

# WW2 Pigeon



Pigeons had been used to send military messages for several centuries. Despite the improvement in communications by WW2, they still had their place to play.

Pigeons were dropped to agents and SOE by the RAF, so they could be used in times of emergency e.g. when radio operators had been compromised or when Detectorists were closing in on transmissions.

Each pigeon had its own metal canister tied to its breast or leg, it would then return to an island in Portsmouth Harbour.

As the use of pigeons had been widespread in WW1, the Germans became paranoid about them sending messages back to England, so at every opportunity they would take a pot shot of one flying by.