



# MILTON KEYNES AT WAR

CRUSADES, CAMPAIGNS AND CONFLICTS

## MY STORY OF WARTIME IN BLETCHLEY

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Armoured cars and Bren  
Gun carriers come to  
Aylesbury Street  
Photo courtesy of Colin Scott

*'The fact that we were at war governed everything we did or could not do. There was rationing, blackouts and all kinds of shortages. People of military age went away and others, like evacuees, service men and women and other workers came into the town, many were billeted with the locals. Two lodged with Mrs Wilkinson in Denmark Street, I got to know them very well and we became good friends. Both were civilians working at Bletchley Park, but no one knew what they did or what was going on until years after the war ended. I knew they were clever blokes because they helped me with my school work especially sums. Years later in the late seventies Ernie came back to Bletchley, possibly for a last look around, for now he was a very old man. He made a point of meeting me and we had a good chat. He was now able to tell me what he did at Bletchley Park-he was a mathematician!'*

Colin Scott, Bletchley resident