

**Bletchley Park 1939–1945**  
**Roll of Honour – Explanatory Notes**

The Roll of Honour is compiled from wartime documents held in the National Archives and from material in the Bletchley Park Archive, in particular Historical Survey forms from veterans and their friends and families.

**COLUMN 1 - Surname while serving** Most female personnel were single during their wartime service and are shown under their maiden name.

**COLUMN 2 – Forenames or Initials** The war-time staff lists usually give initials and rarely full forenames. Forenames are shown if known from later sources, e.g. Historical Survey forms or publications.

**COLUMN 3 – Post-war Surname, if different** Usually married names.

**COLUMN 4 – Service, Rank or Grade, Title** Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Women’s Services, foreign and Commonwealth armed forces or civilian government department or organisation. Corps or Regiment for Army personnel, if known. Highest military rank or civilian grade achieved, if known. Military non-commissioned and male officer ranks are shown with modern-day abbreviations, female commissioned ones in full. Titles for civilians, eg Mr, Miss, are those used during the war, and do not reflect any academic or social titles gained in post-war years, such as Professor, Sir or Lady.

Civil Service Grades

Grade	Explanation
<b>TJAO</b>	Temporary Junior Assistant (possibly Administrative) Officer. Graduate, or equivalent, entry grade.
<b>TSAO</b>	Temporary Senior Assistant (possibly Administrative) Officer. TJAOs were often promoted to TSAO after a few years. A few with relevant pre-war experience were recruited as TSAOs. Some TSAOs have a letter in brackets after their grade, e.g. TSAO(D); it is not clear what these indicated, possibly specialist qualifications or sub-grades within the TSAO grade.
<b>TA</b>	Temporary Assistant. A grade for both graduate and non-graduate personnel. After 1943 most graduates were recruited in this grade.
<b>TJSO</b>	Temporary Junior Scientific Officer. Very rare.
<b>C Grades</b>	A large number of Foreign Office civilian staff were graded from C II to C VI. These may have been junior to TAs, but any clarification of this would be welcome.
<b>Linguist</b>	Specialist translators.
<b>Others</b>	Various other grade titles appear occasionally in the Roll of Honour. These include Senior (E). Chief Assistant and Deputy Supervisor. They appear to be senior grades, probably of staff already employed by the Civil Service before the war.
The employing government department is shown as follows: FO = Foreign Office, WO = War Office, GPO = General Post Office. BTM = British Tabulating Machine Company, which built the bombes and Hollerith data processing equipment.	

**COLUMN 5 – Summary of Service** Shows as much as is known about the dates of an individual’s service in signals intelligence, their location and their duties. For those who served at Bletchley Park, the huts or blocks they worked in, and the sections to which they were attached, are shown, where known.

## Sections

The organisation at Bletchley Park was made up of a number of sections. The table below gives brief details of some of these.

