Why were certain people chosen for certain jobs at …

Because of the constraints of the world, because so many people were away fighting, so many men. Because they needed women and because they needed to do the job and all that mattered here was breaking the codes; Bletchley Park saw equality between men and women, between the classes, between different people in every possible way, whether they were gay, female or otherwise, long before society saw it! So we had an enormous number of women here, some of them doing fantastic jobs. It didn't matter what you were, whether you were a woman, whether you were captain or a Sergeant, whether you came from working class or upper class, that didn't matter. If you were the best person in your section to do a job - you did it. And if you were the best person to be the manager and you were just an ordinary private in the army, and there was some guy in there who was a captain or an officer of some sort, it didn't matter - you would get the job. If you were a woman it didn't matter, you would get the job.

There were a number of women leading sections. There were a number of gay guys who were leading sections. And there were a number of guys who were just ordinary working class leading sections. The best person to do the job, did the job.