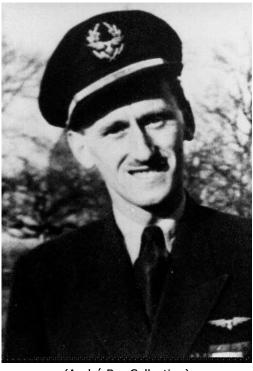
Pauwels Emile G.R.. (NCO: 1424929, Officer: 195058)

Belgian Croix de Guerre with 2 Palms, ...



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Born in Brussels on 25 June 1920, Emile Pauwels escaped from Belgium on 15 May 1942. He enlisted in the RAFVR in July 1942, and started training at 17 ITW at Scarborough (8 August 1942) and joined 6 EFTS at Sywell (30 October 1942). After 2 ACDC (1 January 1943) and PDC (18 January 1943) he attended 31 EFTS at De Winton (22 February 1943), Calgary and 34 SFTS at Medicine Hat (14 June 1943). Send to 31 PDC (31 October 1943) after being promoted to Sergeant on 1 October 1943. Held at 7 PRC at Harrogate (29 October 1943), he was sent to 5 (P) AFU at Tern Hill/Salop (28 March 1944) and finished his training at 53 OTU where he arrived on 28 May 1944. Posted to 350 (Belgian) Squadron where he arrived on 27 July 1944. Emile Pauwels was promoted F/Sgt the 1st October 1944 and was commissioned P/O on 13 February 1945. Discharged from the RAF in January 1946, he volunteered for the Belgian Air Force Reserve and joined SABENA in 1947. He was killed on 18 May 1958, in a flying accident at Casablanca, Morocco, in command of DC-7, OO-SFA.

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His claims are:

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