



254 (East of England) Multi-Role Medical Regiment

(Previously 254 Medical Regiment, restructured in 2023)

Introduction

254 (East of England) Multi-Role Medical Regiment, or **254 MMR**, was formed by the restructuring of **254 Medical Regiment** under the Future Soldier programme in November 2023.¹ 254 Medical Regiment, whose lineage included the East Anglian Field Ambulances and other units, had been the only Army Reserve medical regiment in England between 2018-2023.²

Before this restructuring, 254 Medical Regiment had five component squadrons each maintaining the historic lineage to previous field ambulances and medical units. They were located as follows:

- **161 Medical Squadron** in Colchester, with a **Detachment** (formerly 160 Squadron) in Norwich and **220 Medical Detachment** in Maidstone.³
- **162 Medical Squadron** in Hitchin
- **163 Medical Support Squadron** and **Regimental HQ** in Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge
- **222 Medical Squadron** in Leicester, with a Detachment in Derby.⁴

¹ 254 (East of England) Multi-role Medical Regiment. MOD website: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-army-medical-service/254-east-of-england-multi-role-medical-regiment/> (accessed 2 February 2025)

² This changed with the formation of 214 (North-East) Multi-Role Medical Regiment in November 2023.

³ 220 moved as a Squadron to 256 Field Hospital on its restructuring as 256 MMR on 23 November 2023. See *Squadron history within the 256 MMR history*, at <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/current-units>.

⁴ 222 Medical Squadron re-subordinated to 202 (Midlands) MMR in 2023. See *Squadron history below*.

- **250 Medical Squadron** in Hull, with Detachments in York and Grimsby.⁵

The unit's history dates back to the formation in 1985 of **254 Field Ambulance (Volunteers)** in Cambridge. In 1992, on being formally adopted by the City of Cambridge, it was re-designated **254 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)**. Fifteen years later the unit was re-named **254 General Support Medical Regiment RAMC (Volunteers)** (2007 – 2009), and then **254 Medical Regiment** (2009 – 2013) under the Improved Medical Support to Brigades concept.

In April 2013 the unit changed name again, becoming **254 (East of England) Medical Regiment** on re-subordinating 220 (Maidstone) Medical Squadron from 4 Medical Regiment. This particular Squadron proudly bore the lineage of 220 Field Ambulance, which had the longest heritage of any field ambulance in the British Army's Order of Battle.

In 2018, on disbandment of 2 Medical Regiment, 254 restructured to take on that unit's two Reserve squadrons (222 in Leicester and 250 in Hull), being re-designated again as **254 Medical Regiment**. At the same time 220 Medical Squadron was re-designated as 220 Medical Detachment (attached to 161 Medical Squadron).

Future Soldier re-organisation (2023)

Major changes occurred in the Army Medical Services under the Future Soldier programme, with a reduction in Close Support Regiments and the formation of Multi-Role Medical Regiments (MMR). Each MMR contains a differing number of Medical Squadrons (Role 1 capability) and Hospital Squadrons (Role 2 Basic, with a configuration of 2-1-2-12, i.e. two emergency department bays, one operating theatre, two intensive care beds, and twelve ward beds).⁶

In April 2023, 222 Medical Squadron (located in Leicester and Derby) re-subordinated from 254 Medical Regiment to 202 (Midlands) Multi-Role Medical Regiment (previously 202 Field Hospital).⁷ In November 2023, 250 Medical Squadron (Hull) similarly re-subordinated to 214 (North East) Multi-Role Medical Regiment.⁸

⁵ 250 Med Sqn was re-subordinated to 214 (North-East) MMR in November 2023. *See Squadron history below.*

⁶ Future Soldier (Programme published 25 November 2021; British Army Website <https://www.army.mod.uk/our-future/>. Future Soldier Guide https://www.army.mod.uk/media/15057/adr010310-futuresoldierguide_30nov.pdf)

⁷ **202 MMR**: This was the first Reserve MMR to form up, on 11 September 2023, with a Regimental Headquarters and four Squadrons, one each in Leicester and Nottingham, and two in Birmingham. See: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-army-medical-service/202-midlands-multi-role-medical-regiment/> (accessed 2 February 2025) and [https://the phoenixnewspaper.com/the-armys-first-multi-role-medical-regiment-marches-on-parade#:~:text=The%20city%E2%80%99s%20202%20\(Midlands\)%20Field%20Hospital%20has%20re-rolled%20to](https://the phoenixnewspaper.com/the-armys-first-multi-role-medical-regiment-marches-on-parade#:~:text=The%20city%E2%80%99s%20202%20(Midlands)%20Field%20Hospital%20has%20re-rolled%20to) (accessed 2 February 2025)

