ПИ 2 | СК 40 | КС 3

2-f. Doublets occurring in Russian plain text, arranged according to their frequencies from the table of 5,000 digraphs (Item 2-a).

НН	24	СС	11	ЕЕ	7	ММ	3	ЛЛ	2	ДД	1	РР	1	ЯЯ	1
ИИ	19	ОО	9	ВВ	5	АА	2	ТТ	2	КК	1				

<sup>1</sup> The 24 digraphs above this line compose 25% of Russian plain text.

<sup>2</sup> The 66 digraphs above this line compose 50% of Russian plain text.



2-g. The 24 digraphs appearing 100 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,601 words in Russian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies.

ПР 470	РА 250	ГО 169	ОБ 146	ДО 120	КА 110	МЕ 107
ПО 405	НА 246	СЕ 167	ДЕ 137	ОТ 115	ПЕ 110	ВС 101
ЗА 292	СО 220	СТ 161	НЕ 122	ЭТ 111	ТО 108	МА 101
КО 287	ВО 179	ВЫ 159				

3-a. The 69 trigraphs appearing 100 or more times in 67,850 letters of Russian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies

ОГО 318	ТЕЛ 188	ТОР 152	ПРИ 137	РОД 128	РОВ 116	ЧЕБ 104
ЕНИ 295	НОВ 181	ЛЪН 151	РЕД 137	КОГ 123	СТИ 115	ИНА 103
СКО 270	ЕЛЬ 176	ПОЛ 149	ЕТС 135	АВО 119	ШЛИ 113	ТВО 103
СТВ 267	ОВА 169	ЛЕН 146	ННН 135	ПЕР 119	АСТ 112	АБО 101
ОСТ 260	ОРО 167	ННХ 145	ОВЕ 134	ТВЕ 119	АНА 111	ИСТ 101
ПРО 233	СТР 165	НЪЕ 143	КОВ 130	ЗАВ 118	НЪЕ 110	ТРА 101
СТА 217	ЕСТ 159	НЪЯ 143	ННО 130	ВАН 117	ОЛЬ 110	ВЕТ 100
ОВО 204	АНИ 158	КОМ 139	СОВ 130	КОД 117	ПОС 110	ОВС 100
ВОД 203	СКИ 158	ИТЕ 138	ПРЕ 129	НОИ 117	СТО 110	РАЗ 100
ЕНН 198	ТОВ 158	НОС 138	НОГ 128	ЕРЕ 116	ЕГО 104	

3-b. The 20 trigraphs appearing 50 or more times as beginnings of words in 10,601 words in Russian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies

ПРО 205	ПРИ 95	ПОС 81	ВЫИ 73	ПОД 61	СТА 59	ГОД 51
ПРЕ 116	СОВ 87	ПЕР 78	РАБ 72	БОЛ 60	РАЗ 53	ГОР 50
ЗАВ 108	КОЛ 84	ПОЛ 74	НАР 71	РАЙ 60	КОН 52	

4. The 58 tetragraphs appearing 50 or more times in 67,850 letters of Russian plain text, arranged according to their absolute frequencies

НОГО 114	СОВЕ 87	ЕЛЪН 78	ВЛЕН 68	ПРОИ 60	ОИЗВ 54
ТЕЛЬ 111	АВОД 86	СТВО 78	СКОЙ 66	РОИЗ 60	КОТО 53
ИТЕЛ 107	ЗАВО 85	ИЧЕС 76	СТАВ 66	ОТОВ 59	ННХ 53
КОГО 99	СТВЕ 84	ОВЕТ 74	АРОД 65	ВЕТС 56	БОДС 52
НОСТ 98	ЛЪНО 83	ЧЕСК 74	ЕЛЪС 65	ТОРО 56	ЕТСК 52
ЕНИЯ 97	ПОЛН 82	АНОВ 72	ЕСТВ 64	АТЕЛ 55	ОТОР 51
ЕННО 95	СКОГ 82	ОСТА 70	СТАН 64	ГОТО 55	ВСКО 50
ЕНИЕ 88	ЕННЫ 81	СТРО 70	НАРО 63	ЕТСЯ 55	ОЛХО 50
ПРЕД 87	АБОТ 80	ВЕНН 69	ОВАН 62	СТВА 55	СКИЙ 50
РАБО 87	ЛЕНИ 80	ТВЕН 69	СТРА 61		

5. Average length of words in Russian plain text = 6.4

The following are in preparation:

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