

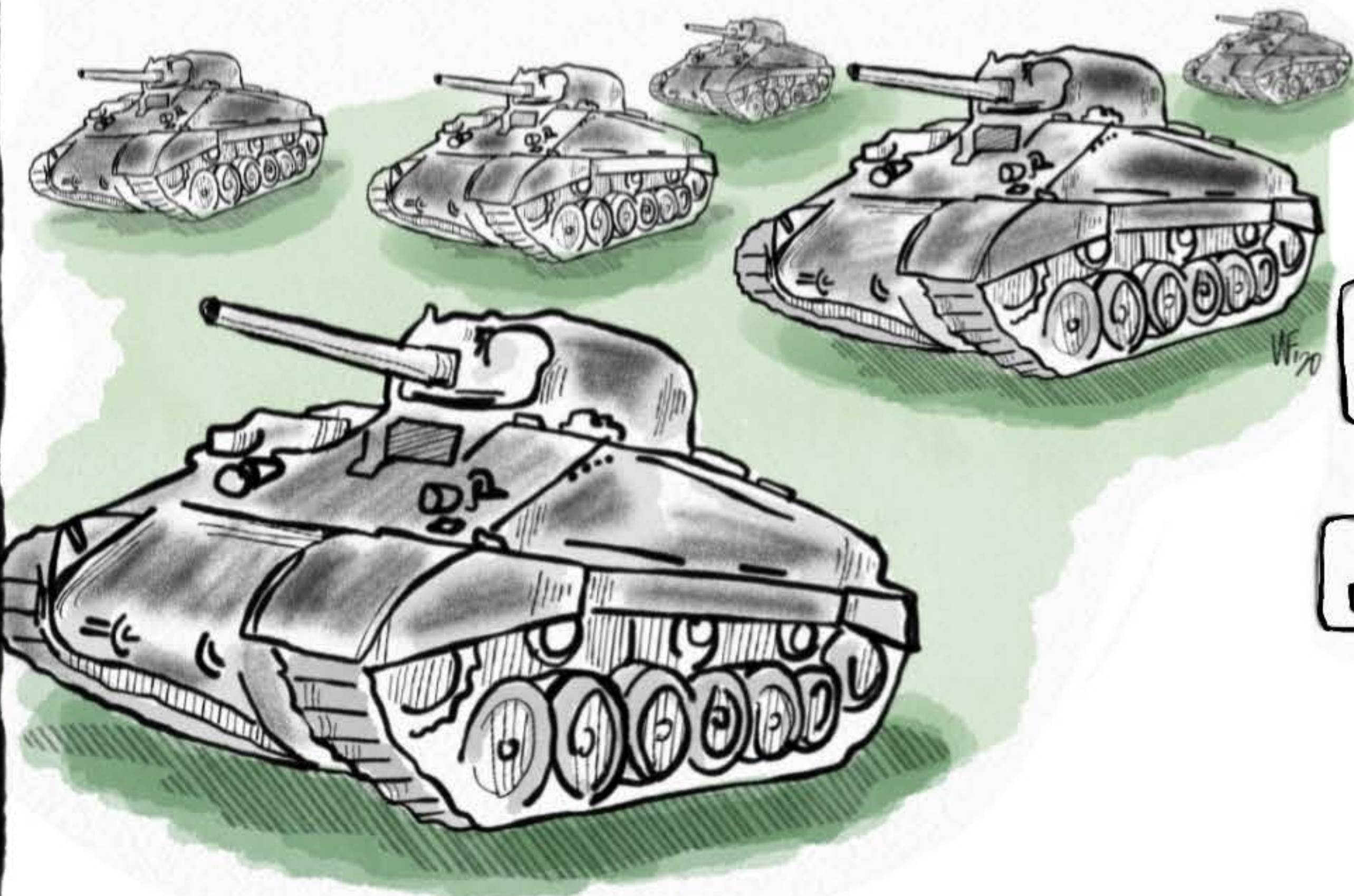


IN WORLD WAR II, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES COOPERATED TO SOLVE THE SECRET CODES AND CIPHERS OF THEIR ENEMIES, GERMANY AND JAPAN. THE DECRYPTED MESSAGES WERE MARKED "TOP SECRET ULTRA." BRITISH CRYPTANALYSTS AT BLETCHLEY PARK, AN ESTATE ABOUT 60 MILES NORTH OF LONDON, TOOK THE LEAD AGAINST GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS. AMERICAN CRYPTANALYSTS SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT.



THE TOP SECRET ULTRA INFORMATION WAS SHARED WITH BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICAN GENERALS. ONLY THE MOST SENIOR COMMANDERS WERE ALLOWED TO READ THIS SECRET SOURCE. BUT, BEFORE THE WAR, MOST AMERICAN GENERALS KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THE INTELLIGENCE, AND, MANY LIKE GENERAL PATTON, DID NOT RESPECT IT.

AFTER D-DAY, THE ALLIED LANDINGS IN FRANCE TO LIBERATE THE NATION FROM THE NAZIS, GENERAL PATTON'S TANKS WERE AGGRESSIVE IN PUSHING THE GERMANS BACK.



ALL SENIOR COMMANDERS HAD AN "ULTRA OFFICER" TO SEE THAT THEY GOT THE INFORMATION FROM DECRYPTS WHEN THEY NEEDED IT. CAPTAIN MELVIN HELFERS WAS ASSIGNED TO PATTON'S HEADQUARTERS.



**HELTERS:**  
WE MUST WAKE THE GENERAL, HE MUST SEE THESE MESSAGES.

THIS COULD MEAN LIFE OR DEATH FOR THIS COMMAND.

OFFICER: YOU KNOW HE DOESN'T CARE FOR THAT MUMBO JUMBO!

OK, BUT HE ISN'T GOING TO LIKE IT.





CAPTAIN HELPERS PATIENTLY EXPLAINED TO GENERAL PATTON HOW HE COULD BE CONFIDENT THAT THE MESSAGES WERE TO BE TRUSTED.



SIR, THE GERMANS HAVE FOUND A GOOD SPOT TO AMBUSH YOUR TANKS. THEY ARE LYING IN WAIT FOR YOU.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THEY'RE GOOD MILITARY THINKERS, AND THEY KNOW IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO TRY A COUNTERATTACK NOW.

YES, BUT THESE MESSAGES SHOW HITLER HIMSELF HAS ORDERED THEM TO COUNTERATTACK US. LET ME SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN BE SURE THESE MESSAGES ARE REAL.



ONCE HE WAS CONVINCED THE ULTRA INTELLIGENCE WAS REAL, PATTON ORDERED HIS SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS TO PREPARE TO DEFEND AGAINST THE AMBUSH. THE RESULT WAS A MONUMENTAL AMERICAN VICTORY.



HELPERS, THIS IS GOOD STUFF, AFTER ALL. YOU WILL BRIEF ME ON IT EVERY MORNING, PERSONALLY, AFTER THE OPERATIONAL BRIEFING IS OVER.



GENERAL PATTON BECAME A BELIEVER IN ULTRA AND USED IT TO VERY GOOD ADVANTAGE IN MOVING THE U.S THIRD ARMY AGAINST THE GERMANS. HELPERS BRIEFED THE 3-STAR DAILY FOR THE REST OF THE WAR.