Section	Details
Air Section	Non-Enigma enemy codes and ciphers. There was also a sub-section of Hut 3, referred to as the Hut 3 Air Section or Air Intelligence Section, producing intelligence from Luftwaffe Enigma signals.
Cover, Traffic and Records (CTR), later Cover Management Y (CMY)	Controlled Y service interception of diplomatic and commercial wireless networks
Central Signal Registry (CSR)	Subsection of Communications Section, handled all incoming and outgoing signal traffic.
Distribution and Reference	Mechanism for distributing intelligence reporting.
Intelligence Exchange (IE)	Formed in 1941 to replace Distribution and Reference for intelligence reporting on naval, army and air force matters.
Hut 3	German Army and Air Force Enigma Reporting Section. Produced intelligence reports from signals deciphered by Hut 6. This section continued to be referred to as "Hut 3" after moving to Block D in February 1943.
Hut 4	See Naval Section.
Hut 6	Location of German Army and Air Force Enigma Processing and Decryption Section. This section continued to be referred to as "Hut 6" after moving to Block D in February 1943.
Hut 8	Location of German Navy Enigma Processing and Decryption Section from February 1940. This section continued to be referred to as "Hut 8" after moving to Block D in February 1943.
Illicit Signals Knox (ISK)	Deciphering of Abwehr (German Intelligence Service) Enigma coded signals. Initially headed by Dilly Knox. Also known as Intelligence Services Knox.
Illicit Signals Oliver Strachey (ISOS)	Deciphering of Abwehr (German Intelligence Service) manually coded signals. Initially headed by Oliver Strachey. Also known as Intelligence Services Oliver Strachey.
Inter-Service Special Intelligence School (ISSIS)	Training school in Bedford for cryptographers, from 1941. Also provided Japanese language courses from 1942.
JAFO	Japanese Forces. Team formed in 1944 to work on Japanese army and air targets.
Military Section	Later Military Wing.
Naval Section	Sometimes referred to as "Hut 4". Responsible for intelligence from naval Enigma messages deciphered in Hut 8 and also for deciphering and exploiting non-Enigma naval ciphers, including Italian and Japanese. Located in Hut 4 from 1940 to mid 1942, then in Blocks A and B.
No 4 Intelligence School (4 IS or IV IS)	Cover name given by the War Office to the Military Section or Wing of Bletchley Park .
SIXTA	Responsible for Traffic analysis - the study of communications links, call-signs, frequencies and timings and lengths of transmissions, to build up a picture of the enemy's organisation, routine and dispositions. Name formed from No <b>6</b> Intelligence School and <b>T</b> raffic <b>A</b> nalysis.
Wireless Telegraphy Co-ordination (WTC)	Controlled Y Service cover of enemy, naval and air force wireless networks.

## Huts and Blocks at Bletchley Park – brief details

Full details of the wartime history of each hut and block can be found in *History of Bletchley Park Huts and Blocks 1939 – 1945*, available from the Bletchley Park [shop](#).

Building	Dates	Details
Hut 1	Early 1939 - present	Various uses, including bombe testing, fire station, Transport Office, and first aid post.
Hut 2	Aug 1939 - 1946	<b>On what is now the Mansion car-park.</b> Various uses, including NAAFI <b>Refreshment Hut</b> (1939 - 1954), lending library (1939 – 1942), language evening classes and emergency casualty clearing station.
Hut 3	Summer 1940 – present	<b>Close to Hut 6</b> German Army and Air Force Enigma Reporting Section (Jul 1940 – Feb 1943) Renumbered Hut 23 in Feb 1943.
Hut 4	Aug 1939 - present	<b>Alongside the South side of the Mansion</b> Naval Section (Aug 1939 – Mid 1942) Elements of Military Section, including Japanese, from Aug 1942 WT Coordination /CTR (Cover Traffic Records): From Jan 1944
Hut 5	Oct 1939 - 1945	<b>Close to Hut 4</b> Elements of Military Section, including Japanese and Balkans (Oct 1939 – 1945) Elements of Naval Section to Aug 1942. Cypher Operators Training School to Jan 1943 <b>Medical Centre</b> (Jun 1943 – late 1945) Security of Allied Cyphers Section from Nov 1944
Hut 6	Jan 1940 - present	<b>Close to Hut 1, 3 and 8</b> German Army and Air Force Enigma Processing and Decryption Section (Jan 1940 – Feb 1943). Renumbered Hut 16 in Feb 1943.

