

Manual – Gold Coast Regiment

Variable	Description	Do file
Round	Data was collected in two rounds Round 1: September 2006 - February 2007 Round 2: April 2007 – January 2008	
CASEID	Unique ID identifier	
Reg_No	Regimental Number. The regimental number is not a unique ID.	
Digital Copy	<p>Is there a digital copy of the attestation paper available?</p> <p>yes no</p> <p>Digital copies of attestation papers were made for data quality controlling purposes. Originally, it was planned to choose a random sample of attestations papers. Later it was decided to make digital copies from those cases, where geographic coordinates of recruit’s place of birth (variable PoBirth) could not be retrieved. See notes on GEONET Names data base GEO data file. Putting emphasis on these cases helped to reduce missing values in UFI, DMS_Long, DMS_Lat (about 35% of the birth places could be identified with a digital copy of the attestation paper at hand). Due to this selection, digital copies are overrepresented for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) cases where handwritings were difficult to read b) recruits of non-Ghanaian origin, where place names are often misspelled (because spellings of place names were agreed late and followed French rules). <p>A general quality control was done after Round 1 and again after Round 2. It turned out that data in-putters had difficulties coding literacy variable Signed. After round 1, the variable was completely re-done. On this occasion, additional variables were collected including District_familiar, District_add, Name_chief, Chief_residence and cause_discharge. No major problems were detected in the check after Round 2.</p> <p>Note that the data in-putters were trained in Accra, Ghana. They were also given a list of instructions (available on request).</p>	

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Check_RA	The observation was cross-checked by a Research Assistant who has a PhD in African Studies yes									
Name1	First name of recruit Note: The correct spelling of names was not a main concern in the data in-putting process. Names are only used as a second identifier to check cross-references in the data. Frequent typos should be expected in names.									
Name2	Surname of recruit									
Religion	Religion of recruit as recorded on the attestation paper. Religion has a considerable number of categories. The variable was recoded subsequently. See do.file.	religion.do								
Tribe	'Tribe' of recruit as recorded on the attestation paper. There were no standardized answers. Ethnic.do recodes this variable.	ethnic.do								
Occ_recruit	Occupation of recruit as recorded on the attestation paper.	occupation.do								
Signed	Indicator of literacy. Recruits were required to sign the attestation paper. This was not feasible for recruits who could not write. In these cases a thumbprint or an 'x' were taken in its place. The signature might be also entirely missing. Signed has the following categories: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">x</td> <td>Recruit signed with an x mark.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thumbprint</td> <td>A thumbprint was found on place of signature</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signed</td> <td>The attestation paper was signed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NA</td> <td>Field left blank</td> </tr> </table> The variable should be treated with care. In most cases the handwritten name of the recruit can be found on the attestation papers. If the recruit was illiterate, it is the attesting officer who wrote the recruit's name and let the recruit express his agreement with an x mark. The recruit's name filled in by the attestation officers can be easily mistaken as the recruit's signature (see notes on Digital Copy and instructions to data in-putters).	x	Recruit signed with an x mark.	Thumbprint	A thumbprint was found on place of signature	Signed	The attestation paper was signed.	NA	Field left blank	
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Served before	Served before (re-enlisted) as recorded on the attestation paper	Service.do								

