

## The Castle and Regimental Museum, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

<b>Reference code:</b>	DHist
<b>Title:</b>	History of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers(Militia). Collected research notes and photocopies.
<b>Dates:</b>	c.1960-2008
<b>Level of Description:</b>	Fonds
<b>Extent and medium:</b>	2 boxes
<b>Name of creator(s):</b>	Colonel Howard Everett (d. 1967) Keith Kissack E T Davies Other researchers

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### **Administrative/Biographical History**

This is an artificial collection, bringing together the research material of a number of different individuals.

Colonel Howard Everett, together with Lieut. Colonel Gavin Low, wrote *The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) 1908-1967*. Everett was responsible for Part 2 of the book, covering 1939-1967.

Keith Kissack was very active in the Monmouth Local History Group as well as the Castle and Regimental Museum. He carried out research in a number of areas, and wrote several booklets (*Life in the Militia; Colonel Vaughan in the Crimea*) which the museum reproduces and sells.

E T Davies wrote *Monmouth VCs*, a booklet produced for sale by the museum

Rosemary Boyns collected photocopies from various repositories in 2008-2009, while engaged on a project to identify material relating to the Regiment held elsewhere.

Some of the research notes were written by persons unknown.

### **Archival History**

Unknown

**Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:**

Given to the museum by the authors or their descendents

**Scope and Content:**

Research notes, drafts of publications, and correspondence on the history of the RMonRE(M); notes on the history of 225 Squadron RE and 244 Squadron RE (both joined with RMonRE(M) in 1967); photocopies of documents held by the Gwent Record Office, the National Archives, the Imperial war Museum, Badminton Muniments, and Gloucestershire Record Office

**Appraisal, destruction and scheduling Information:**

Research notes and correspondence judged to be of no value have been destroyed.

**Accruals:**

Possible

**System of arrangement:**

Arranged by Regiment/Unit: material relating to RMonRE(M); material relating to 225 Squadron; material relating to 244 Squadron

**Conditions governing access:**

Open

**Conditions governing reproduction:**

Documents may usually be copied, but permission should first be obtained from the museum trustees or honorary curator.

**Language/scripts of material:**

English

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements:**

Folders

**Finding aids:**

An item-level list is available

**Existence and location of originals:****Publication note:**

Material includes drafts/notes for:

Lieut. Col. Gavin Low and Colonel H M Everett, *The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) 1908-1967* (1969)

Keith Kissack *Life in the Militia*

Keith Kissack *Colonel Vaughan in the Crimea*

E T Davies *Monmouthshire VCs*

**Archivists note:**

Description compiled by Rosemary Boyns in accordance with ISAD(G), March 2009, as part of a project part-funded by the Welsh Assembly Government through the Museums Small Grants Fund, and by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. Revised July-August 2011.

Item	DHist/1	D428 D565 D564	<b>Drafts and notes for Low and Everett's Regimental History</b> Drafts, notes and correspondence concerning <i>The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) 1908-1967</i> , written by Lieut. Col. Gavin Low and Colonel H M Everett, published 1969 (1 box)	c. 1960-1969
Item	DHist/2	D554 and D555	<b>Lists of references to the Militia and RMonRE(M) found in local newspapers</b> Two lists in date order covering 1831-1914 and 1852-1914, giving date of newspaper and brief details of subject matter (2 bundles)	n.d c.1970-1990
Item	DHist/3	D418	<b>'Extracts from the Duke of Beaufort's Orderly Books'</b> Extracts from the Orderly Books 1778-1812, held at Badminton, made by Keith Kissack, and draft for <i>Life in the Militia</i> (1 folder)	n.d. c.1970-1990
Item	DHist/4		<b>Notes and drafts</b> Draft of <i>Monmouth VCs</i> by E T Davies, (booklet produced by the Museum); notes on the Crimean War, possibly by Keith Kissack; notes on the travels of Kenelm Vaughan (1 folder)	n.d. c. 1970-1990
Item	DHist/5	D483	<b>Ypres Salient. Notes on a visit, and photocopy of large-scale map</b> (1 bundle)	1984
Item	DHist/6	Carter	<b>225 Squadron RE. Brief History</b> Also includes correspondence and notes (1 bundle)	1963 1967
Item	DHist/7	D451	<b>225 Squadron. Historical notes</b> (1 bundle)	c.1969
Item	DHist/8	D151	<b>Article on 'Amazon Bridge'</b> (3 papers, typescript)	1984
Item	DHist/9	D504, D506 D151	<b>244 Squadron History material</b> Includes journal article, notes, newsletters (1 bundle, typescript, printed, manuscript)	1974-1985
Item	DHist/10	D568	<b>'The Royal Engineers A Mini History'</b> Manuscript copy of part of the <i>History of the Royal Engineers</i> ' by Capt Rowland Caplen (2 papers)	n.d. C20

