

SUBJECT: Cipher Printing Telegraph System.

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Cipher*

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Lieut. Col. J. O. Mauborgne,  
United States Army,  
Care of Chief Signal Officer,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Mauborgne:

As agreed in our conference when you were in New York, I am sending you two cipher telegrams which we have prepared merely to illustrate the method of enciphering messages in printed form for transmission by telegraph or cable, and also to test the ability of the Commercial Telegraph Companies to handle such messages without error. One copy of each telegram will be sent by Western Union and another copy by Postal Telegraph. These messages were enciphered by the machine and printed directly on the telegram blanks.

In these messages no attempt has been made to encipher the key indicators; but to avoid having numbers appear in the cipher telegram, the letters A to J have been used to designate the numbers 1 to 0 respectively, e. g. in message No. 1 key tapes settings are 240 and 096 and these settings are designated by the key indicators BDJJIF. In the second message the settings are 366 and 222 which are designated by the letters CFFBBB. The key indicators are also repeated at the end of each message.

Lieut. Col. Mauborgne.

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The body of the message begins directly after the six key indicators. To decipher each message it should first be perforated exactly as written, except that the spaces between five letter groups should be omitted, and whenever the letter "E" occurs, it should be combined with the letter following it, and punched according to the following table.

EL	Line feed	x
EH	Space	
EO	Carriage return	x
EK	Letter shift	
EJ	Figure shift	
ET	Blank tape	
EZ	Letter "E"	

At the end of the message, blank tape signals (ET) have been added to completely fill out one of the five letter groups.

I should be glad to be advised if you experience any difficulty in deciphering these messages.

Yours truly,

*L. F. Winchouse*  
*o.s.p.*

Equipment Development Engineer.

Under separate cover:

Two key tapes.

GSV:LGH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICEREngineering  
and Research

WASHINGTON

2 July, 1920

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My dear Mr. Morehouse:

Herewith find the copies of the messages as deciphered on our printer. I suppose that by this time you have noted the messages we sent you as a night letter several days ago, and perhaps you have run across still further changes. Those which occurred between New York City and Washington caused us no difficulty at all as you can see from the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Captain, Signal Corps.


Mr. L. F. Morehouse,  
c/o A. T. and T. Company,  
195 Broadway,  
New York City.

2 encls.

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION



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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT COMMERCIAL NAT'L BANK BLDG., 14th & G STS., N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. ALWAYS OPEN

1920 JUN 25 AM 10 42

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65NY 34 1 EXTRA RUSH

DA NEWYORK NY 1002A 25

LT COL J O MAUBORGNE

7129

U S ARMY CARE OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHINGTON DC

240096

BDJJI FGYAP EOJGP PJNIY EKVKY ZACKQ EZIJC PEJZP CABXI TTXDK

AQACC DUZXE KUBIX VOEHE TZGNE TKETY HEJEH AXOEK HVIBE KUEHE

LVRET IMETP WAFXE LMHGI ETA EJ FEHEJ USEOL HDHJE ZELEZ THLYM

BNKJH NYETB DJJIF

L F MOREHOUSE.

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13, 523

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
1920 JUN 25 PM 1 55  
RECEIVED

POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

RECEIVED AT  
EVANS BUILDING  
1418 NEW YORK AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
TELEPHONE: MAIN 6600

TELEGRAM

DELIVERY NO.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (Incorporated) transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

This is a fast Day Telegram unless otherwise indicated by signal after the number of words:—"N.L." (Night Lettergram) or "Nite" (Night Telegram) 16-50887

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NY NEWYORK JUNE 25

LT COL J O MAUBORGNE

US ARMY CARE OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHN DC

BDJJI FGYAP EOJGP PJNIY EKVKY ~~ZXEXE~~ ZACKO EZIJC PEJZP CABXI

TTXDK AOQCC DUZXE KUBIX VOEHE .TZGNE TKETY HEJEH ~~SEE~~ AXOEK HVIBE

KUEHE LVRET IMETP WAFXE LMHGIE ETAEJ FEHEJ USEOL HDHJE ZELEZ

THLYM BNKJH NYETB DJJIF

L F MOREHOUSE

13, 5-20

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
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Cipher

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240 096

Handwritten cipher text consisting of several lines of characters and symbols, including '00000', '0000', and '000000', possibly representing a key or message.

Vertical strip of text on the left margin, containing a series of small, illegible characters and symbols, possibly a microfilm edge or a scanning artifact.

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A299NY 25 1 EXTRA RUSH

DA NEWYORK NY 1002A 25

LT COL J O MAUBORGNE

7124

US ARMY CARE OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHINGTON DC

CFPB BBXDM EKASA TILAH BLVJU OOKK LURON ZZZAR BKAHY DKXMA

AXGET LDEOM FGOCT TJEHH SNSRI XEJYD MJDEL LCGDT TTRK LQTI

KSSSEJ BLPTN XUTTC FFBBS

L F MORTHOUSE.

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E 18.  
13, 5-24

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
1920 JUN 25 PM 1 55  
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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

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18-50887

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267NY TQ 1130A 24

NY NEWYORK JUNE 25

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LIEUT COL J O MAURGNE

US ARMY CARE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHN DC

361.022  
CFFBB BBXDM EKASA TILAH BLVJU BK OOEKE LJEQE ZZZAE KBAHY DKXMA  
AXGET LDEOM FGOCE TJEHH SNSRI XEJYD MJDEL LCGDE TTREK LQEJE

KSSEJ ELPTN XETEC FFBBB

EL

L F MOREHOUSE

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

1920 JUN 25 PM 1 55

RECEIVED

13,521

Postal copy OK — Western  
 Union copy has two  
 transposed letters.

1A2W 24

NEW YORK NY 25

LIEUT COL : J O MAUBORGNE

US ARMY CARE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHINGTON DC

OFF BB. THIS SAMPLE MESSAGE IS PRINTED WITHOUT SPACES. ST ODE CREASE THE NUMBER OF WORDS  
 IN THE CIPHER TELEGRAM

18 W - L F MOREHOUSE

/ 34

Western Union Copy correct  
Postal one typographical error

A-1 34 1 EXTRA RUSH

DA NEWYORK NY 1002A 25

LT COL J. O MAUBORGNE

U S ARMY CARE OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WASHINGTON DC

BDJJIF MESSAGES CAN BE RAPIDLY AND ACCURATELY ENCIPHERED AND DECIPHERED BY  
MEANS OF THE A T & T CIPHER PRINTING TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

Ency 21  
Cipher 33  
% 57

L F MOREHOUSE

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