Belgian Croix de Guerre with 4 Palms, Croix des Evadés,



(Philippe Deman Collection)

Guy Gigot was born in Jette, Brussels, on 30 March 1922, and he escaped from occupied Belgium on 11 July 1941, but was arrested in Spain where he was interned in the Prison Camp at Miranda de Ebro. After his release, in March 1942, he embarked in Lisbon, Portugal for the UK. Here, on 25 June 1942, he enlisted in the RAFVR, and started training at he ACRC (20 July 1942), went to 17 ITW - Scarborough (8 August 1942), followed by 6 EFTS - Sywell (30 October 1942), 2 ACDC (1 January 1943). Guy Gigot was sent to Canada for further training at the PDC - Ottawa (18 January 1943), the 31 EFTS - De Winton, Calgary (22 February 1943) and 34 SFTS, Medicine Hat (19 April 1943). Qualified as a pilot, and promoted Sergeant, he returned to the UK at 7 PRC (19 September 1943). Sent to 5(P) AFU on 1 February 1944 and 53 OTU, 23 May 1944, with a posting to 350 (Belgian) Squadron on 27 July 1944. Promoted to F/Sgt on 6 February 1945, Guy Gigot was commissioned on 24 March 1945. He left the RAFVR, but stayed with the Belgian Air Force Reserve and joined SABENA.

(source: courtesy of "Those Other Eagles" by Christopher Shores)

His claims are:

18/04/1945	1/4 FW-190 Damaged on the ground	Wittenberg area
18/04/1945	1 Ju-188 Destroyed on the ground	Wittenberg area
26/04/1945	1 FW-190	Pritzwalk area
26/04/1945	1/4 FW-190	Pritzwalk area
30/04/1945	1 FW-190	Ludwiglust area
30/04/1945	1/3 FW-190	Ludwiglust area

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