Item	DHist/11	<p><b>Photocopies of records in the Gwent Record Office:</b>  Pages from the Letter book of Richard Herbert, showing the strength of militia in 1637 (ref. Misc Mss.648); an account of the qualifications of officers, 1790(ref. LL.M.L.1.6); qualifications of officers, 1799 (ref. LL.M.L.1.5); state of the militia, 1793 (ref. LL.M.L.1.3)  (1 bundle)</p>	1637-1799
Item	DHist/12	<p><b>Photocopies of records in the National Archives:</b>  Pages from the Calendar of Letter and Papers Henry VII, with details of the 1539 muster rolls; Muster roll, 1639 (ref. SP16/419); Home Office Military Correspondence, Return of Qualifications of Officers, 1790 (ref. HO50/17/140); Home Office Military Correspondence, letter from Beaufort re. commission for David Price, 1793 (ref. HO50/20/3); Order for Incorporating the Brecon and Monmouthshire Militia into one battalion, 1793 (ref. WO26/37 page 417); War Office Letter Book, letter re Monmouth to be considered Light Infantry, 1852 (ref. HO51/167); return of the strength of the Monmouth Light Infantry, 1859 (ref. WO33/8 page 425); Fourth report of the Committee on Provision of Officers – Adaptation of scheme for special reserves for Royal Engineers, 1908 (ref. WO33/2985)  (1 bundle)  <b>Related Records:</b>  Photocopies of Registers of Officers' Service, War Diaries, and various War Office files, all bound into volumes, have been catalogued as DTNA.</p>	1639-1908
Item	DHist/13	<p><b>Photocopies from the Badminton archives in Gloucestershire Record Office:</b>  Vouchers (receipts for bills paid) relating to the Militia (ref. D2700/QP3/9/38)  (4 papers)</p>	1779
Item	DHist/14	<p><b>Photocopies from Badminton Muniments:</b>  Notes on the history of Dukes of Beaufort, including notes on the Monmouthshire militia 1868-1908, and on the sale of the Monmouthshire estates, 1899 (ref. FmP4/3/19); notes on and transcripts of</p>	C20

extracts from the Duke of Beaufort's Orderly Books 1775-1812 (Monmouthshire and Breconshire Militia), written by Keith Kissack (ref. 1100.1.25)  
(1 bundle)

<b>Item</b>	<b>DHist/15</b>		<b>Photocopies of material in the Imperial War Museum:</b> Pages from <i>A Short History of the Units Administered by the Monmouthshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces</i> , published London (ref. 02(41).091(=424.3)/1) (2 papers, printed)	<b>c. 1950</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>DHist/16</b>	D286	<b>'The Invasion of Normandy. D-Day with 5<sup>th</sup> Bn. the Kings Regiment.'</b> Account of the D-Day Landings. 84 Field Company RE was part of the same group as Kings. (1 bundle, typescript, photocopied from original)	<b>1944</b>