⁸ **214 MMR**. The MOD website now lists the following sub-units: RHQ, 201 Hospital Squadron, 212 Hospital Squadron, 251 Medical Squadron and 250 Support Squadron <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps->

254 MMR's base remains the Army Reserve Centre in Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge. The unit now consists of:

- **161 Medical Squadron** (consisting of Squadron HQ and a Detachment, both in Colchester, and a Detachment in Norwich)
- **162 Hospital Squadron** in Hitchin (previously 162 Medical Squadron)
- **163 Support Squadron** (and **Regimental Headquarters**) in Cambridge

The unit insignia

The unit insignia (which has been maintained by 254 MMR while awaiting approval by the Army Dress Committee) was introduced in late 2018 after re-designation of the unit as 254 Medical Regiment. It depicts a blue cross with the rod of Asclepius entwined by a serpent, with the self-explanatory Roman numerals II, V, IV.

Previous unit insignia



(2013-2015, on left)



(2015-2018)

These insignia represented the five counties covered by 254 (East of England) Medical Regiment. The Bustard of Cambridgeshire sits central as Cambridge was the location of the regimental headquarters. Top right was the lion that sits on the Norfolk coat of arms. On the top left was the white stag of Hertfordshire. Essex was represented by the white sabres. Last, but by no means least, was the white horse representing the county of Kent.

The 2015-2018 insignia (above) was approved by the Army Dress Committee in March 2015 after a change to the unit emblem policy for Army Medical Services units.⁹ It replaced the 2013-2015

[regiments-and-units/army-medical-services/214-north-east-multi-role-medical-regiment/](https://www.army.mod.uk/units/army-medical-services/214-north-east-multi-role-medical-regiment/) (accessed 2 February 2025)

⁹ Change to Unit Emblem Policy for Army Medical Services Units, directive from AMS Corps Colonel, 11 March 2015

insignia after the MOD directed that the use of the Red Cross emblem by military medical units should be reserved for its primary protective purpose. This necessitated its removal from unit insignia where it had previously been used as an indicative symbol.

East Anglia's previous Field Ambulances¹⁰

There were three Territorial Force Field Ambulances raised in 1908 in support of the East Anglian Division (renamed 54 Division in 1915), with a further six in support of the two new Kitchener 'Eastern' 12 and 18 Divisions. Only one survived post-war demobilisation in 1919 and the rebranding of the Territorial Force as the Territorial Army in 1921 – the newly named **161 East Anglian Field Ambulance TA** in Ipswich, supporting 54 Division.

In 1939, the medical support to 54 Division was raised to three field ambulances (**161, 162 and 163**) each supporting a brigade, and all saw service in the Second World War. The TA reformed in 1947 but by then 54 Infantry Division had been disbanded. There remained 161 and 162 Independent Infantry Brigades supported by 161 and 162 Field Ambulances respectively, as well as a 163 Field Dressing Station (re-designated from Field Ambulance on 1 January 1947; later to return to Field Ambulance). In 1948, 162 Field Ambulance moved from Harrow to Cambridge,¹¹ eventually being disbanded in 1966. By 1967 two of the three Eastern field ambulances (other than 163)¹² had been disbanded, after which there was a gap in the order of battle until **254 Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)** was formed in 1985 (see above). The disbanded field ambulances (predecessors of some of 254's current medical squadrons and detachments) were commemorated by the Gaza Society (*see Annex*).

254's history at a glance

- 1985 – Formation as **254 Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)**
- 1987 – Move to new TA Centre at Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge
- 1992 – Adopted by the City of Cambridge as a civic honour, redesignation as **254 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)**
- 1995 - Takes over Norwich Detachment from 257 (Southern) General Hospital (Volunteers) on formation of 256 (London) Field Hospital (Volunteers); the Norwich detachment was

¹⁰ The author is indebted to Brigadier (ret'd) Alistair Macmillan for most of this information.

