

BRIGADIER GENERAL LUCIEN 'LULU' DE MEY

Born 31st July 1921 - Passed away October 2013

Born on 31 Jul 1921, General Lucien 'Lulu' De Mey, a long-standing member of the Belgian Branch who moved to France following his retirement in 1975, passed away in October 2013. He joined the Belgian Royal Military Academy in 1939 and, following the fall of Belgium and a period as a Prisoner of War, he set out for England in Aug 1941. Escaping through France, where he met his future wife Monette, and following imprisonment in Spain, he eventually reached England in July 1943 where he joined the 100th Belgian Promotion and completed his initial RAF training.

Following flying training in Canada he was commissioned in the RAF as a Pilot Officer in March 1945. At the end of the War he returned to Belgium and had a long and distinguished career with the Belgian Air Force, flying Spitfire, Mosquito, Meteor, F-84-G and F-84-F and commanding 9 Sqn at Chièvres, 2 Sqn at Florennes, 29 Sqn at Brustem, 10th Wing at Kleine-Brogel and the 1st All Weather Fighter Wing at Beauvechain. He served with NATO at 2 Allied Tactical Air Force (ATAF) Rheindahlen as Chief War Plans, at AFCENT Fontainebleau and Brunssum, at Sector Operations Centre UEDEM, at 2ATAF again as Chief of Staff Operations in the rank of Brigadier General, and finally at Casteau as Chief of the Air Defence Branch.