

Jim Mackie of 25 Group discovered this Parliamentary record written in 1996

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QUOTE

Royal Observer Corps

Mr. Redmond

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what public commendation or recognition his Department has given in respect of the Royal Observer Corps; and if he will make a statement. [8452]



Mr. Soames

*On **8 December 1995**, to commemorate the stand-down of the remaining element of the Royal Observer Corps, invited guests, officers and other ranks attended a ceremony at the **Royal Air Force college, Cranwell** to lodge the **Royal Observer Corps Banner** in College Hall.*

To mark this occasion, I wrote formally to the Commandant of the Royal Observer Corps paying tribute to the men and women of the Corps who have given so much to their sovereign and to their country. Throughout they have carried out their duties with honour and dedication.

UNQUOTE

As we all know our Sovereigns Banner was dislodged from Cranwell and formally laid up in the RAF Church St. Clement Danes in October 2015

Pictures below show ROCA Chairman John Sharpe MBE presenting the Banner for dedication prior to its laying up in perpetuity.

