



RONALD DEREK SPEAK

1522475 Flight Sergeant Ronald Derek Speak, 14 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Born 1st May 1921 at Heaton Chapel, son of cotton manufacturer and merchant, Frank and Lily Josephine Speak of Sunnycroft, Anglesey Drive, Poynton Park. The 1939 Register shows the children to be Ronald Derek, Geoffrey, James and Martha.

Flight Sergeant Ronald Derek Speak died in a flying accident, when his plane crashed into the cliffs in Cornwall, on Thursday 19th April 1945, aged 24 years. Ronald was educated at Stockport Grammar School and married Amelia Agnes Wilkinson in the last quarter of 1943. On the day he died his Commission had just come through.

Flight Sergeant Ronald Derek Speak is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. C.W.G.C. Ref: Panel 273.

In November 1944 the Squadron began to receive Wellingtons for anti-submarine patrols, which began in February 1945.



Ronald Speak, kneeling on front row far right in September 1944 at Grottaglie, Italy.

