



# 101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers) Regimental Association

## Newsletter - Edition 1 - April 2009

The following are notes from the Inaugural Meeting which was held on the 17 March 2009:

It has taken some time to get to here but here is the first edition of the 101 Engineer Regiment Regimental Association newsletter. It may not be the full colour glossy magazine that we would like but from small beginnings and all that stuff.

Some of you may remember that the proposal to form the association was made public at the Regimental study period in early 2008. This was followed by a meeting at Hudson with serving and former members of the regiment, at this meeting it was agreed that the project should go ahead - easily said! The constitution was drafted several times and bounced around the world, then at the regimental study period in 2009 the launch proper began; this was followed by the inaugural meeting at Hudson House on 17 March.

There were 22 at the meeting, several former members, CO and representatives from all the squadrons and the REME Wksp. If this appears to be a rather small number it was, but we have received many apologies and many more offers of support.

The CO, Lt Col Aidan Smyth, opened the meeting explaining the background and options for the association; the key point being whether to continue or to go down the route of forming a 101 REA Branch. It was unanimous to continue with the 101 Association.

So here we are moving forward to the 150th anniversary of the formation of the 1st Middlesex Engineers from where we trace our heritage.

On the following pages you will find the constitution and the minutes of the inaugural meeting. There is also a membership application and the details required to set up a standing order to pay your subscriptions.

*If you have suggestions, wish to contribute or volunteer to edit the newsletter, please get in touch with Capt Nobby Clark.*

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# **101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers)**

## **Constitution of the Regimental Association**

### **1. TITLE**

1.1 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) (Volunteers) Regimental Association.

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

2.1 To maintain esprit de corps amongst all who have served together, to provide amenities and organise social functions and reunions and last, but not least, to help ex-members, and more importantly, widows and orphans who might be in distress<sup>1</sup>.

2.2 To promote the efficiency of the Regiment and the Army by:

2.2.1 Fostering esprit de corps, comradeship and the welfare of the Regiment and preserving its traditions; and

2.2.2 Maintaining contact between past and present members of the Regiment, fostering mutual friendship between them and providing for social gatherings for them; and

2.2.3 Make financial contributions to the Royal Engineers Central Charitable Trust to be used for benevolence and welfare of past and current serving members of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

2.2.4 In exceptional circumstances, relieve individual members of the Association or past and present members of the Regiment and their widows and dependants who are in need, hardship or distress.

2.2.5 In furtherance of these Objects but not otherwise the Association through the Committee shall have the following powers;

2.2.5.1 to take all necessary action for publishing and disseminating information concerning the histories, deeds and traditions of the Regiment and for aiding the Commanding Officer in the encouragement of recruiting;

2.2.5.2 to execute and administer charitable trusts which the Association shall decide to establish from time to time;

2.2.5.3 to receive, take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trust or not;

2.2.5.4 to receive and accept contributions by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise and to raise funds for the said Object provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities concerned solely with the said raising of funds;

2.2.5.5 to assist distressed and needy beneficiaries and their dependants by way of grants, gifts, or otherwise;

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<sup>1</sup> Extracted from the 1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex Volunteer Engineers (1860-1967) by Maj DK Edwards MBE MSM TD

2.2.5.6 to pay for any such items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to charitable institutions or organisations which provide which undertake in return to provide such items, services or facilities for distressed and needy beneficiaries;

2.2.5.7 subject to such consents as may from time to time be required by law, to purchase, take, lease or exchange any property required for the purposes of the Association and lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same;

2.2.5.8 subject to such consents as may from time to time by required by law, or raise money for the purpose of the Association on such terms and such security as may be thought fit;

2.2.5.9 to invest funds and property of the Association for use for purpose of the Association in such investments as may from time to time be authorised by law;

2.2.5.10 to accumulate funds of the Association for such period as may from time to time be authorised by the law; and

2.2.5.11 to do all other things as shall be necessary for the attainment of the said Objects;

2.2.5.11 to make contributions to suitable charitable bodies/trusts that are in accord with the Regimental Associations benevolent objectives.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 Membership shall be open to the following:

3.1.1 All past, present and future members, TA, Regular, Non Regular Permanent Staff and Civil Servants of 101 Engr Regt (EOD) (V), 217 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V), 221 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V), 579 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V) and 101 Engr Regt (EOD) LAD REME (V).

3.1.2 All past members of any disbanded TA EOD Squadrons or 101 Engr Regt (EOD) LAD REME (V).

3.1.3 All future members of any TA EOD Squadrons that should be formed in the future whether part of 101 Engr Regt (EOD) (V) or established as part of any other Regiment within the Corps of Royal Engineers.

3.2 The committee shall have the authority to open membership to other individuals, TA, Regular, Non Regular Permanent Staff and Civil Servants, who have a close association with TA Bomb Disposal. The exercise of this authority shall be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting.

### **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

4.1 Association Fund. Such sums that are periodically agreed by the Committee and are considered a fair annual levy to maintain the health of the fund. For this a member receives a copy of the Regimental Journal, Newsletters and other communications.

### **5. REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENCE**

5.1 Benevolence within the Corps of Royal Engineers is administered by the Royal Engineers Association (REA) on behalf of the Royal Engineers Central Charitable Trust.



6.4 Responsibilities of the Committee will include:

6.4.1 Election of Members, Organisation of Reunion Dinners and other social activities.

6.4.2 Maintenance of the Association Accounts and Trust Funds.

6.4.3 Benevolence

6.5 The Committee is to meet at least twice annually and minutes of meetings are to be circulated to all members of the Committee and any other members of the association upon request. Video / Electronic Conferencing is permissible.

