

PRE-WORLD WAR I GERMAN NAVAL RECORDS: OVERSEAS STATIONS, GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY, COLONIES

Introduction. This finding aid describes records of the Imperial German Navy and its predecessors relating to the furtherance of overseas trade and interests, the establishment and maintenance of overseas colonies, and overseas military operations for the approximate period 1854 – 1913 reproduced on ca. 75 rolls of National Archives Microfilm Publication T1022, Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, Received from the Naval History Division. The records document the overseas activities, successively, of the Prussian Navy (1854-67), the North German Federal Navy (Bundesmarine) (1867-71), and the Imperial German Navy (Kaiserliche Marine) (1871-1918), and as such constitute the largest collection of 19th-century German records available on microfilm at the National Archives.

For the period 1854-61 naval authority was centralized in the Königlich Preussische Admiralität (Royal Prussian Admiralty). From April 1861 until July 1870, however, this authority was divided between an operational headquarters, Ober-Commando (later Ober-Kommando) der Marine (Naval High Command), and administrative headquarters within the Marineministerium (Navy Ministry). After late July 1870 the Ober-Kommando der Marine was nominally subordinated to Navy Ministry, redesignated the Kaiserliche Admiralität (Imperial Admiralty) on 1 January 1872. In fact, however, little was accomplished in unifying naval organization, and with the accession of Wilhelm II as Emperor the Imperial Admiralty was abolished in 1889 and the division of authority restored with the Kaiserliche Oberkommando der Marine responsible for operational matters and the Reichs-Marine-Amt (Reich Navy Office) responsible for organization and administration.

The records reflect this overlapping and sometimes duplicative situation in their content and arrangement. Originated or collected by the highest naval authorities at the time, the records were subsequently reorganized and maintained as the Archiv der Marine (Navy Archives). Shortly before or during World War I these records, collectively designated "Friedensakten" ("Peacetime Records"), were organized into a multiple-numeric filing scheme (e.g., Acta XII.2.4.1, Acta XXIV a), that broadly corresponded to subjects, thereunder arranged chronologically in Bände (volumes). Separately-numbered files, however, often deal with the same topic, reflecting administrative reorganizations, relative levels of classification, and other factors. For example, research into the Navy's role in the establishment of German East Africa, 1885-1890, requires the review of not less than six different correspondence series under file designations Acta XII.2.4.41 and XII.2.4.43, in addition to documentation under Acta XII.3.1.114. The extent of duplication among related files cannot be determined.

Because of their age, the condition of the files is sometimes poor, with original cover pages either missing or being unreadable; often such pages carry the notation "reponirt" (replaced). Records predating 1900 are handwritten in the old German Schreibschrift (Sütterlin), requiring a familiarity with that style to understand the contents. German terminology and spellings also differ from 20th century practice, such as the use of "Secret" for classified records instead of the later "Geheim," and the term "Acta" instead of "Akten." A familiarity with 19th-century names for geographic locations is also required, e.g. the 'Hermit Island' for New Guinea, 'Angra Pequena' for what would later be Lüderitz Bay in Southwest Africa (now Namibia). The records include correspondence of Prussian/German naval authorities and operational officers, Foreign Ministry and consular representatives, and foreign government authorities, as well as German and foreign press newspaper clippings. Scattered throughout are materials in English, Spanish, and French. Many documents bear the signature of Wilhelm I in his various titles, initially as Wilhelm Prinz von Preußen, later as Wilhelm König of Preußen and Wilhelm Imperator Rex (I.R.) - Deutscher Kaiser. Also included are letters signed by Otto von Bismarck and Gen. Albrecht Graf von Roon, Prussian War Minister, as well as General and Admiral Albrecht von Stosch, Vice-Admiral Carl Ferdinand Batsch, and Gen. Leo von Caprivi, key figures in the early history of the Navy. Often a handwritten index of the contents is provided at the beginning of each file.

Scattered throughout the records are cross-references to related reports and other documents filed elsewhere among German naval archives according to the same multiple numeric filing scheme. This is particularly applicable to reports filed by individual German warships, often relating to military actions, generally filed under the original designation XII.3.1.1 - .113; although these were seized by the Allies and redesignated PG 65140 - 65518, they were not filmed by the U.S. Navy and are now only available in the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA).

This collection gives valuable insight into the creation of the German Navy and its role in establishing German overseas trade and the protection of German national interests abroad. The records illustrate the evolution of such efforts under the aegis of the Kingdom of Prussia, the North German Confederation, and the unified German Empire. In autumn 1867, the Bundesmarine established five overseas "stations" to which ships were regularly rotated for the maintenance of German interests: (1) East Asia, East Africa, and East India; (2) the eastern coast of North America and the West Indies; (3) the west coasts of North and South America; (4) the east coast of South America; and (6) the Mediterranean. Later these were revised to: (1) East Asia, (2) Australia, (3) East Africa, (4) West Africa, (5) America, and (6) the Mediterranean. The records particularly document the assignment and activities of specific vessels on these stations. By the 1880s the records especially illuminate the role of the Navy in establishing and supporting individual colonies and protectorates, including information on military operations against revolts and insurrections. In addition to the protection of overseas trade, business interests, and colonies, the records also extensively document Prussian/German interests in the Mediterranean, particularly the eastern Mediterranean and the regions nominally under Ottoman control. Germany's participation in international military demonstrations and actions (notably the Boxer Rebellion in China)

is also documented, as are disputes with the United States and other powers in the pursuit of imperialism. Finally the records furnish insight and the German perspective on regional events and conditions, e.g. the 1870s insurrection in Cuba and Spain's efforts to control the colony; conditions in Japan and China as they are opened to Western commerce and influence; and observations on the German and ethnic German populations in Latin and North America.

Excluded, however, are records of German naval operations directly associated with the Wars of Unification. No naval records directly pertaining to the Danish War (1862-64), the Austro-Prussian War (1866), or the Franco-Prussian War (1870-71) have been identified among those microfilmed, these may have been segregated as discrete collections prior to filming.

Following their seizure by Allied authorities at the end of World War II, these and all other captured German Navy records were assigned "PG" (for "Pinched from the Germans") record item numbers in a sequential numeric scheme. Selected records were microfilmed by the U.S. Navy in London; these were later accessioned by the National Archives and designated Microfilm Publication T1022, Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, Received from the Naval History Division. Over the period from the 1950s through the 1980s, the original records were restituted to the Bundesarchiv in Germany. The records originally filed under "Acta XII.2.4.1 - 40" appear to be currently located among Bestände RM 1, Kaiserliche Admiralität, and RM 5, Admiralstab der Marine, in the BA-MA, Freiburg, Germany; those originally filed under "Acta XXIV" are currently located in Bestand RM 2, Kaiserliches Marinekabinett. The descriptions below follow the multiple-numeric filing scheme, annotated to indicate the T1022 roll number and "PG" five-digit record item number. The original German title is preserved, accompanied by a brief English-language summary of contents. A listing of closely-related records also reproduced on T1022 is provided at the end of the finding aid.

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I. RECORDS OF ADMIRALITÄT/OBER-KOMMANDO DER MARINE/ MARINE - MINISTERIUM/REICHS-MARINE-AMT

Acta XII.2.4.1 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach Italien (movements of ironclad ram "Prinz Adalbert," paddle steamer "Loreley," and transport steamer "Ida" to Italy)

Band 1, June 1860 - November 1862: PG 64949, roll 1305

Acta XII.2.4.2 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach Pyräus und Bosphorus (dispatch of paddle corvette "Preussischer Adler" and screw gunboats "Blitz" and "Basilisk" to the eastern Mediterranean) -

Band 1, April 1863 - February 1865: PG 64950, roll 1305

Acta XII.2.4.3 – XII.2.4.A.3 Die Aufnahme als Passagiere an Bord der in Dienst gestellten Kriegsschiffe - Bestimmungen für die "Auswärtigen Stationen,"
5 Bände, May 1856 – October 1885: PG 64951-955, not filmed, available only at the BA-MA

Acta XII.2.4.5 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach Pyräus und der Donaumündung (dispatch of screw corvette "Nymph" and screw gunboat "Delphin" to the Mediterranean and a difficult return passage due to reprovisioning needs and damage; additional documentation on this episode also found in Acta XII.2.4.9, Bände 2-3, described below)

Band 1, July 1865 – December 1866: PG 64956, roll 1306

Acta XII.2.4.7 Marine-Ministerium (Admiralität), Die Expedition nach Japan bezw. Expedition nach den chinesischen Gewässern (documentation of the Navy Ministry's preparations for and conduct of the Prussian expedition to open trade with Japan, China, and other Far Eastern areas, focusing on administrative, personnel, and logistical aspects; correspondence on subsequent visits by Prussian warships, 1864-65; these complement a separate correspondence series maintained on the same topic by the Ober-Kommando der Marine, described below) –

Band 1, Acta betr. Die mit Japan angeknüpfende Handelsverbindungen, resp. eine dorthin zu sendende Expedition, auch nach Canton (preliminary contacts and preparations), September 1854 – May 1859:

PG 64957, roll 1306

Acta betr. die Expedition nach den Chinesischen Gewässern -

Band 2, July – December 1859: PG 64958, rolls 1306-07

Band 3, January – December 1860: PG 64959, roll 1307

Band 4, January – July 1861: PG 64960, roll 1307

Band 5, August 1861 – July 1862: PG 64961, roll 1307

Band 6, August 1862 – June 1865: PG 64962, roll 1325

Acta XII.2.4.7 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Die Expedition nach Japan bezw. Expedition nach den chinesischen Gewässern (correspondence regarding the establishment of the Prussian East Asian Squadron of screw corvette "Arcona," frigate "Thetis," schooner "Frauenlob," and clipper "Elbe," including drafting of personnel and supplies; voyage to the Far East and conclusion of trade treaties with Japan [January 1861], China [September 1861] and Siam [January 1862]; return voyage to Germany)-

Band 1, January – December 1859: PG 64963, rolls 1325-26

Band 2, January – February 1860: PG 64964, roll 1326

Band 3, March – December 1860: PG 64965, rolls 1326-27

Band 4, January – November 1861: PG 64966, roll 1356

Band 5, November 1861 – July 1862: PG 64967, rolls 1356-57

Band 6, August 1862 – March 1863: PG 64968, roll 1357

Band 7, April 1863 – December 1865: PG 64969, rolls 1357-58

Acta XII.2.4.A.7 Admiralität, Die Ostasiatische Expedition-

Band 1, April 1860 – July 1862: PG 64970, roll 1358

Acta XII.2.4.A.7 Admiralität, Ober-Commando der Marine, Die von den Attaches der ostasiatischen Gesandtschaft pp. geführten Tagebücher (reports, correspondence and diaries of the consular and diplomatic representatives, including exchanges with American representatives) -

Band 1, September 1860 – February 1862: PG 64971, rolls 1130-31

Acta XII.2.4.7b Marine Ministerium, Expedition nach Syrien (reports and correspondence regarding a proposed expedition to Syria)-

Band 1, August – December 1860: PG 64972, roll 1131

Acta XII.2.4.9 Marine Ministerium, Absendung S.M. Schiffe nach Constantinopel und Japan (correspondence on a variety of topics, including the right of Prussia to station warships at the mouth of the Donau in the Black Sea; commissioning of the paddle corvette "Preußischer Adler" and its dispatch with screw gunboats "Blitz" and "Basilisk" to Constantinople; initial dispatch of screw corvette "Gazelle" to Japan; Bände 2-3 include correspondence on the dispatch and return voyages of screw corvette "Nymphe" and screw gunboat "Delphin" to and from the Mediterranean and the need to avoid reprovisioning in Austrian ports, 1865-66; scattered throughout is correspondence among Wilhelm I, Prinz Adalbert von Preußen, Roon and Bismarck) -

Band 1, August 1862 – October 1863: PG 64973, roll 1131

Band 2, November 1863 – December 1865: PG 64974, rolls 1131-32

Band 3, February 1866 – April 1867: PG 64975, roll 1132

Acta XII.2.4.10 Marine Ministerium, Veröffentlichungen der Ergebnisse der ostasiatischen Expedition (correspondence on publication of the results of the East Asian expedition -

Band 1, May 1863 – December 1875: PG 64976, roll 1132

Acta XII. 2.4.11 Marine Ministerium, Die Expedition nach Japan (correspondence that continues the documentation begun in Acta XII.2.4.9. regarding the dispatch of screw corvette "Gazelle" to Japan and its return voyage, supplemented by Acta XII.2.4.12 below)

Bände 1-2, April 1863 – March 1868: PG 64977-978, roll 1132

Acta XII.2.4.12 Admiralität Ober-Commando der Marine, die Expedition Sr. Maj. Corv. "Gazelle" nach den ostasiatischen Gewässern 1862-1865 (correspondence preceding the expedition including ship trials, inventories of supplies, maps of Japan and China, tracking charts of corvette "Gazelle," reports of landing near Yokohama to rescue a stranded German vessel and crew, negotiation of a state treaty between Japan and Prussia 1864, newspaper clippings regarding difficulties between the "Gazelle" and Danish authorities in 1864, and return voyage)-

