Daniel von Recklinghausen 1925–2011

Daniel von Recklinghausen died at the age of 86 on 22 August 2011 in his hometown of Hudson, New Hampshire, USA. He was born in New York City on 22 January 1925 to inventor Maximilian von Recklinghausen and Elsa Matusch von Recklinghausen. His family moved back to Munich, Germany when he was two. At a young age he was curious about electronics and radio in particular. In 1941 he started formal apprenticeship at Rohde & Schwarz, where he met three men of his age who were all interested in applying emerging technologies to the Resistance. They formed a group (“Vierergruppe”) and at first only distributed pamphlets around the city. Then, Daniel built a radio transmitter in his bedroom which could rebroadcast forbidden foreign programs on a varying frequency (so as to avoid detection by the Nazis’ vans fitted with RF sniffers). Sometime later, the Vierergruppe leader painted large “V” (for Victory) signs all over Munich and was arrested, followed in a large “V” (for Victory) signs all over time later, the Vierergruppe leader painted Nazis’ vans fitted with RF sniffers). Some-...