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Dear Eric and everyone at H8ROES,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation to the Imperial War Museum. Support such as yours is invaluable. It is what enables us to enrich, educate and inspire our 2.8 million visitors each year through thought provoking temporary exhibitions, our innovative learning programmes, and ambitious new permanent galleries. We are hugely grateful for your support and are delighted to welcome you into our community of donors.

It is an exciting time to be a supporter of IWM. On 1 August we opened our London site with a new site specific artwork by internationally renowned artist and activist Ai Weiwei. *A History of Bombs* explores international migration, conflict as a root cause of human flow, and the relationship between the individual, society and state. It draws on the artist's ongoing investigation into politics and power. On 24 September, the *Refugees* season will open with *Refugees: Forced to Flee*, a new exhibition exploring a century of refugee experiences, from Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews and the Kindertransport, to the Calais Jungle and the treacherous Mediterranean crossings.

Our new permanent exhibition at IWM Duxford, *The Ops Block: Battle of Britain* tells the story of the first major military campaign fought primarily in the air and is explored alongside historical figures who helped steer the course to victory. Display cases, listening points and a dedicated Peoples Stories Room tell of the historical significance of *The Ops Block* and introduce visitors to key ground and air personnel including leading fighter pilot Douglas Bader and members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

These are just a few examples of how your support allows us to remain a global authority on the cause, course and consequence of conflict in order to keep history alive for future generations.

All best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Andrew Higgins', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dr Andrew Higgins
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