

Peeters Louis-Victor (RAF n° 103566)

Knight's Cross in the Order of Leopold, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Belgian Military Cross 1st Class, Croix des Evadés, 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Air Defence Medal, Belgian Commemorative War Medal 1940-1945 with 2 Crossed Swords and 3 Bronze Clasps, Médaille de la France Libérée.



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Born on 7 October 1921 at Brasschaat, Louis-Victor Peeters was a pupil at the Flying School of the Aé Mil when War broke out. He was transferred to France and moved to Oujda, Morocco when the French capitulated. He escaped to Great Britain where he arrived on 5 August 1940. He enlisted in the Volunteer Reserve of the RAF and was sent for training. He flew with 61 OTU (20 August 1941), 124 (Baroda) Sqn (3 October 1941) and finally arrived at 350 Sqn on 16 November 1941 - where he was the first Belgian to join the new squadron. On 23 May 1942 350 Sqn executed a Rodeo with the Wings of Biggin Hill and Hornchurch. 350 Sqn clashed with a formation of FW-190. Louis Peeters, whose plane (AR333) was damaged, crash-landed near Calais and he was made POW and send to Stalag Luft III. Joined the Belgian Air Force after the War where he retired with the rank of Colonel. He died on 2nd February 2001.

His claims are :-

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