

Note that the background to all the early British stored-program projects from 1945 – 1951 is summarised in: ***Alan Turing and his Contemporaries: building the world's first computers***. Simon Lavington [ed]. Published by BCS in 2012. 111 pages; many illustrations. ISBN: 978-1-90612-490-8.

Another general account, spanning the period from the late 1940s to the mid-1960s, is: ***Early British Computers*** (Simon Lavington). Published by Manchester University Press (in the UK) and Digital Press (in the USA) in 1980. 139 pages, many illustrations. ISBN: 0-7190-0803-4. Available online at: <http://ed-thelen.org/comp-hist/EarlyBritish.html> On pages 70 – 73 there are extracts from a log book called the *Leo Chronicle*, which covers the LEO project during the period February 1947 to November 1954

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