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(U) A look back: the 1941 Sinkov Mission



(U) These four individuals represent one of the most significant developments in U.S. cryptologic history.

(U) Seventy-five years ago today, these four became the first Americans to visit Bletchley Park and initiated the close cryptologic relationship between the United States and Great Britain.

(U) Based on high-level decisions in 1940, two representatives from the U.S. Navy and two from the Army traveled via a convoy to Britain, and arrived at Bletchley Park, the UK's cryptologic center, late on February 8, 1941.

(U) Lieutenants Robert Weeks and Prescott Currier from the Navy, along with Lieutenants Abraham Sinkov and Leo Rosen from the Army were among the first Americans to come under German attack. Their ship was strafed by the Germans as it sailed from Scapa Flow to London.

(U) All of us know the end of the story -- the U.S.-UK partnership has continued for three-quarters of a century and has been vital to the national security of both countries. Learn more about the relationship's beginning and those who were there in [this History Today article of February 6, 2015](#).

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(U) Pictured clockwise from upper left are: Robert Weeks, Prescott Currier, Leo Rosen, and Abraham Sinkov.

(U) Pictured clockwise from upper left are: Robert Weeks, USN; Prescott Currier, USN; Leo Rosen, USA, and Abraham Sinkov, USA. (These photos are from later in their careers because, so far as is known, no photos were taken of them at the time of the visit.)

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