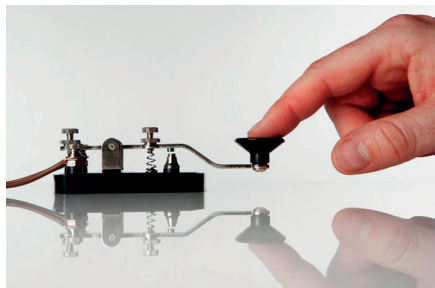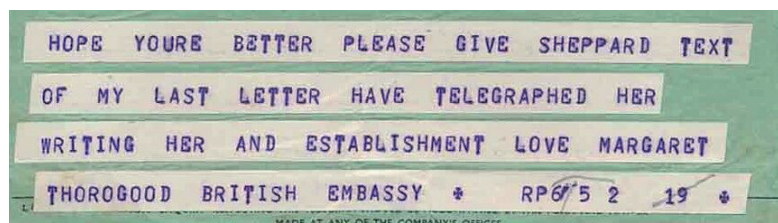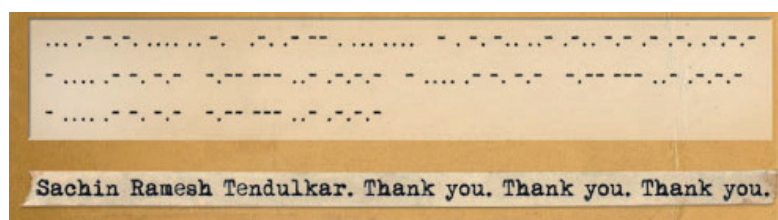# NORTHERN IRELAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

MORSE Challenge

Morse code is a way to send messages without using words. It has its own alphabet made up of short (dot) and long (dash) sounds or flashes of light. It was used during the Second World War between warships and naval bases because radio frequency was limited and easily identifiable by military enemies.

By pressing the key (on the left) the morse code operator transmitted a series of electrical pulses that were received as dots (one unit) or dashes (three units) and printed on strips of paper or later as sounds that could then be interpreted.

Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

HOPE YOURE BETTER PLEASE GIVE SHEPPARD TEXT
OF MY LAST LETTER HAVE TELEGRAPHED HER
WRITING HER AND ESTABLISHMENT LOVE MARGARET
THOROGOOD BRITISH EMBASSY + RP6/5 2 19 +
MADE AT ANY OF THE COMPANY'S OFFICES.

Use the **International Morse Code** alphabet below to translate the VE Day headlines and phrases on the next page and maybe even send messages to your friends and family. To start with we have given you a message to translate. Good Luck.

A ·—	K —·—	U ··—	0 —————
B —···	L ·—··	V ···—	1 ·————
C —·—·	M ——	W ·——	2 ··———
D —··	N —·	X —··—	3 ···——
E ·	O ———	Y —·——	4 ····—
F ··—·	P ·——·	Z ——··	5 ·····
G ——·	Q ——·—		6 —····
H ····	R ·—·		7 ——···
I ··	S ···		8 ———··
J ·———	T —		9 ————·

Your practice message. The / separates each word. Answer at foot of page

···— ·/—·· ·— —·—— / ··—· ·· ——· ···· — ·· —· ——·
···· ·— ···/—·—·· · ··· · —··

Now have a go at translating these historic messages – good luck – and enjoy the challenge!

1	**World joy over peace**	10	**World thankful and joyful**
3	**Victory Parade**	11	**The War In Europe is over**
4	**Church Bells will be rung**	12	**God Save The King**
5	**The world has gone mad with Joy**	13	**Advance Britannia**
6	**A joyous celebration**	14	**Unconditional Surrender of Germany**
7	**Belfast is a city without strangers**	15	**Churchill will announce news at 3 o'clock**
8	**Long live the cause of freedom**	16	**The king will broadcast at 9 o'clock**
9	**War ends midnight**		

The translation of your test message – VE DAY FIGHTING HAS CEASED