¹¹ Subsequent to a request from Lt Col D L Nicholls, Commanding Officer of 162 Field Ambulance RAMC (TA), the City Council agreed to rename this unit as 'The 162 City of Cambridge Field Ambulance RAMC (TA)', at the full meeting of the City Council held on 15 March 1956. Source: Emails to T Hissey dated 15 July and 4 August 2015 from Sue Edwards, Civic and Twinning Officer, Cambridge City Council.

¹² 163 (County of Norfolk) Field Ambulance RAMC TA amalgamated on 1 April 1967 with 10 (London) General Hospital and 57 (Middlesex) General Hospital to form 257 (Eastern) General Hospital. Source: AMS Magazine, 1967 (April), p.53

renamed 160 Squadron, but in 2018 was restructured as a detachment of 161 Medical Squadron

- 1999 – New Detachment in Hitchin (eventually becoming 162 Squadron, but since 2018 a detachment of 222 Medical Squadron)
- 2007 – Re-roled as **254 General Support Medical Regiment**
- 2008 – New Detachment in Colchester (now 161 Squadron)
- 2009 – Formation of **254 Medical Regiment** as a hybrid medical regiment
- 2009 – Deployment to Afghanistan on Op HERRICK 11
- 2013 – Takes over command of 220 (Maidstone) Medical Squadron [originally 220 Field Ambulance], and renamed **254 (East of England) Medical Regiment**
- 2018 – Renamed **254 Medical Regiment** on taking on command of 222 Medical Squadron (in Leicester) and 250 Medical Squadron (in Hull) on disbandment of 2 Medical Regiment. In addition, 251 Medical Squadron (in Sunderland) was re-subordinated to the unit from 3 Medical Regiment, before moving the next year to 225 (Scottish) Medical Regiment where it would stay until being further re-subordinated to 214 MMR in 2023.
- 2023 – Under the Future Soldier re-organisation, 222 Medical Squadron (Leicester) and 250 Medical Squadron (Hull) re-subordinated to 202 MMR and 214 MMR respectively. 220 Medical Detachment (Maidstone) re-subordinated as a Squadron to 256 MMR.
- (Nov 2023 or Jan 2024, tbc) – Re-designated **254 (East of England) Multi-Role Medical Regiment**

254's history in depth (1985 – 2023)

Formation

1985 254 Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers) was formed in Cambridge on 21 October 1985 as an independent Territorial Army wheeled field ambulance attached to 2 Infantry Division (whose HQ was based in York) as part of 54 Infantry Brigade, becoming fully operational in October 1989.¹³ Its role was to support the British Army of the Rhine on mobilisation, deploying in the 1st (British) Corps ORBAT rear area in West Germany to provide medical support to 4 Armoured Division.

