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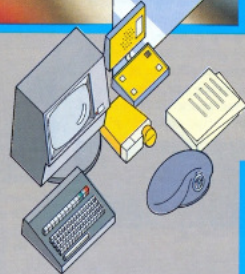
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As an active part of Britain's civil defence services, the Royal Observer Corps takes its rightful place at important moments in the life of the nation. An ROC contingent takes part in the annual Ceremony of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, and another participates in the Battle of Britain Commemoration Service held in Westminster Abbey.

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# THE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS



Meet the special service for people with something to give



The men and women of the Royal Observer Corps have a vital part to play in the network of services planned to protect our nation against the results of an attack.

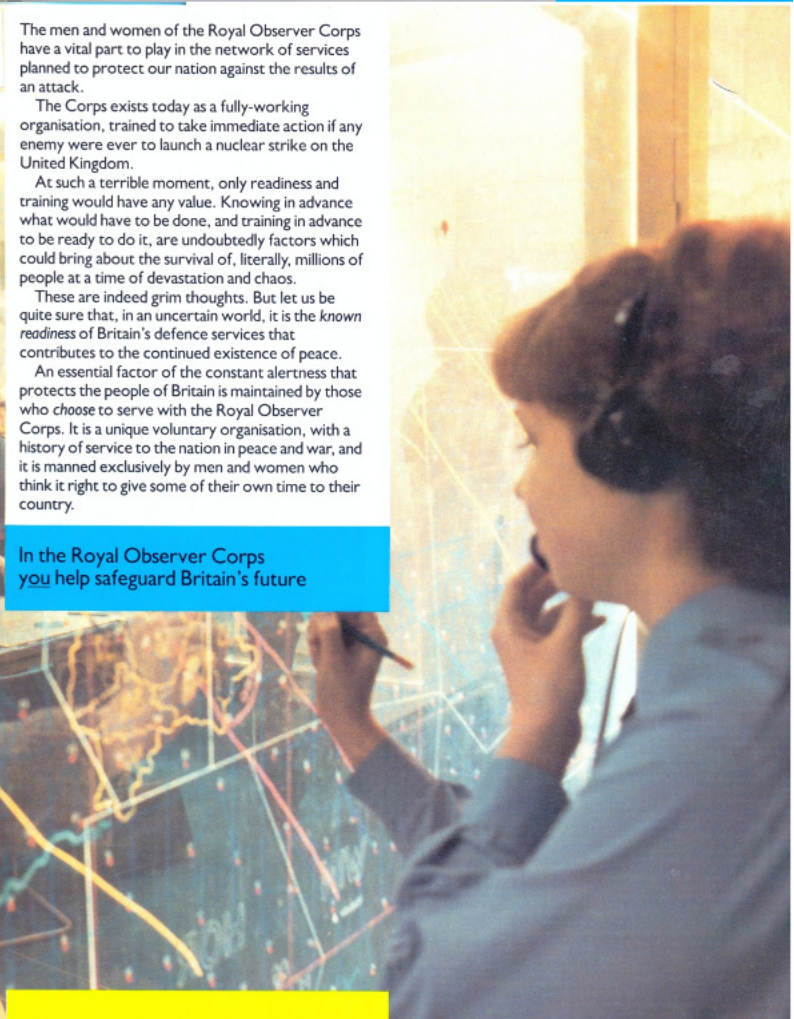
The Corps exists today as a fully-working organisation, trained to take immediate action if any enemy were ever to launch a nuclear strike on the United Kingdom.

At such a terrible moment, only readiness and training would have any value. Knowing in advance what would have to be done, and training in advance to be ready to do it, are undoubtedly factors which could bring about the survival of, literally, millions of people at a time of devastation and chaos.

These are indeed grim thoughts. But let us be quite sure that, in an uncertain world, it is the known readiness of Britain's defence services that contributes to the continued existence of peace.

An essential factor of the constant alertness that protects the people of Britain is maintained by those who choose to serve with the Royal Observer Corps. It is a unique voluntary organisation, with a history of service to the nation in peace and war, and it is manned exclusively by men and women who think it right to give some of their own time to their country.

In the Royal Observer Corps you help safeguard Britain's future





## What is the Royal Observer Corps?

Quite simply, it is a group of over 11,000 men and women from all walks of life who give some of their spare time to train to a state of readiness that we all hope will never be necessary. They are part of the United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring Organisation, which is the only body in Britain today equipped to report on radioactive fall-out on a national basis.

