



**80<sup>th</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
**D-DAY & BATTLE  
OF NORMANDY**

**ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS ASSOCIATION**

**ROC Grove  
National Memorial Arboretum  
Alrewas**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **Killed in Action**

*Chief Observer, Petty Officer, John B Bancroft 24 June 1944*  
*Observer, Petty Officer, William John (Bill) Salter 2 July 1944*

### **Injured in Action**

*Observer, Petty Officer, Evan Brewer*  
*Observer, Petty Officer, Norman Cumming*  
*Observer, Petty Officer, Percy Heading*  
*Observer, Petty Officer, Christopher Honeywood*  
*Observer/Petty Officer William Ernest Loose*  
*Observer/Petty Officer John McLeod*

### **Mentioned in despatches**

*Observer Lieutenant George Alfred Donovan Bourne;*  
*Leading Observer Joseph Douglas Whitham;*  
*Observer Thomas Henry Bodhill;*  
*Observer John Hughes;*  
*Observer Derek Norman James;*  
*Observer Edward Jones;*  
*Observer Albert Edward Llewellyn;*  
*Observer George McAllan;*  
*Observer Anthony William Priestly;*  
*Observer John Weston Reynolds.*

*and*

*Our graceful thanks to all*  
*our courageous ROC Seaborne volunteers!*

### **PARADE OF STANDARDS TO THE GROVE**

1pm  
Gathering of the National  
and Groups Standards

1.10pm  
Parade Standards  
march down to the Grove

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS**

Mr John Sharpe MBE  
National Chairman

### **LAYING OF WREATH AND CROSS**

June Jay to lay a Wreath at the Seaborne Memorial,  
followed by John Sharpe to lay a Cross at the ROC memorial.

### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Led by  
The Reverend David Simpson  
Honorary Chaplain

### **THE EXHORTATION**

Mr Dave Arnott  
National Vice-Chairman

### **ROC PRAYER**

Read by Jenny Morris  
National Secretary

### **PRAYER AND BLESSING**

### **NATIONAL AND GROUPS STANDARDS MARCH OFF**





**1925 –1995**



**Seaborne Wing 1944**