

'Bertje' Herreman Albert M.L. (RAF n° 2244943)

Special Dispatch in RAF "Honours & Awards", Knight's Cross in the Order of Leopold with Palmn,
Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with 2 Palms, War Medal 1939-45, 1939-45 Star,
Air Crew Europe Star, ...



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Born at Oudenaarde on 22 March 1916, Albert Herreman started pilot training with 84th promotion on 1 March 1940. He was evacuated with the Flying Training School to France on 13 May 1940, and from there to Oujda, Morocco. Here he embarked at Casablanca on 2 July 1940 for the UK, where he arrived on 5 August 1940. He enlisted in the RAFVR in November the same year, and started training (1 March 1941 - 6 May 1941) at the Franco-Belgium EFTS at Odiham and then attended the 5 FTS (20 May 1941 - 10 August 1941) at Tern Hill/Salop, followed by the 61 OTU (20 August 1941 - 20 September 1941) at Heston. Qualified as a pilot, and promoted to Sergeant, Albert Herreman was posted to 123 (East India) Squadron (28 September - 30 November 1941) and then transferred to 124 (Baroda) Squadron (1 December 1941 - 31 August 1942) . Promoted to F/Sgt in August, he joined 350 (Belgian) Squadron on 1 September 1942, with whom he was commissioned on 20 March 1943, and was promoted F/O on 20 September 1943. Tragically he was killed in a flying accident on 8 June 1944, when in bad weather, his Spitfire Mk VB, BM363 MN-G, collided with a USAAF B-26 over Hailsham, East Sussex.

His claims are :

29/08/1942 1 FW-190
21/12/1943 1 FW-190

(Sqn 124)
Ramrod 381: Berck-sur-Mer