Band 1 July 1862 – March 1864: PG 64979, roll 1327

Band 2, April 1864 – March 1867: PG 64980, roll 1328

Acta XII.2.4.13 Marine Ministerium, die Entsendung eines Kriegsschiffes nach den la Plata Staaten (und Brasil, China, Japan) (correspondence of the voyage of screw

corvette "Vineta" to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, China and Japan; Bd. 1 includes information on the brief war between Spain and Peru and Chile, e.g., during a Spanish bombardment of Valparaiso local German merchants suffered severe financial losses; Bd. 1 also contains reports of illness and deaths among crew to disease, and a comparison of similar data for the earlier visits of the "Arcona," "Thetis," and "Gazelle" to the Far East; both vols. include reports of political unrest in Japan, 1867-68)-

Band 1, March 1865 – December 1867: PG 64981, roll 1328

Band 2, January 1868 – April 1869: PG 64982, rolls 1328-29

Acta XII.2.4.14 Die Indienststellung S.M. Dampfavisos "Loreley" und eines Dampfkanonenbootes zu Vermessungsarbeiten in der Nordsee (nautical measurements along the North Sea coast) –

Band 1, March 1865 – October 1866: PG 64983, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

Acta XII.2.4.15 Marine Ministerium, Die Gestellung von S.M. Kriegsschiffen zu Trauer-Escadre (correspondence on the use of German warships as a funeral escort transferring the remains of the Russian Crown Prince from Kronstadt to St.Petersburg)-

Band 1, May – June 1865: PG 64984, roll 1329

Acta XII. 2.4.17 Marine Ministerium, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach dem Mittelmeer (extensive documentation of the eastern Mediterranean naval station and the vessels assigned there; included is correspondence of Bismarck with other state authorities on naval matters)

Bände 1-3, die Entsendung Sr. Maj. Schiffen "Gazelle," "Blitz," "Hertha," "Medusa" nach dem Mittelmeer (voyage of screw corvettes "Gazelle," "Hertha," and "Medusa," and screw gunboat "Blitz" to the Mediterranean) –

Band 1, September 1866 – August 1867 (includes correspondence on the collision of "Gazelle" with a British vessel, February 1867):

PG 64985, roll 1308

Band 2, August 1867 – July 1869: PG 64986, roll 1308

Band 3, September 1869 – March 1870 (includes correspondence on the dispatch of screw corvette "Elisabeth," gunboat "Delphin," and yacht "Grille" to the eastern Mediterranean and their participation in the opening of the Suez Canal, November 1869, attended by Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm and his son, the future Wilhelm II):

PG 64987, rolls 1308-09

Band 4, die Entsendung von Kriegsfahrzeugen nach dem Mittelmeer und der Donau-Mündung (voyage of "Delphin" to the Black Sea, 1870-71; almost no documentation for the period 1873-78; dispatch of screw gunboat "Comet" to the Black Sea, May 1879), April 1870 – November 1881:

PG 64988, roll 1309

Bände 5-6, Entsendung S.M. Schiffe nach dem Mittelmeer (voyage of screw gunboat "Habicht" and screw corvette "Nympe" to the eastern Mediterranean, 1882; observations on nationalist revolt and British intervention in Egypt, 1882, observed by screw corvettes "Gneisenau" and "Nympe"; later voyage of screw

gunboat "Cyclop" to eastern Mediterranean),

Band 5, June – August 1882: PG 64989, roll 1309

Band 6, August 1882 – February 1886: PG 64990, roll 1611

Acta XI.2.4.17 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsfahrzeugen nach dem Mittelmeer (correspondence exchanged between Foreign Ministry and Secretary of State of Naval Affairs; participation of screw corvette "Victoria" in a British-led international squadron demonstrating on behalf of Montenegro against the Ottoman Empire, 1880-81; participation of armored frigate "Friedrich Carl" in an international blockade of Greek ports, 1886)-

Band 1, July 1880 – February 1881: PG 64993, roll 1612

Band 2, July 1882 – April 1886: PG 64994, rolls 1158-59

Band 3, May – July 1886: PG 64995, roll 1159

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach dem Mittelmeer (two folders of general correspondence, apparently not integrated within the archival filing scheme, relating to various German warships' operations in the Mediterranean, 1889-1909; included is correspondence exchanged among Wilhelm II, Tirpitz, and Foreign Ministry on the advisability of dispatching naval forces due to violent outbreaks associated with the "Young Turk" movement in the Ottoman Empire, in addition to numerous reports from individual warships [many typed], particularly from cruiser S.M.S. "Hamburg" in the rescue of Armenians and Greek Christians from massacre in Adana, Turkey, April-May 1909) -

August 1889 – July 1909: PG 64991-992, roll 1158

Acta XII.2.4.18 Marine-Ministerium, Die Indienststellung von Fahrzeugen zu Vermessungen in der Nordsee pro 1867 (correspondence regarding the commissioning and use of ships for soundings and measurements in the North Sea, including hydrographic data and charts and reports on experiences by survey vessels)-

Band 1, November 1866 – June 1868: PG 64997, roll 1159

Band 2, July 1868 – April 1869: PG 64998, rolls 1159-60

Bände 3-4, January 1869 – February 1889: PG 64999-65000, roll 1358

(All Flottenabteilung) Indienststellung und Entsendung von Schiffen zu Vermessungszwecken. (correspondence that supplements the preceding file with similar documentation for a later period, including a detailed listing of naval vessels put into commission in 1902/03) -

Band 1, October 1889 – April 1919: PG 64996, roll 1159

Acta XII.2.4.19 Marine Ministerium, Entsendung von Kriegsfahrzeugen nach den ostasiatischen Gewässern (index to contents of all eight volumes located at the beginning of Band 3; correspondence regarding numerous German warships on the East Asia station, including information on Japanese political unrest associated with the Meiji Restoration, the participation of German warships in international naval demonstrations to pressure Japan and China into concessions or actions, negotiations of agreements among German and other European representatives regarding avoidance of hostilities or

the permanent stationing of warships in Chinese waters, and numerous reports on political and economic conditions in the Far East; also participation of corvette "Stosch" and "Wolf" in conclusion of a German-Korean trade treaty, 1882; correspondence continued in succeeding files) -

Band 1, May 1867 - September 1869: PG 65001, roll 1358

Bände 2-3, October 1869 - October 1874: PG 65002-003, roll 1612

Band 4, November 1874 - December 1876: PG 65004, rolls 1358-59

Band 5, January 1877 - July 1880: PG 65005, roll 1359

Bände 6-8, August 1880 - January 1889: PG 65006-008, roll 1329

Acta XII.2.4.19 Kaiserliche Admiralität, die Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach den ostasiatischen Gewässern (one folder of supplementary correspondence on German ships operating on the East Asia Station) -

Band 1, October 1877 - October 1884: PG 65012, roll 1330

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung von Kriegsfahrzeugen nach den ostasiatischen Gewässern (correspondence continuing the above series regarding German warships on the East Asia Station and conditions in Japan and China; Band 2 includes observations on conditions in China in the aftermath of the Boxer Rebellion, 1900-02, and a report on the island of Yap, 1902, but contains virtually nothing for the period 1904-11) -

Band 1, August 1889 - December 1894: PG 65009, rolls 1329-30

Band 2, January 1895 - August 1912: PG 65010, roll 1330

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung Sr. Maj. Schiffe nach den ostasiatischen Gewässern (correspondence mostly pertaining to the planned visit of Prinz Heinrich von Preußen to Siam, December 1899, and on conditions in that country) -

Band 1, October 1891 - August 1902: PG 65011, roll 1330

Acta XII.2.4.20 Marine Ministerium/Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach Mexico /Westindien (correspondence regarding German warships' activities on the West Indies Station as follows) -

Band 1 (Mexico), July 1867 - December 1868 (activities of screw corvette "Augusta" in representing German interests in Mexico):

PG 65013, roll 1613

Band 2 (Mexico), January - December 1869 (activities of screw corvette "Victoria"):

PG 65014, roll 1133

Band 3 (Westindien), January 1870 - June 1871 (activities of screw corvette "Arcona" off Cuba, including encounter with French frigate "Montcalm" Oct 1870, and of gunboat "Meteor"):

PG 65015, roll 1133

Band 4 (Westindien), July 1871 - May 1876 (activities of screw corvette "Gazelle," later screw corvettes "Vineta," Luise," and "Victoria," in safeguarding German interests and nationals in Cuba during the insurrections there, and in Colombia and Haiti):

PG 65016, roll 1133

Band 5 (Westindien), January 1877 – July 1888 (activities of screw corvettes “Medusa” and “Freya” in protecting German interests in Haiti and the Dominican Republic):

PG 65017, roll 1134

Acta XII.2.4.22 Marine Ministerium, Gestellung von Kriegsfahrzeugen zum Zweck der beabsichtigten Anlage von Handelsfaktoreien an der Ostküste Afrikas (brief correspondence concerning availability of Prussian warships for establishing a trade connection to Zanzibar)-

Band 1, March – June 1870: PG 65018, roll 1134

Acta XII.2.4.23 S.M.S. “Gazelle” und Kbt. “Blitz” im Mittelmeer (dispatch of screw corvette “Gazelle” and gunboat “Blitz” to the eastern Mediterranean and subsequent collisions suffered by each vessel, particularly that of “Gazelle” with British steamer “Mercury” February 1867; “Gazelle” recalled April 1867; includes handwritten orders by Prinz Adalbert of Prussia; additional documentation located in Acta XII.2.4.17, Bd. 1 described above) -

Band 1, August 1866 – November 1867: PG 65019, roll 1160

Acta XII.2.4.24 Ober-Kommando der Marine, S.M.S. “Hertha” und “Medusa” im Mittelmeer (additional correspondence supplementing that found in Acta XII.2.4.17, Bd. 2 above, regarding the dispatch of “Hertha” and “Medusa” to the Mediterranean, including reports on visits to Gibraltar, Constantinople, Alexandria, and Cadiz, and an audience of “Medusa’s” captain with the Sultan, January 1868) -

Band 1, August 1867 – September 1869: PG 65020, roll 1160

Acta XII.2.4.26 Admiralität, Die Indienststellung S.M.Schooner “Frauenlob” behufs der Messungen in der Ostsee (commissioning of schooner “Frauenlob” to take soundings in the Baltic, including details of crew and instruments)-

Band 1, February 1856 – August 1859: PG 65021, rolls 1160-61

Acta XII.2.4.27 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Indienststellung zweier Kanonenboote zu Rammversuchen, “Habicht” und “Sperber” (commissioning of two gunboats and ramming exercises carried out in the Baltic Sea) -

Band 1, March 1869 – March 1875: PG 65022, roll 1161

Acta XII.2.4.28 Ober-Kommando der Marine, Indienststellung von Kanonenbooten zur Entsendung nach ostasiatischen Gewässern (commissioning of gunboats [later redesignated cruisers] “Habicht” and “Sperber” for deployment to the East Asian station)

Band 1, March 1867 – July 1869: PG 65023, roll 1161

Acta XII.2.4.29 Marine Ministerium, Indienststellung S.M.S. “Kronprinz,” “Friedrich Carl,” “Elisabeth,” und “Augusta” zum Kreuzen im Atlantik (correspondence relating to the planned but never completed deployment of armored frigates “Kronprinz,” “Friedrich Carl” and screw corvettes “Elisabeth” and “Augusta” to the Atlantic, and the actual operations of screw corvettes “Nymphe,” “Vineta” and

"Gazelle" along the coast of Brazil; additional correspondence in Acta XII.2.4.31, below)
Band 1, November 1871 – January 1872: PG 65024, roll 1161

Acta XII.2.4.30 Marine Ministerium, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach der Ost- und Westküste von Amerika (correspondence relating to German warships' visits to South and Central American ports; included are accounts from screw corvettes "Elisabeth," "Nympe," "Moltke" and "Ariadne" and casemate ship "Hansa" relating to an intervention against the Nicaraguan government, March 1878, and observations on the 'Saltpeter War' between Chile and Peru, 1879-80; few records for 1872 and none for 1873-76; indexes to the contents of both volumes are located at the beginning of Band 1; supplemental documentation is described below) –

Band 1, February 1872 – June 1880: PG 65025, roll 1359

Band 2, July 1880 – April 1888: PG 65026, rolls 1359-60

Acta XII.2.4.30 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach der Ost- und Westküste von Amerika (correspondence and reports mostly pertaining to the punitive actions of screw corvettes "Elisabeth," "Ariadne" and "Leipzig" along the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, April 1878, and the subsequent settlement of claims) –

Band 1, September 1877 – March 1879: PG 65031, roll 1613

Band 2, April 1879 – July 1881: PG 65032, roll 1361

Acta XII.2.4.30 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen Amerika, conf. 'Secret'-Archiv (supplemental correspondence relating to warships on the 'Amerika' station, possibly representing documents of a more highly-classified nature; included are correspondence and reports on such topics as a naval review held in Hampton Roads, Virginia, 1893; descriptions of German settlements in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Chile, as well as impressions of German-Americans in San Francisco, August- September 1899; the dispatch of screw corvettes "Nixe," "Stosch" and "Moltke" as a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela, October 1899; some documentation of the German-British-Italian blockade of Venezuela, 1902-03; negligible documentation for the period 1904-14; scattered throughout are reports on specific ports' physical characteristics and facilities) -

Band 1, February 1891 – April 1894: PG 65027, roll 1360

Band 2, May 1894 – May 1900: PG 65028, roll 1360

Band 3, June 1900 – May 1914: PG 65029, rolls 1360-61

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach der Ost-und Westküste von Amerika (correspondence, usually of a security-classified nature, primarily originated by naval headquarters, pertaining to assessments of events in Venezuela 1895 and Haiti 1897) -

