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FOREIGN SECRETARY ANNOUNCES COMMEMORATIVE BADGE FOR BLETCHLEY PARK VETERANS

David Miliband told Parliament today that the Government has decided to recognise the vital contribution made by members of the Government Code and Cypher School during the Second World War.

Surviving military and civilian veterans who served at Bletchley Park and its outstations during the Second World War are eligible for a commemorative badge. The award of the commemorative badge is a fitting recognition of the vital role played by the Government Code and Cypher School during the war.



The Foreign Secretary said :

“I am delighted that the vital and secret work of Bletchley Park in the Second World War is being recognised.”

“We owe a debt of gratitude to all who served at Bletchley Park and its outstations: I am proud to acknowledge their ingenuity, skill and determination which helped our country in its time of greatest need.”

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Notes for Editors:

1. Further details are available at www.gchq.gov.uk
2. There will be a launch ceremony at Bletchley Park on 16th July and an opportunity to interview Bletchley Park veterans. Requests for media facilities should go to **Kelsey Griffin**, Director of Museum Operations, 01908 272655, Email: kgriffin@bletchleypark.org.uk