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	Previous Service does not need to be in the GCR. It can also be other units of the RWAFF like 'Nigeria Regiment', Police, and even civil administration.	
Warder	Warder before	
Prison	Prison sentences	
name1_father	Father's name	
name2_father		
Occ_father	Father's occupation as recorded on the attestation paper	
Name_kin	Name of next of kin as recorded on the attestation paper	
Kinship	Next of kin's relationship to the recruit	
occ_kin	Occupation of kin	
address_kin	Address of kin	
Term	Term of enlistment (time agreed to spend in the military). Note: Actual time of military service might deviate. See cause of discharge .	Service.do
enlist_day	Day of enlistment	Service.do
enlist_month	Month of enlistment	Service.do
enlist_year	Year of enlistment After a change in the attestation form, the date of enlistment was not recorded on the attestation paper anymore. In these cases the field was coded as missing value (blank or NA). The date of attestation comes very close to the date of enlistment though. attest_day , attest_month , attest_year can therefore serve as date of recruitment.	Service.do
attest_day	Day of attestation recorded on the attestation paper.	Service.do
attest_month	Month of attestation recorded on the attestation paper	Service.do
attest_year	Year of attestation recorded on the attestation paper	Service.do
place of certificate	Place of certificate	
place of medical certificate	Place of medical certificate	
age_years	Age of recruit at enlistment (years)	
age_months	Age of recruit at enlistment (months). For a few cases, the age was nearer specified by giving the months. In the great majority of the attestation papers, this field was left blank.	
height_feet	Height in feet	Anthro.do
height_inches	Height in inches For total height height_feet and height_inches need to be added. This is done in the Anthro.do file.	Anthro.do

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	<p>Note that officers seldom entered “0” inches (5'0' and 6'0'). Instead they recorded height_feet and left height_inches blank. In these cases a missing value in height_inches should therefore be read as 0 inches. Height is genuinely missing, if height_inches is missing (4, 5, 6 feet).</p> <p>Anthro.do generates ready-to-use anthropometric variables.</p>	
chest_inches	<p>Chest circumference in inches</p> <p>The chest circumference is not used in anthropometrics. Roderick Floud said that chest circumference is useless. Bernard Harris suggested that chest expansion may indicate incidences of tuberculosis. Obviously, military officers believed in this indicator, see for example Pignet, „Du coefficient de robusticité“, in <i>Bull.Médical</i> 15 (1901), p.373-376.</p>	
chest_expansion	Chest expansion in inches	
marks_tribal	<p>Tribal marks as reported on the attestation paper.</p> <p>Obviously, ‘tribal and other marks’ were important for identification and officers described them in very detail.</p>	
marks_other	<p>Other than tribal marks.</p> <p>These are meant to be scars other than for ‘decorative purposes’ including smallpox marks, vaccination scars and wounds.</p> <p>‘Attestation form 2’ (attestation forms used ca. 1920-1945) had two separate headings: “Tribal Marks” and “Other than tribal marks”.</p> <p>Note that ‘form1’ (attestation forms used 1904 - ca. 1920) did not distinguish between ‘tribal’ and ‘other’ marks. Hence, both, tribal and other marks can be found in marks_tribal. It was not attempted to separate them during the data in-putting process except for the case of smallpox marks, which is easily identified as ‘non-tribal’.</p> <p>The variables Tribal marks dummy, eye, wound, smallpox, vac_marks and vac_no were retrieved from the entries in marks_tribal and marks_other.</p>	
Tribal marks dummy	<p>Tribal marks ‘dummy’</p> <p>Yes No NA: not specified under marks_tribal</p>	

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eye	<p>Defective eye</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Only 13 recruits had eye problems. Usually, this is a cause of rejection.</p>	
wound	<p>Wounds</p> <p>yes1: Wound recorded in marks_other yes2: Wound recorded in marks_tribal</p> <p>Note that some of the other scars recorded on the attestation paper may be the result of injuries.</p>	
Smallpox	<p>Small pox scars</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Note that smallpox does not always leave scars.</p>	
Vac_marks	<p>Vaccination marks</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>The vaccinations were probably against smallpox. Note that not every vaccination leaves scars.</p>	
Vac_no	<p>Number of vaccination scars</p> <p>-9: Vaccination mark(Vac_marks=yes), but information on number of scars is missing</p>	
place of birth	<p>The following variables indicate the recruit's place of birth/ place of origin</p>	
province	<p>Province of birth as recorded on the attestation paper.</p> <p>Note that this variable is <u>extremely misleading</u> if considered on its own. For example, 'Eastern' could refer to the Eastern part/province of Ashanti, the Gold Coast Colony, Northern Territories or Nigeria.</p> <p><u>The variable is informative when considered together with District.</u></p>	
district	<p>District of birth as recorded on the attestation paper.</p> <p>Note that entries may be internally inconsistent, because names and borders of provinces/districts changed. For example, the district in the north-eastern corner of Ghana is alternatively named Bawku, Kusasi and Mamprussi North.</p>	
village	<p>Village of origin/ place of birth as recorded on the attestation paper.</p>	

