

Knight in the Order of Leopold, Knight in the Order of the Crown, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940, Fouragère 1940, Military Decoration 2nd Class, Croix des Evadés, Resistance Medal, ...



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Guy Beckers was born at Liege, June 17th, 1914. On 16 September 1935, he took an engagement for 2 years in the Aéronautique Militaire Belge. Washed off as student pilot, he was readmitted as Air Gunner and after the course he joined 5/III/2. In May 1940, when Germans invaded Belgium, his unit went to France. He returned to Belgium when France surrendered where he arrived on 23 August 1940. Evaded from Belgium on 10 January 1941 and was arrested in Spain and sent to the prisoner camp of Miranda (4 May 1941). Liberated on 20 October the same year, he arrived in Great Britain on 4 January 1942. He engaged the RAFVR on 9 May 1942 with the commission as Pilot Officer. May 30, 1942, he joined the 17 ITW. Further postings were: 6 EFTS (17 June 1942), 2 Air Crew Dispatch Centre (18 July 1942), 31 EFTS (26 September 1942), 37 SFTS (3 December 1942). Promoted F/O on 9 March 1943, he joined the Personal Dispatch Centre where he arrived on 3 April 1943. Further training saw him at the 7 Personal Dispatch Centre (24 May 1943), 5 PAFU (15 June 1943) and 61 OTU where he arrived on 2 August 1943. Training finished, he was posted to 350 (Belgian) Squadron (26 October 1943). Promoted F/Lt on 9 March 1944. Rested and sent to RAF Station Tarian. Sent to 1687 flight (on Halifax) on 25/08/1944 to fly as 2nd pilot on Halifax. Further postings were: 1656 Conversion Unit NOFD (20 November 1944) and 83 GSU (29 March 1945). Joined the Belgian Air Force after the War and left Active duty on 18 August 1947.

(Info kindly provided by André Bar)

His claims are :-