Band 1, November 1895 – December 1902: PG 65030, roll 1361

Acta XII.2.4.31 Marine Ministerium, das Geschwader im Jahre 1872 S.M.S. "Friedrich Carl", "Elisabeth" und "Albatross" (correspondence regarding the commissioning of and plans for the above warships as a 'flying squadron' in 1872 to join corvettes "Vineta" and "Gazelle" in American waters, including observations of

developments in Havana, Cuba, 1872-73) -

Band 1, July 1872 – June 1873: PG 65033, roll 1361

Acta XII.2.4.32 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Der Schutz der Deutschen in fremden Staaten durch Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen (correspondence regarding requests for German warships to be dispatched to protect German nationals and interests in such locations as the West African coast, Tangiers, Hong Kong, and Port au Prince, Haiti)-

Band 1, October 1872 – November 1884: PG 65034, roll 1361

Acta XII.2.4.32 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Der Schutz der Deutschen in fremden Staaten durch Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen Secret (similar correspondence to that described above but of a more security-classified nature and limited to the period 1876-80; includes information on the dispatch of warships to [Turkish] Salonika, Samoa, Nicaragua, Peru and Argentina)-

Band 1, May 1876 – March 1880: PG 65035, roll 1361

Acta XII.2.4.33 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung S.M. Schiffe "Friedrich Carl," "Elisabeth," und Kbt. "Delphin" nach der spanischen Küste im Mittelmeer (correspondence regarding the employment of the above vessels as a squadron under Adm. Reinhold Werner off the Mediterranean coast of Spain, including actions taken against Spanish rebels off Cartagena and Malaga that led to Werner's recall; included are several reports by Werner from Malaga, September-October 1873) –

Band 1, March – August 1873: PG 65036, roll 1614

Band 2, August 1873 – March 1874: PG 65037, rolls 1361-62

Acta XII.2.4.34 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung S.M. Schiffe nach der Nordküste von Spanien (correspondence concerning the commissioning and stationing of screw gunboats "Nautilus" and "Albatross," later joined by screw corvette "Augusta," off the Atlantic coast of Spain, with observations regarding to be Carlist-Republican fighting in Spain and reports of active operations against Spanish insurgents September-December 1874; indexes of contents to all three volumes found at the beginning of Band 1; Band 3 comprises only scattered items for 1876 and 1888; more records follow)-

Band 1, July – December 1874: PG 65038, roll 1362

Band 2, January – December 1875: PG 65039, rolls 1309-10

Band 3, February 1876 – June 1888: PG 65040, roll 1310

Acta XII.2.4.34 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach der Nordküste von Spanien (correspondence on the same topic as above, but most material apparently originated by naval headquarters in Germany) -

Bände 1-2, July 1874 – May 1875: PG 65042-043, roll 1310

Acta XII.2.4.34 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach Spanien bzw. Portugal (only a few items of correspondence) -

Band 1, September 1892 – April 1894: PG 65041, roll 1310

Acta XII.2.4.35 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Die Requisitionen von Behörden und Privaten um Dienstleistungen S.M. Schiffe im Auslande (correspondence on the requisitioning and contracting of public agencies and private companies for services and supplies for naval vessels in foreign waters; only the first volume was filmed) -

Band 1, December 1875 – August 1881: PG 65044, roll 1310

Bände 2-3, September 1881 – February 1889: PG 65045-046, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

Acta XII.2.4.35 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Die Requisitionen von Behörden und Privaten um Dienstleistungen S.M. Schiffe im Auslande (continuation of previous file, including an account of a British fisherman's excessive slaughter of seals and sea lions off the coast of German Southwest Africa, 1911) -

Band 1, October 1889 – March 1913: PG 65047, roll 1310

Acta XII.2.4.36 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Bildung eines Geschwaders in den Ostasiatischen Gewässern und Aktionen desselben zum Schutze deutscher Interessen (correspondence regarding the formation of the Ostasiatisches Geschwader to participate in an international fleet demonstration off the Chinese coast to combat piracy and coerce concessions; vessels included screw corvettes "Hertha," "Vineta," "Ariadne," and "Luise" and screw gunboats "Cyclop" and "Nautilus") -

Band 1, February – November 1876: PG 65048, roll 1161

Acta XII.2.4.37 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach dem Aegäischen Meer (correspondence on the initial dispatch of a squadron to the Aegean following the murder of the German consul in [Turkish] Salonika; casemate ships "Kaiser" and "Deutschland," armored frigates "Kronprinz" and "Friedrich Carl," screw corvette "Medusa," paddle steamer "Pommerania" and others participated in demonstrations off Salonika; later correspondence documents further experiences of German warships on the eastern Mediterranean station, including activities of screw corvettes "Victoria" and "Gazelle" and gunboat "Meteor" off the coasts of Syria and Palestine) -

Band 1, May – July 1876: PG 65049, rolls 1161-62

Band 2, August – December 1876: PG 65050, roll 1162

Band 3, January – April 1877: PG 65051, roll 1162

Band 4, April – November 1877: PG 65052, rolls 1162-63

Band 5, November 1877 – December 1878: PG 65049-053, roll 1163

Acta XII.2.4.37 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach dem Aegäischen Meer (Secret) (supplemental correspondence on the dispatch of a squadron to the Aegean to protect German interests as noted above, but of a more security-classified nature) -

Band 1, January 1877 – March 1878: PG 65054, roll 1163

Acta XII.2.4.38 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach Australien und den Südseeinseln (Philippinen) (first in a number of correspondence

series on German warships' voyages to Australia, the Philippines, and especially various South and Central Pacific islands and island groups regarding trade possibilities and furthering German commercial interests, including the conclusion of treaties of friendship and trade with local inhabitants; of particular note are reports by screw corvettes "Ariadne" and "Augusta" regarding contacts and conditions in Samoa and in the Micronesian islands of the central Pacific, January 1878-April 1879; reports of punitive expeditions against natives of the Hermit-Island [New Guinea] by the screw corvette "Carola" and gunboat "Hyäne," December 1882-February 1883, and by gunboat "Nautilus," 1886; actions by "Hyäne" and screw corvette "Elisabeth" in raising the German flag in parts of the Bismarck Archipelago and New Guinea, November 1884-February 1885, and similar actions by gunboat "Iltis" in the Caroline Islands, August-October 1885, with accompanying contacts with the Spanish Government over claims to the islands; supplemental correspondence described below) -

Band 1, August 1876 - December 1878: PG 65055, roll 1330

Band 2, January 1879 - December 1880: PG 65056, roll 1330

Band 3, April 1881 - April 1884: PG 65057, rolls 1330-31

Band 4, May 1884 - April 1885: PG 65058, roll 1331

Band 5, May 1885 - September 1886: PG 65059, roll 1331

Band 6, October 1886 - December 1887: PG 65060, roll 1331

Band 7, January 1888 - March 1889: PG 65061, rolls 1331-32

Acta XII.2.4.38 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach der Südsee-Inseln (correspondence relating to operations of German warships in claiming protectorates in the Caroline, Palau, and Marshall Islands; includes information on activities of screw corvettes "Gneisenau" and "Marie" and gunboats "Iltis" and "Nautilus") -

Band 1, July 1884 - December 1885: PG 65072, roll 1333

Acta XII.2.4.38 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach den Südsee-Inseln (Secret) (supplemental correspondence to the above series but of a more security-classified nature, and largely confined to Samoa and neighboring islands; includes accounts of conclusion of a friendship treaty with the King of the Tonga Islands with the commander of screw corvette "Hertha," November 1876; treaty concluded between Germany and Samoa, and consequent tensions with the United States, January 1879; negotiations among representatives of the U.S., Great Britain, and Germany [commander of screw corvette "Albatross"] with King of Samoa for a mutual Treaty of Friendship, August-September 1879 [in Band 3, much in English]; German punitive actions in Samoa and consequent British claims for property damage, August 1887; an engagement between Samoan and German forces from gunboats "Adler" and "Eber," December 1888, with lists of casualties and consequent American protests published by the U.S. Congress [in Band 5]) -

Band 1, June 1876 - October 1878: PG 65067, roll 1312

Band 2, November 1878 - November 1879: PG 65068, roll 1332

Band 3, September 1879 - October 1887: PG 65069, roll 1332

Band 4, November 1887 - January 1889: PG 65070, rolls 1332-33

Band 5, February - March 1889: PG 65071, roll 1333

Acta XII.2.4.38 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung S.M. Schiffe nach der Südsee-Station (vergleich g.g. Akten) (continuation of earlier series regarding German naval activities in Samoa and neighboring islands; official reports regarding the loss of gunboats "Adler" and "Eber" to a hurricane in Samoa, March 1889, including excerpts from the logbook of the surviving screw corvette "Olga" [Band 1]; negotiations for the division of controlling authority for Samoa among the U.S., Britain, and Germany, 1889-93; intervention of cruisers "Bussard" and "Falke" with British and Americans to end Samoan Civil War of 1893; punitive expeditions against natives for actions against Germans in New Guinea by cruisers "Bussard" and "Falke" and in the Bismarck Archipelago by gunboat "Möwe," 1896-97; report by cruiser "Cormoran" on conditions in Samoa and possible need to conscript German citizens there in event of further problems; Band 4 for period 1898-1901 missing; supplemental series of 'ganz Geheime Akten' described below) -

Band 1, April 1889 – February 1893: PG 65062, rolls 1310-11

Band 2, March 1893 – October 1894: PG 65063, roll 1311

Band 3, November 1894 – December 1897: PG 65064, roll 1311

(Band 4, January 1898 – March 1901: neither registered nor filmed, no information available)

Band 5, April 1902 – April 1913: PG 65065, roll 1311

Acta XII.2.4.38 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach der Südsee-Station (ganz Geheime Akten) (supplemental series of correspondence of a higher security-classification status, relating primarily to conditions in Samoa and Anglo-American-German relations there, primarily for the period 1893-95) -

Band 1, April 1889 – October 1899: PG 65066, rolls 1311-12

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (correspondence and reports regarding naval and commercial interests in staking German colonial claims in West Africa; includes report of screw corvette "Victoria's" punitive action, with approval of Liberian Government, against native looters of schooner "Carlos," December 1881, and of a similar incident involving the corvette "Hertha" off the Dahomey coast, February 1882; participation of gunboat "Möwe" with Commissioner Gustav Nachtigal in concluding trade agreements and establishing protectorates in areas later known as Togo and the Cameroon, July-September 1884; activities of screw corvettes "Leipzig" and "Elisabeth" in establishing a protectorate along the coast of the future German Southwest Africa, August-October 1884; disputes with British authorities over extent of colonial claims and negotiations for naval use of coaling stations; the dispatch of screw corvettes "Bismarck," "Ariadne," "Gneisenau" and "Olga" to West Africa to support German claims, particularly to support King Bell in the Cameroon against a revolt, December 1884-January 1885; movement of "Bismarck" to Zanzibar to reinforce German forces there, October 1885; supplemental 'secret' correspondence described below)-

Band 1, March 1880 – December 1883: PG 65073, roll 1362

Band 2, March – October 1884: PG 65074, rolls 1362-63

Band 3, November 1884 – May 1885: PG 65075, roll 1334

Band 4, June 1885 – January 1886: PG 65076, roll 1334

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (Secret) (supplementary correspondence on the same subjects as above, but of a higher security-classification status and continuing into the period 1886-89; includes extensive documentation of the looting of the Hamburg steamer "Carlos" by Liberian natives and consequent punitive action, December 1881; extensive materials on operations of the initial squadron stationed off Zanzibar and neighboring areas under Vice Adm. Karl Deinhard [screw corvettes "Leipzig," "Carola," "Sophie," and gunboat "Möwe"], including cooperation with British forces in suppressing the coastal and inland slave trade and military operations against natives [including a report to the Reichstag on the "Aufstand in Ostafrika," December 1888, in Band 3], October 1888-March 1889; additional classified records follow) -

Band 1, December 1880 – July 1886: PG 65077, roll 1334

Band 2, August 1886 – November 1888: PG 65078, rolls 1334-35

Band 3, November 1888 – January 1889: PG 65079, roll 1335

Band 4, February – March 1889: PG 65080, rolls 1333-34

Band 5, March 1889: PG 65081, roll 1363

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (Ganz geheim) (supplemental correspondence on the dispatch of screw corvettes "Elisabeth" and "Leipzig" and gunboat "Möwe" to the coasts of West and Southwest Africa, of a higher security-classified status) -

Band 1, April - December 1884: PG 65082, roll 1363

(untitled, unidentified provenance, four folders of additional correspondence, mostly relating to the operations of the reinforced squadron of screw corvettes "Prinz Adalbert," "Stosch," "Bismarck," "Gneisenau" and "Elisabeth" with gunboat "Hyäne" under Rear Adm. Eduard Knorr off the coast of Zanzibar and German East Africa, including negotiations with the local Sultan, 1885-86; some information on operations along the coast of Cameroon, December 1884 [Band 2]) -

