

**Septimus Robinson**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 1915 - 5<sup>th</sup> March 1986**



Front left is my father F/O Septimus Robinson, I presume centre front is his pilot F/O John O'Malley.  
As yet I havent identified the rest of the crew in this photo but I think they would have been.  
Navigator F/S F Cousar, Wireless Operator F/S Frank Henry Gimblett, Flight Engineer Sgt W Ireland, Sgt W Ramsay Mid Upper Gunner, Sgt B Stacey Rear Gunner

My fathers RAF career leading up to and including his service with 75NZ squadron bomber command. Service number 1432941/190538

- After leaving Leicester Police father is shown on the 7th May 1941 as an LAC with the intention to train as pilot.
- However on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1942 he appears to be training as a Navigator
- From 18th March 1942 to 18th of June 1943 he appears to have been carrying out his training in South Africa/Rhodesia.
- By 31st December 1943 he has risen from LAC to Flt/Sgt
- On 15th January 1944 he is shown at 22ACHCU which I believe was an aircrew holding unit probably at Kirkham in the UK.
- 14th March 1944 he starts training with 11 OTU at RAF Bassingbourn Cambridgeshire where night bomber aircrew were trained.
- On the 27th November 1944 he joined 75 New Zealand Squadron RAF Mepal Cambridgeshire
- He joins O'Malley crew as Bomb Aimer (Navigator) where his first operational flight was 30th November 1944
- As far can see he did 35 operational flights with F/S John O'Malley as pilot, the last operation being 4th April 1945.
- By late February 1945 he had received his commission and is shown both as as Flying Officer & Pilot Officer Robinson on some records.