

" VéDéVé " Vanderveken Robert (RAF n° 1424915)

Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm and Bronze Lion, Croix des Evadés, 1939-1943 Star, ...



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Born on 1 September 1919 at Brussels, evaded Belgium together with his mother and 3 other young men in a selfmade raft, arriving in GB on 19 September 1941. Taken up into BFGB on 13 November 1941. Enlisted into RAFVR on 12 February 1942, starting training at Air Depot-Regent's Park, joining ACRC (23 February 1942), 17 ITW (15 March 1942), 6 EFTS (17 June 1942), promoted Sergeant Pilot on 23 June 1942, went to 2 ACDC (10 July 1942), 28 EFTS (23 September 1942), as P/O (24 June 1943) to CSFTS (29 June 1943) and finally to 61 OTU (13 July 1943). Posted into 350 Sqn on 9 October 1943. Promoted to F/O on 24 December 1943. Joined the Belgian Initial Training School on 26 March 1945 followed by 12 Ferry Unit on 7 May 1945. Ended his Military career at the RAF as F/Lt (24 June 1945). Demobilized on 16 January 1946. Died at Vancouver, Canada on 27 November 1997.

His claims are :

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