Band 1, May – June 1885: PG 65083, rolls 1363-64

Band 2, January – December 1885: PG 65084, roll 1364

Band 3, October 1886 – May 1887: PG 65085, roll 1364

Band 4, June 1887 – January 1889: PG 65086, roll 1364

Acta XII.2.4.43 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika (reports and correspondence regarding ship movements to the East Africa Station and political and military developments in German East Africa and neighboring areas; includes additional documentation of German warships' [listed in the preceding description] activities off Zanzibar and the mainland, negotiations with the local Sultan of Zanzibar, correspondence of the Admiralität with a Hamburg banking firm regarding their interests in the region, the terms of a treaty concluded with Great Britain defining British and German territorial boundaries in East Africa [December 1886], a detailed report on conditions in the area at the beginning of the local rebellion against the

"Deutsche Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft" in July-August 1888 and the related involvement of corvettes "Leipzig," "Carola" and "Olga" and gunboat "Möwe" but with little information regarding subsequent military operations) -

Bände 1-2, January 1886 – November 1888: PG 65087-088, roll 1163

Acta XII.2.4.43 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika

(correspondence and reports that continue the previous series on naval operations on the East Africa Station, including scattered information on the German-British naval blockade of the coast adjacent to Zanzibar and naval support for the land operations conducted by Reichskommissar Hermann Wissmann, 1889-90; reports of continued unrest in Zanzibar and German East Africa involving the "Schwalbe" and gunboat "Möwe," 1891-93; data on sickness among naval crews, 1896; reports on conditions and developments in the German colony and in neighboring British East Africa, including an English-language account of an Italian punitive expedition in Somalia, April-May 1897; notes on shipping, cargoes, and harbor facilities; documentation effectively ends August 1905) -

Band 1, April 1889 – June 1893: PG 65089, rolls 1163-64

Band 2, July 1893 – March 1898: PG 65090, roll 1164

Band 3, April 1898 – March 1919: PG 65091, roll 1164

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika (Ganz geheim) (two additional folders of correspondence regarding the stationing of warships on the East Africa station; the records indicate a higher security-classification but the reason for this arrangement of records is unclear; the first folder includes exchanges of notes with British diplomatic representatives to implement joint actions consequent to the Conference of Berlin, March-June 1885, and supplemental documentation of the dispatch of a naval squadron to Zanzibar to blockade the coast, August-September 1885) -

June 1885 – September 1886: PG 65093, rolls 1164-65

April 1889: PG 65092, roll 1164

Acta XII.2.4.44 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika (Vorgänge in Acta XII.2.4.41) (continuation of correspondence found in Acta XII.2.4.41 regarding the dispatch of warships to West Africa and the protection of German colonial interests in the Cameroon, Togoland, and German Southwest Africa; included is a detailed assessment of the potential deep sea fishing industry off Lüderitz Bay, February 1887, proposals for possible naval anchorages, and a British report on a potential threat to the British settlement at Walfish Bay posed by Hendrik Witbooi and his followers [who would later resist German occupation in Southwest Africa]; documentation for later periods follows below)-

Bände 1-3, January 1886 – March 1889: PG 65094-096, roll 1134

Acta XII.2.4.44 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika

(continuation of correspondence regarding the dispatch of warships to the West Africa Station and general information on the German colonies there; includes data on gunboat "Habicht's" participation in landing crewmen to suppress disturbances in the Cameroon, September-October 1893, and an agreement with the "Deutsche Ost-Afrika-Linie" to

provide supplies to naval forces, January 1894; a summary report with enclosures regarding military engagements of landing detachments from gunboat "Hyäne" with Cameroon rebels, December 1893-January 1894 [Band 2] and reports on experiences with the establishment of a native Schutztruppe in the Cameroon, December 1894-January 1895; more highly-classified documentation follows) -

Band 1, April 1889 – January 1894: PG 65097, rolls 1134-35

Band 2, February 1894 – December 1897: PG 65098, roll 1135

Acta XII.2.4.44 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika (Ganz geheim) (correspondence and reports of a higher security-classification status than the previous file; includes several summary reports on developments in Southwest Africa and the Cameroon, 1898-1900, including reports of military expeditions into the interior and on conditions in such neighboring areas as Liberia, Portuguese Guinea, and Angola; only scattered documentation available after 1900) -

Band 1, August 1891 – July 1896: PG 65099, roll 1135

Band 2, August 1896 – December 1897(?): no information available

Band 3, January 1898 – February 1909: PG 65100, roll 1135

Acta XII.2.4.46 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen auf auswärtigen Stationen (correspondence and orders relating to the dispatch to, and maintenance of individual German warships on specific stations; included are requests by German consular representatives for visits to specific ports, some data on ships' crews, and English-language accounts of an international naval review held at Spithead, England, June 1897; only scattered documentation available after 1906) -

Band 1, November 1896 – June 1899: PG 65101, rolls 1135-36

Band 2, July 1899 – September 1919; PG 65102, roll 1136

Acta XII.2.4.47 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Zusammenstellungen über die Thätigkeit der Kaiserlichen Kriegsmarine (summaries of naval activities, reviews of the readiness conditions aboard specific warships) -

Band 1, February 1897 – December 1909: PG 65103, roll 1136

Acta XII.3.1.114 Kaiserliche Admiralität/Reichs-Marine-Amt, Angelegenheiten des Kreuzergeschwaders / der Kreuzer-Division (extensive correspondence of the 'cruiser squadron' established at the end of 1885, effectively replacing the system of rotating warships on overseas stations; the squadron was drawn from vessels already operating off the east African coast in 1885, the operations of which are described in Acta XII.2.4.41 and XII.2.4.43, above; virtually abolished in 1893, the unit was reconstituted as the 'cruiser division' in 1894 and thereafter operated in the Pacific and the Far East, redesignated the 'cruiser squadron' in 1897 and eventually evolving into the East Asia Squadron stationed at Tsingtao; correspondence typically includes directives from Berlin, monthly activity and training reports of the squadron/division, assessments of conditions in China and Japan, incidents of illness and accidents among German crews, and reports of specific incidents and operations; Bände 1-4, December 1885-November 1888, comprises all correspondence for that period, from April 1889 correspondence was divided between regular and "Ganz Geheim" [higher security classification] and the

correspondence volumes renumbered from Band 1 on) -

Band 1, December 1885 – October 1886 (Australia, Samoa, Hong Kong; includes the tables of contents for Bände 1-4):

PG 65518, rolls 1167-68

Band 2, November 1886 – June 1887 (China, Singapore, return to Zanzibar following killing of German national there):

PG 65519, roll 1168

Band 3, July 1887 – July 1888 (reports on Australia, Hong Kong, and Japan):

PG 65520, roll 1168

Band 4, July – November 1888 (reports on Zanzibar and East Africa):

PG 65521, roll 1395

Band 1 (start of regular correspondence), April 1889-July 1891 (operations in East Africa, including actions by landing detachments against natives at Pangani and Tanga, May 1889, followed by visits to China, Japan, and the Philippines):

PG 65522, rolls 1395-96

Band 2, August – November 1891 (visits to San Francisco and South American ports, including military intervention on behalf of German citizens in Valparaiso, Chile, August 1891, during the Chilean civil war):

PG 65523, roll 1396

Band 3, December 1891 – May 1893 (movement to South and East Africa, reports from China, disbanding of squadron late March 1893):

PG 65524, roll 1396

Band 4, October 1894 – January 1897 (establishment of new cruiser division in Far East, and reports on Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95, developments in China and Japan, and information on German colony in Tientsin; file arranged in reverse chronological order at start, January 1897-October 1894, then resumes chronological order to December 1896):

PG 65525, roll 1396

Band 5, January 1897 – May 1898 (in addition to reports on China and Japan, assessments of the situation in Manila and the Philippines, December 1896-January 1897, corvette "Arcona's" detailed report of the Siberian coast August 1897, and the outbound cruise of additional German warships to reinforce the cruiser squadron) :

PG 65526, rolls 1139-40

Band 6, June 1898 – July 1899 (stationing of ships at Tsingtao, repairs to vessels in Nagasaki by the Mitsubishi firm, descriptions of Russian-held Port Arthur and of Wei-Hai-We, movement to Philippines and tensions with U.S. Navy forces under Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay [August 1898], corvette "Arcona's" report on conditions in the Palau and Caroline islands, and conditions in Netherlands East Indies):

PG 65527, roll 1140

Band 7, June 1899 – August 1901 (squadron commander now Prinz Heinrich von Preussen; visit to and conditions in Korea June-August 1899, reports on use of Siberian coal, accident on board US gunboat "Wheeling" [Feb 1900], meeting with the Japanese Emperor, first military actions arising from the Boxer Rebellion in China [Sep-Oct 1900]):

PG 65528, roll 1140

Band 8, September 1901 – June 1902 (reports on visits to Australia, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, and French Indochina, including accounts of visits with US General MacArthur, and an account of Russian port construction in Siberia):

PG 65529, roll 1141

Band 9, July 1902 – June 1904 (division of squadron into geographic sectors, 1903-04; reports of Russo-Japanese tensions over Korea and Japanese naval relations with Great Britain):

PG 65530, roll 1340

Band 10, April 1904 – July 1907 (reports on tactical exercises and maneuvers, repairs to armored cruiser "Fürst Bismarck" [Nov 1906], visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, and Saigon, French Indochina [Jan 1907]; no information on Russo-Japanese War):

PG 65531, roll 1341

Band 11, October 1907 – October 1909 (additional data on repairs to "Fürst Bismarck," proposed changes in composition of squadron, report on voyage of several ships to Samoa [Mar-Apr 1909]):

PG 65532, roll 1341

Band 12, November 1909 – December 1911 (reports on native unrest in Ponape, Caroline Islands [Jun-Jul 1910], on squadron voyage to Samoa and other South Sea islands [Jul-Aug 1910], domestic unrest in China, disputed anchorages in Shanghai):

PG 65533, rolls 1341-42

Band 13, January 1912 – May 1914 (several reports on political unrest throughout China associated with the Chinese Revolution in 1911, e.g. a report by gunboat "Otter" on conditions on the upper Yangtse River [Apr 1913]; squadron visit to Thailand, the Philippines, and the Netherlands East Indies, Jan-Feb 1914):

PG 65534, roll 1141

Band 14, May 1914 – July 1915 (observations on Chinese political situation, reports and personal accounts of the squadron's actions and loss at the Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands, Nov-Dec 1914, including a list of the names of German survivors):

PG 65535, roll 1141

Band 1 ("Ganz Geheim"), April 1891 – November 1908 (classified reports on the intervention in Valparaiso during the Chilean civil war [Oct 1891], armored cruiser "Gefion's" reconnaissance of northern Borneo and other Indonesian islands [Feb-Mar 1900], relations with Japan during Russo-Japanese War [Jul 1905], guidelines in Jan 1907 for the conduct of 'Kreuzerkrieg,' circumstances regarding the loss of German steamer "Süllberg" in a typhoon [Oct 1907], and the repairs to and status of armored cruiser "Fürst Bismarck," 1907-08):

PG 65536, roll 1142

Band 2 ("Ganz Geheim"), November 1908 – May 1915 (correspondence on proposed replacement of "Fürst Bismarck" with cruiser "Blücher" [Dec 1908], report of incident by Chinese revolutionaries against German vessel in Hankow Oct 1911, correspondence exchanged between squadron commander and Admiralstab over assignment of torpedo-boats to squadron [Jan-Jun 1912], and a

journal of the steamer "Holsatia"s voyage from Shanghai to Honolulu, Aug-Oct 1914, for most of which it served as an auxiliary to the squadron's trans-Pacific journey):

PG 65537, roll 1142

Acta XII.3.187 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Angelegenheiten der ostamerikanischen Kreuzerdivision (correspondence of the East America Cruiser Division, established under Konter-Admiral Georg Scheder, to blockade Venezuela in collaboration with Britain and Italy to compel payment of debts, December 1902-February 1903; included is an account of gunboat "Panther's" bombardment of a fort at San Carlos and reports on internal political developments in Venezuela), January 1903 - March 1905:

PG 65681, roll 1394

(see also Marine-Kabinett Akte XXIV f, below)

II. RECORDS OF THE KAISERLICHES MARINE-KABINETT

Akte XXIIc Erwerb und Verwaltung des Kiautschou-Gebietes (seven vols. of correspondence relating to the establishment and maintenance of the naval base and attendant colony at Tsingtao at the entrance to Kiatschou Bay on China's Shantung Peninsula) -

Band 1, October 1895 - January 1898 (including a preliminary study on the suitability of nearby Wei-Hai-We as a harbor, the occupation of Kiatschou in Nov 1897 following the murder of two German missionaries, negotiations prior to occupation, the early development of the base and training exercises by German crews in port):

PG 67305, rolls 542-43

Band 2, January - June 1898 (including the issuance of standing orders for the colonial government [Mar 1898]):

PG 67306, roll 543

Band 3, June 1898 - April 1899 (including a military-political report on Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-We, Jun 1898, organizational data on the base and a proposal for its development, Aug-Oct 1898, and the Nov 1898 dedication of a memorial to those lost with gunboat "Iltis" in a storm Jul 1896):

PG 67307, roll 543

Band 4, May 1899 - October 1900 (journey of Prinz Heinrich von Preußen to East Asia, reports on garrison strength, medical data, and information on the Boxer Rebellion as it affected the base):

PG 67308, roll 544

Band 5, January 1901 - August 1908 (additional reports on garrison strength and medical data, expanded construction of roads and dockyard facilities, mobilization instructions, defined powers and title of the colonial governor, proposal for a Krupp factory):