<b>Building</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Details</b>
Hut 7	May 1940 – post war.	<b>Close to the end of Block B, near Block C</b> Hollerith Punched-Card Machine Section (May 1940 – Nov 1942). Half of Hut 7 retained for Hollerith operators training school when most machinery moved to Block C. Naval Section, cryptography (Nov 1942 - Jul 1943) Naval Section, Japanese Cryptography (NS IJ – Hugh Foss) (Jul 1943 – 1945)
Hut 8	Early 1940 - present	<b>Alongside Hut 1, close to Hut 6 and to West of Block A</b> German Naval Enigma Processing and Decryption Section (Feb 1940 – Feb 1943) Renumbered Hut 18 in Mar 1943
Hut 9	Oct 1940 – post war	<b>Complex of huts on what is now the Mansion car-park close to the tennis-courts</b> Mainly Administration Section. Other users included Naval Section and ISOS (Oct 1941 – Feb 1942).
Hut 10	Spring 1940 – present	<b>Just to the East of Hut 3, alongside Hut 11.</b> Air Section (Spring 1940 – Aug 1942) SIS (= MI6) Codes Section (Aug 1942 – Mar 1945) Japanese Forces Section (JAFO) (Mar - Aug 1945)
Hut 11	Late 1940 - present	<b>Complex of huts, close to and East of Hut 6.</b> Bombe operations, including control centre, training centre and administration (late 1941 – 1945). Also used for testing Heath Robinson and Colossus.
Hut 12	Aug 1941- present	<b>To North of Hut 3 until Aug 1942, moved to near site entrance.</b> Intelligence Exchange (Sep 1941 – Aug 1942) Education Hut (Apr 1943 – 1945). Classes, concerts, religious services, and finally for Army resettlement courses from mid 1945.
Hut 14	Late 1941 – post war	<b>Probably east/north-east of Hut 8, close to Blocks A &amp; E</b> Communications Section. Housed at various times teleprinters, the Traffic and Cypher Office, Central Signals Registry and Cover Traffic and Records Section.
Hut 15	Early 1941 -	<b>Collection of 4 Huts. close to the North of Hut 3 and Hut 10</b> SIXTA
Hut 16	Mar 1943 – present.	<b>Renumbered from Hut 6, now known by its original number.</b> ISK (Mar 1943 – Sep 1943) Naval Section overflow (Sep 1943 – 1945)
Hut 18	Mar 1943 – present.	<b>Renumbered from Hut 8, now known by its original number.</b> ISOS (Mar 1943- Oct 1943) Naval Section Japanese Training School (Nov 1943- 1945)
Hut 23	Feb. 1943 - present	<b>Renumbered from Hut 3, now known by its original number.</b> Various uses, including Photographic Section, Engineering Department and bombe technical support staff.
Block A	Jul 1942 - present	<b>North of the Lake, running into the East end of Block B</b> Naval Section (Aug 1942 - 1945) Air Section upper floor only (Aug 1942 – Jun 1943). Naval Section occupied both floors from Jun 1943.
Block B	Aug 1942 - present	<b>North-East of the Lake, running into Block A</b> Naval Section (Sep 1942 – 1945)
Block C	Nov. 1942 - present	<b>North-East of the lake, across road beyond Block B</b> Hollerith Punched-Card Machine Section (Nov. 1942 – 1945).
Block D	Feb. 1943 - present	<b>North of Blocks A, B, and E</b> German Navy, Army and Air Force Enigma Processing and Decryption Section (Huts 3,6 and 8) (Feb 1943 – 1945)
Block E	Mar 1943 - present	<b>Immediately North of Block A</b> <b>The Communications Centre (Feb 1943 – 1945). Cypher Office, Central Signals, Registry, Auto Room, Teleprinter Room.</b>
Block F	Jul 1943 - 1987	<b>East of Blocks E, D and G.</b> Air Section (Sep 1943 – 1945) Newmanry (Nov 1943 - 1945) Testery (Sep 1943 – 1945) Military Section (May 1944 - 1945)
Block G	Oct 1943 - present	<b>North of Block D and connected to it in places</b> ISK and ISOS (Oct 1943 – 1945) SIXTA (Oct 1943 – 1945) Military Section, German Police and Military Section Secretariat. Japanese Forces Section (JAFO) (1945)
Block H	Jun 1944 - present	<b>East of southern wings of Block F</b> Newmanry – Colossus and Robinson operations (Sep 1944 – 1945)
Mansion	c. 1880 – present	Offices of senior personnel; also occupied by certain sections before construction of huts and blocks.

