

2. Information on the history of the Corps of Royal Engineer and its units.

The collection as a whole reflects the history of the Royal Engineers and contains many records relating to the companies, squadrons and regiments, as well as any other formations related to or making up the Corps.

1. The History of the Corps of Royal Engineers. This is the 11 volume official history of the Corps, written by past officers of the Corps.
2. The History of the Royal Sappers and Miners. Three volume history written in by QMS TWJ Connolly, the first Corps historian.
3. The History of the Indian Sappers and Miners, written by Lt Col EWC Sandes RE.
4. The Military Engineers in India. Two volumes written by Lt Col EWC Sandes RE.
5. War Diaries recording the day to day activities of companies and squadrons, usually written by the Commanding Officer or another senior officer. The RE MLA holds copies of most World War One units, about 20 World War Two units and a few from the Korean War, Northern Ireland, the Gulf War and Bosnia.
6. Unit files containing records relating to the activities of specific units and compiled from material sent to the Library by units.
7. Letter Books from major UK and overseas Royal Engineer garrisons dated 1780c-1860c. These contain manuscript copies of correspondence entering and exiting the garrison headquarters.
8. Formation table of RE Volunteer and TA Units providing details of when and where volunteer units were raised.
9. Unpublished unit histories and memoirs.
10. Personal papers and diaries of Royal Engineers dating back to the foundation of the Corps and donated to the RE MLA by soldiers and their families.
11. Royal Engineer Journal dating from 1871 to today (including the Supplement from 1905), contributed to by members of the Institution of Royal Engineers and containing articles of professional relevance, many giving detailed accounts of unit involvement in particular operations and exercises.

12. Sapper Magazine dating from 1895 to today, this magazine was written for the whole Corps, including other ranks. Provides a good record of the social history of the Corps including match reports from Corps sports clubs, station news, anecdotes as well as items of professional interest.

Note: None of the material listed above is available online and only a few are listed on basic indexes or catalogues.

13. Skeleton Unit Histories. These list Company/Squadron locations and dates of arrival at new postings, they also list Commanding Officers. They were compiled by the RE MLA from a number of sources of varied reliability. *Note that these are available on the RE MLA website, www.remuseum.org.uk/rem_his_units.htm.*