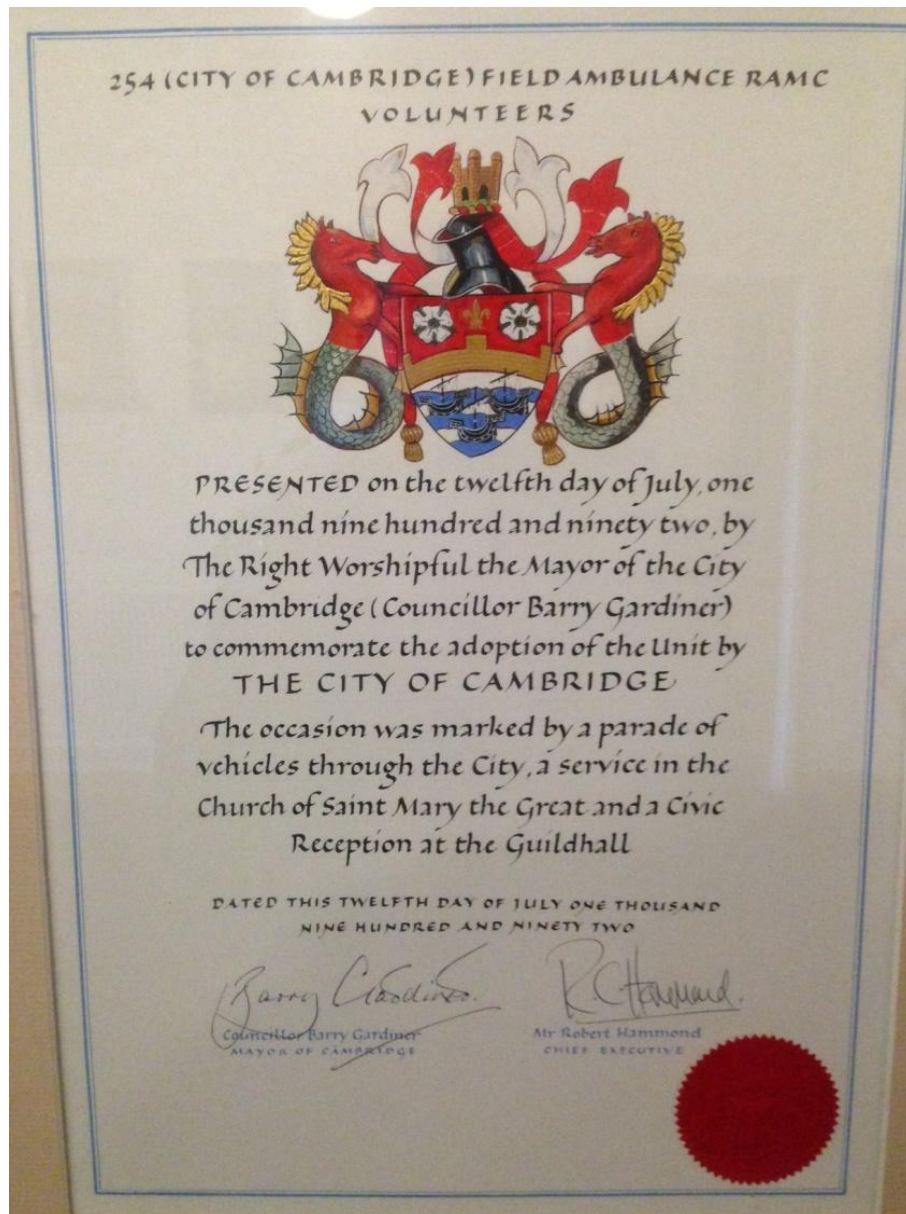
The choice of the number '254' might have been due to its being the next number in the TA independent field ambulance '200' sequence, the previous one being 253 (Northern Ireland Field Ambulance), or because it was attached to 54 Infantry Brigade, but the coincidence was fortuitous.

¹³ Annex A, Unit Historical Record, dated 1 April 1989 – 31 March 1990 (courtesy of Historical Branch (Army))

It was first housed in portakabins in the Coldhams Lane area of Cambridge. This was selected as a location because of its strong historical links with the TA and the Army Medical Services (see below).

254 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers) (1992 – 2007)

1992 – The unit was formally adopted by the City of Cambridge on 12 July 1992 and honoured with the title **254 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)**. The occasion was marked by a parade of the unit's vehicles through the City, followed by a church service at St Mary the Great and a Civic Reception at the Guildhall.¹⁴



Adoption of the unit by the City of Cambridge, 12 July 1992

¹⁴ An Adoption of a military unit is a civic honour similar to bestowing the 'Freedom of Entry', although it does not carry the same privileges.



Unit shield (Translation of Motto: Everything is set to change)

1995 Following the 1994 Defence Review 'Front Line First – Defence Costs Study', 254 Field Ambulance was allocated to 101 Logistic Brigade.

1995 The Norwich Detachment of 257 (Southern) General Hospital (Volunteers) was transferred to the command of 254 Field Ambulance, eventually becoming **160 Squadron**.

1996 Another parade of vehicles, a church service and civic reception took place to mark the unit's Tenth Anniversary.

1999 An additional detachment opened in Hitchin in March 1999 as part of the TA Restructuring following the 1998 Strategic Defence Review. This eventually became **162 Squadron**.

254 General Support Medical Regiment (2007 – 2009)

2007 **254 General Support Medical Regiment** was formed from 254 Field Ambulance, with its RHQ remaining at Cambridge, when all Field Ambulances were converted into Medical Regiments as a result of the Improved Medical Support to Brigades concept.

2008 A detachment was raised in Colchester, becoming **161 Squadron** in due course.

254 Medical Regiment (2009 – 2013)

2009 The unit was reformed as **254 Medical Regiment** on 1 April 2009 under the operational command of 101 Logistic Brigade based in Aldershot. The designation '(Volunteers)' was dropped from its title to reflect that it was now a hybrid regiment, with 30% of its personnel being regulars based in a large regular squadron at Preston, named C Squadron and originally part of 5 General

Support Medical Regiment. The four squadrons in Norwich, Cambridge, Hitchin and Colchester remained as reserve squadrons.

