

Station X 1999 DVD

This programme is very impressive and tells the Ultra story. The programme is captivatingly narrated and whets the appetite for further reading and research into this gripping subject.

It was very interesting to hear how the work at Bletchley Park shortened the war. One of the many interesting aspects covered deals with the Colossus Computer which was ground breaking. Having a detailed interview with Tommy Flowers was excellent. At many points the programme uses lots of WW2 footage and then interviews the persons involved. An excellent example of this was the interview with Lt Cdr David Balme who was involved in capturing Enigma material from a U Boat.

I first saw this as a television series many years ago, and it was fantastic. It made me appreciate the efforts made by all those "behind the scenes" people. The people interviewed were so modest about their part in achieving so much during the war. The technical side of breaking the code was rather complicated for me to understand, but it did not stop me enjoying the excitement of how the Brits hoodwinked the enemy. I am not sure if the decision made by Churchill at the end of the war was the right one, but it seemed such a shame that not everyone's efforts were rewarded. We have heard about Alan Turing, but what about the vital role played by Mr Flowers? The series was repeated as a whole on the Sky Military channel today, and its excitement had not been diminished. I cannot understand why it is only available on vhs. Surely an achievement like this should be reaching a wider audience by being put onto dvd. Altogether a most interesting and profound insight into how we won the war, aided by atmospheric but unobtrusive background music. Mr Rashbrook added the appropriate tone for the commentary.

This is one of the best documentaries I have seen on tv, I saw it over ten years ago and would love the opportunity to see it again, it has never been screened since. It seems to me there is so much dross on tv and available on DVD and the very best productions languish in vaults while we all wait patiently for them to be released on DVD, why does it take so long for the very best work to be released?? I bought the film Enigma in sheer frustration at having to wait so long for Station X but it is a poor substitute, the documentary is so much better.

This is a wonderful programme. Excellently shot, superbly scripted, the subject matter held my attention right the way through. One of the best television programmes I have ever seen.