



PERSONNEL FILES

MODERN COLONIAL PERSONNEL (Series EE, XVIIIth-XIXth Centuries)

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Presentation of the contents

Following on from [Series E](#), in its makeup Series EE feels the effects of the development in administrative procedures and so contains personnel files which relate better to modern ideas in this field. It keeps the files of personnel who served from the French Revolution up until about the 1880s.

Several files for officers who started their service before 1789 may be found in this series when their activity was extended beyond that date.

The files are often sketchy. Sometimes only isolated pieces are found, like mortuary extracts concerning soldiers who died in the colonies. More interesting are the completed service records which trace the administrative or military career.

When files are complete they are made up of documents marking the various stages in the life of a colonial civil servant: diplomas, acts of nomination and transfer, marriage authorisation, sick leave, recommendations for decorations, embarkation and disembarkation notifications, confidential notes on how to serve, pieces assembled to support pension rights as well as numerous items of correspondence.

Classification method

The 65,000 files are classified in alphabetical order.

The brief analysis indicates as far as possible the names, first names, dates and place of birth and death, dates of nomination by ministerial decision, and the date of retirement. If the file contains less than 20 documents, the number of pieces is mentioned.

The files for contemporary colonial personnel are kept in Series EE II.

Separate documents

Until about 1880 the administrative staff for the colonies was made up of personnel from the various Army Corps and, in particular, the Navy. These officers have never been the subject of a special opening of an administrative file for their colonial functions. Their personnel files should be looked for at the Service Historique de la Défense (Historical Defence Department) in Vincennes if they are not found at the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer.

To access the inventory:

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/ark:/61561/fg469yuyz>