★ Go on a Reconnaissance Mission

It was important to gather information about enemy resistance. As the Allies swept through France, every town held mysteries and surprises. With this activity you will go on your own reconnaissance mission with a friend. See how well you do in getting information back to headquarters in time!

Note: Get permission from an adult before doing this activity.

MATERIALS
⚹ Small notebook
⚹ Pen
⚹ Small flashlight
⚹ Two watches
⚹ A friend

Set up headquarters in your home just after the sun sets. Remember to wear watches. You and your friend are members of army intelligence hiding in an old abandoned farmhouse on the outskirts of a town still held by the enemy. You will have to leave before daybreak. Your mission is to map out the next two blocks on your notepad. Mark each building with a large square. You will have less than 15 minutes to accomplish your mission because the soldier enforcing the curfew passes by the house every 16 minutes. You are

looking for the enemy intelligence headquarters, where a meeting is said to be going on at that very moment.

For each floor of a building, mark a horizontal line in your square. For example, a two-story house would be a square with a line across the middle. For an attic, draw a triangle on top of the square. For a basement draw a triangle below the square. For each floor of a building where you see a light on, mark an "X" on that floor. The meeting is going on in the building with the fewest lights on.

When your 15 minutes runs out, be waiting in front of your home, even if you have not finished. At home base, have your friend flash the lights on and off twice at the end of the 15 minutes. This will be a sign it is safe to come back inside. If you don't see the signal, that means you missed your deadline and are about to be captured. The soldier has just turned the corner and he sees you. Toss your notebook somewhere near your house so your friend can find it after you are captured. Now have your friend come outside and see if he or she can retrieve the notebook.