

Duchesne Georges F.G. (RAF n° 132975)

Knight's Cross in the Order of Leopold with Palm, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 (Posthumous), Croix des Evadés, Volunteer Medal 1939-1945 (Posthumous), The Belgian Commemorative Medal of the War 1940-45, 1939-1945 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, War Medal 1939-1945, ...



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Born at Seraing-sur-Meuse (Liège) on 11 May 1916. Member of Aé Mil before the War. Evaded from Belgium on 1 March 1942, and arrived in the UK on 20 (or 21) August 1942 by aircraft from Lisbon. Enlisted as P/O into the Belgian Section of the RAF on 10 November 1942. Sent for training with 5 PAFU (17/11/1942), AFU (23/12/1942) and 61 OTU (09/02/1943). Posted to 350 Squadron on 6 April 1943, and was promoted F/O (war sub) on 11 May 1943. When flying a Ranger to St. Omer on 30 January 1944 his Spitfire LF IX MH428 MN-Z was hit by flak, and he crashed and was killed. He was first buried in the Parish Cemetery at St. Marie-Kerque and was transferred to the Evere Cemetery (Pelouse d'honneur à la Force Aérienne) on 5 September 1950.

His claims are :-