## Locations

As well as Bletchley Park, a large number of locations were involved in signals intelligence. Some places mentioned in the Roll of Honour are:

Abbot's Cliff	Dover. RN Y station.
Abbottabad	British Army signals intelligence centre in India (now Pakistan). Location of Wireless Experimental Depot.
Adstock Manor	Near Buckingham. Bombe station 1943 – 1945.
Aldford House	Park Lane, London. Commercial Section from March 1942, also elements of Diplomatic Section.
Alexandria	Egypt. Major RN base (HMS Nile) and location of RN, and later RAF, signals intelligence units.
Arkley	Barnet. RSS HQ from late 1941.
Baldock	Hertfordshire. GPO wireless station, carried out some interception for Bletchley Park.
BP	A frequently used abbreviation for Bletchley Park. Wartime centre of Government Code and Cypher School (GCCS), which later became Government Communications Centre (GCHQ).
Beaumanor	Near Loughborough, Leicestershire. An Army Y station
Bedford	Location of Inter-Services Special Intelligence School. Provided training in cryptanalysis and Japanese.
Berkeley Street	Near Piccadilly, London. Location of the Diplomatic Section from March 1942.
Bishops Waltham	Near Southampton. Army Y station from early 1943.
Brisbane	Australian/US Army and Air Force signals intelligence centre – Combined Bureau Brisbane.
Broadstairs	Kent. Army Y station, activated in 1944 for Operation Overlord.
Broadway	St James', London. HQ of MI6 and pre-war location of GCCS.
Capel-le-Ferne	Near Folkestone. RAF Y station.
Cheadle	Near Stoke-on-Trent. RAF Y and signals intelligence station.
Chicksands	Bedfordshire. RAF Y station.
Church Green	Bletchley. RAF station built in 1943 to support Bletchley Park.
Colombo	Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Location of HMS Anderson, Far East Combined Bureau from 1942 (see Mombasa).
Cupar	Near St Andrews, Fife. GPO, later RN, Y station.
Delhi	India. Army signals intelligence station, location of the Wireless Experimental Centre (WEC Delhi), working on Japanese ciphers.
Denmark Hill	South London. Metropolitan Police intercept station established in mid 1930s against illicit transmissions, including Soviet spies. Intercepted commercial and diplomatic traffic for GCCS from 1939.
Dollis Hill	North London. GPO Research Station, where Colossus was developed.
Douglas	Isle of Man. Special Operators Training Battalion, training Army morse intercept operators, from late 1942.
Drayton Parslow	West of Bletchley. Housed elements of the Hollerith Machine Processing Section from Hut 7 and Block C, Bletchley Park.
Dunstable	Bedfordshire. Intercepted German meteorological signals.
Eastcote	North west London. Bombe station from 1943. GCHQ relocated to Eastcote from Bletchley Park in 1946.
Elmers School	Requisitioned grammar school adjacent to Bletchley Park entrance, effectively part of the site. Sometimes referred to as School House. Occupants included the Commercial Section, ISOS and ISK at various times.
Flowerdown	Near Winchester. RN Y station.
Forest Moor	Blubberhouses Moor, North Yorkshire. Army Y station. Sometimes referred to as Harrogate, where its ATS personnel were billeted.
Gayhurst Manor	Near Newport Pagnell. Bombe station and WRNS accommodation.
Gilnahirk	Near Belfast. RSS intercept station.
Hampstead	North London, Army Y station and location of the Special W/T Training and Research Centre from July 1943
Hanslope Park	North of Bletchley. Main RSS intercept site, also a communications research centre.
Harpenden	Hertfordshire. Army Y station.
Heliopolis	Near Cairo. Middle East signals intelligence centre.
Kedleston Hall	Derbyshire. Army Y station.
Kilindini	See Mombasa.
Knockholt	Near Sevenoaks. FO intercept site from 1942, for German teleprinter communications.
Little Horwood	West of Bletchley. SCU 1 Training Wing.

