

Gerard Jean Jules Victor (RAF n° 132971)

Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 (Posthumous), ...



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Born at Chastres, 5 September 1909. Member of the Aé Mil before the War. Escaped from Belgium on 20 April 1942 via Portugal to Great Britain where he arrived on 12 July 1942. Enlisted as P/O into the Belgian Section of the RAF on 11 November 1942. Sent for training to 5 (P)AFU (17 November 1942), (P)AFU-Calverley (23 December 1942) and 61 OTU (9 February 1943). Posted to 350 Sqn on 6 April 1943 and promoted F/O (war subs) on 11 May 1943. On 30 January 1944, Gerard, executing a Ranger to St-Omer was hit by flak. He managed to fly his plane back to Hawkinge but caught fire on landing. Badly wounded, Jean Gerard died of his injuries.

His claims are :-