

## **64 Headquarters & Support Squadron - History**

The unit was first formed in Scotland on 28 August 1914 as a Wartime Field Company RE, part of 9th New Army Division. It was trained and equipped at Bordon and served in France between 1915 and 1919. At the end of World War 1 it was disbanded.

In 1940 the unit was reformed at Bulford as a Wartime Chemical War Company RE. It was reorganised as a Chemical Warfare Mortar Company RE in 1942 but in 1943 it again became a Field Company.

Later in 1943 it became a Road Construction Company RE. As a Field Company in 1943 it served with 11 (East Africa) Division and during 1944 – 1945 it was part of 25 Airfield Construction Group in North West Europe with 1 Corps.

The unit was disbanded in 1946 but reformed in 1948 as an Engineer Squadron as part of 35 Army Engineer Regiment, by the redesignation of the Wartime 564 Field Company RE in Cyrenaica. In 1951 it was renamed 64 Field Park Squadron and placed under the command of 28 Engineer Regiment.

The unit served in Korea during 1951 – 55 during which time it included a detachment of Canadian Engineers. During 1955 – 56 it was based at Devizes then in 1956 – 57 it was instrumental in the success of the atomic weapons trails on Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean. In 1957 it was again disbanded.

In 1970 the unit was reformed as an Amphibious Engineer Squadron from trained elements of 23 Amphibious Engineer Squadron on the formation of 28 Engineer Regiment in Hameln Germany. The Squadron has served in Northern Ireland in both the infantry and engineer role.

In 1992 the Squadron re-rolled as 64 Headquarters Squadron. In 1999 the Squadron deployed to Kosovo on Operation Agricola, upon return the Squadron moved from Binden Barrack to Gordon Barracks Hameln as part of 28 Engineer Regiment.

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