Brosteaux Joseph (RAF nº 133258)

Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Croix des Evadés, Military Decoration 2nd Class,



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Born at Fosses, 15 April 1914. Sgt Pilot with the 3 Regiment of Aéronautique Militaire Belge when the country was invaded. Passes with his unit to France on 18 May 1940. Repatriated to Belgium on 20 August 1940. Escaped to Portugal on 1st June 1942. Arrived in the UK on 20 August 1942. Enlisted to the RAFVR as P/O on 16 November 1942. Send for training to: 5 PAFU (19 November 1942), AFU (23 December 1942) and OTU (9 February 1943). Posted to 350 Squadron on April 6th 1943. Promoted to F/O on 16 May 1943. Rested and posted to RAF Belgian Depot, 5 November 1944 with a promotion to F/Lt on 16 November 1944 and stayed there for the rest of the hostilities. Joseph Brosteaux died on March 23, 1986.

(Information kindly provided by André Bar)

His claims are :-