6.6 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually at which the members of the Committee are appointed.

6.7 Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be called at the written request of any twenty subscribing members. At least 21 days notice shall be given to the Secretary of the Association.

## **7. ALTERATION TO RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

7.1 Alteration to these Rules shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.2 A resolution for the alteration of the Rules must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward.

7.3 At least 21 days notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed.

7.4 Provided that no alteration shall be made to Rule 2 (objectives), Rule 8 (dissolution) or this Rule, shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a charity in law.

## **8. DISSOLUTION**

8.1 The Association may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall have been given to the members.

8.2 Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institution having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Association as the Association may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

## Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting Held at Hudson House Catford 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Present: 22

Meeting Opened at 2015hrs

### 1. Opening Address

- a. Commanding Officer 101 Engr Regt welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance at the launch of the 101 Engineer Regiment Regimental Association. He informed the meeting that the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Middlesex Engineers is in 2010 and thought it was an auspicious moment to consider re-forming the Regimental Association. He hoped that the Association would ensure that this Anniversary is celebrated in a suitable manner by current & former members of the Regiment.
- b. The CO gave the rationale for the proposed association and the options open to the membership; either to go ahead or to form a 101 Engr Regt Royal Engineers Association Branch.
- c. A show of hands was requested on forming the Regimental Association as part of the REA and the vote was unanimously against.
- d. A show of hands was requested on forming the Regimental Association independent of the REA and this was unanimously carried.

### 2. Constitution

The CO gave an overview of the draft constitution, the proposed future of the regiment and the effects of the proposal to the constitution of the association.

### 3. Draft Constitution and Proposed Amendments

- a. The following amendments were proposed and agreed by the meeting:
  - i. 2.2.5.8 delete 'borrow or'.
  - ii. 3.1 insert '101 Engr Regt Wksp REME.
  - iii. 3.2 to be rewritten.
  - iv. Insert 6.2.6 2 x non serving members to be elected at AGM.
  - v. 6.3.3 insert 'WO/' before SNCO.
  - vi. 6.3.5 insert Cfn / Pte after Spr and 'annually' after nominated.
  - vii. 6.5 Insert 'at least' before twice annually.
  - viii. 6.5 Insert 'and any other members of the association upon request' after all members of the committee.
- b. Subscriptions. Following some discussion it was agreed by those present that membership fees would be set at:
  - i. Serving Members/Civilian Employees of 101 Engr Regt: £10.00 p.a.
  - ii. Members: £25.00 p.a.
  - iii. Members over 65: £10.00 p.a.
- c. Charitable status. Following discussion it was agreed that the charitable status of the association should be checked; both with the charities commission and with the relevant military authority.

Those present were asked to vote on the following; "That the amendments list above, including the rewritten paragraph 3.2 be accepted".

**Carried**

#### 4. **Election of Officers**

a. President

That the Honorary Colonel of 101 Engr Regt (EOD) (V) be approached to be President.

Proposed by Lt Col A M G Smyth

Seconded by Capt N P Clark

**Carried**

b. Chairman

That Maj J M Blades is elected Chairman.

Proposed by Capt N P Clark

Seconded by Lt Col A Wood

**Carried**

c. Treasurer

That Capt S P Mercer is elected Treasurer

Proposed by Capt N P Clark

Seconded by Lt Col A Wood

**Carried**

d. Secretary

That Capt N P Clark is elected Secretary.

Proposed by WO1 (RSM) I G Mackintosh

Seconded by Maj P J Webb

**Carried**

e. Membership Secretary

That WO2 (Rtd) B D Churcher is elected Membership Secretary.

Proposed by Capt N P Clark

Seconded by Maj R Holland

**Carried**

f. Non serving Member

That Maj(Rtd) R Holland is elected as non serving member.

Proposed by Capt D Smith

Seconded by Maj J R Manley

**Carried**

g. Non serving Member

That Capt (Rtd) D Smith is elected as non serving member.

Proposed by Lt Col SMG Smyth

Seconded by Maj R Holland

**Carried**

#### 5. **Date of First Committee Meeting**

It was agreed that the first meeting should be held as soon as possible. The secretary will discuss dates with the Chairman and contact the committee with options.

#### 6. **Any Other Business**

None

Lt Col Smyth thanked everyone for attending and for their support and wished the Committee well.

Meeting closed at 2145hrs.

**101 ENGINEER REGIMENT REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Personal Details**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Forename: \_\_\_\_\_  
Known As: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife / Partners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Service**

Rank (now or on leaving): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date from: \_\_\_\_\_ Date to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Association Use Only**

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheques should be made payable to: 101 Engr Regt Regtl Assc**

*If you are paying by standing order, please do not send the standing order mandate to your bank until you have received your membership number*

**Please send the completed form to:**

The Membership Secretary  
101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment - Regimental Association  
Hudson House  
Bromley Road  
Catford  
LONDON  
SE6 2RH

or by email to: The Membership Secretary at [101Engr-RAO@mod.uk](mailto:101Engr-RAO@mod.uk)

**BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

The Manager,

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I authorise you to debit my account (details below) and to pay now and on the **1st of JANUARY** \_\_\_\_\_ and annually thereafter on the same date, the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to the following account; quoting reference (Membership Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

**PAYEE'S ACCOUNT DETAILS**

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 72200066  
ACCOUNT TITLE : 101 Engr Regt Regtl Assc  
RECEIVING BANK: HSBC, 184 High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1HE  
RECEIVING BANK SORT CODE : 40-15-05

This mandate will remain valid until you receive alternative instructions from me.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT SORT CODE: \_\_\_\_\_