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	<p>Variable village is marred by misspellings. There were no agreed spellings, e.g. “Navarro” and “Navrongo” or “Bolga” and “Bolgatanga” or the British forced their spellings upon ‘French’ places, e.g. Wagadugu instead of Ouagadougou.</p> <p>Note that the GEONET data base offers alternative spellings/names that were in use over some time (so unequal pob have the same UFI)</p>	
pob	<p>Village of origin/ place of birth corrected for spellings.</p> <p>In some cases it was reasonable to assume that today's agreed spelling differs from the one in village, e.g. the recruit with CASEID 6124 was born in "Abtifi" but "Abetifi" is probably the correct spelling. "Abtifi" may be a typo or it is a misspelling in the original source.</p> <p>You can filter those cases with "village<>pob" and check the approach.</p>	
UFI	<p>A place ID that links the case to the place in the GEONET Names data base.</p> <p>Places with alternative spellings have the same UFI. For example, Wagadugu and Ougadougou have an identical UFI.</p>	
DMS_LAT	Latitude in decimals (from the GEONET Names data base).	
DMS_LONG	<p>Longitude in decimals (from the GEONET Names data base).</p> <p>-999 Missing value in village and pob x The place could not be identified in the GEONET Names data base</p>	
confidence	<p>A variable that expresses the confidence in the accuracy of UFI.</p> <p>0 Village could not be located in the GEONET Names data base with any degree of certainty</p> <p>1 A place was identified in the GEONET Names data base, which probably agrees with the true place of birth. Still, there is a higher likelihood that geographic coordinates are wrongly coded. Typically, “confidence equal to one” is coded if there was more than one place with that name or the spelling was unclear and modifications of the spelling led to more than one place.</p> <p>2 The probability of an error in the coding is rather small (places like Accra, Usher Town, Kumasi, and Cape Coast).</p>	
Alternatives	Alternative places that could correspond to village .	