Through its 25 protected Group Controls and 870 monitoring posts, the ROC stands ready to supply essential data on the arrival, intensity and direction of the dust-cloud resulting from a nuclear bomb burst. This information would enable those responsible to advise people in the path of invisible radioactive fall-out to take cover in advance and thereby help to minimise loss of life and injury.

## How does it prepare itself?

As it has always done throughout its 60-year history, the ROC trains its members to observe and report. During the last world war this had to do with aircraft recognition and warning. Today the work is both more sophisticated and critical: learning how to interpret data on events that could affect millions of people. To be able to do this in time of emergency, the ROC trains its members on simulated exercises to measure, report and interpret.

A fully-staffed underground monitoring post, equipped to take a range of readings and transmit them to Group Control.



A nationwide network of exclusive telegraph lines is part of the ROC's vital high-speed information-exchange system.

## Where does its work go on?

The ROC consists of a network of strategically-placed controls and monitoring posts from the Shetlands to the tip of Cornwall. Each of the 25 Group Controls is in contact with about 30 monitoring posts spaced roughly ten to fifteen miles apart – so every area of the country is covered.

These posts have a specially equipped underground room, designed to give protection from radiation for the three Observers on duty. Here, by means of bomb pressure and ground zero indicators, Observers would be the first to report the explosion of a nuclear bomb. These details would be of crucial importance to the scientists of the United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring Organisation, whose job it is to predict fall-out and alert the nation. The post crew, using survey meters, would next measure the arrival of fall-out and the amount of radiation in the area, reporting every five minutes to the Group Control. These Controls are vital links in the communications chain of the national warning organisation.

As a member of the Corps, either on a Post or at a Control, you would therefore be playing a crucial part in helping to save lives in a national emergency.



Practical training in the loading of the 'location camera' mounted at every monitoring post and control.



Messages from monitoring posts come in to operators at Group Control. From the balcony, updated 'read-outs' are passed to plotters.

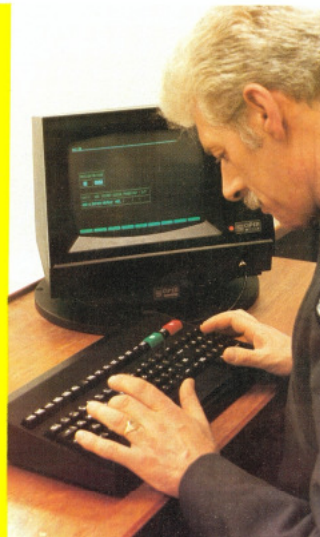
## There's a good team spirit

Because ROC members work closely together in a chain of inter-dependent commands, a considerable esprit de corps arises. This can express itself in the keen but friendly rivalry between neighbouring posts and controls; in the feeling of solidarity that builds up in each one; and in the larger contacts made at training evenings when you can meet members of associated civil defence organisations.



Data from individual monitoring posts is fed to the plotting table, where triangulation builds up definite knowledge of the site of any attack.

The Royal Observer Corps makes full use of up-to-date technology.



## It's not all work

During the summer, an annual training camp is held at an RAF station. At these camps, attendance at which is voluntary, an entertainments officer ensures that Observers vary their training with visits to places of local interest and take part, if they wish, in dances, discos and prize-winning competitions.

Each Group also organises its own social functions throughout the year.



An off-duty moment – and the Royal Observer Corps has plenty to offer its members all the year round.

## What we look for

- ▶ Male and female British subjects from 16 to 55 years of age.
- ▶ A sense of service and dedication.
- ▶ A willingness to work with others.
- ▶ Commitment to turn out for evening, weekend and exercise duties.
- ▶ Readiness to take a basic test within 12 months of joining.
- ▶ Pride in membership of this volunteer force.

## What you can look for

- ▶ A high sense of satisfaction at doing a job of national importance.
- ▶ The companionship of like-minded men and women.
- ▶ A free uniform, similar to that of the RAF, to be worn on duty and training.
- ▶ Allowances for travel and attendance at training meetings and exercises.
- ▶ Training events and social occasions when ideas and experiences can be shared.
- ▶ The possibility of promotion to Leading and Chief Observer and beyond that to Officer.
- ▶ Remaining with the Corps, even if you move home, because you can transfer straight away to your local group.

## How to apply

If you sincerely believe you could offer the qualities of commitment and dependability, and satisfy the other requirements outlined above, your next move is simple. Please apply for further details to the Commandant of your local Royal Observer Corps Group, whose address you will find overleaf. Or write direct to:

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the time you give  
is time well used