PG 67309, roll 544

Band 6, January 1906 - July 1914 (semiannual reports on the colony, reports on

Acta XII.2.4.38 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung S.M. Schiffe nach der Südsee-Station (vergleich g.g. Akten) (continuation of earlier series regarding German naval activities in Samoa and neighboring islands; official reports regarding the loss of gunboats "Adler" and "Eber" to a hurricane in Samoa, March 1889, including excerpts from the logbook of the surviving screw corvette "Olga" [Band 1]; negotiations for the division of controlling authority for Samoa among the U.S., Britain, and Germany, 1889-93; intervention of cruisers "Bussard" and "Falke" with British and Americans to end Samoan Civil War of 1893; punitive expeditions against natives for actions against Germans in New Guinea by cruisers "Bussard" and "Falke" and in the Bismarck Archipelago by gunboat "Möwe," 1896-97; report by cruiser "Cormoran" on conditions in Samoa and possible need to conscript German citizens there in event of further problems; Band 4 for period 1898-1901 missing; supplemental series of 'ganz Geheime Akten' described below) -

Band 1, April 1889 – February 1893: PG 65062, rolls 1310-11

Band 2, March 1893 – October 1894: PG 65063, roll 1311

Band 3, November 1894 – December 1897: PG 65064, roll 1311

(Band 4, January 1898 – March 1901: neither registered nor filmed, no information available)

Band 5, April 1902 – April 1913: PG 65065, roll 1311

Acta XII.2.4.38 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach der Südsee-Station (ganz Geheime Akten) (supplemental series of correspondence of a higher security-classification status, relating primarily to conditions in Samoa and Anglo-American-German relations there, primarily for the period 1893-95) -

Band 1, April 1889 – October 1899: PG 65066, rolls 1311-12

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (correspondence and reports regarding naval and commercial interests in staking German colonial claims in West Africa; includes report of screw corvette "Victoria's" punitive action, with approval of Liberian Government, against native looters of schooner "Carlos," December 1881, and of a similar incident involving the corvette "Hertha" off the Dahomey coast, February 1882; participation of gunboat "Möwe" with Commissioner Gustav Nachtigal in concluding trade agreements and establishing protectorates in areas later known as Togo and the Cameroon, July-September 1884; activities of screw corvettes "Leipzig" and "Elisabeth" in establishing a protectorate along the coast of the future German Southwest Africa, August-October 1884; disputes with British authorities over extent of colonial claims and negotiations for naval use of coaling stations; the dispatch of screw corvettes "Bismarck," "Ariadne," "Gneisenau" and "Olga" to West Africa to support German claims, particularly to support King Bell in the Cameroon against a revolt, December 1884-January 1885; movement of "Bismarck" to Zanzibar to reinforce German forces there, October 1885; supplemental 'secret' correspondence described below)-

Band 1, March 1880 – December 1883: PG 65073, roll 1362

Band 2, March – October 1884: PG 65074, rolls 1362-63

Band 3, November 1884 – May 1885: PG 65075, roll 1334

Band 4, June 1885 – January 1886: PG 65076, roll 1334

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (Secret) (supplementary correspondence on the same subjects as above, but of a higher security-classification status and continuing into the period 1886-89; includes extensive documentation of the looting of the Hamburg steamer "Carlos" by Liberian natives and consequent punitive action, December 1881; extensive materials on operations of the initial squadron stationed off Zanzibar and neighboring areas under Vice Adm. Karl Deinhard [screw corvettes "Leipzig," "Carola," "Sophie," and gunboat "Möwe"], including cooperation with British forces in suppressing the coastal and inland slave trade and military operations against natives [including a report to the Reichstag on the "Aufstand in Ostafrika," December 1888, in Band 3], October 1888-March 1889; additional classified records follow) -

Band 1, December 1880 – July 1886: PG 65077, roll 1334

Band 2, August 1886 – November 1888: PG 65078, rolls 1334-35

Band 3, November 1888 – January 1889: PG 65079, roll 1335

Band 4, February – March 1889: PG 65080, rolls 1333-34

Band 5, March 1889: PG 65081, roll 1363

Acta XII.2.4.41 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Kriegsschiffen nach afrikanischen Häfen (Ganz geheim) (supplemental correspondence on the dispatch of screw corvettes "Elisabeth" and "Leipzig" and gunboat "Möwe" to the coasts of West and Southwest Africa, of a higher security-classified status) -

Band 1, April - December 1884: PG 65082, roll 1363

(untitled, unidentified provenance, four folders of additional correspondence, mostly relating to the operations of the reinforced squadron of screw corvettes "Prinz Adalbert," "Stosch," "Bismarck," "Gneisenau" and "Elisabeth" with gunboat "Hyäne" under Rear Adm. Eduard Knorr off the coast of Zanzibar and German East Africa, including negotiations with the local Sultan, 1885-86; some information on operations along the coast of Cameroon, December 1884 [Band 2]) -

Band 1, May – June 1885: PG 65083, rolls 1363-64

Band 2, January – December 1885: PG 65084, roll 1364

Band 3, October 1886 – May 1887: PG 65085, roll 1364

Band 4, June 1887 – January 1889: PG 65086, roll 1364

Acta XII.2.4.43 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika (reports and correspondence regarding ship movements to the East Africa Station and political and military developments in German East Africa and neighboring areas; includes additional documentation of German warships' [listed in the preceding description] activities off Zanzibar and the mainland, negotiations with the local Sultan of Zanzibar, correspondence of the Admiralität with a Hamburg banking firm regarding their interests in the region, the terms of a treaty concluded with Great Britain defining British and German territorial boundaries in East Africa [December 1886], a detailed report on conditions in the area at the beginning of the local rebellion against the

"Deutsche Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft" in July-August 1888 and the related involvement of corvettes "Leipzig," "Carola" and "Olga" and gunboat "Möwe" but with little information regarding subsequent military operations) -

Bände 1-2, January 1886 – November 1888: PG 65087-088, roll 1163

Acta XII.2.4.43 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika

(correspondence and reports that continue the previous series on naval operations on the East Africa Station, including scattered information on the German-British naval blockade of the coast adjacent to Zanzibar and naval support for the land operations conducted by Reichskommissar Hermann Wissmann, 1889-90; reports of continued unrest in Zanzibar and German East Africa involving the "Schwalbe" and gunboat "Möwe," 1891-93; data on sickness among naval crews, 1896; reports on conditions and developments in the German colony and in neighboring British East Africa, including an English-language account of an Italian punitive expedition in Somalia, April-May 1897; notes on shipping, cargoes, and harbor facilities; documentation effectively ends August 1905) -

Band 1, April 1889 – June 1893: PG 65089, rolls 1163-64

Band 2, July 1893 – March 1898: PG 65090, roll 1164

Band 3, April 1898 – March 1919: PG 65091, roll 1164

(All Flottenabteilung) Entsendung von Schiffen nach Ostafrika (Ganz geheim) (two additional folders of correspondence regarding the stationing of warships on the East Africa station; the records indicate a higher security-classification but the reason for this arrangement of records is unclear; the first folder includes exchanges of notes with British diplomatic representatives to implement joint actions consequent to the Conference of Berlin, March-June 1885, and supplemental documentation of the dispatch of a naval squadron to Zanzibar to blockade the coast, August-September 1885) -

June 1885 – September 1886: PG 65093, rolls 1164-65

April 1889: PG 65092, roll 1164

Acta XII.2.4.44 Kaiserliche Admiralität, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika (Vorgänge in Acta XII.2.4.41) (continuation of correspondence found in Acta XII.2.4.41 regarding the dispatch of warships to West Africa and the protection of German colonial interests in the Cameroon, Togoland, and German Southwest Africa; included is a detailed assessment of the potential deep sea fishing industry off Lüderitz Bay, February 1887, proposals for possible naval anchorages, and a British report on a potential threat to the British settlement at Walfish Bay posed by Hendrik Witbooi and his followers [who would later resist German occupation in Southwest Africa]; documentation for later periods follows below)-

Bände 1-3, January 1886 – March 1889: PG 65094-096, roll 1134

Acta XII.2.4.44 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika

(continuation of correspondence regarding the dispatch of warships to the West Africa Station and general information on the German colonies there; includes data on gunboat "Habicht's" participation in landing crewmen to suppress disturbances in the Cameroon, September-October 1893, and an agreement with the "Deutsche Ost-Afrika-Linie" to

provide supplies to naval forces, January 1894; a summary report with enclosures regarding military engagements of landing detachments from gunboat "Hyäne" with Cameroon rebels, December 1893-January 1894 [Band 2] and reports on experiences with the establishment of a native Schutztruppe in the Cameroon, December 1894-January 1895; more highly-classified documentation follows) -

Band 1, April 1889 – January 1894: PG 65097, rolls 1134-35

Band 2, February 1894 – December 1897: PG 65098, roll 1135

Acta XII.2.4.44 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen nach West-Afrika (Ganz geheim) (correspondence and reports of a higher security-classification status than the previous file; includes several summary reports on developments in Southwest Africa and the Cameroon, 1898-1900, including reports of military expeditions into the interior and on conditions in such neighboring areas as Liberia, Portuguese Guinea, and Angola; only scattered documentation available after 1900) -

Band 1, August 1891 – July 1896: PG 65099, roll 1135

Band 2, August 1896 – December 1897(?): no information available

Band 3, January 1898 – February 1909: PG 65100, roll 1135

Acta XII.2.4.46 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Entsendung von Schiffen auf auswärtigen Stationen (correspondence and orders relating to the dispatch to, and maintenance of individual German warships on specific stations; included are requests by German consular representatives for visits to specific ports, some data on ships' crews, and English-language accounts of an international naval review held at Spithead, England, June 1897; only scattered documentation available after 1906) -

Band 1, November 1896 – June 1899: PG 65101, rolls 1135-36

Band 2, July 1899 – September 1919; PG 65102, roll 1136

Acta XII.2.4.47 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Zusammenstellungen über die Thätigkeit der Kaiserlichen Kriegsmarine (summaries of naval activities, reviews of the readiness conditions aboard specific warships) -

Band 1, February 1897 – December 1909: PG 65103, roll 1136

Acta XII.3.1.114 Kaiserliche Admiralität/Reichs-Marine-Amt, Angelegenheiten des Kreuzergeschwaders / der Kreuzer-Division (extensive correspondence of the 'cruiser squadron' established at the end of 1885, effectively replacing the system of rotating warships on overseas stations; the squadron was drawn from vessels already operating off the east African coast in 1885, the operations of which are described in Acta XII.2.4.41 and XII.2.4.43, above; virtually abolished in 1893, the unit was reconstituted as the 'cruiser division' in 1894 and thereafter operated in the Pacific and the Far East, redesignated the 'cruiser squadron' in 1897 and eventually evolving into the East Asia Squadron stationed at Tsingtao; correspondence typically includes directives from Berlin, monthly activity and training reports of the squadron/division, assessments of conditions in China and Japan, incidents of illness and accidents among German crews, and reports of specific incidents and operations; Bände 1-4, December 1885-November 1888, comprises all correspondence for that period, from April 1889 correspondence was divided between regular and "Ganz Geheim" [higher security classification] and the

correspondence volumes renumbered from Band 1 on) -

Band 1, December 1885 – October 1886 (Australia, Samoa, Hong Kong; includes the tables of contents for Bände 1-4):

PG 65518, rolls 1167-68

Band 2, November 1886 – June 1887 (China, Singapore, return to Zanzibar following killing of German national there):

PG 65519, roll 1168

Band 3, July 1887 – July 1888 (reports on Australia, Hong Kong, and Japan):

PG 65520, roll 1168

Band 4, July – November 1888 (reports on Zanzibar and East Africa):

PG 65521, roll 1395

Band 1 (start of regular correspondence), April 1889-July 1891 (operations in East Africa, including actions by landing detachments against natives at Pangani and Tanga, May 1889, followed by visits to China, Japan, and the Philippines):

PG 65522, rolls 1395-96

Band 2, August – November 1891 (visits to San Francisco and South American ports, including military intervention on behalf of German citizens in Valparaiso, Chile, August 1891, during the Chilean civil war):

PG 65523, roll 1396

Band 3, December 1891 – May 1893 (movement to South and East Africa, reports from China, disbanding of squadron late March 1893):

PG 65524, roll 1396

Band 4, October 1894 – January 1897 (establishment of new cruiser division in Far East, and reports on Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95, developments in China and Japan, and information on German colony in Tientsin; file arranged in reverse chronological order at start, January 1897-October 1894, then resumes chronological order to December 1896):

PG 65525, roll 1396

Band 5, January 1897 – May 1898 (in addition to reports on China and Japan, assessments of the situation in Manila and the Philippines, December 1896-January 1897, corvette "Arcona's" detailed report of the Siberian coast August 1897, and the outbound cruise of additional German warships to reinforce the cruiser squadron) :

PG 65526, rolls 1139-40

Band 6, June 1898 – July 1899 (stationing of ships at Tsingtao, repairs to vessels in Nagasaki by the Mitsubishi firm, descriptions of Russian-held Port Arthur and of Wei-Hai-We, movement to Philippines and tensions with U.S. Navy forces under Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay [August 1898], corvette "Arcona's" report on conditions in the Palau and Caroline islands, and conditions in Netherlands East Indies):

