

Obs/Off. Bill Farries B.E.M.
22 Group R.O.C.



Sadly we have to report the death of Bill on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 after a short illness. He was in his 90<sup>th</sup> year and still enjoyed an active life.

He will be known to many of you from his ROC service which began during the Second World War. He served in the Carlisle Group for almost 48 years, receiving the ROC medal, and two bars, along with the British Empire Medal in 1987.

Bill's area of service was predominately along the west coast but he was well known, and highly respected, throughout the whole of the group and the wider Corps family. He was a friend to many, a valued colleague and an encouragement to all who served for him or with him. We can also thank Bill for the existence of today's 22 Group ROCA since he was one of its founding fathers. He was a true gentleman and he will be missed by many.

His funeral was held, in his local Parish Church, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Several of friends from the ROC attended and his friend, and ex ROC colleague, Harold Archer, invited to give a eulogy, spoke of his Bill's pride in the ROC and his service in it.

We extend deep sympathy to his wife Anne and all his family.