2009 The unit's regular squadron deployed to Afghanistan in support of 11 Light Brigade on Op HERRICK 11, October 2009 – April 2010, to form the core of the Close Support Squadron in theatre. It was augmented by personnel from the rest of 254 Medical Regiment and from 253 Medical Regiment, and in theatre came under the direct command of 33 Field Hospital. This was a unique arrangement specific to Op HERRICK 11, with a regular field hospital's RHQ commanding both the Close Support Squadron and the UK Joint Force Medical Group. During this tour the major challenge was managing the casualty load from Op MOSHTARAK, the largest joint offensive in the whole campaign. The end of the tour was marked by disruption to strategic aeromedical evacuation and resupply caused by the Icelandic volcanic eruption of April 2010.¹⁵

2011 The Regiment reverted to a wholly reserve unit on 1 April 2011 when C Squadron re-subordinated to 2 Medical Regiment.

254 (East of England) Medical Regiment (2013 - 2018)

2013 On 1 October 2013, 254 Medical Regiment re-subordinated **220 (Maidstone) Medical Squadron** from **4 Medical Regiment** so that the latter could complete its re-designation as **4 Armoured Medical Regiment**, and was re-designated **254 (East of England) Medical Regiment**.

254 Medical Regiment (2018 - 2023)

On 1 December 2018, on disbandment of 2 Medical Regiment, the unit took over command of **222 Medical Squadron (Leicester)** and **250 Medical Squadron (Hull)** and reverted to the name **254 Medical Regiment**. It thereby (temporarily) became the solitary Army Reserve Medical Regiment in England. At the same time 220 Medical Squadron was re-designated as **220 Medical Detachment** (attached to 161 Medical Squadron).

Future Soldier reforms (2023 – 2024).

Re-designation as 254 (East of England) Multi-Role Medical Regiment (January 2024)

In April 2023, **222 Medical Squadron** (located in Leicester and Derby) re-subordinated to 202 Multi-Role Medical Regiment (previously 202 Field Hospital).

By October 2023, **250 Medical Squadron (Hull)** re-subordinated to 214 (North East) Multi-Role Medical Regiment.

On 23 November 2023, **220 Medical Detachment** was re-subordinated as a Squadron to 256 (City of London) Field Hospital, which restructured to form 256 (City of London and South East) Multi-Role Medical Regiment. See 256 MMR history at <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/current-units>.

¹⁵ Vassallo D. Organisation of the medical services in Iraq and Afghanistan. In: *Military Medicine in Iraq and Afghanistan – a comprehensive review* (Ed: Greaves; CRC Press, 2019), pp.70-72. Available online at <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/op-telic-and-op-herrick/>

254 Medical Regiment was re-designated as **254 (East of England) Multi-Role Medical Regiment** and completed re-structuring in January 2024. It now consists of a Role 1 capability (161 Medical Squadron, with Detachments in Colchester and Norwich), a Role 2 capability (162 Hospital Squadron in Hitchin), and a Support Squadron (163) in Cambridge.

And thus commenced a new chapter in the unit's history.

Commanding Officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors of '254'



Squadron History – 222 Medical Squadron (Leicester)

Author's note: The following history of the Leicester-based 222 Medical Squadron was kindly provided by Major Alex Smith, 254 Medical Regiment, in February 2021. It is reproduced with minimal editing (mainly formatting changes), without corroborating its content. It was apparently written by two authors. I have updated it to include Future Soldier changes in 2023.

First World War

The history of 222 Medical Squadron can be traced back to 1908, when the 2nd North Midland Field Ambulance RAMC (Territorial Force) was formed from the Bearer Company of the Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Volunteer Infantry Brigade. During the Great War (1914-1919) the 2nd North Midland Field Ambulance served in France with the 46 (North Midlands) Division, and in February 1917 a second field ambulance was raised (the 2nd/2nd (North Midlands) Field Ambulance) which also served in France with the 59 (2nd) North Midlands Division. Before the end of the War a further two field ambulances had been raised from the Leicestershire area to serve in France (the 3rd/2nd and 4th/2nd).

