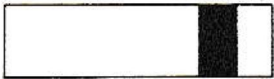


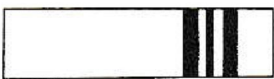
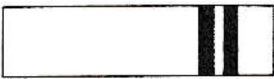
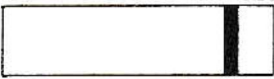




CHAPTER 4

ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS RANKS AND INSIGNIA

ROC Rank (Abbreviation)	Appropriate to Appointment as	Insignia	Equivalent RAF Rank (Abbreviation)
Observer Commodore (Obs Cdre)	Commandant Royal Observer Corps		Air Commodore (Air Cdre)
Observer Captain (Obs Capt)	Chief of Staff, Royal Observer Corps. Assistant Commandant, Royal Observer Corps. Area Commandant		Group Captain (Gp Capt)
Observer Commander (Obs Cdr)	Senior Operations Officer (HQ ROC) Senior Administrative Officer (HQ ROC) Deputy Area Commandant Group Commandant		Wing Commander (Wg Cdr)
Observer Lieutenant Commander (Obs Lt Cdr)	Operations Communications (HQ ROC) Operations Training (HQ ROC) Personnel Services Officer (HQ ROC) Supply Officer (HQ ROC) Area Staff Officer Deputy Group Commandant		Squadron Leader (Sqn Ldr)
Observer Lieutenant (Obs Lt)	Operations Training 2 (HQ ROC) Organisation 1 (HQ ROC) Group Staff Officer		Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt)
Honorary Observer Lieutenant (Obs Lt)	Crew Officer Group Officer NRC Officer		
Observer Officer (Obs Off)	Crew Officer Group Officer NRC Officer		Flying Officer (Fg Off)
Chief Observer (C/Obs)	Supervisor (Control) Head Observer (Post) Head Observer (NRC)		Sergeant (Sgt)
Leading Observer (L/Obs)	Supervisor (Control) Post Instructor Team Instructor (NRC)		Corporal (Cpl)
Observer (Obs)	Basic rank for Post, Control and NRC personnel		Aircraftman or Aircraftwoman (AC or ACW)

NOTES

1. As the Commandant of the Corps is usually a serving Royal Air Force officer, he carries the rank of Air Commodore and not Observer Commodore, which would be applicable only if a Royal Observer Corps officer held the appointment.
2. Where it is necessary to distinguish between male and female officers and observers, (W) is added after the rank, eg Observer Officer (W) or L/Obs (W).

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