



Edward Oliver Wheeler fonds

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Part Of: Edward Oliver Wheeler fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 169

Sous-Fonds: M 169

Accession Number: 6262, 7440, 7773

Reference Code: M169

GMD: Textual record

Private record

Diary

Scrapbook

Date Range: 1902-1963

Physical Description: 46 v. + 4 items of textual records

History /

Biographical:

E. O. (Edward Oliver) Wheeler, 1890-1962, was a Canadian surveyor, soldier and mountaineer. Wheeler was born in Ottawa, the son of A. O. (Arthur Oliver) Wheeler, Dominion Land Surveyor and founder of the Alpine Club of Canada. E. O. Wheeler served in the Royal Engineers in World War I and received the Military Cross in 1916 and the Legion of Honour (France). In 1941 he was appointed Surveyor-General of India and in 1943 was knighted by King George VI. During World War II, he served as Director of the Frontier Circle of the Survey of India. Wheeler retired to Lavington, British Columbia in 1947. Throughout his life, Wheeler was involved in world mountaineering. He worked on the mapping of the 1922 expedition of Mount Everest and was active in the Alpine Club of Canada, serving as its President from 1950 to 1954.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of three series : I. Diaries, 1902-1963, 44 v of textual records; II. Scrapbooks, 1910-1933, 2 v. of textual records; III. Other material, [1946-1947], 4 items. Diaries pertain to early life in Ontario and Alberta, service as a surveyor in India, service with the Royal Engineers in France and Mesopotamia, 1915-1918, trips on leave from India to Canada, U.S.A., England, South Africa, Asia, south Pacific, and New Zealand. Diaries also detail ACC camp preparations and activities, travel to and from Banff, clubhouse work; travel details, daily activities and accounts of climbs in France and Scotland; trans-Atlantic and trans-Canada voyage; Alpine Club of Canada Vermilion Camp activities; Strathcona, Vancouver Island reconnaissance trip and climbs; travels to California, Hawaii and Japan: travel from Los Angeles to Canada, through British Columbia to Banff; ACC camp at Glacier, B.C.; trip from India to Canada; life in Banff; trips and ACC camps in the Rockies, Selkirks and Kootenay district; ACC activities and operations; travels in the Okanagan, Kootenays and Columbia Valley, BC. Also included in this series are two diaries of his wife Dorothea. Scrapbooks pertain to school life, military training, surveyor's training; Alpine Club of Canada activities and lecture activities; military career, 1910-1919; surveying and mountaineering activities; Mount Everest expedition of 1921. Other material consists of items found loose in the 1946-1948 diaries, including letter written on board ship from Asia to the United States, 1947; photographs of unidentified women, 2 items; and postcard of Vancouver City Hall

Name Access: Wheeler, Edward Oliver

Subject Access:	Exploration, discovery and travel
	Family and personal life
	Military
	Sports, recreation and leisure
Access Restrictions:	No restrictions on access
	Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Creator:	Wheeler, Edward Oliver
Category:	Exploration, discovery and travel
	Family and personal life
	Military
	Sports, recreation and leisure
Biographical Source	Custody information was provided by John Wheeler, son of E. O.
Notes:	Wheeler
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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Diary No I, 1902

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions22853>

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Description Level: 6 / Item

Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 1

Date Range: 1902

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 1, Jul. - Oct. 1902 Roger's Pass

July - October 1902

Personal diary containing travel notes, including rising times, sleep patterns, train delays and trips, hunting, travel around Glacier, Cascade, chores, Revelstoke, mentions of Mrs. Schaffer, Mr. Vaux

Nine page story "Hiawatha", One page poem "The Cowboy on the Wheel"

From back: campsite diagram, three drawings of CPR trains, "The God-darned wheel" story, 2 drawings of CPR trains

Subject Access: Hunting
Mountaineering
Camping
Daily routines
Fictional entries

Title Source: Title taken from source

Processing Status: Processed

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1916 - 1917 - 1918 No XVI A WAR 8.5.16 - 6.8.16 No XVI B
Sick Leave OOTY 7.8.16 - 19.10.16 XVII Shikar (Benaik)
22.5.17 - 20.6.17 XVIII WAR 18.10.17 - 23.3.18

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions22862>

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Description Level: 6 / Item

Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 10

Date Range: 1916-1918

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 10, 1916, 1917, 1918 Mesopotamia & India

Personal diary. Front cover indicates it should be mailed to Mrs. A. O. Wheeler in Sidney, BC, book is a Field Message Book, with graph paper and tear out pages, written in pencil.