At the end of the War, the 2nd (North Midlands) Field Ambulance (TF) was disbanded, leaving her sister unit, 1st (North Midlands) Field Ambulance (later renamed 137) as the only field ambulance from the Leicestershire area.

Second World War

In 1938, the disbanded 2nd Field Ambulance was reformed as 3rd (2nd Northern) Casualty Clearing Station, but during the Second World War was renamed as 9th (Northern) C.C.S. It has not been confirmed where 3rd or 9th saw service during this War.

Cold War

On 1 May 1947 the 9th C.C.S. was re-designated as 3 (N) C.C.S. (TA). On 1 January 1961 it was further re-designated as 148 (Leicestershire) Field Ambulance RAMC (TA).

1967 Re-designated 222 (Leicestershire) Field Dressing Station RAMC (T&AVR)

31 January 1967 saw a merger of 148 Field Ambulance and her sister Field medical unit - 137 (Northern) Field Dressing Station (TA), and on 1 April 1967 the new unit was re-designated as 222 (Leicestershire) Field Dressing Station RAMC (T&AVR).

1969 Re-designated 222 (East Midlands) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)

On 1 January 1969 the unit changed role from a FDS to a field ambulance, and on 1 December 1969 became 222 (East Midlands) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers), an Independent unit commanded by a lieutenant colonel.

1996 Re-designated 222 (East Midlands) Field Ambulance (Volunteers)

Following the Defence Costs Studies, on 1 January 1995, the unit lost its Nottingham Detachment and in 1996 the unit title was changed to 222 (East Midlands) Field Ambulance (Volunteers).

2000 Re-designation as Squadron on formation of 4 General Support Medical Regiment

On 1 April 2000, the unit became C (222 East Midlands) Medical Squadron (Volunteers) of 4 General Support Medical Regiment based in Aldershot, one of the two TA Squadrons in this newly formed Regiment. The other was 220 Medical Squadron (Volunteers), initially designated as B (220 - 1st Home Counties) Medical Squadron (V), based in Maidstone.

2003 Deployment on OP TELIC 1 & 2

In February 2003, members of both TA Squadrons were mobilised on Op Telic 1. Personnel deployed served with the Field Hospital and Battle Groups. Those mobilised were mainly anaesthetists, other doctors, and nurses. All returned home in April 2003.

May 2003 saw members of both TA Squadrons mobilised on Op Telic 2. Personnel carried out pre-deployment training at Grantham during May and June with special to arm training carried out at Catterick Garrison with our host unit 3 Close Support Medical Regiment. In July a composite Medical Squadron was formed called 22 Medical Squadron, the Squadron's Headquarters was based in Basra Palace. Personnel saw service in Umm Qasr, Shaibah, Al Amarah, Baghdad and Basra. All personnel returned to peacetime location in December 2003.

After the large-scale mobilisation of Telic 2 the Squadron provided a few individuals each year as reinforcements to Operations in Iraq (Telic) and Afghanistan (Herrick).

2008 Move to 225 (Scottish) Medical Regiment (Volunteers)

In mid-2008, 222 Squadron became part of 225 (Scottish) Medical Regiment (Volunteers). The regiment was spread across a large area with the RHQ and support squadron in Dundee and squadrons in Glenrothes, Sunderland and Leicester. The regiment was one of the first to work towards changing its setup under the direction of Improving Medical Support to Brigades with training towards this taking place on Exercise NORFOLK SHIELD at STANTA in Norfolk. The unit demonstrated its capability in 2009 on Exercise TARTAN TRAIL in Germany. It then moved on to provide medical support to the Nijmegen Marches where it faced the challenges of an outbreak of swine flu which ended the Marches prematurely.

The Squadron's annual camps took place at Garelochhead 2010, Kirkcudbrough 2011, Castle Martin 2012, Halton 2013, and Cyprus 2014. Throughout this period of training the Squadron deployed eleven reservists to Op HERRICK and many more on attachments.

2014 Move to 2 Medical Regiment

In August 2014 222 Squadron became part of 2 Medical Regiment, a hybrid unit that formed part of the Adaptable Force. The move was seen as exciting and filled with realistic opportunities as the logistical footprint had reduced greatly.

In 2015 the squadron supported ADEX 15 (an exercise provided by 253 Medical Regiment). Throughout this training year the main effort was to deploy reservists on Exercise ASKARI SERPENT in 2016.

