

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL  
NURSING SERVICE.**

The undermentioned Nursing Sisters, on probation, have been confirmed in their appointments with seniority as shown against their names:—

Miss Jean Campbell, 24th August, 1939;  
Miss Frances Agatha Bevin, Miss Kathleen Norah Oulton, 25th January, 1940; Miss Marie Therese Gurdon, Miss Ethel Mary Lawrence, Miss Gwynydd Marjorie Griffiths, 14th February, 1940; Miss Louie Joyce Pruddah, 17th March, 1940.

Notice in Gazette of 3rd May, 1940, regarding Miss Lawrence is amended accordingly.

Miss Elizabeth Mary Alice Maunsell has been confirmed as a Nursing Sister with seniority of 25th January, 1940.

Air Ministry,  
25th June, 1940.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant John William Charles SIMPSON (37642).

In June 1940, Flight Lieutenant Simpson led a section of aircraft in a squadron patrol over Northern France. During an engagement with a superior enemy force he succeeded in destroying three enemy aircraft. This officer has led his flight on every patrol, showing not only courage and skill in fighting, but also an excellent example by his confident and offensive spirit. He has personally accounted for seven enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Wilfred Greville CLOUSTON (39223).

During recent operations over France and Belgium, Flight Lieutenant Clouston shot down four enemy aircraft. He has led his flight with determination and vigour, and has shown great personal gallantry.

Flying Officer Gordon Leonard SINCLAIR (39644).

This officer has destroyed four enemy aircraft. His unflinching cheerfulness and gallantry in the face of the enemy has set an example to his fellow pilots.

Pilot Officer Harold Derrick ATKINSON (33418).

During May 1940, Pilot Officer Atkinson shot down two enemy aircraft and assisted in shooting down two others. Later, in the Dunkerque area, this officer shot down another two enemy aircraft and assisted in destroying two more. He has shown a high standard of skill and determination in attacking the enemy, frequently against vastly superior numbers.

Pilot Officer Victor George DAW (41561).

In June 1940, when seventeen Heinkel III's were sighted, Pilot Officer Daw succeeded in destroying two and, immediately afterwards, shot down a Messerschmitt

109 which was attacking one of his fellow pilots. Previously in May 1940, he carried out a head on attack on three enemy aircraft and destroyed the leader, and a few days later he destroyed another Messerschmitt 109. By his tenacity, skill and courage this officer has succeeded in destroying a total of six enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Douglas Hamilton GRICE (40534).

Pilot Officer Grice has displayed great courage and determination in attacks on enemy aircraft and has destroyed at least six in various combats. On one occasion he was himself shot down but, after overcoming many difficulties, he succeeded in making his escape and returned to his unit.

Pilot Officer Albert Gerald LEWIS (41303).

Pilot Officer Lewis has, by a combination of great personal courage, determination and skill in flying, shot down five enemy aircraft, single-handed, in one day. He has destroyed in all a total of seven enemy aircraft, and by his example has been an inspiration to his squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth MANGER (70867).

Whilst on continuous offensive patrols this officer has recently destroyed five enemy aircraft and severely damaged at least two others. On one occasion his own aircraft was so damaged that he had to abandon it. Descending by parachute, he landed in the sea near Dunkerque Pier but was rescued by a French craft. That same evening he returned to his squadron and was again flying on offensive patrols the following day. Pilot Officer Manger has displayed great personal courage and a readiness at all times to meet and engage the enemy irrespective of their numbers.

Pilot Officer Richard Clare WHITTAKER (40450).

This officer has shown great courage and determination, completely disregarding his own personal safety in order to engage and destroy enemy aircraft. By his fine air tactics and marksmanship he has destroyed four enemy aircraft and severely damaged at least four others.

Pilot Officer Patrick Philip WOODS-SCAWEN (40452).

During May 1940, this officer destroyed six enemy aircraft, and assisted in the destruction of others. On one occasion, although heavily outnumbered, he attacked without hesitation a large formation of enemy aircraft, shooting down two of them. His own aircraft was hit by a cannon shell and he was slightly wounded, but succeeded in escaping by parachute and rejoined his unit. He has displayed great courage, endurance, and leadership.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

564959 Flight Sergeant Harry STEERE.

Flight Sergeant Steere has destroyed three enemy aircraft and has assisted in the destruction of three others. He has displayed considerable coolness and gallantry in the face of the enemy, and has at all times set an example to his fellow pilots by his devotion to duty.