Malta	RN and RAF Y stations.
Mansfield College	Oxford. GCCS outstation responsible for code and cipher production.
Mauritius	Indian Ocean. Intercept station.
Melbourne	Australian/US naval signals intelligence centre - Fleet Requirements Unit, Melbourne (FRUMEL).
Mombasa	Kenya. Y station and signals intelligence centre. Far East Combined Bureau evacuated to Kilindini Harbour, Mombasa from April 1942 to September 1943. HMS Tana.
Newbold Revel	Warwickshire. RAF signals intelligence training school.
Ryder Street	St James', London. Elements of Diplomatic Section.
St Erth	Cornwall. RSS intercept station.
Sandridge	Near St Albans. GPO Y station.
Scarborough	RN Y station.
Shenley	Near St Albans. Army Y station.
Shenley Road	Bletchley. Camp for Army personnel at Bletchley Park, built January 1944.
Southwold	Suffolk. Naval Y station.
Stanmore	North west London. Bombe station from 1942.
Sutton Valence	Maidstone, Kent. RAF Y station.
Trowbridge	Wiltshire. Special Operators Training Battalion, training Army Morse intercept operators. SOTB relocated to Douglas in late 1942.
Wavendon House	Near Bletchley. Commercial Section from 1939 to March 1942; a bombe station and WRNS accommodation.
West Kingsdown	Near Sevenoaks, Kent. RAF Y station. Co-ordinated operations of several small Y stations.
Whaddon Hall	West of Bletchley. Location of SCU 1, disseminating Bletchley Park's reporting. Also HQ of RSS.
Wick	NE Scotland. RAF Y station.
Windy Ridge	West of Bletchley. Radio station for 1 SCU, transmitting Bletchley Park reports to Allied forces in the field.
Withernsea	E Yorkshire. RN Y station.

## COLUMN 6 - Sources

- 1 **Summer 1939.** Government Code and Cypher School (GCCS) staff who relocated to Bletchley Park in July 1939, and the War Reserve Staff who joined at the outbreak of war in September 1939. (From National Archive documents: HW3/11, HW14/1, HW14/6, HW50/62 and HW64/45)
- 2 **December 1940.** Complete list of Bletchley Park personnel at that date, compiled by the Director's Office. (HW14/9)
- 3A **October 1942.** List of Air Section personnel at that date, compiled by Air Section directorate. (HW14/57)
- 3N **1944 and 1945** List of Naval Section personnel, compiled from duties lists, telephone directories, etc. (HW3/28)
- 4 **1939 – 1945** Civilian List. This list, produced in December 1948, contains over 2000 names of civilian staff, most at Bletchley Park. It is not comprehensive, as many more staff are known only through information at source 7. This list shows only sections or locations, and does not give dates. (HW14/156)
- 5 **1939 -1945** Service Lists – Officers. Similar to source 4 for RN, Army, RAF, WRNS, ATS and WAAF commissioned personnel. (HW3/82)
- 6 **Publications** Names found in the various publications about the work of Bletchley Park. Not yet fully exploited.
- 7 **Historical Survey, Posthumous and Freedom Nomination Forms** Information from veterans and their relatives and colleagues, included that collected by Margaret and Tony Sale.
- 9 **National Archive Documents** Currently under review.
- 10 **Director's Orders and Foreign Office documents** Held in the Bletchley Park Archive.
- 11 **Naval Section documents** A compilation of Naval Section telephone directories from between March 1942 and August 1945.
- 12 **Key Personalities** Notes on individuals at Bletchley Park, compiled from war-time papers & the published literature.
- 14 **Miscellaneous Documents** Held in the Bletchley Park Archive. To be reviewed.
- 15 **Mark Baldwin** Obituaries and information from veterans provided by historian Dr Mark Baldwin.