

" Gieter " De Jaegher Guy Ch. (RAF n° 1299838)

Knight and officer of the Order of the Crown, Knight of the Order of Léopold,
Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Military Décoration 2nd Class with Palme,
Commemorative Medal 1940-45 with 1 bronze Crown



(André Bar Collection)

Born at Courtrai, 28 October 1923. Escaped to Great Britain where he arrived on 21 May 1940. Was enrolled in the Belgian Army at Tenby. Volunteered to the RAFVR August 7th, 1941. Joined RAF Depot at Penarth. Transferred on 19 September 1941 to RAF Depot Viceroy Court, followed by 5 ITW Torquay (05 October 1941), 6 EFTS Sywell (17 November 1941), 22 SFTS Cambridge (01 May 1942), RAF College Cranwell (20 May 1942) and finally 58 OTU Grangemouth (29 September 1942). He was posted to 350 Sqn (23 December 1942). On 30 April 1944 at the departure for an escort mission, D. Scuvie collided with G. De Jaegher and crashed into the sea and was killed. De Jaegher successfully ditched in the sea off Isle of Wight and was rescued by Air Sea Rescue. Injured in one of his eyes, he was retired from operations for a long period. After recovery, De Jaegher joined the sister squadron, 349 (Belgian) Squadron (November 1944 - May 1945). He died at Johannesburg (South Africa) on 10 October 1967.

(source: Guy De Win)

His claims are :-