**MERVYN WILLIAM BAILEY**

**NZ413011**

Born 31 August 1920 Died 8 October 1983

Calling Up, Mobilisation 24.5.1941

Rank F/SGT changed to F/O 9.12.44 then P/O 27.1.45

Flight 2A Squadron 1, Levin

104 Squadron RAF

Trained at Harewood and Wigram in Tiger Moth, D.H.2 and Oxford.

Went to England in 1942 and continues training in Oxfords at South Cerney, England (3 (P) A.F.U). April 1942.

In May 18th-23rd 1942 continues in Oxfords at Feltwell with 1519 B.A.T.F RAF as 2nd Pilot.

May 27-31st June 1st-7th Back to South Cerney flying Oxfords.

June 9th-30th 1942 at Wigtown, Scotland training in Anson planes.No.1 (O) AFU

July 1st-31st 1942 at Wigtown continues in Anson and Lysander planes.

Aug 1st- 31st 1942 at Wigtown continues I Anson, Botha and D.H.Rapide planes.

Sept 4th-13th continues in Anson.

No records until Dec 24th-29th continues in Anson.

June 4th14th 1943 20 PAFU Kidlington Oxford flying Oxfords.

June 16-21st with 1519 BATF FAF Feltwell flying Oxford. (cheetah)

June 23-30th  20 PAFU Kidlington-Oxfords.

July 1-6 continues in Oxfords.

July 8-12 continues in Oxfords.

August-Sept 1943 No 21 OTU Moreton-In-Marsh Wellington IC (Pegasus)

Nov 1943 104 Squadron RAF BNAF

Operation to Grosseto Railway Bridge -Wellington x (Hercules)

Operation to Pontassieve Railway Bridge -Wellington x

Operation to Ciampino Airfield -Wellington x

Dec 7-31 1943

El Aovina , Sidi Ahmed, Oudna North Africa to Cerignola Italy, Cerignola to Foggia

Jan 1944

Flying Wellington x Reggio-Emila , Sofia Bulgaria- crash landed on return to base.

Salonika, Greece, Railway south of Leghorn, Arezzo M/Yards

Moreton-In-Marsh 18/9/43- 10/10/43

West Kirby 10/10/43 -14/10/43

Phillipville North Africa 21/10/43-30/10/43

Tunis, North Africa 2/11-3/11/43

104 Squad BNAF 3/11/43-16/12/43

104 Kairim BNAF 3/11/43-16/12/43

104 Oudna BNAF 16/12/43-20/12/43

104 Cerignola Italy -20/12/43-31/12/43

104 Squadron Foggia 31/12/43-21/8/44

3 BPD Naples 25/7/44-21/8/44

22 PDC Almaza Egypt 29/8/44-14/11/44

Brighton UK 3/12/44-9/2/45

**Transport Ships**

SS President Grant NZ to USA

Orion Canada to England

Champollion England to N. Africa

Capetown Castle Italy to Egypt

Queen of Bermuda Egypt to England

MV Rangitiki England to NZ