Diagrams for trench digging, platform diagram

Weather conditions, daily routines, Sannaujuah, mentions of cholera, typhoid, diarrhea, fever, documentation of gradual onset of illness, sick leave in Amara, discussion of day to day illness and diet, leisure: golf, hockey, and dances, visit to St Mary's (1680) oldest British church in India

Leave in May 1917 for 30 days, leisure, travel, mountaineering, hunting,

Insert of list of the days in June and July with numbers, and average calculated. Temperature?

Expenses Travelling list, Wages, Food

Return to Mesopotamia 1917, travel, boat trip, preparation for leaving Busra, Amara, Kur, One Tree Camp Amara, thieves in Amara, Bagdad right bank, description of Kadhimain mosque, last pages at Fufa regarding a murder, pages following are ripped out.

Subject Access: WWI

Travel

India

Mesopotamia

Title Source: Title taken from source

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Diary No XIX Photo Survey Experient Agra, 29.1.20 to 3.4.20

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Description Level: 6 / Item

Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 11

Date Range: 1920

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 11, Jan.-Apr. 1920 Agra, India

Personal diary, pages on left side have index of content

Project intention: "the use of aeroplane photos for mapping", project states general idea, original intentions, and describes methods. Project steps are described in detail. Day by day itineraries and times, as well as weather. Sightseeing descriptions interspersed. Descriptions of Samara, Sonothi, Daudpur

Several diagrams

"Report on the Field Work of Ari Photo Survey experiment", including phases and procedures, conclusions, interpretation of photos

Subject Access: Photo Survey
Experiment

Title Source: Title taken from source

Processing Status: Processed

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Diary No XX Leave to Canada 9.4.20 to 25.10.20

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Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 12

Date Range: 1920

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 12, Apr.-Oct. 1920 Leave to Canada.

Personal diary pertaining to packing and leaving from Dehra Dun, travel to Bombay with leisure and description of travel mates, travel on ship S. S. Dunera and description of passengers. Daytrip in Columbo, travel through Singapore, Hong Kong, interaction with Prince and Princess of Barcleu [?]. Police and Doctors in Nagasaki performed extensive examinations.

Uneventful crossing to Victoria, drive to Sidney. Leisure, dances, lunches, theatre. Trip to Vancouver, Walhachin, stayed with friends in Shaughnessy Heights, visited Jerico Club. Trip to Jasper via Prince Rupert, hiking, camping, Fortress Lake, Snow Creek.

Travel from Jasper to Banff, through Edmonton and Calgary. Stayed at Alpine Club House in Banff, which was busy because of poor weather at Assiniboine. Climbed Mt. Edith, stayed at Sunshine Camp, Golden Valley, Assiniboine. Picture glued in of Lake Magog, annotated with mountain peaks. Banff, climbed Rundle, leisure, staying at clubhouse, picnic on Bow river, Sulphur Mountain climb.

Travel from Banff to Winnipeg to Toronto, to Ottawa, Montreal, New York, board ship S. S. Baltic to Liverpool. Trip into London, dealing with clothing, camera, surveying equipment, trips to India Office, leisure with Dolly. Boat trip to Venice, trip to Suez, to Bombay and return to Dehra Dun. "Altogether a most excellent leave, though somewhat expensive!"

Subject Access: Alpine Club of Canada

Leave

Vancouver

Banff

Bombay

Travel

New York

Mt. Edith

Mt. Assiniboine

Sulphur Mt.

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Diary No XXII Leave 1922-3 -4

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Description Level: 6 / Item

Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 13

Date Range: 1922-24

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 13, Apr. 1922-Jan.1924 India & leave to Canada & U.S.A.

Personal diary pertaining to travel from Dehra Dun to Calcutta, list of expenses, sailing postponed due to bad weather, trip though Singapore, Hong Kong, man on board jumped, was rescued and arrested, Nagasaki, Tokyo, arrival in Victoria. Leisure in Resthaven, Middle Springs Camp in Banff, honorary member of ACC, Assiniboine, ACC Club House.

Significant gap in text, beginning again three months later in Sidney, travelling to Vancouver. Winnipeg to Ottawa, to Kingston, to Toronto. Ten days of leisure in Toronto, four days in Cleveland, visit with friends in Washington, DC, trip to New York, Ottawa, boat trip on S. S. Montclare, trip to Birmingham with Dolly, travel around England, leisure, return to Canada with Dolly, docked in Montreal, travel to Ottawa, from Toronto to Banff.

