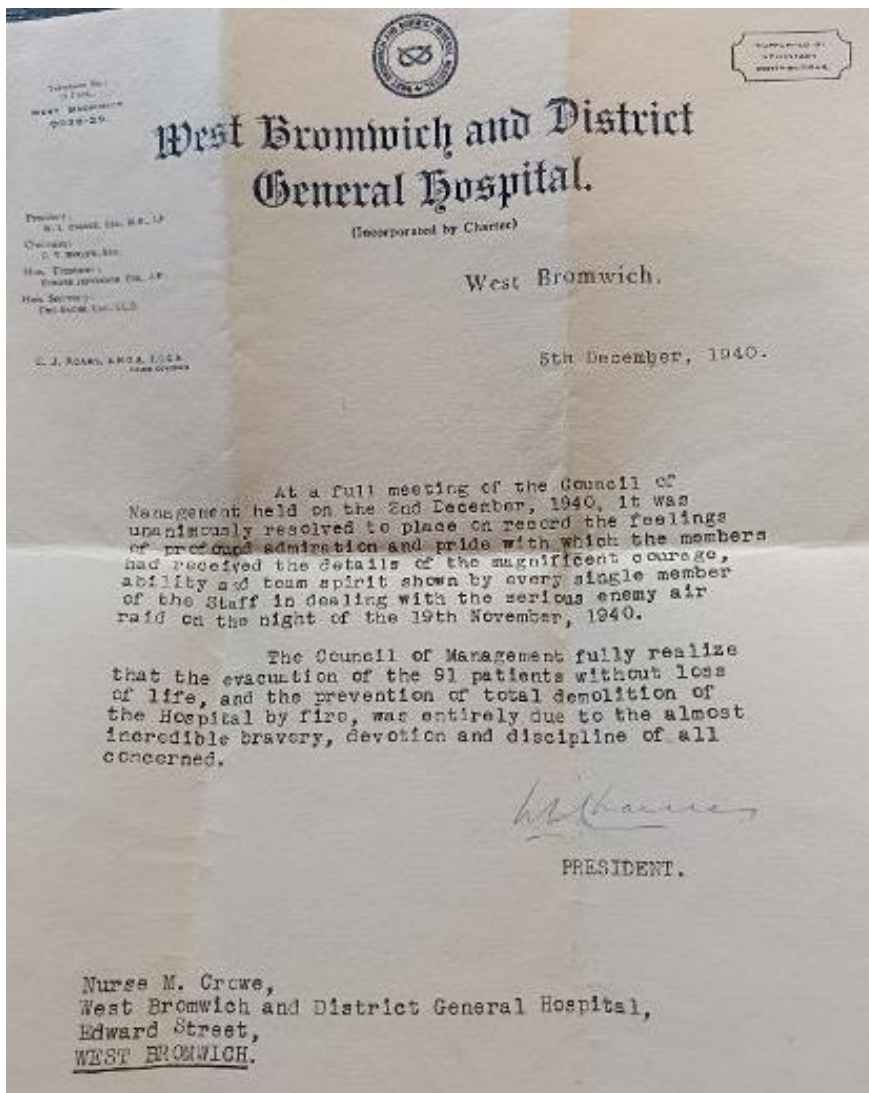




Margaret Crowe, who was born in Co. Mayo, Ireland, came to West Bromwich and worked as a nurse at the District and General Hospital in Edward Street. She was on duty on November 19, 1940, the night the hospital was bombed in an enemy air raid.

Staff were incredibly brave that night and managed to evacuate 91 patients without any loss of life and also helped to extinguish the flames that were threatening the very building itself.

Margret herself was badly injured.



Margaret's granddaughter, Niamh Deffely, has shared this information and images with us .

Although her grandmother died when she was only six years old, she still remembers her telling her about the scar she had from the injury received that night.

Niamh recently came across the letter from the hospital, dated December 5th, 1940, thanking her grandmother for her actions and bravery.