

## **1. Records, archives and general resources of use to family historians.**

The RE MLA collection does not include the service histories of past or serving Royal Engineers. These can either be found at The National Archives (for men serving up to 1920) or are still held by the Ministry of Defence (for men serving from 1921 to the present). The personal information of military personnel is subject to the Data Protection Act.

The RE MLA does, however, hold a number of records which may be of interest to those researching service histories, including medal awards.

1. Some enlistment records dated 1908-1915 for the Punjab, Malakand, Samana, Tirah, Sierra Leon, Sudan and China.
2. Register of transfers into the Corps from other Army units dated 1881-1904.
3. Discharge Register dated 1921-1980.
4. Registers of officers in Survey Companies dated 1866-1937, 1871-1946, 1927-1952.
5. Register of officers in Tunnelling Companies.
6. Seniority and Nominal Roll of Foremen of Works dated 1925-1946 and 1927-1952.
7. Nominal Roll of Clerks and Draftsmen dated 1925-1949.
8. Seniority roll of Draftsmen of Works dated 1925-1945.
9. Seniority Roll of Mechanics dated 1927-1952.
10. Full set of Army Lists for Commissioned Officers.
11. RE Lists for Commissioned Officers dated to the present day. *Note that some of this material is unavailable to the public as it falls under the Data Protection Act.*
12. Lists of Company and Squadron Commanding Officers (listed in Company Skeleton Histories). *Note that these are listed by unit so you must know which of these the officer was serving in.*
13. Register of Marriages dated 1934-1937.
14. List of Deserters dated 1872-1886.
15. Chelsea Pensioners Effects List.

16. Parents and Orphans claims.
17. Casualty Rolls for the Crimean War, Indian Mutiny, Zulu and Basuto War, World War One, Bomb Disposal, Singapore, Korean War, Malaysia, the Falklands and Scots who died 1941-1982. *Note that many of these are not official rolls but the product of research by staff and other individuals.*
18. Casualty cards dated 1939-1960. These give details of injury, cause of death, service number and unit.
19. World War Two Tracer Cards. These are the old MOD catalogue cards for the service records of Royal Engineers serving in World War Two. They vary in how much information they contain but in general will provide information on postings and give a service number. *Note these are only accessible to staff and not available to researchers for browsing.*
20. Medal Rolls and cards for most campaign medals and some gallantry. *Note that these will not include citations but we do have a run of the London Gazette from 1939- today in which award notifications and citations were published.*

**Note: None of the material listed above is available online and no computer indexes are available.**

21. Personal effects including papers, medals, photograph albums, mementoes. Most of this material has been donated to the RE MLA by the families of past Royal Engineers. *Note that speculative searches (when researchers do not definitely know that family material was donated) usually prove fruitless.*