

" Papou " (Knight) de Patoul Guy (RAF n° 87684)

Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm and Bronze Lion, Knight - Officer and Commander of the Order of the Crown with Palm, Knight - Officer and Commander of the Order of Léopold, Commander of the Order of Léopold II, Military Cross 2nd Class, ...



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Born at Brussels on 18 March 1918. on 31 October 1936 he was admitted to the Royal Military Academy Detached to the 13 Artillery Rgt, he passes to France when the Country was invaded by the Germans. Escaped from Bayonne to GB aboard the 'SS Leopold II' where he arrived on June 24, 1940. Engaged RAFVR on 25 July 1940, was send to RAF Depot of Gloucester (2 August 1940), RAF Depot St-Athan (13 August 1940), EFTS Odiham (2 November 1940), SFTS (15 April 1941), OTU (20 August 1941) After Training , he was posted to 610 Sqn (29 September 1941), 350 Sqn (2 September 1942). Rested, he joined the Headquarters ADGB on 27 July 1944. After a passage to the RAF Belgian ITS (17 August 1944) and 84 GSU (24 March 1945) he rejoined 350 Sqn (13 April 1945). On a mission in the Lübeck area on 24 April 1945, having a probably destroyed FW-190 his plane was hit by E/A and he had to bail out. POW, he was repatriated on 8 May 1945. After the War he stayed in the Belgian Air Force, ending his career as Colonel. Died on 23 September 1978, aged 60.

His claims are :

24/04/45 1 FW-190 Probable Lübeck area (350Sqn)