

## 19 FIELD ENGINEER REGIMENT

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19 Field Engineer Regiment was established as a Squadron in 1970 directly under Natal Command and was the first Engineer Squadron to be formed in Durban since World War 2.

The unit is based in Durban with the HQ being at Old Fort Military Base, Lords Ground.

The role of the Engineers is to maintain mobility and serviceability of own forces and counter mobility of enemy forces. Tasks include bridging, water purification, obstacles, demolition, infrastructure repair and development.

The squadron and later the Regiment was called up for a number of border duty camps during the 1970's and 1980's.

During the 1994 election, the unit was called up and deployed in the Eshowe area under command of Durban Light Infantry.

In 1995 and 1996 the unit participated in training camps in Lohatla.

During 2000 to 2005 the new strategy was put in place and for the first time the unit started to train its own recruited members in Basic Engineer Corps training and Junior Leader training.

One of the highlights during this time was the construction of a permanent 8 bay Single-Double Bailey bridge in the Manguzi area, near the Mozambique border to improve local security.

By 2006 the unit mandate changed. The first detachments of unit members were deployed to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), as part of the United Nations and AU Peace Support operations. To date, the Regiment has undertaken 6 deployments to the DRC.

The motto of the Engineer Corps is "Ubique" which means, Everywhere.

The motto of the Regiment is First in, Last out.