

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (1860 - 2023)

TITLE	YEAR	LOC	SUB UNIT	HIGHER FORMATION	CO/OC	REMARKS	UNIT - ORIGINS
1 st Middlesex Engineer Volunteers	1860	Chelsea	Initially 2 Companies, increasing to 11 (1863)		Major (Later Lt Col) N MacLeod of MacLeod (Recruit No 1 - Feb 6 th) 1871. – Lt Col A Ransome 1880. – Lt Col F.T Ball 1. – Lt Col F. Josselyn VD	Seniority derived from: 1 Middlesex Volunteers (Est 1860).	• 1, 2 & 3rd Companies – S/Kensington Museum • 4 Company – Chelsea • 5 Company – S/Kensington • 6 Company – Wandsworth • 7 Company – London University • 8 Company – Brompton • 9 Company – Pimlico • 10 Company – Paddington • 11 Company – Chancery Lane
1 st Middlesex Volunteer RE	1893			Territorial Force	1899 – Lt Col G.A. Petter 1902 – Lt Col E.T. Clifford VD	First name changes	Name changed again in 1896 to 1st Middlesex Royal Engineer (Volunteers)
2 nd London Division Engineers TF	1908 4 TH Jan		3 rd London Field Coy 4 th London Field Coy 2 nd London Division Telegraph Company	Territorial Force (TF)		Transferred to TF. HQ and Sqns at Fulham Rd, London	3rd London Fd Coy – Fulham 4th London Fd Coy – Fulham 2nd London Division Telegraph Coy - Fulham
2 nd London Division Engineers TF	1910				1910 – Lt Col H.H. Taylor TD 1914 – Lt Col A.H. Kenney CMG, DSO.	HQ & Companies move to Duke of York's HQ – Chelsea	

47 th (London) Division RE TF	1915				1915 – Lt Col S.D.A Crookshank, DSO, CIE, MVO 1916 – Lt Col W.S Traill DSO 1917 – Lt Col H.S. Christie DSO 1917 – Lt Col A.B Carey CMG DSO 1918 – Lt Col H.J. Couchman DSO, MC	47 th Division RE - Formed duplicate 60 th Division RE • 517 Field Squadron • 518 Field Squadron	Note – 60 th Division RE (2/2 nd London. • 2/3rd Field Company (520) • 2/4th Field Company (519)
47 th (2 nd London) Division RE	1920				1920 – Lt Col A.G. Birch DSO 1923 – Lt Col S.H. Fisher MC 1929 – Lt Col C.E.P. Sankey DSO 1933 – Lt Col R.G. Whitman TD		Reconstituted in T.A. with HQ at Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea. • 220 (2nd London) Field Company • 221 (2nd London) Field Company • 222 (2nd London) Field Company • 223 Field Park Company
The London Division RE	1935				1937 – Lt Col J. McEwan-Martin TD	Absorbed some elements of 56 TH (London) Division RE	• 220(2nd London) Field Company • 221 (2nd London) Field Company

56 th (1 st London) Division RE	1939				1941- Lt Col W. McKeane 1942 – Lt Col R.I.C Blenkinsop DSO 1944 – Lt Col H.B. Calvert DSO 1944 – Lt Col R.E.C. Hughes DSO, MBE, MC 1945 – Lt Col R.T. Brain, MC	Reviving the lost title of former 1 st London's. Formed duplicate 47 th (2 nd London) Division RE by separating 222 Field Company (2 nd London)	• 220 (2nd London) Field Company • 221 (2nd London) Field Company • 501 Field Company • 563 Field Park Company
101 st Field Engineer Regiment RE	1947 1 st Apr				1947 – Lt Col A.R. Mais OBE, TD 1950 – Lt Col J.R. Grimsdell MC TD 1953 – Lt Col H.E.A Donnelly MC 1954 – Lt Col H.A.J Darlow ERD TD 1957 – Lt Col R.E Owen OBE TD 1960 – M.J Grafton MBE TD	Reconstituted into the T.A. with HQ at Chelsea as a Regiment of 56 Armd Division	• 220 Field Squadron • 221 Field Squadron • 222 Field Squadron • 223 Field Park Squadron
101 st (London) Corps Engineer Regiment RE	1961	Chelsea	222 and 324 Field Squadrons RE		1964 – Lt Col F.G Dunford TD	Absorbed 121 Construction Regiment RE (Reduction of establishment)	• 222 (Chelsea) Field Squadron • 324 Field Squadron
	1967 4 th Jan					Reorganized in TAVR III at Hounslow	Converted to Infantry – C Coy 10 th Bn Queens Regt (Middlesex) • Regiment disbanded until June 1988
101 Engineer Regiment RE(V)	1988	Lodge Hill, Rochester	579 EOD Sqn (V) 583 EOD Sqn (V) 590 EOD Sqn (V) 591 EOD Sqn (V)			HQ – Lodge Hill 579 – Dartford 583 – Heston 590 - Rochester 591 – Brompton, (Gillingham)	Formation of 101(London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) (V) a TAVR Regiment Locations at Brighton, Rochester, Gillingham and Dartford.

