

Loan box inventory with teacher's notes

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1. RAF at war paper resources pack.

These items show replica documents that RAF personnel would have received during WW2 when they enlisted and images during the time. These can be used to explain to learners the Pilot's role and that many Pilot's volunteered their service during WW2.



2. WAAF officers cap

This would have been worn by a female WAAF of which there were many at Kenley. WAAF's played a crucial role at Kenley by delivering messages to the pilot's including calls to scramble, driving vehicles around and to different airfields to carry equipment, refuelling vehicles used on the airfield, ARP duties and making food and refreshments for those on the airfield.



3. Group Commander's hat

This would have been worn by a Group Commander on the airfield which is a very senior role in the RAF. There were many famous Group Commanders stationed at Kenley including Victor Beamish who has a road names after him down to the airfield.



4. Replica Gas mask and bag

This would have been used by all British Citizens during WW2 and was issued by the government. No gas attacks were made during WW2 but everyone was terrified as this was a particularly nasty tactic used during WW1.



5. Air raid historical objects

These were commonly used objects during WW2 which families would take into their air raid shelters. There were no Ipads, bottled water or toilets in the shelters!



6. Gas Attack Rattle

This was used by ARP wardens to warn of gas attacks. No gas attacks were made on Britain during WW2 but ARP wardens had whistles, sirens and rattles; all to make loud noises to warn people of danger during raids.



7. WW2 SFX CD

This CD is full of sounds you would have heard regularly around the time of the Battle of Britain if you lived near Kenley airfield.

8. Replica incendiary bomb

These bombs set fire to whatever they hit, so you wouldn't want one hitting your house! Often the Luftwaffe would use them to signal to bomber pilot's which areas needed further damage with bombing as the flames could be seen from the sky.



9. ARP whistle

These whistles were used by ARP wardens to warn people to get into their shelters and be safe during air raids. Sometimes families would spend all night in the shelter and many shared shelters with their neighbours.



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