PG 65527, roll 1140

Band 7, June 1899 – August 1901 (squadron commander now Prinz Heinrich von Preussen; visit to and conditions in Korea June-August 1899, reports on use of Siberian coal, accident on board US gunboat "Wheeling" [Feb 1900], meeting with the Japanese Emperor, first military actions arising from the Boxer Rebellion in China [Sep-Oct 1900]):

PG 65528, roll 1140

Band 8, September 1901 – June 1902 (reports on visits to Australia, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, and French Indochina, including accounts of visits with US General MacArthur, and an account of Russian port construction in Siberia):

PG 65529, roll 1141

Band 9, July 1902 – June 1904 (division of squadron into geographic sectors, 1903-04; reports of Russo-Japanese tensions over Korea and Japanese naval relations with Great Britain):

PG 65530, roll 1340

Band 10, April 1904 – July 1907 (reports on tactical exercises and maneuvers, repairs to armored cruiser "Fürst Bismarck" [Nov 1906], visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, and Saigon, French Indochina [Jan 1907]; no information on Russo-Japanese War):

PG 65531, roll 1341

Band 11, October 1907 – October 1909 (additional data on repairs to "Fürst Bismarck," proposed changes in composition of squadron, report on voyage of several ships to Samoa [Mar-Apr 1909]):

PG 65532, roll 1341

Band 12, November 1909 – December 1911 (reports on native unrest in Ponape, Caroline Islands [Jun-Jul 1910], on squadron voyage to Samoa and other South Sea islands [Jul-Aug 1910], domestic unrest in China, disputed anchorages in Shanghai):

PG 65533, rolls 1341-42

Band 13, January 1912 – May 1914 (several reports on political unrest throughout China associated with the Chinese Revolution in 1911, e.g. a report by gunboat "Otter" on conditions on the upper Yangtse River [Apr 1913]; squadron visit to Thailand, the Philippines, and the Netherlands East Indies, Jan-Feb 1914):

PG 65534, roll 1141

Band 14, May 1914 – July 1915 (observations on Chinese political situation, reports and personal accounts of the squadron's actions and loss at the Battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands, Nov-Dec 1914, including a list of the names of German survivors):

PG 65535, roll 1141

Band 1 ("Ganz Geheim"), April 1891 – November 1908 (classified reports on the intervention in Valparaiso during the Chilean civil war [Oct 1891], armored cruiser "Gefion's" reconnaissance of northern Borneo and other Indonesian islands [Feb-Mar 1900], relations with Japan during Russo-Japanese War [Jul 1905], guidelines in Jan 1907 for the conduct of 'Kreuzerkrieg,' circumstances regarding the loss of German steamer "Süllberg" in a typhoon [Oct 1907], and the repairs to and status of armored cruiser "Fürst Bismarck," 1907-08):

PG 65536, roll 1142

Band 2 ("Ganz Geheim"), November 1908 – May 1915 (correspondence on proposed replacement of "Fürst Bismarck" with cruiser "Blücher" [Dec 1908], report of incident by Chinese revolutionaries against German vessel in Hankow Oct 1911, correspondence exchanged between squadron commander and Admiralstab over assignment of torpedo-boats to squadron [Jan-Jun 1912], and a

journal of the steamer "Holsatia"s voyage from Shanghai to Honolulu, Aug-Oct 1914, for most of which it served as an auxiliary to the squadron's trans-Pacific journey):

PG 65537, roll 1142

Acta XII.3.187 Reichs-Marine-Amt, Angelegenheiten der ostamerikanischen Kreuzerdivision (correspondence of the East America Cruiser Division, established under Konter-Admiral Georg Scheder, to blockade Venezuela in collaboration with Britain and Italy to compel payment of debts, December 1902-February 1903; included is an account of gunboat "Panther's" bombardment of a fort at San Carlos and reports on internal political developments in Venezuela), January 1903 – March 1905:

PG 65681, roll 1394

(see also Marine-Kabinett Akte XXIV f, below)

II. RECORDS OF THE KAISERLICHES MARINE-KABINETT

Akte XXIIc Erwerb und Verwaltung des Kiautschou-Gebietes (seven vols. of correspondence relating to the establishment and maintenance of the naval base and attendant colony at Tsingtao at the entrance to Kiatschou Bay on China's Shantung Peninsula) -

Band 1, October 1895 – January 1898 (including a preliminary study on the suitability of nearby Wei-Hai-We as a harbor, the occupation of Kiatschou in Nov 1897 following the murder of two German missionaries, negotiations prior to occupation, the early development of the base and training exercises by German crews in port):

PG 67305, rolls 542-43

Band 2, January – June 1898 (including the issuance of standing orders for the colonial government [Mar 1898]):

PG 67306, roll 543

Band 3, June 1898 – April 1899 (including a military-political report on Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-We, Jun 1898, organizational data on the base and a proposal for its development, Aug-Oct 1898, and the Nov 1898 dedication of a memorial to those lost with gunboat "Iltis" in a storm Jul 1896):

PG 67307, roll 543

Band 4, May 1899 – October 1900 (journey of Prinz Heinrich von Preußen to East Asia, reports on garrison strength, medical data, and information on the Boxer Rebellion as it affected the base):

PG 67308, roll 544

Band 5, January 1901 – August 1908 (additional reports on garrison strength and medical data, expanded construction of roads and dockyard facilities, mobilization instructions, defined powers and title of the colonial governor, proposal for a Krupp factory):

PG 67309, roll 544

Band 6, January 1906 – July 1914 (semiannual reports on the colony, reports on

the East Asia Detachment located at Tientsin, award of decorations to those involved in disease and pest control [Jul 1911], report on maneuvers of the Japanese 16th Infantry Division [Jan 1912], and the establishment of an ironworks at Tsingtao [Feb 1914]):

PG 67310, roll 544

Band 7, December 1914 – January 1915 (only three pages on pay and funds):

PG 67311, roll 545

Akte XXII h Kolonialangelegenheiten. Erwerb von überseeischen Flottenstützpunkten (collected correspondence on such topics as the administration of the German colony in East Africa with regards to slavery, 1892; the proposed or contemplated establishment of German naval bases in the West Indies and the southern Philippines, Apr-Jul 1898, and a related proposal to purchase or obtain the Danish island of St. John in the Lesser Antilles, Jan 1899; a proposed establishment of a coaling station on the Farisian Islands in the Red Sea with Turkish cooperation, Jan 1901; and an account of the visit of light cruiser "Berlin" and gunboat "Eber" to Moroccan ports, Oct 1911)-

Band 1, December 1890 – December 1911: PG 67346, roll 516

Akte XXIV Kriegerische Aktionen im Ausland (correspondence on German military actions in the colonies and overseas; scattered throughout are marginal notes written by Kaiser Wilhelm II) -

Band 1, May 1889 – November 1897 (including reports by individual warships of engagements with 'Arab slavers' in East Africa, Jul 1889-May 1890; a summary of developments in Samoa, Sep 1894; an action to protect a German steamer off Formosa, Jun 1895; undated summary of lessons learned in warship construction and armament from the Russo-Japanese War; and information on Chinese naval forces in northern China during the Sino-Japanese War, Oct 1897):

PG 67403, roll 632

Band 2, January 1898 – May 1899 (including reports concerning the Spanish-American War and consequent lessons learned in warship construction and armament, and several handwritten notes by Wilhelm II)-

PG 67404, roll 890

Band 3, May 1900 – October 1913 (including instructions to the East Asia Squadron commander at Tsingtao in the event of a Russo-Japanese War, Jun 1901; reports on the Admiral Schley controversy in U.S., Jan 1902; gunboat "Panther's" sinking of a Haitian rebel vessel during the Haiti rebellion, Sep 1902; reports of unrest in Zanzibar and China, 1907; name list of all casualties incurred in action by German naval units overseas, 1849 – 1911; and reports of unrest in Liberia with marginal notes by Wilhelm II, Dec 1912-Jan 1913)-

PG 67405, roll 632

Akte XXIV a Schutztruppe für Ostafrika. Organisation und Personalangelegenheiten (nine vols. of correspondence concerning German colonial forces in East Africa, including administrative and personnel matters, pertinent legislation, and handwritten directives and notes by Kaiser Wilhelm II) -

Band 1, September 1890 – June 1891 (including organizational measures, a list of

serving officers and officials, and specific uniform regulations for colonial units):

PG 67406, rolls 632-33

Band 2, June 1891 – December 1892 (including provisions for awarding of decorations to personnel including native forces, press clippings, data on granting of leave, organizational changes):

PG 67407, roll 633

Band 3, December 1892 – December 1893 (including data on promotions, leave, pay, status of naval officers entering the colonial forces, rules regarding flying the German battle ensign, the reorganization of the officer corps, and the assignment of the first gunboat to colonial forces):

PG 67408, roll 545

Band 4, December 1893 – December 1894 (organizational data, awards of decorations, requests for transfers and leave, the naming of Lothar von Trotha as commander of colonial forces in East Africa, the placing of the colony under the new Kolonial-Abteilung des Auswärtigen Amtes):

PG 67409, rolls 545-46

Band 5, November 1894 – June 1895 (more organizational data, including a memorandum of the Oberkommando der Marine on "Organisation der Kolonialtruppen," Jan 1895, and report of a mutiny in one company):

PG 67410, roll 546

Band 6, June 1895 – January 1896 (additional organizational data and proposals):

PG 67411, roll 546

Band 7, January 1896 – September 1897 (additional organizational and administrative data, including published guidelines for clothing and uniforms and material on the responsibility of the Kolonial-Abteilung for Schutztruppen):

PG 67412, rolls 546-47

Band 8, December 1897 – November 1905 (additional organizational data, as well as a report on the Boer War in South Africa, Jun 1901, and a note on the applicability of Prussian Army articles of war for Schutztruppen, Oct 1902):

PG 67413, roll 547

Band 9, January 1906 – May 1914, August 1918 (additional organizational and administrative data, accompanied by a handwritten name list of all officers and military officials who served in East Africa, 1914-1918):

PG 67414, rolls 547-48

Akte XXIV a 1 Expedition nach Ostafrika (small collection of telegrams and reports regarding the dispatch of naval landing forces to assist against the native uprising in East Africa, 1905-06, pay for troops involved, and some observations on the colony's defenses in the event of a general European war), August 1905 – January 1908:

PG 67415, roll 548

Akte XXIV b Schutztruppe für Südwestafrika. Organisation und Personalangelegenheiten (administrative and organizational records for German colonial forces in Southwest Africa) -

Band 1, May 1894 – December 1895 (including data on the initial formation of colonial forces in the colony, information on organization and personnel strength, data on such administrative routine as leave, pay, and decorations):

PG 67417, roll 495

Band 2, January 1896 – July 1905, September 1911, September 1914 (additional organizational and administrative records, including a telegram from Kaiser Wilhelm II pertaining to the Herero uprising, Apr 1896):

PG 67417, roll 495

Akte XXIV b 1 Expedition nach Südwestafrika (reports and correspondence regarding naval participation in the suppression of the Herero uprising, including the organization and eventual disbanding of the Marine-Expeditionskorps, the nomination of specific officers to command, and a proposed unit citation; very little of operational value) -

Band 1, January 1904 – March 1910: PG 67418, roll 495

Akte XXIV c Kaiserliche Schutztruppe für Kamerun. Organisation und Personalangelegenheiten (records relating to initial formation of Schutztruppen for the Cameroon and subsequent organizational data, reports on engagements with natives in the interior and casualties suffered in these actions, including a summary report by the Reich Chancellor with marginal notations by Kaiser Wilhelm II, Jan 1896)-

Band 1, June 1894 – December 1912: PG 67419, roll 496

Akte XXIV d Kriegerische Aktionen im Ausland (China) (collected telegrams, reports, orders, and correspondence regarding German forces sent to suppress the Boxer rebellion in China; focus throughout on administrative and personnel issues; format includes both handwritten and typed records)-

Band 1, June – July 1900 (including the establishment of the Ostasiatischen Expeditionskorps, the naming of commanders and allocation of both army and naval troops, transport arrangements, a listing of officers commanding specific units, and reports of actions and losses against Boxers in the advance on Tientsin, Jun 1900):

PG 6742, roll 496

Band 2, July – October 1900 (similar documentation to that above, including general data on allied forces in China, the relief of the embassy quarter in Peking and the naming of Field Marshal Graf von Waldersee to overall command of allied forces in China, Aug 1900; an account of the Jun-Aug siege of the Peking embassy quarter by a German participant, Sep 1900; and British press accounts of military operations at Taku, Jun-Jul 1900):

PG 67421, roll 496

Band 3, October 1900 – February 1901 (continued documentation of German and other allied forces' composition and disposition in China during the Boxer rebellion, reports on engagements and casualties, relations between German and other allied forces, and a sketch map (1: 1 500) of the last defensive position of allied forces in the Peking embassy quarter, Aug 1900):

PG 67422, roll 517

Band 4, February – June 1901 (organizational data regarding German naval and army units in China, including lists of officers serving with specific units, additional data on engagements with Boxers and casualties suffered, observations on tensions between British and French forces):

PG 67423, rolls 517-18

Band 5, June 1901 – May 1902 (including a map showing the disposition of the Ostasiatischen Besatzungsbrigade and German naval detachments in China, Jul 1901, handwritten lists of German casualties suffered in specific engagements with Boxers, data on the return and disbanding of the Ostasiatischen Expeditionskorps, and Imperial order in recognition of the unit's performance, Oct 1901):

