



The RMAS Archives



The main documents held in the Sandhurst Collection Archives are public records, comprising:

- WO 99 Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Miscellaneous Books and Records
- WO 149 Royal Military Academy, Woolwich Gentlemen Cadet Registers
- WO 150 RMA Correspondence and Letter Books
- WO 151 RMC Gentlemen Cadet Registers
- WO 152 RMA Correspondence and Letter Books
- WO 314 RMAS Miscellaneous records

Genealogical Research

Gentlemen Cadets/Officer Cadets 1741-1946

The RMA Gentlemen Cadet Registers cover the years 1790-1793, 1799-1805, 1820-1939 and those for the RMC, 1800-1946. These registers record simply name, age, date of entry, examination results, commissioning date and corps or regiment joined. They do not contain information about the family, address, schooling or subsequent career of the cadet. The Archive does not contain the personal files of any of these cadets.

Military and Civilian Staff 1741-1946

The Archive does not have personal files for any military or civilian members of staff of the RMA or the RMC. There is a manuscript ledger for the RMC 1800-1880, which records the names of some military and civilian staff, and a number of cash books for 1900-1925 which contain entries for certain civilian members of staff. There is also a list of RMA training staff from 1741 until 1930.

Officer Cadets 1947-Date

The entry dates and commissioning dates of Officer Cadets for this period are published in the relevant editions of *The Wish Stream*, the Academy journal. There is no index to these entries. Enquiries concerning *The Wish Stream* should be directed to the RMAS Central Library. As yet the Archive does not contain up-to-date addresses on former cadets.

Despite rumours to the contrary, neither Idi Amin of Uganda nor Muammar al-Gaddafi of Libya trained at the RMAS.

Military and Civilian Staff 1947-Date

The Archive contains neither personal files nor up-to-date addresses for former members of staff. Usually the only references to members of staff are contained in *The Wish Stream* or in the *Roll of Officers, Lecturers, Warrant Officers and Officer Cadets 1947-1972*, held in the Central Library.

Photographs

The RMA Woolwich photographed every Gentleman Cadet from approximately 1875 to 1939. The RMC Sandhurst only had Cadets photographed in their cadet companies beginning in about 1880. Before 1900 most of the photographs are unnamed. The College and later the RMA were not automatically given copies of the company photographs and so there are many gaps in the collection.

To make an enquiry about the records in the Archive please contact the Curator.