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Presentation of Awards at the National Reunion Didsbury

New Award to recognise meritorious service to the Association ~

The Jock Burnie Trophy

Observer W. (Jock) Burnie joined the Royal Observer Corps in 1956 and served on Crew Two in No.7 Group Bedford, reaching the rank of Chief Observer on his appointment to Post Supervisor, a position he held for many years. In 1988 he transferred to Riseley Post, on age grounds, where he served until the Corps was stood down in 1991. He joined the ROC Association in 1987.

Jock's expertise and enthusiasm for the Corps was greatly appreciated by his peers, especially by Post Observers on Exercises when communication problems arose. When new recruits came along he would take them under his wing making them feel at home in their new surroundings.

Jock was well known not only in Bedford Group and Midland area, but in many other Groups too. He

was a regular attender at ROC Camps and made many friends around the country. He was awarded the C in C Strike Command's Certificate of Commendation in 1975.

The Jock Burnie Trophy was donated by his son Andrew after his death in 1995, and is to be used to help preserve his memory into the future.



First Awarded at the 2012 Reunion to Michael Marks

John Sharpe on behalf of the National Committee accepted The Jock Burnie Trophy kindly donated on loan by No 7 Group Bedford. Much to his surprise Michael Marks became the first recipient of the Trophy awarded in recognition for his many years of dedication and service to the Association.

The Cup remains the property of No. 7 Group Bedford ROCA, and is on permanent loan to the National Committee for the purpose of awarding it annually, to selected members at the National Reunion, for their meritorious service to the Association.

Recipients are asked to maintain the cup in good condition and arrange for it to be returned to the National Committee at the end of their year, or earlier if they so wish.

Should the National Committee no longer wish to continue with this award, the cup is to be returned to the Chairman of Bedford Group at that time.

John Shere receives the President Certificate
Air Vice Marshal Mike Jackson presents the Trophy to Michael Marks

Photo Jenny Morris



President Certificate of Commendation Awarded to John Shere of Bedford Group

In recognition of his presentations and promotion of the Association to a number of outside organisations, for his research and display work as part of the National Heritage Team and his service in many guises to the local and National Association Air Marshal Cliff Spink awards John his Certificate of Commendation. *Photo Jenny Morris*