PG 67424, roll 518

Akte XXIV d Beih. Eintreffen und Empfang der aus China zurückkehrten Marine – Abteilungen (Beiheft zu Band 3) (supplementary collection of materials regarding the return to Germany of naval units that participated in suppressing the Boxer rebellion, including ceremonial presentations of the battle flag and captured Chinese guns, name lists of combatants from specific warships, and awards and decorations to specific individuals), December 1900 – April 1902:

PG 67425, roll 518

Akte XXIV d Kriegstagebuch des Marine-Kabinetts S.M. des Kaisers u. Könige betr. Kriegerische Unternehmungen gegen China (Boxeraufstand) (war diary maintained at the Cabinet level of German and allied military operations against the Boxer rebellion in China, including the capture of Tientsin and Peking, movements and dispositions of forces, lists of casualties suffered, the laying of a cable between Tsingtao and Shanghai, the conclusion of a peace treaty with the Chinese Government, and the eventual withdrawal of Ostasiatischen Expeditionskorps) –

Band 1, June 1900 – August 1901: PG 67426 (part), roll 634

Anlagen zum Kriegstagebuch (Karten), 1901-1905:

PG 67426 (part), not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

Akte XXIV f Blockade an der Küste Venezuelas (mit Anlage) (two-part file on the German-British-Italian blockade of Venezuela, Dec 1902-February 1903; first part includes general background on the outbreak of revolution in Venezuela in the summer of 1902 and consequent attacks and damage to German nationals and property, diplomatic negotiations, a chronology of significant events during the blockade, copy of an order for stopping and searching neutral vessels annotated by Kaiser Wilhelm II [Dec 1902], and negotiations leading to compensation and the ending of the blockade; the second part constitutes an annotated mss. history of the blockade and its background prepared by the German naval squadron commander, Konter-Admiral Georg Scheder, prepared Dec 1908):

Band 1, May 1902 – February 1905, November 1907: PG 67434, roll 545

Akte XXIV k Niederwerfung des Aufstands in Ponape (correspondence and reports on the suppression of a native revolt on New Guinea, involving landing parties from light

cruisers "Emden" and "Nürnberg," sloop "Cormoran," and survey ship "Planet"; reports from the "Emden" include marginal notations by Kaiser Wilhelm II, Jan-Feb 1911)-
Band 1, December 1910 – September 1911: PG 67441, roll 634

Akte XXIV L **Unruhen in China** (telegrams, reports, and correspondence regarding the Chinese Revolution of 1911, including movements of German warships and land forces to protect German nationals and businesses in Hankow and Shanghai, accounts of incidents, and data on property damage):

Band 1, October 1911 – September 1913: PG 67442, roll 634

Akte XXIV o **Revolution in Mexiko** (reports and correspondence on the upheaval in Mexico that accompanied the revolution of 1911-13, including reports by light cruisers "Nürnberg" and "Dresden" on conditions in Tampico and Veracruz, the American occupation of Veracruz, Apr-May 1914, relations with U.S. Navy units and observations on American responses to the Mexican Revolution, U.S. press clippings, and a letter of thanks from President Woodrow Wilson to the captain of the "Dresden" [25 Aug 1914] for evacuating American citizens from Tampico):

Band 1, October 1913 – August 1914: PG 647447, roll 636-37

Akte XXIV p **Die detachierte Division** (reports and correspondence on the formation and employment of a 'Detached Division' of warships to protect German nationals and interests in Africa and South America, prompted by the events in Mexico, 1913) –

Band 1, October 1913 – April 1914 (including the establishment of the formation from ships-of-the-line "Kaiser" and "König Albert" and light cruiser "Strassburg," Nov 1913, map and sailing orders for planned voyage, and reports of visits to Spain, Togo, the Cameroon, Southwest Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile, Dec 1913-Apr 1914, including marginal notations by Kaiser Wilhelm II):

PG 67448, rolls 496-97

Band 2, May 1914 – September 1915 (reports on visits to Chile, Brazil, and Spain on the return voyage, recommendations on awards for foreign and German nationals abroad and for members of the unit, return voyage to Germany and disbanding of unit Jun 1914):

PG 67449, roll 497

(Note: the final report of the Detached Division's voyage is located among Akte XII.2.4.48, Militärpolitische Berichte S.M. Schiffe, Bd. 27 [Jun-Aug 1914], record item PG 65130, T1022 roll 1394)

Closely-Related Records Reproduced Elsewhere on Microfilm Publication T1022.

Other related pre-World War I German Navy records include the following:

(1) Records relating to the **organization of the High Command of the Prussian Navy/North German Federal Navy/Imperial German Navy, 1849-1871**, are reproduced as record items PG 65951-953 on rolls 1548-49; **proceedings and records of the Admiralitäts-Rath (Admiralty Council)** for the period September 1861 – February

1884 are reproduced as PG 65950, roll 1549, and additional records for the period June 1861 – December 1867 are reproduced as item PG 65949, roll 1617; and **organizational data on the High Command of the Imperial German Navy, 1873-1897**, is reproduced as items PG 65941-943 and 65946, rolls 1615-16, PG 65944-945 and PG 65947 on rolls 1547-48, and PG 65948, roll 1617.

(2) Among records of the Kaiserliches Marine-Kabinett are **personal papers of Prinz Heinrich of Prussia**, including his correspondence with the Kaiser while division- and squadron-commander of the Ostasiatisches Geschwader (“Handscreiben Sr. K.H. des Prinzen Heinrich von Preussen als Divisions- und Geschwaderchef in Ostasian an S.M. den Kaiser u. König”), December 1897-February 1900, reproduced as record item PG 68073(a) on rolls 567-68; reports on the prince’s journey to Kiatschou for the same period are found in item PG 68088(a) roll 605; the prince’s Personalakten are reproduced as items PG 68082(a) – 087(a), on rolls 566-67 and 604-05.

(3) Collected German naval records pertaining to the **Spanish-American War, April 1898 – April 1899**, including German involvement in this event, constitute file “Kriegsführung zwischen Amerika und Spanien,” prepared by Ober-Kommando der Marine/Admiralstab der Marine and arranged chronologically in six volumes, reproduced as record items PG 95626-632 on rolls 1601-04.

(4) After 1900 many reports regarding international affairs involving Germany, actions and movements of German warships, and events within specific countries and colonies were prepared by the captains of German vessels in the course of their voyages, which were subsequently collected and maintained by the Reichs-Marine-Amt as “**Militärpolitische Berichte S.M. Schiffe**,” **March 1903 – September 1914**, arranged chronologically in 28 volumes and reproduced as record items PG 65104-131, but scattered among rolls 1136-38, 1337-40, 1364-68, 1165-67, 1614, and 1394-95. Supplementing these reports are two volumes of security-classified materials of similar content, “**Geheime Militärpolitische Berichte, Streitigkeiten, Meinungsdivergenzen**,” **January 1903 – April 1916**, reproduced as items PG 65132-133 on roll 1395. Both series complement the reports of German naval attaches during the pre-war period, described in another German Navy finding aid.

Pre-war records of the German High Seas Fleet and its components, including administrative, organizational, and training matters are described in a separate finding aid, “Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte.” Other pre-World War I records are not yet described in specialized finding aids.

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**World War I Records of the *Admiralstab*:
*Abteilung 'N' (Nachrichtenwesen)***

Within the *Admiralstab der Marine* (Admiralty Staff), the *Nachrichtenabteilung* (Communications and Intelligence Division), sometimes designated as *Abteilung Nachrichtenwesen*, remained a significant and autonomous component throughout World War I. Its prewar duties included the establishment and maintenance of global communications for naval forces and facilities, the collection of raw intelligence on developments and activities of foreign navies, and naval counterintelligence. In cooperation with German naval attachés the division recruited, provided guidance to, and paid naval intelligence agents around the world both prior to and during World War I. It also exchanged communications with agents and received raw intelligence information concerning Allied forces, although the evaluation of such intelligence was the responsibility of a separate component. The counterintelligence function remained within the *Nachrichtenabteilung* until approximately March 1916, when it was removed from the division and became an autonomous unit itself. *Kapt.z.S.* Walter Isendahl served as *Chef* (head) of the *Nachrichtenabteilung* for most of the war, until he was replaced in February 1918 by *Kapt.z.S.* Paul Ebert, who concurrently led the *Spionageabwehrabteilung* and the *Nachrichtenabteilung* through the Armistice.

Each agent documented in these records was officially designated as a "Berichterstatter" (reporter or correspondent), usually simply abbreviated as "B.E." with a three-digit number assigned to each agent. These agents, usually consisting of businessmen or vice-consuls of the diplomatic service, typically did not engage in the gathering of covert intelligence or espionage, but collected and passed on information available from public sources. A senior agent assigned to a general region, with several agents subordinate to his authority, was designated a "Hauptberichterstatter" or "H.B.E.," and often with responsibilities for covert intelligence as a "Vertrauensmann" (confidential agent), with the collective abbreviation "H.B.E. (VM)."

As with most Imperial German Navy records, each record item is typically arranged chronologically. Nearly all bear the security classification "Ganz Geheim," approximately equivalent to "Top Secret."

Related to these records is a collection of 15 volumes, "Geheimer Nachrichtendienst und Spionageabwehr des Heeres," prepared from 1927 to 1942 by Gen.Maj. a.D. Fritz Gempp, reproduced on NARA Microfilm Publication T77, *Records of the German Armed Forces High Command (Oberkommando der Wehrmacht/OKW)*, rolls 1439-40 and 1507-09. These volumes describe German Army intelligence and counterintelligence operations during World War I and are described in *Guides to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, VA, No. 80* (Washington, DC, 1982), pp. 61-67.

Akte I.1.A.1. Akten betr. Allgemeines (Generalia) (two of an original five-volume collection of correspondence, reports, and records of conferences pertaining to organizational and administrative aspects of German intelligence agents, particularly in neutral European powers, but with little substantive data on intelligence matters; Band 4 includes several items of correspondence from the counterpart of *Abteilung 'N'* in the German Army General Staff, *Abteilung IIIb*, and records of conferences on such matters as the consequences for intelligence agents of a legislative decree requiring Germans living abroad to return home for military service [Feb-Mar 1917], and the establishment of an office for foreign trade in Stockholm, Sweden [Mar 1917]; Band 5 concerns attempts to retain naval intelligence functions in the immediate postwar period through cooperation with the *Auswärtiges Amt*, and the proposed collection of accounts of former intelligence officers, including an account of naval intelligence activities in southern Africa during the war; both volumes include handwritten tables of contents) -

Bände 1-3, 1914? - 11 Aug 1916: not filmed, no information available (but possibly filmed as record items PG 69350-352, below)

Band 4, 12 Aug 1916 - 31 Dec 1918: PG 69348, roll 1115

Band 5, 1 Jan 1919 - 3 Dec 1920: PG 69349, roll 1115

Akte I.1.A.2. Akten betr. Allgemeines (extensive collections of partly-handwritten correspondence, reports, telegrams, and summaries of staff conferences regarding personnel and administrative aspects relating to German naval intelligence agents; included are individuals' offers of service, reports of agents' arrests, examples of specific codes for use in describing British naval movements [31 Jul 1914], evaluations of individual candidates as agents, the personal account of a German official of his disguised return to Germany via a neutral vessel and British measures in searching neutral vessels and interning German nationals [31 Aug 1914], descriptions of seized British consular ciphers [28 Sep 1914], descriptions and copies of seized French documents [27 Sep 1914], correspondence regarding proposals for the military use of new inventions, attempts to bring German natives from the United States via neutral shipping and ports, requests regarding payment and pensions, a proposal for encoding intelligence information in letters sent by naval officers in captivity [21 Feb 1915], police interrogations and other materials relating to German citizens employed as intelligence agents but who fabricated their reports while accepting payments, assessments of British naval losses, a translated excerpt of a Russian publication on "German Espionage" [5 Oct 1915], data on German Navy pay scales [21 Nov - 7 Dec 1915], determinations regarding the eligibility of agents for decorations, including a recommendation for a decoration to a female agent [16 Dec 1915], and reports on Allied counterintelligence measures; each volume is preceded by a handwritten table of contents) -

Band 1, Kriegsperiode 1914, 25 Jul - 13 Dec 1914: PG 69350, rolls 1115-16

Bd. 2, Kriegsperiode 1914/1915, 14 Dec 1914 - 29 Sep 1915:

PG 69351, rolls 1116-17

Bd. 3, Kriegsperiode 19015/1916, 30 Sep 1915 - 11 Aug 1916:

PG 69352, roll 1117

Akte I.1.A.3. Acta betr. Ost-Amerika (a largely handwritten collection of correspondence and reports pertaining for the most part to personnel and administrative

aspects of German naval intelligence agents along the Atlantic seaboard of the United States and Latin America prior to World War I; included is information of the recruitment of individual agents in the areas of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and other cities, general instructions and guidelines for agents in wartime, notes on the forwarding and/or destruction of codes, ciphers, and other classified materials, some information on payments to agents, and specific documentation regarding German agents in New York [Jun and Nov 1908, Dec 1911, Dec 1912, Apr 1913, Dec 1913, Jul 1914]; nearly all materials bear the highest security classification, "Ganz Geheim. Vom Hand zu Hand," and illustrate the cooperation among German naval authorities, consular representatives, and private firms; each volume includes a handwritten table of contents) –

