

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Livery Companies,

**MEDIA UPDATE FOR EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS from Captain Richard Seaton, 101 (City Of London)
Engineer Regiment (EOD&S)**

Aware that your Winter Newsletters may be fast approaching and wanted to send you an update from the Regiment along with some photos to accompany the information.

2023 has been a busy year for the Regt. The new Army Future Soldier programme has seen the Regt take up new capabilities, growing and expanding our KSE; developing a bespoke Army Reserve EOD Course and taking on capabilities in the Counter-CBRN field. The ask for the Army Reserve to support the regular Army is growing, illustrated by elements of the Regiment deploying on the UN Peacekeeping mission Op TOSCA to Cyprus. On top of this throughout the year we have held numerous exercises and training weekends, culminating in our 2-week ADE.

Lord Mayors Show

As always 101 provided personnel to support the annual Lord Mayors Show, led by members of 221 Field Squadron based out of Catford.



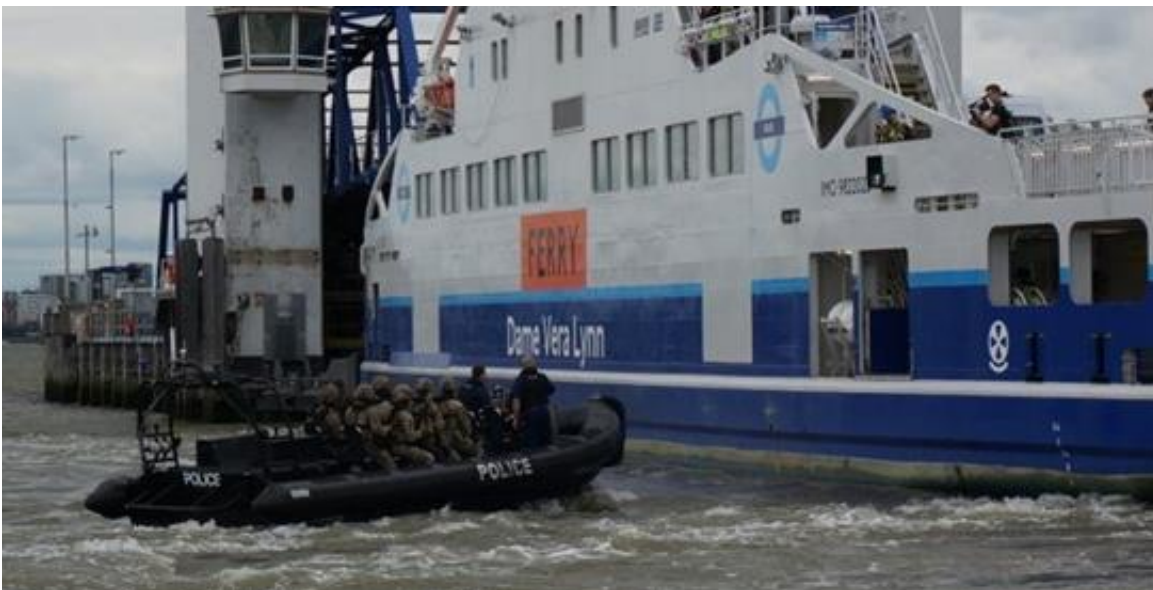
Ex BLACKCAT CHARGE, 8-24 Sept 22

The Annual Deployment Exercise (ADE) conducted in Yoxter camp in the South West and nearby training areas. Troops completed a package of standardised mandatory training, ranges and advance CBRN courses before moving onto a series of challenging Search and demolitions tasks held at Broadmead Range utilising helicopter support provided by the RAF. The ADE also included an AT package in Cheddar Gorge and the surrounding areas as well as a Regimental Dinner night.



Ex RAVEN SUBMERGE 1-2 July 23

EX RAVEN SUBMERGE was led by 217 Field Sqn - a multi-agency Search Exercise carried out at Woolwich Ferry Port London. The Exercise exposed our personnel to new skills required to carry out Vessel Search whilst utilising emergency services, military working dogs and experts from 11 EOD. The exercise also provided an opportunity to work with external units within 29 Gp highlighting how Reserve and Regular Troops work in conjunction with each other.



Op TOSCA Oct 23 – April 24

Op TOSCA is the UN’s enduring peacekeeping mission to Cyprus. This iteration of the Op was entirely Army Reserve led and staffed. 71 Engr Regt took the lead with 30 personnel being deployed from 101 for the duration of the 6 month tour.



Ex HUDSON MALTA 23-27 November 23

A Battlefield Study conducted in Malta, undertaken by 20 members of 221 Sqn (EOD&S). Over the course of the Battlefield Study personnel learned about the vital role the island of Malta played in WW2, specifically looking at the importance of EOD and its impact on operations.

Ex BLACKCAT CHARD 9-11 June 23



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BLACKCAT CHARD was a 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S) EOD and Search skills exercise carried out at DEMS Bicester over period of 9 - 11 June 23. The exercise offered & delivered special to role training including search and MT training utilising unique training estate available at Bicester.

In addition to all the above activity, we are proud to inform you that individuals from within the Regiment have also received a number of honours and awards in 2022 including:



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Long Service and Good Conduct

WO1 Mr Desmond Nicholson was awarded his second clasp for the LSGC for 37 years of distinguished service.

Notable new appointments into the Regiment include a new Executive Officer – Maj Mike Williams, a new Adjutant – Capt Tim Griffin, and a new Regimental Operations Officer – Capt Richard Seaton.

The Regiment will also be saying goodbye to our Adjutant Capt Laurence Sutton who is leaving the Army.

If I can do anything else for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

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