



Jewish Military Museum Exhibits at Cardiff Castle

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On Wednesday 24th November, an exhibition from the Jewish Military Museum in London, was officially opened at the 'Firing Line', Cardiff Castle's Museum of the Welsh Soldier.

The exhibition tells the story of the British Jews who have served in all the British Armed Forces since 1763 to current day, focusing on topics such as World Wars I and II, The Royal Navy, The Royal Air Force and the Far East Campaigns.

Poignant artefacts are displayed from different episodes, including a Victoria Cross awarded to Flight Sergeant Louis Aaron of the RAF in 1943, the uniform jacket of Mrs E M Hyman, who served in the Woman's Voluntary Service in Cardiff during World War II and the full uniform of a Chelsea Pensioner who had served in both the British Army and Navy.

This is the first time that the Jewish Military Museum has taken its collection on tour. The Cardiff branch of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (AJEX) have helped to coordinate this trial and if successful, this could be the start of an active touring programme around the country.

Director of Firing Line, Christopher Dale explained "We're so pleased to have this first touring exhibition in Cardiff. There are lots of exceptional stories about many Jewish servicemen and women and some highly relevant local artefacts on display. We hope it will serve as a poignant reminder of the contribution of British Jews throughout history."

The official opening was attended by Carwyn Jones, First Minister, Councillor Keith Hyde Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Councillor Judith Woodman, Deputy Leader of Cardiff Council. Mr Ron Shelley MBE, Chair of the Jewish Military Museum spoke, as did the Museum's Director, Mrs Brenda Goldberg, who touched on the exciting future and plans to expand the museum.

The exhibition is available to all castle visitors until 30 January 2011, including National Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January - the date Allied Forces liberated Auschwitz.

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