

## **RESTRUCTURING THE ARMY RESERVE ENGINEERS**

The Army Reserve Engineers are going through a massive restructure and transformation. The first step under Land Forces Reserve Restructure 2 (LFRR2) was to restructure the Army Reserve Engineers to provide an Engineer Regiment per Reserve Brigade.

Prior to LFRR2 there were three Field Engineer Regiments (FER), one Combat Engineer Regiment (CER) and 12 Field Engineer Squadrons (FES). LFRR2 approved seven CERs (an increase of three) and 18 Engineer Squadrons (an increase of six)

The resultant re-structuring of the Field Engineer Squadrons (FES) is in accordance with the Transformation Plan where every engineer squadron will be based on a Squadron Headquarters, a Combat Engineer Troop and an Engineer Support Troop. The Headquarters and the Combat Engineer Troop requires very little explanation but the Engineer Support Troop will include one or two of the following engineer support capabilities: Heavy Equipment, Bridging & Rafting, Water Supply, Geomatics, EOD, Construction, and Diving.

The CER HQ and Svcs Sqn is basically a small combination of a HQ Sqn and an Admin Sqn. It provides the RHQ, the Engineer Support Coordination Center (ESCC) for the Brigade and minimal Combat Service Support (CSS) to the Regiment.

The resultant re-naming/restructuring of the current Field Engineer Regiments and the Field Engineer Squadrons is based on the concept that all engineer squadrons within any brigade would come under command of that brigade's engineer regiment. As there had to be at least two engineer squadrons in any brigade to justify a Combat Engineer Regiment (CER), three Reserve brigades did not receive a new CER.

LFRR3 has just started and that review may see more Engineers. Meanwhile, following is the current listing of the CERs and Engr Sqns.

### **31 Canadian Brigade Group**

31 CER:

- 31 CER HQ & Svcs Sqn (St Thomas ON)
- 7 Engineer Squadron (St Thomas ON)
- 48 Engineer Squadron (Waterloo ON)

### **32 Canadian Brigade Group**

2 FER is renamed to 32 CER:

- 32 CER HQ & Svcs Sqn (Toronto ON)
- 2 Engineer Squadron in (Toronto ON)
- 47 Engineer Squadron in (Toronto ON)

### **33 Canadian Brigade Group**

3 FES is renamed to 33 CER:

- 33 CER HQ & Svcs Sqn (Ottawa ON)
- 3 Engineer Squadron (Ottawa ON)
- 5 Engineer Squadron in (Ottawa ON)

#### **34 Canadian Brigade Group**

3 FER is renamed to 34 RGC:

- 34 RGC HQ & Svcs Sqn (Montreal QC)
- 4 Escadron du Genie (Montreal QC)
- 9 Escadron du Genie (Royun-Noranda QC)
- 16 Escadron du Genie (Montreal QC) (*currently restricted*).

#### **35 Canadian Brigade Group**

10 Escadron du Genie renamed to 35 RGC:

- 35 RGC HQ & Svcs Sqn
- 10 Escadron du Genie (Quebec City QC)
- 15 Escadron du Genie (Quebec City QC)

#### **36 Canadian Brigade Group**

45 Field Engineer Squadron is renamed to 45 Engineer Squadron with two Engr Troops located in Sydney and a third troop in Halifax.

#### **37 Canadian Brigade Group**

56 Field Engineer Squadron is renamed to 56 Engineer Squadron with two Engr Troops in St John's NF.

#### **38 Canadian Brigade Group**

- 31 Engr Sqn SHQ (Winnipeg MB)
- 31 Engr Sqn will have two Engineer Troops and will be a sub-unit inside the Fort Gary Horse.

#### **39 Canadian Brigade Group**

6 FES is renamed to 39 CER:

- 39 CER HQ & Svcs Sqn (location TBA)
- 6 Engineer Squadron (North Vancouver BC)
- 44 Engineer Squadron (Trail BC)
- 54 Engineer Squadron (Chilliwack BC)

#### **41 Canadian Brigade Group**

8 FER is renamed to 41 Combat Engineer Regiment:

- 41 CER HQ & Svcs Sqn (Edmonton AB)
- 17 Engineer Squadron (Edmonton AB) (*currently restricted*).
- 25 Engineer Squadron (Edmonton AB)
- 33 Engineer Squadron (Calgary AB)