In May-June 2016 the squadron successfully deployed 12 soldiers and officers to Kenya on Exercise ASKARI SERPENT providing command, clinical and MT support. Throughout 2016 the squadron supported the regiment's efforts towards Role 1 validation with clinical support and continued to build on its links with the regiment and its reserve counterparts by completing combined training.

Annual Camps and Exercises with 2 Medical Regiment

2014 Annual Camp in Cyprus

2015 Annual Camp Ex OTTERBURN VIPER, ADEX 15 (with 253 Medical Regiment)

2016 Exercise ASKARI SERPENT, Kenya (with 2 Medical Regiment)

2017 ADEX 17 in STRENSALL (with 225 Medical Regiment)

2018 Exercise ASKARI SERPENT 18, Kenya (with 2 Medical Regiment)

2018 – Transfer to 254 Medical Regiment

222 Medical Squadron, together with 250 Medical Squadron from Hull, transferred to the command of 254 Medical Regiment on disbandment of 2 Medical Regiment on 1 December 2018. The squadron participated in Exercise HALBERD DAWN in 2019 with 102 Logistic Brigade.¹⁶

2023 – Transfer to 202 Multi-Role Medical Regiment

In April 2023, under the Future Soldier programme, 222 Medical Squadron transferred to 202 Multi-Role Medical Regiment (previously 202 Field Hospital) and was renamed 222 (B) Squadron. The Leicester location became B Squadron HQ.

¹⁶ <https://www.army.mod.uk/news-and-events/news/2019/10/ex-halberd-dawn/>

Squadron History – 250 Medical Squadron (Hull)

Second World War

In 1938 **150th (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance** formed up in Hull in support of 50th (Northumbrian) Division. In 1939 the Field Ambulance was mobilised and during 1940 to 1942 saw Service in Egypt, El Alamein, Fuka, Cyprus, and Palestine. In 1942 the unit returned to North Africa, participating in the Battle of Gazala. May saw the start of a prolonged period of fighting in a shallow depression known as the 'Cauldron', between Knightsbridge and the 150th Brigade Group Boxes. The unit was overrun and many survivors became Prisoners of War. Due to this action the unit was disbanded.

Cold War

In 1947 the unit reformed as **150 (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance (Volunteers)** at East Hull Barracks, Hull and in 1960 the unit formed **No 51 Field Dressing Station** at Londesborough Barracks, Hull. In 1967 the Field Ambulance and the Field Dressing Station amalgamated to **form 250 (Hull) Field Ambulance RAMC (Volunteers)** and moved to Wenlock Barracks, Hull its present-day location.

1999 – Formation of 5 General Support Medical Regiment

On 1 December 1999, following the Strategic Defence Review, **250 (Hull) Field Ambulance (Volunteers)** amalgamated with 5 Field Ambulance to form 5 General Support Medical Regiment in Preston, with the two field ambulances becoming individual squadrons in the new regiment. The squadron assumed the name **B (250 Hull) Medical Squadron (Volunteers)**.¹⁷

2009 - Move to 3 Medical Regiment

On 1 April 2009 the squadron moved to the command of 3 Medical Regiment. The Unit has trained collectively in Cyprus, Germany, Gibraltar and The Netherlands with training attachments to Belize, Denmark, Hong Kong and the USA. It has also deployed individuals to the Balkans, to Iraq on Op TELIC and to Afghanistan on Op HERRICK.

2014 - Move to 2 Medical Regiment

On 1 July 2014, as a result of the Army 2020 reforms, the recently re-titled **250 Medical Squadron** was re-subordinated to 2 Medical Regiment.