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UFI_al1 DMS_LAT_al1 DMS_LONG_al1	Geographic coordinates of first alternative																																											
UFI_al2 DMS_LAT_al2 DMS_LONG_al2	Geographic coordinates of second alternative																																											
country	<p>Country of birth</p> <p>Sometimes, the exact place of origin is unknown, but it is rather clear from which country/region the recruit came, e.g. if "Nigeria" or description like "Gabis near Zuarungu" were entered under village.</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Nigeria</td><td>Nigeria</td></tr> <tr><td>Ashanti</td><td>Ashanti</td></tr> <tr><td>Benin</td><td>Benin</td></tr> <tr><td>Cameroon</td><td>Cameroon</td></tr> <tr><td>Gambia</td><td>Gambia</td></tr> <tr><td>Guinea</td><td>Guinea</td></tr> <tr><td>Lebanon</td><td>Lebanon</td></tr> <tr><td>Lesotho</td><td>Lesotho</td></tr> <tr><td>Liberia</td><td>Liberia</td></tr> <tr><td>Mali</td><td>Mali</td></tr> <tr><td>Niger</td><td>Niger</td></tr> <tr><td>Nigeria</td><td>Nigeria</td></tr> <tr><td>Senegal</td><td>Senegal</td></tr> <tr><td>Senegambia</td><td>Senegambia</td></tr> <tr><td>Togo</td><td>Togo</td></tr> <tr><td>gcc</td><td>Gold Coast Colony</td></tr> <tr><td>gh</td><td>Ghana</td></tr> <tr><td>ivo</td><td>Ivory Coast</td></tr> <tr><td>nt</td><td>Northern Territories</td></tr> <tr><td>sl</td><td>Sierra Leone</td></tr> <tr><td>uv</td><td>Upper Volta (Burkina Faso)</td></tr> </table> <p>Note that country was left blank if confidence=2. In these cases, the country of birth can be easily retrieved from UFI, DMS_Long, DMS_Lat.</p>	Nigeria	Nigeria	Ashanti	Ashanti	Benin	Benin	Cameroon	Cameroon	Gambia	Gambia	Guinea	Guinea	Lebanon	Lebanon	Lesotho	Lesotho	Liberia	Liberia	Mali	Mali	Niger	Niger	Nigeria	Nigeria	Senegal	Senegal	Senegambia	Senegambia	Togo	Togo	gcc	Gold Coast Colony	gh	Ghana	ivo	Ivory Coast	nt	Northern Territories	sl	Sierra Leone	uv	Upper Volta (Burkina Faso)	
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	recruitment file	
form1:	<p>The questions on attestation papers changed over the years. There were three major changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Form1: 1904-1920 b) Form2: 1918-1945 c) Form3: 1947-1958 <p>The following variables are only available on the early attestation 'form1'.</p>	
Name_Bringer	<p>Name of bringer as recorded on attestation paper</p> <p>The GCR had a referral system in ~1908-1920, where bringer/referees received a monetary compensation when they referred physically fit recruits to the GCR.</p> <p>Name and other characteristics of the bringer were recorded on the attestation paper of the new recruit. Note that this information is <u>not</u> apparent from the records of the bringers.</p> <p>The following variables recode this information in a systematic way.</p>	
Bringer	<p>Recruit acted as a referee</p> <p>If the soldier was not acting as a referee, Bringer was left blank (missing value).</p> <p>If the soldier brought a new recruit, a case ID was given, which usually corresponds to the regimental number of the Bringer or identification number of the Bringer (if outside the army) noted down on the attestation paper of the newly enlisted recruit.</p> <p><u>Negative values</u> in the range between -9000 and -9300 indicate that the Bringer could not be identified, because no Regimental number or other ID was recorded on the attestation paper. Negative values were also given for duplicate regimental numbers (one regimental number but two different people).</p> <p>Reasons, Bringer could not be identified (note that linking bringer and recruit must fail in these cases):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bringer/Referee is not a member of the GCR. Note that the Unit_Bringer variable gives a valuable clue on this, e.g. if Unit_Bringer is NTC, Police, Transport, etc. b) Bringer/Referee is a member of the GCR, but was not sampled. This is the case with soldiers/bringers recruited prior to 1910 (regimental numbers lower 	

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	<p>than 6700 – most of the bringers with regimental numbers between 0 and 6700 indicate the draft in WWI which were assigned regimental numbers from A 0 to A 4000 – note the ‘A’ prefix)</p> <p>c) Bringer may be in the data set, but the regimental number was not recorded on the attestation paper. For example, members of the Reserve obviously were in the army before joining the Reserve. However, the ID recorded for members of the Reserve is not the regimental number from their times of active service, but probably refers to some document in the Reserve. Also, there might be some crossover between the units such as Police and NTC.</p> <p>I refrained from using the name of the bringer as identifier. Given the frequency of duplicate names, mismatches would be very likely.</p> <p>About 300 bringers from a total of about 1200 bringers were found in the data set.</p>																
ID_Bringer	<p>Equals Bringer</p> <p>The missing values were replaced with IDs running from 20000 to ca. 45000.</p>																
Brought_by	<p>Recruit was referred by a member of the GCR/NT Constabulary/ Police Force.</p> <p>The relationship between soldiers becomes apparent by using both, Bringer and Brought_by. Example:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="502 1377 1217 1489"> <thead> <tr> <th>Case_Id</th> <th>Reg_No</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Bringer</th> <th>Brought_by</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5104</td> <td>10135</td> <td>Agbo Toom</td> <td></td> <td>10008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12619</td> <td>10008</td> <td>Gatto Konkomba</td> <td>10008</td> <td>5475</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Brought_by=10008: Agbo Toom was referred by Gatto Konkomba (who had regimental number 10008). Bringer field is missing: Agbo Toom did not refer anybody Bringer=10008: Gatto Konkomba acted as a bringer (of Agbo Toom) Brought_by=5475: Gatto Konkomba himself was brought by a soldier with regimental number 5475.</p> <p>As there is no other case where Brought_by equals 10008, Agbo Toom was the only recruit referred by Gatto Konkomba.</p> <p>About 3000 recruits were referred. Bringers tend to refer only one recruit, but there are cases where</p>	Case_Id	Reg_No	Name	Bringer	Brought_by	5104	10135	Agbo Toom		10008	12619	10008	Gatto Konkomba	10008	5475	
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Rank_bringer	<p>Military rank of bringer, if recorded on the attestation paper (of the refereed recruit).</p> <p>Note that the rank of the bringer does not need to be constant for every bringer, as the bringer could have been promoted over the years. For example, Bukare Basempari (Recruit: -9129) was promoted from CSM to RSM.</p>	Rank.do																																																																		

