

KNIL (Koninklijk Nederlandsch-Indies Leger=Royal Dutch-Indies Army)

The data from the “Oost-Indies boek”, of “Linen banden” are available on microfiche in the [National Archives of the Netherlands](#) (archive 2.10.50). They run from 1815-1949, but in these records also persons are mentioned who were recruited earlier.

Especially in the earlier years these contain people from all over Europe, most notably the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Switzerland. Also somewhat over 3000 Ghanese soldiers are mentioned who were shipped from Elmina to serve in the KNIL.

These records contain, besides a description of the military career, also personal data. It contains the stamboek nummer (army service number), the name, names of the parents, date and place of birth, latest place of residence, sometimes religion and marriage, a description of face and hair color, and length.