

Overview on Archives keeping personnel records from the time of the First World War (and the 19th and early 20th century)

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1. The personnel files and other person-related records of the Prussian Army were almost completely destroyed in 1945. The Department Military Archives keeps only about 2000 personnel files from the time of approximately 1867 to 1918.
2. Personnel files of admirals of the Imperial Navy
3. Documents concerning the treatment of soldiers in military hospitals from soldiers of all ranks of the Prussian Army, the Navy, Colonial Troops, of Reichswehr and Wehrmacht for the years of birth 1802-1899

For the years of birth 1891-1899 only documents of soldiers born in January and July are preserved

Please note that research in these files is only possible if the exact date of birth is known

Bundesarchiv, Abteilung Personenbezogene Auskuenfte (Abt. PA)

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1. Personnel files of members of the navy (with the exception of admirals)
2. Documents concerning the treatment of soldiers in military hospitals for the years of birth 1900-1928
3. Documentation of locations of war graves (in cooperation with the Volksbund Kriegsgraeberfuersorge)
4. Documentation about soldiers killed in action

Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preuischer Kulturbesitz

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The records of the Prussian Army for the years before approximately 1867 are kept by the Geheimes Staatsarchiv. Most of those documents were lost as well in 1945. However, the Geheimes Staatsarchiv also keeps some records about soldiers of the Prussian Army serving after 1867.

Landesarchive (Archives of the German federal states)

Before 1914 the federal states of Bavaria (Bayern), Saxony (Sachsen), Wuerttemberg and Baden still had their own military units. Therefore, documentation of soldiers born or living in these federal states can be found in the respective Landesarchive though many of these records were lost as well due to destruction in the war.

Bavaria:

Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Abteilung Kriegsarchiv

Leonrodstr. 57, D - 80636 Muenchen, Phone: + 49 (0) 89 18 95 16 80

Email: kriegsarchiv@bayhsta.bayern.de

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Hauptstaatsarchiv Dresden

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Documentation of locations of war graves for the First and Second World War (in cooperation with the Abteilung PA)

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

19 Avenue de la paix, CH 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

Internet: www.icrc.org/eng/resources/icrc-archives/index.jsp

Personal references to prisoners of war as well as reports about POW-camps

It is possible to search online for records of prisoners of war in the First World War on the website of the International Prisoners of War Agency (IPWA):

www.icrc.org/ww1 (in English)

oder

www.icrc.org/grandeguerre (in French)