



Jan Roubík

Jan Roubík (September 17, 1914, Plzeň – January 5 , 1983, London) was a Czech gunner of the 311th Czechoslovak Bomber Squadron and a political prisoner of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia .

Life

Before World War II

Jan Roubík was born on September 17, 1914 in Pilsen to Marta and Max Roubík. He completed five years of elementary school and eight years of grammar school. He began studying law, but did not complete it.

World War II

After the German occupation, Jan Roubík and his wife illegally left the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in the autumn of 1939 and went to Palestine via Slovakia , Hungary and Yugoslavia , where he joined the Czechoslovak Army Abroad in Tel Aviv on 30 April 1942. He served in the Czechoslovak anti-aircraft battalions, was transferred to the Air Force on 28 October 1942, transferred to the United Kingdom , and was accepted into the Royal Air Force on 2 January 1943 and trained as a gunner. In 1943, he married Eleonora Abelesová, a native of Žatec , and their daughter Helena was born in December of the same year. He completed his training on 2 April 1944 and was assigned to the 311th Czechoslovak Bomber Squadron on 10 May of the same year. As a member of it, he participated in anti-submarine and anti-ship patrol flights on the ocean until the end of World War II .

After World War II

After the end of World War II, Jan Roubík returned with his family to Czechoslovakia , where he was demobilized and discharged from the army on September 20, 1945. On December 27, 1949, he was arrested by the communist authorities and imprisoned for ten years in the uranium mines in Jáchymov . He died on January 5, 1983 in London.

Honors

- Czechoslovak War Cross 1939
- 1946 Czechoslovak Medal of Merit, 1st Class

Literature

- Eva Pokorná - Jan Roubík (article on the website of the Military History Club 276th sqdn. RAF) (<https://www.276.cz/badatelna-2/ceskoslovensti-palubni-strelci-v-radach-royal-air-force/>)

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	Jan Roubík
Birth	September 17, 1914 Pilsen Austria-Hungary
Death	5 January 1983 (aged 68) London England
Nationality	 Czech
Alma mater	Faculty of Law, Charles University
Profession	deck gunner
Employer	Royal Air Force
Husband	Eleonora Abelesová
Children	daughter Helena
Parents	Marta and Max Roubík
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