

## BC Archives Research Guide

### Old MS ROYAL ENGINEER RECORDS

This inventory provides a chronological list (by start date) of records related to the Royal Engineers detachments in British Columbia.

The records were predominantly catalogued under a BC Archives system used from the mid-1930s to the early 1970s, known as the “Old MS” system. These records are only fully catalogued in the “Old MS” card catalogue, located within the BC Archives reference room.<sup>1</sup> Additional relevant records will also be found within the Old MS card catalogue and the [BC Archives Collection](#) search.

Reference Number	Date(s)	Creator and Title
C/B/30.6/2 MS	[18-]	BC Royal Engineers. Salaries and allowances of the officers.
O/D/L69 MS	[18-]	List of Royal Engineers.
C/AB/30.7M/5 MS	[185-]-[187-]	BC Lands and Works Dept. Schedule of crown grants issued to Royal Engineers who served in the Colony of British Columbia under Col. Moody.
C/AB/30.6J/2 MS	Feb.-May 1859	BC Royal Engineers. Correspondence outward.
C/AB/30.6J/3 MS	Apr. 1859- Jun. 1863	BC Royal Engineers. Correspondence outward.
C/AB/30.6 MS	1859	BC Royal Engineers. Letter book.
C/AB/30.6J MS	1859-1861	BC Royal Engineers. Correspondence outward.
<a href="#">GR-2900</a>	1859-1863	BC Lands and Works Dept. Correspondence outward. [previously C/AB/30.7J/1-4, 7-10 Book]
<a href="#">C/AB/30.6/M13</a>	1861	William McColl diary.
C/AB/30.6J/1 MS	Jul. 1861- Oct. 1864	BC Royal Engineers. Correspondence outward.
Reel 634A	1862-1868	McMurphy, John. Diary May 26-Nov 9, 1862; March 29-Aug 8, 1863. Miscellaneous letters and memorandum June 1862-Oct 1868.
C/AB/30.6J/4 MS	1863	BC Royal Engineers. Correspondence outward.
E/B/B91 MS	1863	Burgoyne, Sir John Fox. Correspondence outward.
C/AB/30.6J/5 MS	1859-1863	BC Royal Engineers. Letter book. Originals and copies.
C/B/30.6/1 MS	1864	BC Royal Engineers. Auction of stores, camp New Westminster.
C/AB/30.6M Book	1864-1865	BC Royal Engineers. Memorandum book.
E/C/R39 MS	1871	Richards, Daniel. Correspondence re Royal Engineers land grant.
<a href="#">PR-1520</a> O/D/W83 MS	[ca. 1900]	Wolfenden, Richard. <i>A brief history of the Royal Engineers in British Columbia 1858-1863.</i>

<sup>1</sup> The notation “Book” after a call number means that the record is a bound volume; “MS” means loose pages. Different records may have duplicated reference numbers: one for a Book and one for a MS.

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O/D/W83.1 MS	1904, 1907	Wolfenden, Richard. Correspondence re Royal Engineers.
O/D/So9 Book	1907	Wolfenden, Richard. Souvenir letters; Emigrant Soldiers Gazette.
O/D/So9s Book	1910	Wolfenden, Richard Souvenir letters; Royal Engineers in B.C.