

Charlier Martin J.J. (RAF n°117620)

Golden Palms in the Order of the Crown, Knight in the Order of the Crown, Officer in the Order of the Crown, Knight in the Order of Leopold, Officers Cross in the Order of Leopold with Palm, Knight in the Order of Leopold II, Golden Medal in the Order of Leopold II, Officer in the Order of Leopold II, Military Decoration 2nd Class, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm in Bronze, Croix des Evadés, War Medal 1939-45, 1939-45 Star, ...



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Born at Mormalle, 8 November 1900. Was CO of 2/1/2 when war broke out. Retreated to France on 13 May 1940. Returned to Belgium when France capitulated. Escaped to Great Britain via Spain on 31 March 1942 where he arrived on January 4th, 1942. Sent to 58 OTU (05/05/1942) after enlisted to VR of the RAF (12/03/1942), he finally arrived at 350 Sqn on 8 July 1942. On August, 27, 1942, a section of 350 Sqn, led by F/Lt du Monceau de Bergendael, flew Circus 208, escorting a dozen of Boston's to Abbeville, clashed with a group of FW-190. Charlier flying on Spitfire MKVb AB912 was shot down and MIA.

(Information kindly provided by Cinryk De Decker)

His claims are :-