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CONSERVATION BY DESIGN HELPS SALUTE OUR AIRBORNE HEROES

Conservation By Design (CXD) has supplied a bespoke Planorama® drawer storage solution to Airborne Assault, the new museum for The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces.

Previously known as Airborne Forces Museum, in 2008 the museum relocated from its old home at Browning Barracks in Aldershot to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Rebranded as Airborne Assault, the museum educates both service personnel and the general public about the history, deeds, traditions and role of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces.

CXD's Planorama drawer units were installed to house the museum's extensive medal collection, including examples of the famous Victoria Cross and George Cross awarded to Airborne Forces members.

The custom-made Planorama units mean that each and every one of the collection's 1,500 medals can be viewed by visitors by simply sliding out the Planorama drawers. As the collection includes items of significant value, the Planorama solution offers the museum complete security whilst allowing the public to appreciate the extraordinary stories for which they were awarded.

Jon Baker, curator at Airborne Assault, said: “The concept for the new museum is a modern, interactive museum; part shrine, part history book and part physical experience. A key objective was to ensure that it would be readily accessible to the public, and I’m pleased to say that CXD’s Planorama drawer units help us to achieve that for our impressive medal collection.”

Denise Troughton, marketing manager for Conservation By Design, commented: “The bravery and sacrifice demonstrated by our armed forces personnel is at the very centre of our society as much today as it was in the wars of years gone by. It is therefore a great honour to have supplied the showcase solution to Airbourne Assault so that the legacy left can be appreciated for generations to come.”

Planorama is a unique modular system of standard or custom made archival cabinets and storage drawers. Specially designed for conservation storage, the modules are light, rigid, compact and easily transportable. They are ideal for rooms in difficult locations or with a low floor load capacity. The special patented design allows the construction of hitherto impossibly large sizes capable of storing items such as military colours, flags, large textiles or posters.

For more information and a detailed specification on the range of products Conservation By Design offers, call 01234 846 300 or visit www.conservation-by-design.co.uk.

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