

Ronald Allin

Flying Officer Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve 49 squadron

Service Number 113902

Died 14 February 1943 aged 32

Memorial Runnymede Air Force Memorial.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1082718/allin,-ronald/>

Son of John Herbert, born 4 March 1882 and Lydia (nee Walker) Allin born 4 March 1885. Their marriage was registered in the Basford Registration District in the June quarter of 1905.

### **Children.**

Ronald's birthdate was 16 August 1911 However I have been unable to establish exactly where he was born, or even where the birth was registered. Neither have I been able to trace the family on the 1911 census I would guess in the Kirkby in Ashfield area as this is in the Basford Registration District and is also from where his parents originate, and were living, from 1922 (E R) and on the 1939 register.

His siblings were

John L Allin Birth Registered in the Basford R D Dec., quarter 1913

Grace L. Allin. Birth Registered in the Basford R D June quarter 1916

Grenville Allin Born 9 Jan 1920. Birth registered in the Basford R D.

Ronald married Ivy Maude Ware of Carlton in 1935. Their marriage was registered in the Basford registration District during the December quarter of 1935 (not recorded in Gedling Parish magazine.) Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1907, in the 1911 census Ivy M Ware is recorded as living with her parents on Chesterfield Street Carlton.

A son John R was born 5<sup>th</sup> May 1937 registered in Nottingham R D in the June quarter.

On the 1939 register Ronald, Ivy and John are recorded as living at number 8 Westbury Road Nottingham. His profession is listed as 'Assistant cashier wages clerk'

At some point after this Ronald joined the RAFVR. And was subsequently assigned to 49 Squadron a bomber squadron, then based at RAF Fiskerton in Lincolnshire.

On 13<sup>th</sup> February 1943 aircraft from the 49<sup>th</sup> squadron were part of a raid on Lorient's U boat base in Brittany, France. Ronald Allin was the Navigator on Lancaster Bomber ED450. They were on the return journey and had reached Plymouth on the south coast, when in the darkness over Plymouth Sound the plane struck the unseen steel cable of a barrage balloon The Lancaster bomber came down disintegrating as it fell into the sea. All of the crew were killed in the crash and their bodies were never recovered.

The crew were

- F/Sgt G. B. C. Miller – Pilot
- F/O R. Allin – Navigator
- Sgt K. Hands W/AG
- Sgt W. Noble B/A
- Sgt S. Young F/E
- Sgt W. Halsall A/G
- Sgt F. H. Allen A/G

The remains of ED450 are still there, but the wreckage has been broken up and scattered.

Information from

[http://www.49squadron.co.uk/personnel\\_index/detail/Allin\\_R](http://www.49squadron.co.uk/personnel_index/detail/Allin_R)

This site also includes several photographs including a photograph of Ronald in uniform presumably with son John

Ivy had moved to Carlton possibly to be nearer to her family.

A son Philip Ronald was born to Ivy on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1943. The entry in the Nottingham Evening Post reads

*'Born June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Midland Grove Carlton to Flying Officer Ronald Allin (missing) and Ivy (nee Ware) 'a son Philip Ronald*

Philip Ronald was not baptised at Gedling Church during 1943. Midland Avenue was actually in Netherfield off Chandos Street so he may have been baptised in a Netherfield Church.

A notice was placed in the Nottingham Evening Post on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1944

In Memorium

*Flying Officer Ronald Allin missing from operations February 14<sup>th</sup> 1943 now presumed killed. Wife, John, Philip and families Nottingham and East Kirkby'*

Ronald is remembered on the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede

This memorial commemorates the names of over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North and Western Europe and who have no known graves.

Photographs of the memorial can be found on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). and [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org).

Ivy M Allin later married George A Morley Registered in the Basford Registration District in the January quarter of 1957.

Ivy Maude Morley of 140 Burton Road died 14 August 1984