

Reconstructed WWII Carrier Pigeon Message (Model)

Important Note

This document presents a historically plausible reconstruction of the likely *content* of the WWII carrier pigeon message associated with Liberator FK923 of No. 120 Squadron RAF, lost on 4 October 1943. This is **not** a decryption and does not claim to reproduce the original plaintext. The original message was enciphered using a one-time pad and cannot be recovered without the key material.

Operational Context

Aircraft: Liberator GR.III FK923 (V/120)

Unit: No. 120 Squadron RAF, Coastal Command

Base: RAF Reykjavik, Iceland

Date: 4 October 1943

Enemy: German U-boat operating against Convoy ON204

Sender: Wireless Operator Air Gunner (WO William Stott, RAAF)

Model A: Telegraphic RAF Signal Style (Reconstruction)

CONVOY ON204 CONTACT U-BOAT SURFACE STOP COMMENCING ATTACK NOW STOP
HEAVY FLAK STOP AIRCRAFT HIT STARBOARD ENGINES FIRE STOP IF NO FURTHER SIGNAL
ASSUME LOSS STOP POSITION [GRID OR LAT/LONG] STOP TIME [HHMM]

Model B: Expanded Operational Report Style (Reconstruction)

CONVOY ON204. U-BOAT SIGHTED ON SURFACE AND ATTACK COMMENCED. AIRCRAFT
ENGAGED BY HEAVY FLAK AND SUSTAINED DAMAGE. STARBOARD ENGINES ON FIRE.
TRANSMISSION FAILING. POSITION [GRID OR LAT/LONG]. TIME [HHMM].

Historical Interpretation

These reconstructions reflect standard RAF Coastal Command reporting practices and the known sequence of events during the engagement with U-539. They are intended to illustrate the probable informational content preserved by the pigeon message rather than to imply knowledge of its exact wording.