

**1326702 Leading Aircraftsman FRANK SALTER**

**Royal Air Force**

**Died at sea 7 November 1944**

Born on 4 September 1904, Frank Salter was adopted as a teenager by the Pudwell family. He was married to Gwendoline Hutchings from Nailsea, Bristol, who subsequently became the district nurse for the **Benson** area. Pre-war employment was at Morris Motors, Cowley.

Remembered as an enthusiastic sportsman, Frank played most sports, including cricket, football, running and swimming and, when only 17, he won the marathon walking trophy, covering 6¾ miles in 70 minutes.

During the war he volunteered to enlist in the Royal Air Force, qualifying as a medical orderly. On 5 November, after returning from Benson to Dover, he embarked upon the landing craft LST 420 for the Belgian coast. En route the vessel struck a mine and was sunk. There were few survivors and the family were notified by telegram four days later, on Armistice Day, that Frank Salter was listed as missing. He is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial on Panel 242.