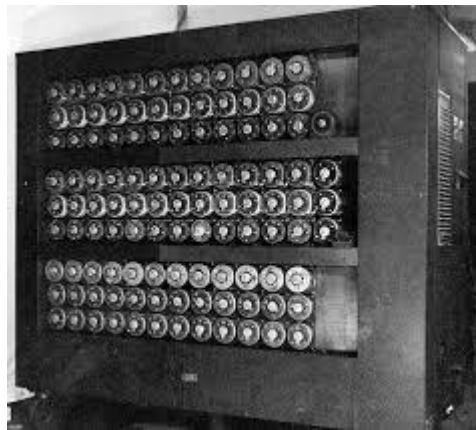


Nonwy Maw

Nonwy Maw (née Davies) was born in 1922 on 8 May (the date of what became VE Day). During the Second World War, she worked as a WREN and was transferred to the code-breaking team in December 1943. She worked at Gayhurst Manor, an outstation of Bletchley Park, then moved to Stanmore as an operator of the bombe decryption device. The bombe machine was the electro-mechanical device used by British cryptologists to help decipher German Enigma-machine encrypted messages.



Nonwy remembered she was at her aunt's house in London on VE Day 1945, waiting for her brother John to come home. The train he was travelling on was diverted because of the VE Day crowds so he ended up in Bangor, North Wales. Nonwy had to go Bangor to meet him. She remembered being on the train on the way to Bangor and seeing a sea of flags everywhere they stopped.

Nonwy died on 18 October 2022.