

Deputy Administrator Mrs. Florence Day, M.B.E. (W.R.A.F.). (Gazette 31378, 3rd June 1919.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Albert Levick, O.B.E. (former service in Coldstream Guards). (Gazette 31378, 3rd June 1919.)

Captain Walter Jackson Cooper, M.B.E., Aust. F. Corps, Recording Officer, France. (Gazette 31378, 3rd June 1919.)

Lieut. Percival Alexander M'Bain, M.B.E., Aust. F. Corps, Palestine. (Gazette 31378, 3rd June 1919.)

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Duncan William Grinnell-Milne, D.F.C. (R. Fus.), 56th Squadron, France. (Gazette 31378, 3rd June 1919. Bar to D.F. Cross.)

No. 8398 Serjt.-Major G. Gillman, 53rd Sqn., France. (The announcement of award of Meritorious Service Medal in Gazette No. 31098, 1st January 1919, is cancelled, this award having been already published in Gazette No. 30722 of 3rd June 1918.)

No. Aus/124 Flight-Clerk John Henry Rogers, Aust. F. Corps, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in Gazette No. 30624 of 11th April 1918, for services in connection with the capture of Jerusalem. The second announcement of this reward, which appeared in Gazette No. 31378 of 3rd June 1919, is accordingly cancelled.

Major Harold Gordon Atkinson, O.B.E., Royal Air Force, awarded the O.B.E. in Gazette No. 31099 of 1st January 1919. The second announcement in Gazette No. 31098 of the same date is accordingly cancelled.

*War Office,*

15th July 1919.

His Majesty the KING has approved of the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men, Royal Air Force, for services in France, except where otherwise stated:—

9991 Cpl. L. Briffault, 41st Sqn.  
 35291 Flt.-Sjt. A. Carey, 15th Balloon Coy.  
 23271 Sjt. A. Clark, 11th Balloon Sec.  
 31415 Cpl. W. Clayton, 4th Sqn.  
 47099 A.M./2 F. E. Cursley, 149th Sqn.  
 24982 Cpl. C. J. F. Gibson, 8th K.B. Sec.  
 10098 Cpl. G. L. Goodger, 59th Sqn.  
 37515 L.A.C.C., P. E. Groves, 65th Sqn.  
 10618 Cpl. E. J. Iredale, No. 1 Aircraft Depot.  
 13677 Ch. Mech. P. Junor, 15th Balloon Sec.  
 7740 L.A.C./A./L./Cpl. R. King, 15th Wing.  
 96727 A.M./2 C. S. Lacey, attached 199th S. By., R.G.A.  
 129247 A.C./2 B. H. Patman, 45th Balloon Sec.  
 36344 Flt.-Sjt. P. F. Renwick, 14th Balloon Coy.  
 13345 L.A.C./A./Cpl. H. Saunders, 7th Sqn.  
 11081 Sjt. R. Sutherland, 7th Sqn.  
 20827 A.C./1 H. P. White, 1st K.B. Sec.  
 134872 Cpl. H. S. Wildman, 7th Sqn.  
 53074 A.M./2 J. Wood, 41st Sqn.  
 54048 A.C./2 H. W. Youngs, 14th Balloon Sec.  
 404221 A.M./2 G. I. Tracey, Wireless Sec. (Mesopotamia).

NOTE.—Officers and other ranks of the Royal

Air Force whose names have appeared in the London Gazette as having been awarded Foreign Decorations, but who have not received them, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Air Ministry on 1st October 1919, should the decorations not be received meanwhile.

The designation of the Decoration and the date of the Gazette in which the announcement appeared should be specified.

*Air Ministry,  
 Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C. 2,  
 18th July 1919.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the late Captain (acting Major) Edward Mannoek, D.S.O., M.C., 85th Squadron Royal Air Force, in recognition of bravery of the first order in Aerial Combat:—

On the 17th June 1918, he attacked a Halberstadt machine near Armentieres and destroyed it from a height of 8000 feet.

On the 7th July 1918, near Doulieu, he attacked and destroyed one Fokker (red-bodied) machine, which went vertically into the ground from a height of 1500 feet. Shortly afterwards he ascended 1000 feet and attacked another Fokker biplane, firing 60 rounds into it, which produced an immediate spin, resulting, it is believed, in a crash.

On the 14th July 1918, near Merville, he attacked and crashed a Fokker from 7000 feet, and brought a two-seater down damaged.

On the 19th July 1918, near Merville, he fired 80 rounds into an Albatross two-seater, which went to the ground in flames.

On the 26th July 1918, East of La Bassee, he attacked and crashed an enemy two-seater from a height of 16,000 feet.

About an hour afterwards he attacked at 8000 feet a Fokker biplane near Steenwercke and drove it down out of control, emitting smoke.

On the 22nd July 1918, near Armentieres, he destroyed an enemy triplane from a height of 10,000 feet.

Major Mannoek was awarded the undermentioned distinctions for his previous combats in the air in France and Flanders:—

Military Cross. Gazetted 17th September 1917.

Bar to Military Cross. Gazetted 18th October 1917.

Distinguished Service Order. Gazetted 16th September 1918.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order (1st). Gazetted 16th September 1918.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order (2nd). Gazetted 3rd August 1918.

This highly distinguished officer, during the whole of his career in the Royal Air Force, was an outstanding example of fearless courage, remarkable skill, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice, which has never been surpassed.

The total number of machines definitely accounted for by Major Mannoek up to the date of his death in France (26th July 1918) is fifty—the total specified in the Gazette of 3rd August 1918, was incorrectly given as 48, instead of 41.