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	<p>The coding is as follows</p> <p>-9 Not available</p> <p>BM</p> <p>BSM Band Sergeant Major</p> <p>Band Major</p> <p>Band Sgt Band Sergeant</p> <p>CSM Company Sergeant Major</p> <p>Civilian</p> <p>Constable</p> <p>Cook</p> <p>Coy Pay Clerk</p> <p>Cpl Corporal</p> <p>Cpt Captain</p> <p>Drum Boy</p> <p>Drum Major</p> <p>GC Gun Carrier</p> <p>Gunner</p> <p>Headman</p> <p>Headwoman</p> <p>L/Sgt</p> <p>L/c Lance Corporal</p> <p>Malam Islamic clergy/teacher</p> <p>Mechanic</p> <p>Orderly Room Clerk</p> <p>Orderly Room</p> <p>Sergeant</p> <p>Paymaster's Clerk Coy Pay Clerk</p> <p>Priest</p> <p>Prison Warder</p> <p>Pte Private</p> <p>QMS</p> <p>RSM Regimental Sergeant Major</p> <p>Sgt Sergeant</p> <p>I read that the ranks in the band (BSM, Drum Major, etc.) are not military ranks in the strict sense.</p>	
Unit_bringer	<p>Unit of the bringer, if recorded on the attestation paper (of the refereed recruit).</p> <p>A 'A' Company</p> <p>Ashanti Coy</p> <p>B 'B' Company</p> <p>Band</p> <p>Battery</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p>Depot</p> <p>Detail</p> <p>F</p> <p>G</p> <p>HQ Headquarter</p> <p>J</p> <p>MG Platoon</p>	

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	MT Motorised Transport NTC Northern Territory Constabulary Pioneer Police Reserve Signals Training Transport Warder	
referral_other	Other referrals. Recruit was sent by the Chief chief DC District Commissioner NA Not available Referee other Referee Transport Transport Department Volunteer Volunteered himself The NA category indicates that the Name_bring field was left blank.	
Name_chief	Name of chief.	
chief_residence	Chief's residence.	
District_familiar	District with which familiar. Note that this is <u>not</u> necessarily the district of birth.	
District_add	Districts entered in addition to District_familiar Note that this field can have multiple entries. Districts are comma separated in District_add .	
district2 district3 district4 district5 district6 district7 district8 district9	Variables district2 to district9 break down the information in District_add . Every variable contains one district only while the order in District_add is maintained. In other words, district2 shows the district, which the recruit reported to be familiar with in addition to District_familiar . district3 gives the third district from the list of districts to be familiar.	
Form3:	The following variables are only available on 'form 3'. These attestation forms were introduced ca. 1947.	
Reserve	Agreement to join the Reserve for x years. Recruits agreed to join the Reserve after completion of service in the GCR. The duration of service in the Reserve is 3 years. Apparently, there is no variation in this variable.	
Military Conduct	Military conduct. The military files at Burma Camp contain descriptions	