101 (London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) RE(V)	1989	Greenhithe	As above			Change of Title and RHQ location	
	1992	Catford	RHQ				217 Field Sqn RE transferred from 73 Engr Regt RE
		Holloway (London)	217 Field Sqn (EOD) RE(V)				
		Heston (London)	873 Movement Light Sqn RE			Ex Battery of the Royal Artillery	Transferred from 73 Engr Regt RE (based at Acton) Became 873 Movement Light Sqn (V) 1980.
	1993	Heston	220 (Searchlight) Field Sqn (EOD) RE(V)				873 became 220 (Searchlight) Field Sqn (EOD) RE(V) Disbanded 1999.
		Rochester	221 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)				590 & 591 (EOD) amalgamated to become 221 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)
		Dartford & Brighton	222 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)				579 & 583 (EOD) amalgamated to become 222 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment RE(V)	1996	Catford	223 HQ & Support Sqn RE(V)	29 (Corps Supt) Engr Brigade			223 HQ & Support Sqn - Disbanded 1996
	2000	Tunbridge Well & Reigate	579 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)				Formed from 222 Field Sqn (disbanded). Formed up Jul 1997
		Catford	RHQ				Bromley Road, Catford
		Catford	223 HQ & Support Sqn RE(V)				223 HQ & Support Sqn disbanded 1996.
		Holloway & Camberwell	217 Field Sqn (EOD) RE(V)				217 Field Sqn – 3 Troop at Camberwell transferred from 73 Engineer Regt
		Rochester	221 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)				Absorbed 2(Surrey Yeomanry) Troop – from 127(Sussex Yeomanry) Reigate. (On disbandment of 78 Engr Regt RE)
101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) RE	2008	Wimbish (Carver Brks)	579 Field Sqn (EOD) RE (V)	Placed under 29(EOD & S) Engr Gp in 2008		In April 2010 the then Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Clive Martin, granted “City of London” status to the Regt in recognition of its long and distinguished association with the corporation. March 2014 – 221 Sqn loses Rochester to 579 Sqn, but gains Bexleyheath	On 24 TH March 2010 – 101 Reverted in to a Hybrid Regiment, with the following units:
			RHQ				RHQ, 17, 21 and 22 based at Wimbish.
			17 Field Sqn (EOD) RE				221 Field (EOD) Sqn RE - Based Catford & Bexleyheath.
			21 Field Sqn (EOD)RE				579 Field (EOD) Sqn RE – Based at Rochester, Reigate and Tunbridge Wells.
			22 HQ & Support Sqn (EOD)RE				217 Field Sqn (EOD) Sqn transferred to 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) RE
	221 Field Sqn (EOD) RE(V)						

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD & S) RE	2018	Catford		29 EOD & S Gp (8 Engr Bde)		July 2018 – 101 Reverted back to a Reserve Regiment	Reformed with the following: RHQ – Catford 217 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – Ilford and Southend 221 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – Catford & Bexley 579 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – T/W, Rochester & Redhill 350 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – Chillwell & Chesterfield All of the Regular units transferred to 33 Engr Regt (EOD & S) RE in 2018
101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD & S) RE	2023	Catford		29 EOD & S Gp (8 Engr Bde)		April 2023 – Regiment loses 350 Field Squadron to 75 Engineer Regiment RE	Reformed with the following: RHQ – Catford 217 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – Ilford and Southend 221 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – Catford & Bexley 579 Field Sqn (EOD & S) RE – T/W, Rochester & Redhill

The Regiment draws some heritage from 56th (London) Divisional Engineers. 56th (London) Division RE was reformed in 1947 with seniority derived from 1 Middlesex Engineer Volunteers (1860). It became part of 56th (London) Armoured Division. In 1956 the Division was reorganized as an infantry division. In 1961 the regiment absorbed the remnants of 121 Regiment and reorganized as 101 (London) Corps Engineer Regiment. It was disbanded on 1 April 1967.

591 STRE(EOD)(V) initiated by A/79/WEA/4085 (ASDS) on the 27th Feb 1973 by CVHQ RE trained by 33 Engineer Regiment RE.

5th June 1988 - The Regiment is reborn from the Volunteer EOD Squadrons serving with 33 Engineer Regt (EOD) which was a hybrid Regiment at the time. The (V) Squadrons transferred being 579, 583, 590 and 591. A new RHQ (V) was established at this time. 1st March 1993 - The 5** Series Squadrons rename 579 to 222, 583 became a 222 Troop, 590 to 221, 591 to 220 and 873 (ML) Sqn disbands into 220.

1st July 1999 - 222 Renames back to 579 and moves base from Dartford to Tunbridge Wells. 220 Disbanded and absorbed into 217 and 579 Squadrons.

In April 2000 the then Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Clive Martin, granted “City of London” status to the Regiment in recognition of its long and distinguished association with the Corporation; the Regiment retains close affiliations today with the Curriers, Patternmakers, Fan Makers, Lightmongers and Constructors City Livery Companies. In its 150-year history the Regiment has undergone no less than thirteen changes of name, however, ‘London’ has been the one constant for the past 102+ years.

24th March 2010 - Regiment becomes hybrid (Regular and Volunteer). The (V) is dropped from the Regimental title. 223 RHQ Support Sqn (EOD)(V), replaced by 22 HQ and Support Sqn (EOD). 17 Fd Sqn (EOD) and 21 Fd Sqn join the Regiment. 217 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V) moves to 33 Engr Regt (EOD).

Change of title to EOD & S – April 2012

The Regiment has retained an unbroken link with the London Divisions (47th, 56th, 58th, and 60th) over nearly 60 years which included both World Wars.