

Lest We Forget – The Exhibition

30th October – 19th December.

2008 heralds the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War and the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force. In this, the Royal Air Force's 90th anniversary year it is fitting that we remember those whose sacrifice throughout the Service's history have defended our ideals and way of life; as well as those they left behind.

'Lest we forget' is a poignant and unflinching exhibition that highlights the sacrifices made during human conflict. It invites us to reflect on the loss of the individual and the impact that their departure has on their families and loved ones; whilst exploring the invaluable work of the agencies and support networks that have emerged during the last 90 years to bring practical aid and comfort to those RAF families who have suffered bereavement.

The central theme of the exhibition is the necessity of Remembrance. Synonymous with both World Wars, the act of remembrance is as relevant for families who have lost loved ones, whether civilians or Service personnel, in recent and current conflicts, as it was for our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

As an act of remembrance visitors are invited to interact with the exhibition by recording their thoughts and feelings on paper 'bricks'. These will be used to produce a 'Wall of Remembrance' in the Museum's Historic Hangars Gallery. In the run up to Remembrance Sunday members of the public will be able to contribute to our Poppy Collage by dedicating a petal on the 8th and 9th of November, to the memory of the fallen.

The museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm. Entry to the Museum, parking and participation in 'Lest We Forget' are all FREE. For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum, London on 020 8205 2266 or visit the museum website, www.rafmuseum.org.

Notes To Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5.30pm)
- Free admission and parking
- With the end of the First World War, the newly formed Royal Air Force had lost approximately 15,000 airmen. During the Second World War approximately 120,000 RAF personnel were killed. From 2005 to 2008 29 RAF personnel have died on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.
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