

" Chat " Duchateau Roger (RAF n° 135896)

Knight and Officer in the Order of the Crown, Knight in the Order of Leopold II, Knight in the order of Leopold, Commemorative Medal 1940-45 with 2 crossed swords, Medal of Military combatant 1940-45, 1939-1945 Star, Croix des Evades, ...



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Roger Duchateau was born at Wonck (Liege) , 1 June 1914. On 16 November 1934, he was admitted to the Royal Military Academy . 23 November 1936 saw his admission in the ranks of flying personal (77 promotion). He was detached to the 1st Rgt d'Aéronautique at 25 June 1937 and gained the observer brevet on 30 October 1937. Detached to the Flying School (16 May 1938), he obtained his flying brevet on 14 March 1939. Posted to 2nd Rgt Aéronautique on April 1, 1939 and transferred to 2/I/2°Aé (10 May 1940). Passes into France with his unit after invasion by Germans. Joins Belgium at the Armistice. He leaves Belgium on June 14, 1942, arrives at Gibraltar, 16 September 1942. Enroled in the RAFVR (30 December 1942), he was sent to training at 5 (P) AFU (15 January 1943), 61 OTU (15 March 1943) and posted to 41 Sqn (31 May 1943 - 11 June 1943), 349 Sqn (11 June 1943 - 26 November 1943), 350 Sqn - 1 March 1945). Rested, he was discharged from RAF (1st October 1946). He joined the Belgian Air Force. He put his services at the disposal of the Ministry of Colonies (15 July 1950) and retired on the 1st October 1953. He died at Tenerife on 21 January 1989.

(source: Guy De Win)

His claims are :-