

International Bomber Command Centre

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Post-Visit Activity Ideas

Bomber Command

Bomber Boys will have had the opportunity to write and send letters home. How do you think the content of these letters would have compared according to the nationality of the boys themselves? Use your own imagination to write a letter back to your family in a different country.

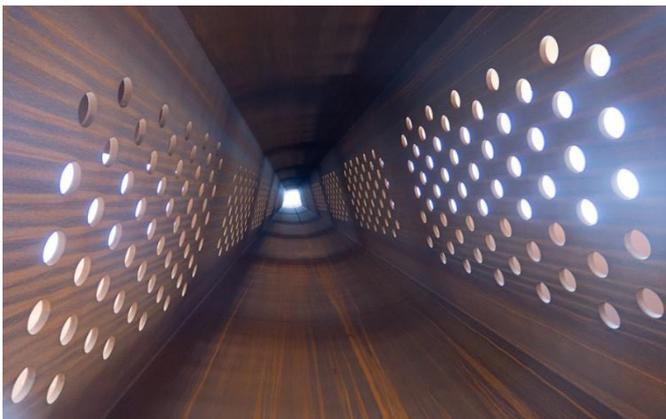
Using current regional and national newspapers, cut and paste words and phrases to make possible newspaper headlines to describe Bomber Command at that time.

Find out what you can about the Avro Lancaster Bomber. Why do you think the Spire reflects the wing-span of the bomber? Design a poster that highlights the magnificence of the Spire and the Avro Lancaster Bomber.

Home Front

Have your whole class work together to create a wartime newspaper- articles about influx of airmen to Lincolnshire, evacuees, rationing, etc.

Students could act out a meeting between country children and evacuees (townies), with other roles for local adults such as host-parent, farmer and so on. Use the situation to explore children's reactions. What do the country children think of the new arrivals - and vice versa?



Arrange a cookery class in school where students can make some genuine wartime food. Download our carrot biscuits recipe !

Remembrance

The IBCC is the only place in the world where all these losses are commemorated. What message do you think this gives to families and friends associated with Bomber Command and how does it make them feel? Write a short poem about this.

There are almost 58,000 men and women named on this monument. They were of various ranks but only names are listed. Why do you think this is the case? Explore other lists of names on memorials and compare these to the ones at the IBCC. Are there any names that stand out to you? Why? The CWGC website is a good starting point for this: <https://www.cwgc.org/>

You could design your own war memorial to reflect your thoughts on Remembrance and its relevance today. Who will you commemorate and where will your memorial be located, and why?

What do you think of the poppy as symbol of remembrance? If you could design your own symbol of remembrance what would you choose and why?