

# Could you make a gift of a lifetime?

Have you considered leaving a gift to The Second World War Experience Centre in your Will? You could help us to meet the urgent need to rescue and preserve memories of the Second World War before they are lost forever.

You could leave a financial gift to the Centre, or material relating to wartime experiences. You may even choose to do both.

If you have not yet made a Will, the best thing to do is to talk to your solicitor. You can revoke your Will at any time and can use it to dispose of land, money, buildings, investments and possessions. If you have already made a Will, it is very easy to add a codicil to include a specific donation to The Second World War Experience Centre. We can provide you with our Registered Charity Number (1072965) and suggested wording, which you can take to your solicitor to make the alterations.

Any gift left to us in your Will is exempt from inheritance tax, and so may enable you to reduce the tax payable on your estate.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## Could you make a financial gift?

The Centre is entirely dependent on donations to continue its work.

## Think what your donation could do:

- **£30** enables the Centre to tape-record the memories of someone who lived through the Second World War.
- **£100** enables us to buy recording equipment for interviewing people about their wartime experiences.
- **£500** enables us to put three examples of wartime experience onto our website where they are accessible to the general public.
- **£1,000** enables us to buy six months' worth of archival envelopes, boxes, acid-free tissue paper and photographic storage sleeves to preserve material donated to our archive.
- **£3,000** enables us to produce 300 educational packs for primary schools.

# Boy's story

This is the 'last letter' written by Sgt Pilot 'Boy' Goulden Webster of 149 Squadron. It was written to his mother, only to be delivered if he did not return from an operation. He was killed when his Wellington Bomber was shot down over Stettin in November 1940.



“ My dear Ma,  
You won't I hope even read this, but there's always the chance that one may not come back you know, well first of all, if one should be posted as missing, don't worry too much, as there's a good possibility of our being prisoners. If this does happen rest assured I shall try everything that's known to get away.

If I should be just plain missing or definitely known to be killed in action, I don't want you to feel it too much either. Look at it this way, there have been hundreds of other better chaps than I that have gone before & there's hundreds more to go after before this thing is finished.

My generation can't look upon this war as the last war of all with the certainty that they could in the last one, but we hope it will be. It's such senseless slaughter on both sides and the bomber planes have by far the dirtier job to do, not that I'm complaining. We can't all be Sir Galahads can we? No, all one can hope is that the future generation will get the happiness that we missed through having too much excitement.

Well there's not much else to say except, thanks for all you have done for me, now good bye and God bless you. Say Cheerio to the rest of the family for me and to any of my friends who may enquire, and once again don't upset yourself about me. I think that perhaps it was better this way after all.

Your loving son,  
Boy.

P.S. I've nothing to leave I'm afraid, but you might give my watch to Ronnie, it won't help him to be any more punctual than he ever was!



## Preserving and sharing wartime memories

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