

1861

TELEGRAPH AIDS OUR CAUSE!

MILES OF WIRE STRUNG

Abraham Lincoln Brings Telegraph Line to War Department Building

A most forward step has been taken in keeping our president in touch with his officers on the field of battle. President Lincoln has installed a telegraph line in the War Department Building. A short walk from the White House, the President is now often seen walking to and from the War Office, alternately to receive incoming reports and send response messages. Each day the President pours over news from the field, considering positions and absorbing reports on training, recruiting numbers, troop movements and more. The good men serving in the office, such as Samuel Brown and David Bates speak highly of his personal involvement in the war effort.

In an effort to keep all possible communication available with military personnel, the Telegraph Construction

Corps has been putting up poles with the needed wires across the countryside. These miles of wire will carry the important information upon which Mr. Lincoln already depends for the effective management of the

Army of the Potomac. The civilians which make up this corps demonstrate the greatest courage, scaling poles upon which to hang the wire, sometimes while in near-battle conditions. We applaud their courage!



Withdrawn
from the
Pocket of a
Confederate
Spy!

This "Cipher"
Disk is the
rebel's tool to
decoding
messages from
those who
conspire to
undermine the
Union cause!



How to Use The Cipher Wheel:

The Confederacy regularly uses keywords, most commonly, "Complete Victory." For the first coded letter, line the first letter of the keyword on the inner wheel -- in this case, C -- up with the letter A on the outer wheel. If the first coded letter is H, then the decoded letter would be F. For the next coded letter, line up the next letter in the keyword (O) with the letter A on the outer wheel, and continue. For each letter, go to the next letter in the keyword, lining it up with the letter A. When you run out of keyword letters, loop back through them as many times as you need to, to decode the message. Follow the directions on the "Cut-Outs" page for this cipher wheel, use the keyword "Complete Victory, as above, and decode this message:

TSNTWW HYOAKWS TYRWFPW