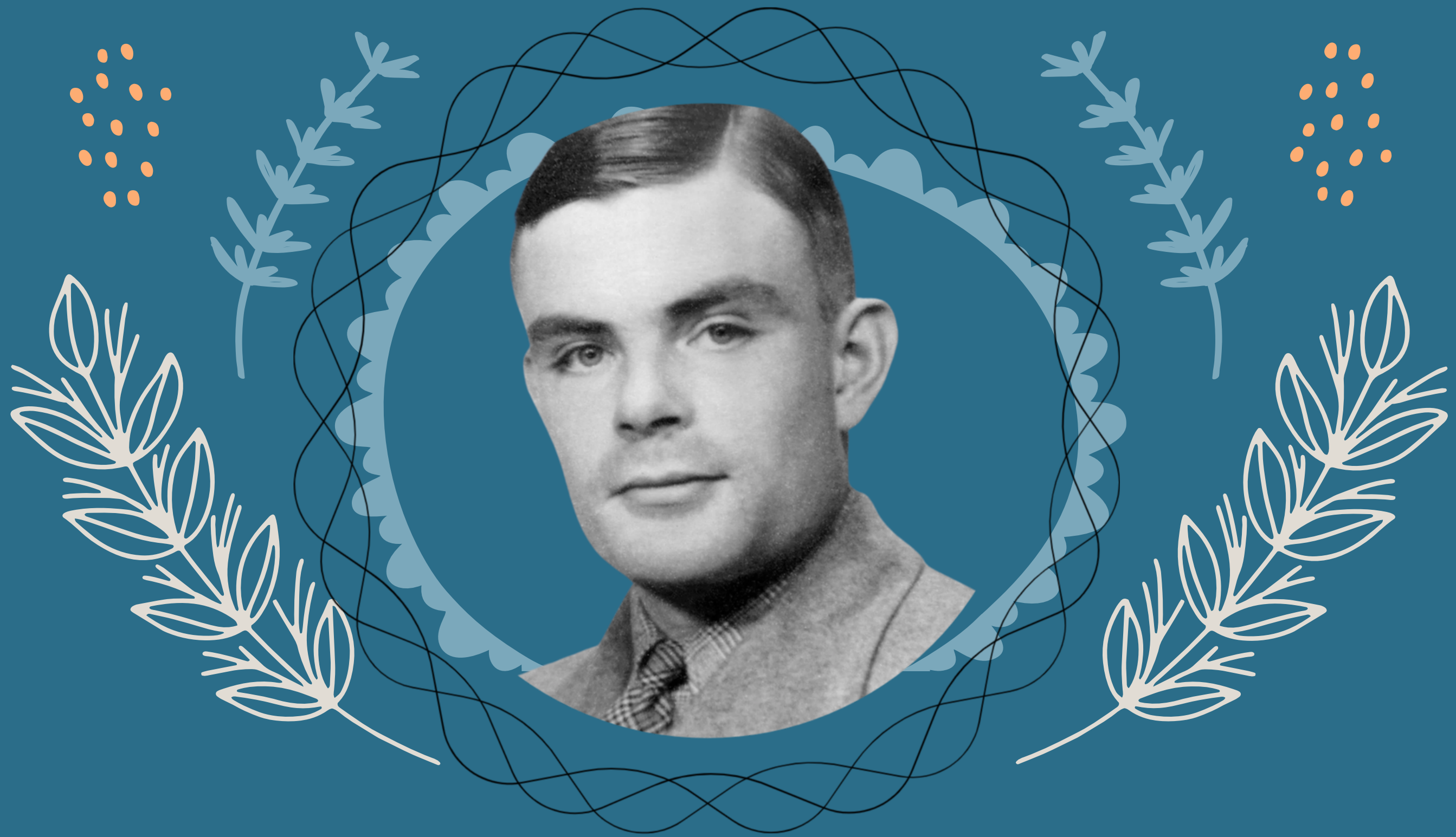# LGBTQ+ HERO

ALAN TURING

Gay British Mathematician & Computer Scientist

June 23, 1912—June 7, 1954

Often referred to as the "father of computer science and artificial intelligence," Turing was hailed as a war hero and granted an honor by King George VI at the end of the WWII for helping to defeat the Nazis. Despite this, however, he died as a disgraced "criminal" — simply for being a gay man. Starting in 2021, on what would have been his 109th birthday, Turing has been featured on the British £50 bank notes.

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