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HONOURING THE PIONEERS

This month, we begin with a picture of **Margaret Sale**, widow of **Tony Sale** and an indefatigable stalwart of the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park, the location of DEHS' Summer Visit last week. Margaret is holding the bound volume of **INTERCEPT**, the Proceedings of DEHS' Autumn Symposium, 2012, which your Chairman had the honour of presenting to her in commemoration of the life and work of **Tony Sale**, and in particular Tony's leadership of the breath-taking reconstruction of the 2,500 valve **COLOSSUS** computer, used to break the *Geheimschreiber* encrypted Baudot codes. A full account of our visit, with photographs by kind permission of **Simon Blumlein**, is given below.

We extend also a warm welcome to three new members.

As all members will anticipate by now, if only because of endless repetition of DEHS policy, **eDEN12** continues our aims of deliberately widely varied content – always in mind are our guidelines of 'DC to light'; earliest times to the present (and future); absolutely *anything* military in which electronics are involved; and tracing the stories of the people as well as the equipment. To whet our appetites for his presentation at our **Autumn Symposium – BOOK NOW!** - **Tony Helm** shows us his displays of Cold War Soviet Army manpacks and their connection with German WW2 equipment, and at the other end of the 20th century I illustrate my own display of World War 1 equipment at the conference, organised by DEHS member **Dr Elizabeth Bruton**, on 'Telecommunications in World War I' held in Leeds last Friday (**eDEN** is always up-to-date!!); the third episode of '**Before Exocet**' continues the story of German guided missiles in World War II, and to complement that article, an unusual find by our tireless **Arthur Bauer** of a V-1 propaganda leaflet is fully reproduced, with thanks to Arthur. Book Reviews cover **Wolfgang Schroer's** DVD produced book; Ops Board lists some interesting lectures for those using the longer days for more distant travel; and Tailpiece pictures an item of looted equipment, with an interesting perspective on Allied bombing from its donor.

As ever, suggestions for improvements, offers of articles and all general comments to me at philjudkins@btinternet.com or chairman@dehs.org.

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