



# MILTON KEYNES AT WAR

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## 'MUM SAYS, I'VE GOT THREE SONS IN THE FORCES'

The Second World War begins in 1939...



The Home Guard parading past Bletchley cinema.  
Photo: Living Archive collection

*'When war started in 1939, two of my brothers were in the Territorials, 48th Division Signals, and had to report for duty. They went down to report, and one never came back – he went to Yorkshire as a conscripted soldier. The other was stationed in the Barracks and used to sneak home every night. Another elder brother, a slaughterman, was called up. I was the fourth of six boys and Mum says, 'I've got three sons in the forces...' The oldest one went through Dunkirk and was training at Weymouth – the boat capsized and he was drowned.'*

'Maurice', from The Living Archive's DVD 'My Home Front'



**One Hundred Years of the Territorial Army:**  
The city has its own TA centre, renamed in June 2008 for the Centenary by HRH the Duchess of Gloucester as the John Howard Barracks, after the Pegasus Bridge hero, Arnhem, 1944