Variable	Description	Do file
	about conduct. Unfortunately, the files were not copied.	
weight	Recruit's weight (in lb)	Anthro.do
Date of birth	Year of birth of recruit as recorded on the attestation paper.	
School	Education ('Education record prior to enlistment') Name and place of the school NA – No entry (no education)	
Edu_from	Year of enrolment in School	edu.do
Edu_to	Year school left	edu.do
STD_reached	Educational attainment ('Standard reached')	edu.do
School_Cert	School certificate	edu.do
Med_cat	Summary score of the result of the medical examination Certificate of medical examination 'Certified that the recruit was medically examined at (place) on (date) and was recorded in being category ... on AFB 178 and that he does not present any of the causes for rejection.'	
Father's address	Father's address	
Nationality	Recruit's nationality	
Colony_birth	Colony of birth (recruit)	

Variables that are generated by the .do files

Ethnic.do	
Variable	Description
ethnic1	Variable tribe represents the original entry as found on the attestation paper. Variable ethnic1 corrects for typos, obsolete spellings, abbreviations and different names, but keeps the highly disaggregated nature of tribe intact.
ethnic2	Some of the entries in tribe are not ethnic groups at all, but places or families (within the Fante / Akan group). Ethnic2 indicates whether ethnic1 is an Area Clan District Family Place
ethnic3	Ethnic3 aggregates and standardizes ethnic1 . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger ethnic groups were not pooled, e.g. Yoruba, Bazabarimi, Mendi • Some smaller ethnic groups were pooled and summarised under their country of settlement (ivo=Ivory Coast, sl=Sierra Leone, uv=Upper Volta) • Smaller ethnic groups from Ghana were maintained Ethnic3 has still more than 100 categories.
ethnic3_gh	Recruit belongs to an ethnic group, which can be predominantly found in Ghana <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 0 No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 Yes </div> <p>Note that the variable is a very rough. Several ethnic groups settle across borders, e.g. Ewe, Lobi, Grunshi. The variables UFI, DMS_Long, DMS_Lat give GIS coordinates of place of birth and therefore more accurate information on place of birth. However, their disadvantage is that the place of birth could not be identified in about 20% of the cases (somewhat less for ethnic groups in Ghana and higher for ethnic groups outside of Ghana). Thus, the ethnic variable gives a valuable clue of the recruit's origin if GIS coordinates of place of birth are missing.</p>

Anthro.do	
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ht_inch	Height (in inches)
ht_cm	Height (in cm)
wt_kg	Weight (in kg)
bmi	Body Mass Index

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in_day	Day of service entry
in_month	Month of service entry
in_year	Year of service entry The three variables pool date of enlistment (enlist_day , enlist_month , enlist_year) and date of attestation (attest_day , attest_month , attest_year).
in_cmc	Date of entry expressed in terms of century month codes. A century month code (CMC) is the number of the month since the start of the millennium. For example, January 1900 is CMC 22801, January 1901 is CMC 22813, January 1950 is CMC 23401, August 1914 is CMC 22976. The CMC for a date is calculated from the month, year and day as follows: CMC = (YYYY * 12) + MM+(Day/30.5) for month MM in year YYYY.
date_imputed	For about 350 observations, the date of enlistment was reconstructed from the date of enlistment of recruits with adjacent regimental number. 1=yes 0=no
out_cmc	Date of exit (discharge) expressed in terms of century month codes.
length_serv	Length of service (in years) The variable was constructed by differencing date of entry and date of exit (length_service=out_cmc-in_cmc)
length_serv_al	Alternative measure of length of service (in years) This variable was served_years , served_months , served_days There is no perfect but a strong agreement between length_serv and length_serv_al .
discharge	Cause of discharge Recoded from cause_discharge . There are a number of unknown categories - those cases where the cause of discharge was given on the attestation paper by referring to sections of the 1936 ordinance.
reenlisted	Was the recruit enlisted before? 0=no 1=yes 2=date of entry and regimental number indicates re-enlistment