2018 - Move to 254 Medical Regiment

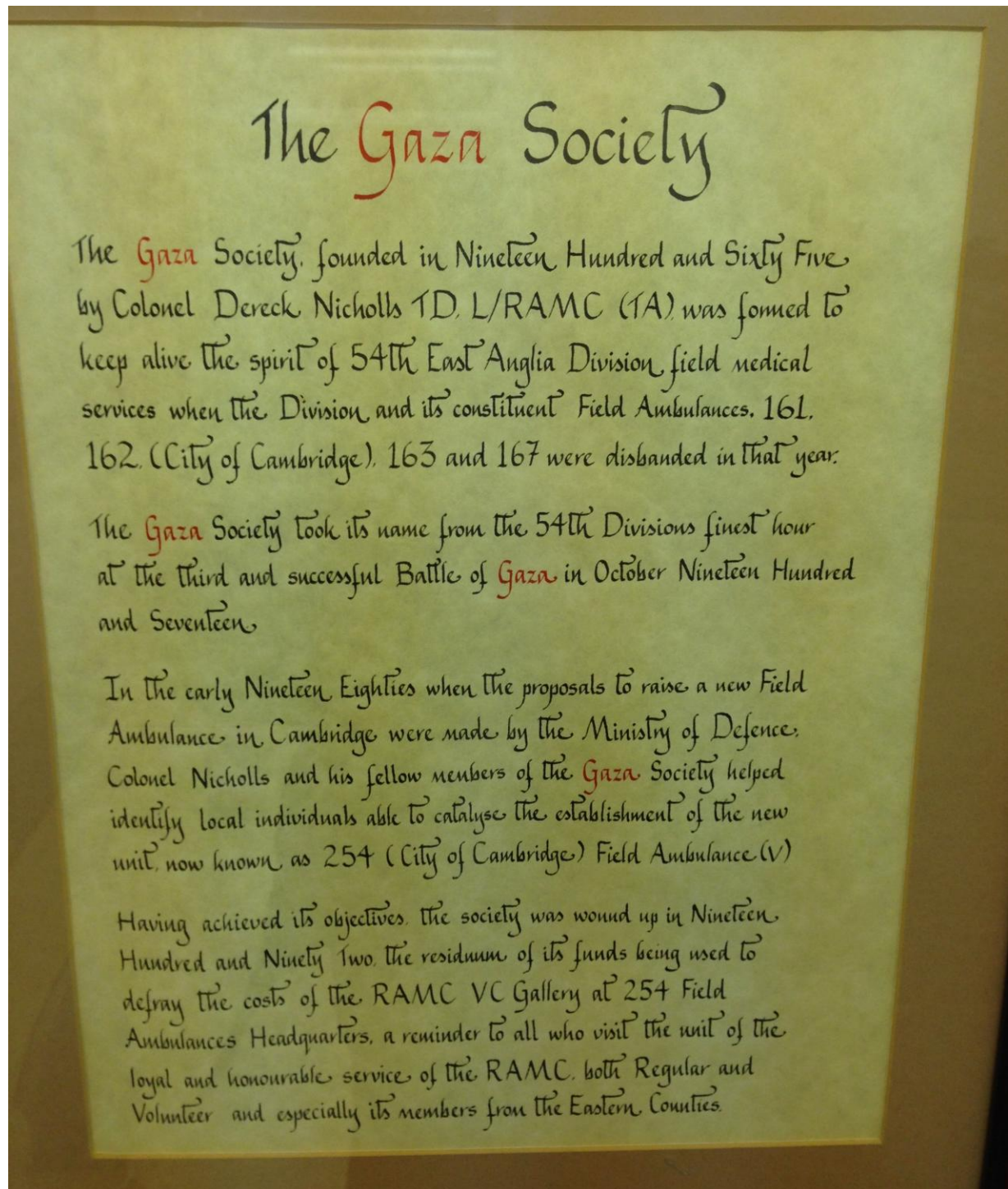
On 1 December 2018, on disbandment of 2 Medical Regiment, **250 Medical Squadron** was re-subordinated to 254 Medical Regiment.

¹⁷ 'Authority is given for the re-designation, reorganisation and amalgamation of 5 Field Ambulance and 250 (Hull) Field Ambulance (V) to form: 5 General Support Medical Regiment at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, Lancs (RHQ, A (5) Med Sqn, E (14) Evac Sqn and HQ Med Sqn), and Wenlock Barracks, Anlaby Road, Hull (B (250 Hull) Med Sqn). Implementation and Operational effective 01 December 1999' General Staff Order – Authority for Formation D/DASD/2/3332 (AMD 1) dated 1 September 1999

2023 – Move to 214 MMR

In November 2023, the Squadron moved again, being re-subordinated to 214 (North-East) Multi-Role Medical Regiment.

ANNEX: The Gaza Society – Commemorating East Anglia's disbanded field ambulances



*Keeping alive the spirit of 161, 162 (City of Cambridge), 163 and 167 Field Ambulances
The predecessors of today's Medical Squadrons and Detachments*

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