

# Loan box inventory with teacher's notes



## 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. 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.

#### 6. 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.



#### 7. 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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## 8. Replica WW2 ammunition

Bullet cases and fragments are found all the time on the airfield and reveal the extent of the damage to Kenley during the Hardest Day, 18<sup>th</sup> August 1940 where Kenley was badly damaged by 9 Dornier planes from Germany.



## 9. WW2 RAF propaganda poster

Posters like these were used to try and encourage more men to join as Pilot's during the war. The average age of Pilot's was 21 years old and on average they had only 10 hours of flying training each.