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	<p>Re-enlistments occurred especially at the beginning of WWII when the reserve force was called upon and after WWII when demobilisation came to an end.</p> <p>The variable was retrieved from Served before. Note that only soldiers who did the service in the RWAFF/GCR were coded as re-enlisted. French soldiers, GC police and civil servants were coded 0.</p> <p>Additionally, date of entry and regimental number can indicate re-enlistment. Apparently in the 1930s, the GCR started to give servicemen their old regimental number on re-enlistment. Hence, if soldiers with adjacent regimental numbers have a hugely different year of entry (>3 years) can be taken as a hint of re-enlistment. This approach produces good results</p> <p>a) there is a 70% agreement with Served_before. b) category 1 and 2 in reenlisted follow the same trend with peaks in 1939/40 & 1947. c) age at enlistment of soldiers where reenlisted=2 is high</p>
ww1	<p>Recruit was recruited during WWI (August 1914-November 1918)</p> <p>1=yes 0=no</p>
ww2	<p>Recruit was recruited during WWII (September 1939- August 1945)</p> <p>1=yes 0=no</p>

	Edu.do
Variable	Description

GIS Variables

	The following variables are based on the longitude and latitude of the village of birth (ufi , dms_long , dms_lat). The regions and districts correspond with the boundaries of the 1931 & 2001 Census.	
cntry_2000	Country of birth Benin Burkina Faso Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Gambia Ghana Guinea Liberia Mali Niger Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone Togo	
adm1_2000	Name of 1 st level administrative unit (region level) as of 2000 There are 10 administrative regions: Ashanti Brong Ahafo Central Eastern Greater Accra Northern Upper East Upper West Volta Western	
admin2_2000	Name of 2 nd level administrative unit (District level) as of 2000 There are 110 districts: Abura/Asebu/Kwamankese Accra Adansi East Adansi West Afigya Sekyere Agona Ahafo Ano North Ahafo Ano South Ahanta West Ajumako Enyan Akatsi Akwapim North Akwapim South Amansie East	

	Amansie West Aowin Suaman Asante Akim North Asante Akim South Asikuma/Odoben/Brakwa Assin Asunafo Asuogyaman Asutifi Atebubu Atwima Awutu/Efutu/Senya Bawku East Bawku West Berekum Bibiani Anhwiaso-Bekwai Birim North Birim South Bole Bolgatanga Bongo Bosomtwi Kwanwoma Builsa Cape Coast Dangbe East Dangbe West Dormaa East Akim East Gonja East Mamprusi Ejura-Sekyedumasi Ejusu/Juaben Fanteakwa Ga Gomoa Gushiegu/Karaga Ho Hohoe Jaman Jasikan Jirapa/Lambussie Jomoro Juabeso-Bia Kadjebi Kasena/Nankani Keta Kete-Krachi Ketu Kintampo Komenda/Edina Agufo Kpandu Kumasi Kwabere Kwaebibirem Kwahu South	
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	<p>Lawra Manya Krobo Mfantiman Mpohor Wassa Nadowli Nanumba New Juaben Nkoranza Nkwanta North Tongu Nzema East Offinso Saboba/Chereponi Savelgu/Nanton Sefwi-Wiawso Sekyere East Sekyere West Sene Shama Ahanta East Sissala South Tongu Suhum/Krabo/Coaltar Sunyani Tamale Tano Techiman Tema Tolon/Kumbungu Twifu Heman/Lower Denkyira Upper Denkyira Wa Wassa Amenfi Wassa West Wenchi West Akim West Gonja West Mamprusi Yendi Yilo Krobo Zabzugu/Tatale</p>	
adm2_1931	<p>Name of 2nd level administrative unit (district) as of 1931</p> <p>There are 40 districts:</p> <p>Accra Ahafo Akwapim Ankobra Aowin Ashanti Akim Axim Birim Cape Coast Eastern Dagomba Eastern Gonja</p>	

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sweight_geo	Sample weight	
Sweight_ethnic	Sample weight	