Banff for ten days, visits mother's grave, chores. Karmax and K2. Trip to Vancouver, leisure, return to Sidney, auditing and balance sheets. Rough trip back with Dolly from Victoria to Yokohama. Recent earthquake in Yokohama, description of city's destruction. Travel back through Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, return to Calcutta.

Subject Access: Alpine Club of Canada

Leave

Vancouver

Banff

Resthaven

Middle Springs Camp

Travel

New York

Mt. Assiniboine

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Diary No XXIII A at intervals from 15.4.22 to 26.12.22 written by D. S. W.

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Accession Number: 7773

Reference Code: M169 / 14

Date Range: 1922

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 14, Diary written by Sir Oliver's wife, 1922.

Personal diary pertaining to Dehra Dun, description of daily activities, dining, weather. Trip to Calcutta on expensive train without dining car, visiting offices to work out passports, expenses. Choppy boat ride to Panary, travel through Singapore, to Hong Kong, description of passenger who jumped off boat, long police inspection in Nagasaki, attended Japanese play at Imperial Theatre, played Mahjong. Travel to Victoria, discussion of day to day activities, spent time at Resthaven due to appendix problems. Presented with pink carnations from the ACC. "O." had operation and convalesced at Resthaven, trip to Victoria, nice weather for Banff and Bow river. Husband buys car, 1914 Cadillac. Walk along spray river in Banff, Sunshine Camp, Middle Springs, driving lesson on highway.

Pressed four leaf clover in middle of book

Shopping lists for various rooms of the house

Upside down from back of book, shopping lists, lists of items mailed, different trunks contents lists

Subject Access: Alpine Club of Canada

Leave

Vancouver

Banff

Resthaven

Middle Springs Camp

Travel

Mt. Assiniboine

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Diary No XXIII B Aprl. 19th 1922 to Sidney (November) written by D. S. W.

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Reference Code: M169 / 15

Date Range: 1922

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 15, Diary written by Sir Oliver's wife, 1922.

Personal diary pertaining to trip to "Banff - Los Angeles - Sidney." Travelled from Banff in Cadillac, spent two nights in Calgary and travelled to High River, Glacier Park, descriptions of Oliver leaving for work, daily routine, Yellowstone Park, Mammoth Hot Springs, Ashlou, Idaho Falls, camping, Grand Canyon, travel to San Francisco, shopping and leisure, Yosemite, car stuck in ditch, travelled through Salem to Portland, Olympia, Seattle

"Home" which was a very welcome home after a most interesting though slightly strenuous holiday."

Subject Access: Travel

Leave

Banff

High River

Yellowstone Park

Grand Canyon

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Diary No XXIV 1925-26 [?] - India

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Reference Code: M169 / 16

Date Range: 1925-1926

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 16, 1925-1926 India & England

Personal diary pertaining to Dehra Dun to Delhi, Agra. In Agra Oliver works, Dolly shops with Anna, travel to Jaipur and description of city and palace. Bombay and boat trip along Red Sea, City of Simla, Marseilles, trip to Liverpool, in Birmingham told that he will return to India. Operation at King Edward VII Hospital. Trip to Osborne, convalescent home, and return to Birmingham. Maneuvers in Birmingham. Travels around England. Boat to Canada, time spent in Ottawa and Toronto, travel to Vancouver. Leisure in Sidney, boat "Empress of Asia" to Calcutta.

Subject Access: England

Jaipur

Marseilles

Vancouver

Sidney

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Diary No XXV Leave 1932 - 33, Book I From 10.3.32 to 21.8.32.

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Reference Code: M169 / 17

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 1 vol. textual record

Scope & Content:

Label supplied by Provincial Archives of British Columbia: 314 Wheeler, Oliver, Vol. 17, 1932-1933 Leave: South Africa, Rhodesia, England.

Personal diary pertaining to Quetta trip, packing and hunting, travel to Karachi, Bombay. Boat to Seychelles, diagram of cabin interior. Montasa beach and yacht trip. Zanzita, rickshaws, extended ship travel and leisure, weather descriptions, customs, Rhodesia, Victoria Falls, Dinks Cataract, discussion of Dutch Africans, general observations about locals and travelled areas, malaria, Capetown, diagram of Nuijenky [?] Peak, boat trip to England, leisure in England. Extensive list of expenses.

On left side several notations of different Cine. reel contents

Subject Access: South Africa

Rhodesia

England,

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