

The Smoky Mountain Chapter - NCVA has The "Dayton Codebreakers" on DVD

The Smoky Mountain Chapter presents this opportunity for you to purchase the DVD on behalf of Debbie Anderson. Debbie is the Secretary of the Ohio Valley Chapter – NCVA; she is the daughter of Joe Desch. Debbie's email address is: debanderson@donet.com

Read about Joe Desch at:

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/project/content/project/enigma/0301bombe.html>

"The enemy codes crack, but not Joe Desch's folks" By [Jim DeBrosse](#)

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The BOMBE machines were built to read the German Enigma traffic. Enigma was an early rotor system used by the German military throughout WWII. The first to crack the Enigma traffic were the Poles. They developed a three rotor Bombe to read the 3 rotor Enigma. When Poland was invaded, the information on the Bombe and its usage was turned over to the British. Britain built its own version of the 3 rotor Bombe with considerable success in reading German military traffic. The British effort was located at Bletchly Park.

About 1942, the German Navy became suspicious that their traffic was being read and developed the 4 rotor Bombe. The British three rotor Bombe could no longer read German Navy traffic. At this time, Joe Desch of National Cash Register in Dayton was tasked with building a Bombe to attack the 4 rotor Navy Enigma. This is the machine built by the "Dayton Code breakers." Numerous Navy personnel including many WAVES were sent to Dayton to work on the U.S. Bombe. When the Bombe was perfected and operational, it was sent to the Naval Communications Annex on Nebraska Ave (known to us as SECSTA). At the height of the war, approximately 40 Bombe's were installed in Building 4 at the Annex. The Bombes were operated by many of the same WAVES who went to Dayton to assist in the construction.

For more info visit the Cryptology display at Corry Station.