

Doncq Marcel (RAF n° 1424926)

Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm, Order of the Crown, Croix des Evades, 1939 - 45 Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal, ...



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Born on 25 October 1918 at Chimay. When War broke out, he was with his unit at Lombardsijde (Nieupoort). He escaped from Belgium on 16 April 1941. He crossed the Spanish border during the night of 25 April 1941. Was arrested by Phalangists in the vicinity of Barcelona and sent to the prison of San Celoni where they stayed 14 weeks. From 26 October 1941 till 6 February 1942, he was interned in five different prisons, the prisoner camp of Miranda de Ebro included. Liberated on 7 February 1942, he was transferred to Gibraltar, where he arrived on 11 February 1942. 4 March, saw him leaving Gibraltar on board of the Polish ship SOBIESKY and arriving in England on 11 March 1942. He enlisted the RAFVR and was sent end October to the ITW at Sywell (Northampton). Further training saw him leaving the UK to Canada onboard of the Queen Elisabeth. He attended the 31 EFTS, De Winton (February 1943) where he flew his first solo (Tiger Moth 5961) on 4 March 1943. Further training saw him flying the Harvard at the 34 SFTS Medicine Hat. Qualified as pilot, he returned to the UK where he joined 5AFU (3 February 1944, and finally converting to Spitfire at 53 OTU Kirton. He joined 350 Squadron, 'A' Flight on 12 June 1944 and stayed with this unit till the end of War, gaining several successes. Released from RAF, he joined Sabena. He was rested in 1974. He died in Bouriers, 1st July 1998

His claims are :

20/04/1945	1 FW-190	Berlin area
26/04/1945	1/4 FW-190	