



OBITUARY

Observer Commander R M Pate



It is with great regret that we announce the sad passing of **Observer Commander Robert Pate**, a former Group Commandant of No 25 Group Royal Observer Corps.



He passed away on Sunday 17 January 2021 in his 98th year at Cumloden Manor Nursing Home in Minnigaff, Dumfries and Galloway.

Bob was a teacher and his last appointment prior to retirement was as Head Teacher at Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart.

He was born 16 November 1923, enlisted in the Royal Air Force in 1941 and served as a pilot until the end of the war.

Royal Observer Corps Service

Bob enrolled as an Observer in the Royal Observer Corps in No 25 Group, Ayr on 23 May 1955 and also served for a brief time in No 30 Group Inverness.

He was promoted to the rank of Chief Observer on 1 April 1959.

On 24 June 1960 he was promoted to Observer Officer as a Group Officer in No 25 Group Ayr and served in the southern part of the Group.

Bob was further promoted on 24 March 1975 to the rank of Observer Commander, Group Commandant of No 25 Group, Ayr and served in that capacity until his retirement on 15 November 1983.

He was awarded the Royal Observer Corps medal in 1967 and a clasp to the medal in 1979.

Bob was a well-kent face and respected senior officer across the Corps.

After his retirement, he often attended official No 25 Group Events including the stand-down meeting at GHQ in September 1991.

Our sincere condolences are passed to his wife, Liz and his family.