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IWM Duxford is a historic airfield filled with over a century of stories and objects from the First World War to present-day conflict.

Use this guide and your map to explore our top five historical objects and the stories they tell.

**DAMBUSTER BOMB ‘UPKEEP’**
In AirSpace
Underneath the Avro Lancaster, you’ll find a practice Bouncing Bomb, codenamed ‘Upkeep’. The bomb is famous for its role in the Dambusters Raid. This example was dropped off the Kent coast and recovered in 1976 near Whitstable.

**PROTESTING FOR PEACE**
In the American Air Museum
By the glass wall in the American Air Museum, you can hear from Anna Johnson. Anna campaigned for the removal of American cruise missiles from British soil in the 1980s and lived in the women’s peace camp outside the US Air Force base at Greenham Common in Berkshire for 18 months.

**MONTY’S CARAVANS**
In Land Warfare
Enter the Normandy Experience section at the back of the hall to find three command caravans. These belonged to one of Britain’s most famous Second World War commanders, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery – ‘Monty’.

**MESSERSCHMITT BF 109E**
In Battle of Britain
At the front of the hangar is the Messerschmitt BF 109E. This German fighter aircraft crashed during the Battle of Britain whilst flown by Unteroffizier Gerhardt Horst Perez. Get up close and discover its intriguing post-crash history.

**DOUGLAS BADER’S UNIFORM**
In Historic Duxford
Duxford’s most famous pilot. Bader crashed his Bristol Bulldog in 1931, resulting in the loss of both of his legs. Despite his injuries, Bader went on to fight over Dunkirk and during the Battle of Britain using a pair of prosthetic legs.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
- If you compare the Messerschmitt to other aircraft in the hangar, you’ll notice that its engine is upside down! A lot of German Second World War aircraft were built with inverted (upside down) engines!
- The original owner of Monty’s Office Caravan was General Annibale ‘Electric Whiskers’ Bergonzoli, He was captured in 1941 and Montgomery took the caravan as a symbol of this victory.
- ‘Upkeep’ details were classified until 1963. This explains why the recreated bombs in the 1955 film The Dam Busters are the wrong shape.