



## MEDIA ALERT

### Cole Medals On Display

Air Vice Marshal Adrian Cole's medals, including his Distinguished Flying Cross, are now on display at the Australian War Memorial.

"Air Vice Marshal Cole was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his role in an attack on roads and railway stations around Lille in France in October 1918," said Acting Head of Military Heraldry and Technology, Nick Fletcher.

"Not only was Cole a highly regarded Flight Commander among his men, he also shot down ten enemy aircraft over the Western Front in 1918, which was an admirable achievement during such a short timeframe.

"Cole's medals are now on display in *Over the front: the Great War in the air*, along with an Se5a fighter aircraft, which is the same type of aircraft that Cole flew in to earn his Distinguished Flying Cross."

Previously lent by his daughter to the Naval and Military Club in Melbourne, Cole's medals and portrait were recently donated to the Australian War Memorial.

*Over the front: the Great War in the air* brings together the very best of museum and international cinema arts available with a dramatic short film by internationally acclaimed filmmaker Peter Jackson, to help visitors understand the risks, action and drama of air combat during the First World War.

**What:** Photo opportunity with Cole Medals

**Where:** Australian War Memorial  
Entry via Security, behind HMAS *Brisbane*  
Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

**When:** 9.30am, Friday 18 September

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