Bände 1-2: No information available

Band 3: Jun 1906 – Feb 1912: PG 69353, roll 1208

Band 4: Apr 1912 – Jul 1914: PG 69354, rolls 1208-09

Akte I.1.A.4. Acta betr. West-Amerika (a largely handwritten collection of correspondence, reports and telegrams pertaining mostly to personnel and administrative aspects of German naval intelligence agents along the Pacific seaboard of the United States and Canada and in Hawaii, including information on the recruitment of agents, the forwarding and/or destruction of codes, ciphers and other classified materials, and financial matters; also included is an assessment of the possibilities of coal refueling for the *Kreuzer Geschwader* along the North American Pacific coast [Mar 1909], an evaluation of the suitability of the intelligence agent in San Francisco by the local German consul [Mar 1909], the installation of a new "Hauptberichterstatter" in San Francisco [Jul 1909], correspondence of the *Kreuzer Geschwader* command regarding coaling and intelligence matters along the U.S. west coast [Jun 1909, enclosing materials from Jan 1909], and a report summarizing American forces and defenses on Oahu, Hawaii [Aug 1913]; a handwritten table of contents is located at the beginning of the file)-

Band 1: No information available

Bd. 2, Nov 1907 – Jul 1914: PG 69355, roll 1209

Akte I.1.A.5. Acta betr. Ostafrika (a collection of partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, telegrams and reports pertaining to personnel and administrative aspects of German naval intelligence agents employed in the area of the former colony of German East Africa [now Tanzania] and neighboring areas, including information on the recruitment of agents, optimal locations, the forwarding and/or destruction of codes, ciphers, and other classified materials, and financial matters; included is a description and assessment of the confidential agent established at Laurenço Marques [now Maputo], Mozambique [Dec 1912]; a handwritten table of contents is located at the beginning of the file)-

Band 1, Apr 1904 – Jul 1914: PG 69356, rolls 1112-13

Akte I.1.A.6. Acta betr. N.Westafrikanische Station (a collection of partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, telegrams, and reports relating to personnel and administrative aspects of German naval intelligence agents employed along the Atlantic coast of Africa and in Las Palmas of the Canary Islands, including information

regarding the recruitment of agents, the forwarding and/or destruction of codes, ciphers, and other classified materials, general instructions and guidelines, and some data on financial matters; of particular note are examples of basic codes [15 Mar 1907] and a listing of all agents and their locations in the eastern United States, Latin America, the Canary Islands, and Capetown, South Africa, as of 29 Sep 1907; a handwritten table of contents is provided at the beginning of the file)-

Band 1, Mar 1902 – Jul 1914: PG 69357, roll 1113

Akte I.1.A.7. Acta betr. Ostasien (two of four volumes of mostly typed correspondence, telegrams and reports pertaining to personnel and administrative aspects of German naval intelligence agents employed in China, Japan, various Pacific island groups, and Australia, including information on the recruitment of specific agents, the forwarding and/or destruction of codes, ciphers, and other classified materials, recommendations for decorations, and some data on financial matters; of particular note is a listing of German agents in San Francisco, China, Japan, and the Pacific island of Ponape as of Jan 1910 [Band 3], correspondence originated by the *Kreuzer Geschwader* on intelligence matters [including data on the disposition of British and French warships in the Far East, assessments of agents, and considerations regarding resupply and coaling possibilities in the event of war]; Band 4 includes a listing of the disposition of all German Navy vessels in the Far East for the period Apr-Oct 1912, and data on many of the intelligence agents in place as of 31 May 1914; a handwritten table of contents is located at the beginning of each volume) -

Bände 1-2, no information available

Band 3, Nov 1909 – Apr 1912: PG 69358, roll 1113

Bd. 4, Apr 1912 – May 1914: PG 69359, roll 1144

Akte I.1.A.8. Acta betr. Australien (one of two volumes of partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, telegrams, and reports relating to personnel and administrative aspects of German naval intelligence agents employed on the 'Australian Station,' including Australia, Samoa, and various Pacific islands; included is data on specific agents in specific locations, the forwarding and/or destruction of ciphers, codes, and other classified materials, and correspondence of the *Kreuzer Geschwader* relating to naval intelligence and possible resupply and coaling stations in the event of war; a handwritten table of contents precedes the file's contents) -

Band 1, no information available

Bd. 2, Jan 1910 – May 1914: PG 69360, roll 1117

Akte I.1.A.9. Acta betr. Ausland. Kriegszeit (three volumes of correspondence, telegrams, memoranda and reports received by the *Nachrichtenabteilung* from intelligence agents and other sources regarding wartime developments. Some of these are very general in nature, e.g., reports of naval actions between German and Allied forces, arrivals, departures, and reported movements of Allied and neutral warships, major political and diplomatic developments, general bulletins of military operations, and reports of British seizures of German merchant ships and civilian passengers. More specific are reports relating to intelligence matters and covert naval operations, reports of Allied espionage networks in neutral countries, the identification and funding of specific

German agents in various countries, intelligence reports on conditions and morale in specific Allied countries. Of particular note in Band 1 [which includes a handwritten table of contents] are reports of attempts to secure coal supplies for warships and the arming of merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers, messages received from and regarding German auxiliary cruisers and warships engaged in commerce raiding, extensive excerpts from the diary of the intelligence agent in Barcelona, Spain, Aug-Dec 1914 [in three separated segments], an account by a former U.S. Navy sailor regarding the activities of the American battleship *Tennessee* in European waters, Aug-Oct 1914 [21 Oct 1914], extensive data on the finances and activities of the *Etappenstation* New York, including situation reports from that station [22-23 Oct and 21 Nov 1914], and a list of munitions and military equipment provided by American firms to the Allies as of 7 Dec 1914. Band 2, which is preceded by a very partial handwritten table of contents, includes additional excerpts of the diary of the German agent in Barcelona, Dec 1914-Feb 1915, U.S. newspaper clippings relating to German espionage activities [Feb 1915], an account of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, Dec 1914, by a German eyewitness [9 Apr 1915], a proposal to employ exiled Russian anarchists and socialists for sabotage in Russia [30 May 1915], a Dresden police report that names Emma Goldman among several "dangerous anarchists" [31 Jul 1915], reports on conditions and morale in Italy and South Africa, intelligence on Allied movements of warships and troops to the Dardanelles for the Gallipoli campaign, a copy of a Italian-German dictionary, and reports and news clippings relating to the arrest of German agents in Switzerland. Band 3, which contains less information than the previous volumes and lacks a table of contents, includes such items as the complaint of the German naval attaché in Buenos Aires regarding the difficulties of recruiting Argentine operatives against Britain [10 Oct 1916], and a report on Allied espionage exploitation of German anarchists and socialists in Switzerland [15 May 1917]) -

Band 1, 31 Jul 1914 - 7 Feb 1915: PG 69361, roll 1118

Bd. 2, 3 Feb 1915 - 27 Jul 1916: PG 69362, rolls 1118-19

Bd. 3, 28 Jul 1916 - 11 Oct 1917: PG 69363, roll 1119

Akte I.1.A.10. Abwicklung (correspondence and reports pertaining to the disbandment of the naval intelligence service after the end of World War I) -

Band 1, Sep 1919 - Mar 1921: PG 69364, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.B.1. B.E. und Ch.-Material (correspondence and reports presumably relating to in German naval intelligence agents and ciphers) -

Band 1: No information available

Bd. 2, Apr 1912 - Jan 1914: PG 69365, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Bd. 3, Jan 1914 - Dec 1918: PG 69366, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Bd. 4, Jan 1919 - Jul 1922: PG 69367, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.B.2. Zahlungen an B.E. (correspondence presumably relating to financial support for German naval intelligence agents) –

Bd. 1, Nov 1914 – Sep 1917: PG 69368, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Bd. 2, Oct 1917 – Dec 1918: PG 69369, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.C.1. Besondere Codes (correspondence presumably pertaining to special codes for use by intelligence agents) –

Bd. 1, Jan 1906 – Aug 1913: PG 69370, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.D.1. Deckadressen (correspondence presumably relating to cover addresses used by German naval intelligence agents) –

Bd. 1, Jan – Mar 1919: PG 69371, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.D.2. Demobilmachung (correspondence presumably relating to demobilization of intelligence agents and activities immediately after World War I) –

Bd. 1, Nov 1918 – Apr 1920: PG 69372, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.F.1. Vorarbeiten für neuen Friedensnachrichtencode (correspondence presumably pertaining to preliminary work on codes to be used by agents in peacetime) –

Bd. 1, Nov 1913 – Apr 1918: PG 69373, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.F.2. Friedensvorbereitungen (correspondence, memoranda, and minutes of staff conferences regarding plans for the postwar reorganization of the naval intelligence service with a view toward peacetime operations; of particular note are the notes of a general staff conference involving representatives of the Army, Navy, and Foreign Ministry, 17 Jul 1917, concerning the planned future division of responsibilities for domestic, European, and global intelligence functions, and correspondence regarding the assignment of naval attachés with intelligence functions in the newly-established states of the Ukraine and Finland) –

Bd. 1, Jun 1917 – Oct 1918: PG 69374, roll 1244

Akte I.1.G.1. Geheimmateral, Generalia (correspondence, memoranda, and notes of the postwar *Marineleitung* on proposed changes and maintenance of the wartime employment of naval intelligence agents, including some observations on *Etappendienst* activities in the Far East during World War I) –

Bd. 1, Dec 1919 – May 1920: PG 69375, roll 1244

Akte I.1.G.2. Vernichtung von Geheimsachen (ausser B.E.- und Ch.-Material) (postwar correspondence apparently relating to the authorized destruction of routine security classified materials) –

Bd. 1, Jul 1919 – Feb 1921: PG 69376, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.G.3. Geldbeschaffung für B.E. (prewar correspondence presumably relating to the procurement of funds for naval intelligence agents) –

Bd. 1, Jul 1904 – Oct 1913: PG 69377, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.G.4. Gotenburg (Aufzubewahrende Schriftstücke) (correspondence, reports, and excerpts of newspaper accounts relating to the arrest and conviction of two Germans and one Norwegian in Norway for espionage [including a transcript of the court verdict in the case], and subsequent German efforts to establish an intelligence post in Göteborg, Sweden) –

Bd. 1, Oct 1916 – Feb 1918: PG 69378, roll 1244

Akte I.1.H.1. Mitwirkung von Handelsmarine und Handelsfirmen im N.-Dienst (prewar correspondence on cooperation among the Navy, the German merchant marine, and German business firms in intelligence activities) –

Bd. 1, Oct 1912 – Aug 1914: PG 69379, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.K.1. Allgemeines Kriegsnachrichtenwesen (prewar correspondence presumably related to general intelligence issues in war conditions) –

Bd. 1, Feb 1902 – Jul 1914: PG 69380, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.K.2. Kriegsnachrichtenwesen Ostsee (prewar correspondence apparently related to naval intelligence matters in the Baltic theater) –

Bd. 1, Mar 1912 – Jul 1914: PG 69381, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.K.3. Kriegsnachrichtenwesen Westlicher Kriegsschauplatz (prewar correspondence presumably related to naval intelligence matters in the Western theater, including the North Sea, Atlantic and English Channel) –

Bd. 1, Aug 1911 – Aug 1914: PG 69382, not filmed and presumably available at
BA-MA

Akte I.1.K.4. Östlicher Kriegsschauplatz. Kriegszeit (six of 14 original volumes of handwritten and typed correspondence, telegrams, reports, and memoranda that apparently constitute the raw correspondence files of the *Nachrichten-Abteilung* relating to the Baltic theater and associated Eastern Front and neutral Scandinavia. In part they document personnel and administrative aspects of naval intelligence activities, and in part they provide intelligence of operational significance. Included are reports of the assignment and arrival on station of specific intelligence agents in Scandinavian countries, data on the payment and financing of agents, the forwarding of codes, ciphers, and other classified materials to agents, excerpts or translations of Swedish press articles,

tactical- and local-level intelligence data on Russian military and naval forces, and Russian coastal and port defenses, information on minefields laid in neutral waters, and some items relating to intelligence methodology. Band 1 includes an account by a German officer of conditions in Riga in the war's first days [6 Aug 1914], an example of a simple Russian code for intelligence on German naval movements [25 Aug 1914], and the report of a German intelligence agent regarding his activities in Sweden, Aug 1914 [1 Sep 1914]. Band 2 includes several reports on conditions in Russian-occupied Finland [particularly the port of Helsingfors] and attitudes and conditions in neutral Sweden, a report on Danish minefields in the Kattegat [1 Oct 1914], a proposal to establish a covert observation of the entrances to the Baltic using fishing vessels [20 Oct 1914], and reports of British submarines entering the Baltic. Band 3 includes additional reports on the Russian defenses and naval forces at Helsingfors, including the reported arrival of British naval personnel there [26 Dec 1914], as well as data on Swedish mines and minefields and information regarding Anglo-Swedish transit agreements allowing for the provision of British men and materiel to Finland; Band 4 includes reports on British submarines based at Reval [now Tallinn, Estonia] [26 Feb 1915]. Band 5 includes an example of simple code for use in identifying British naval movements [12 Mar 1915]

Band 1, 25 Jul – 15 Sep 1914: PG 69383, roll 1246

Bd. 2, 11 Sep – 8 Nov 1914: PG 69384, rolls 1246 (11-26 Sep) and
1345 (26 Sep-8 Nov)

Bd. 3, 9 Nov 1914 – 12 Jan 1915: PG 69385, rolls 1345-46

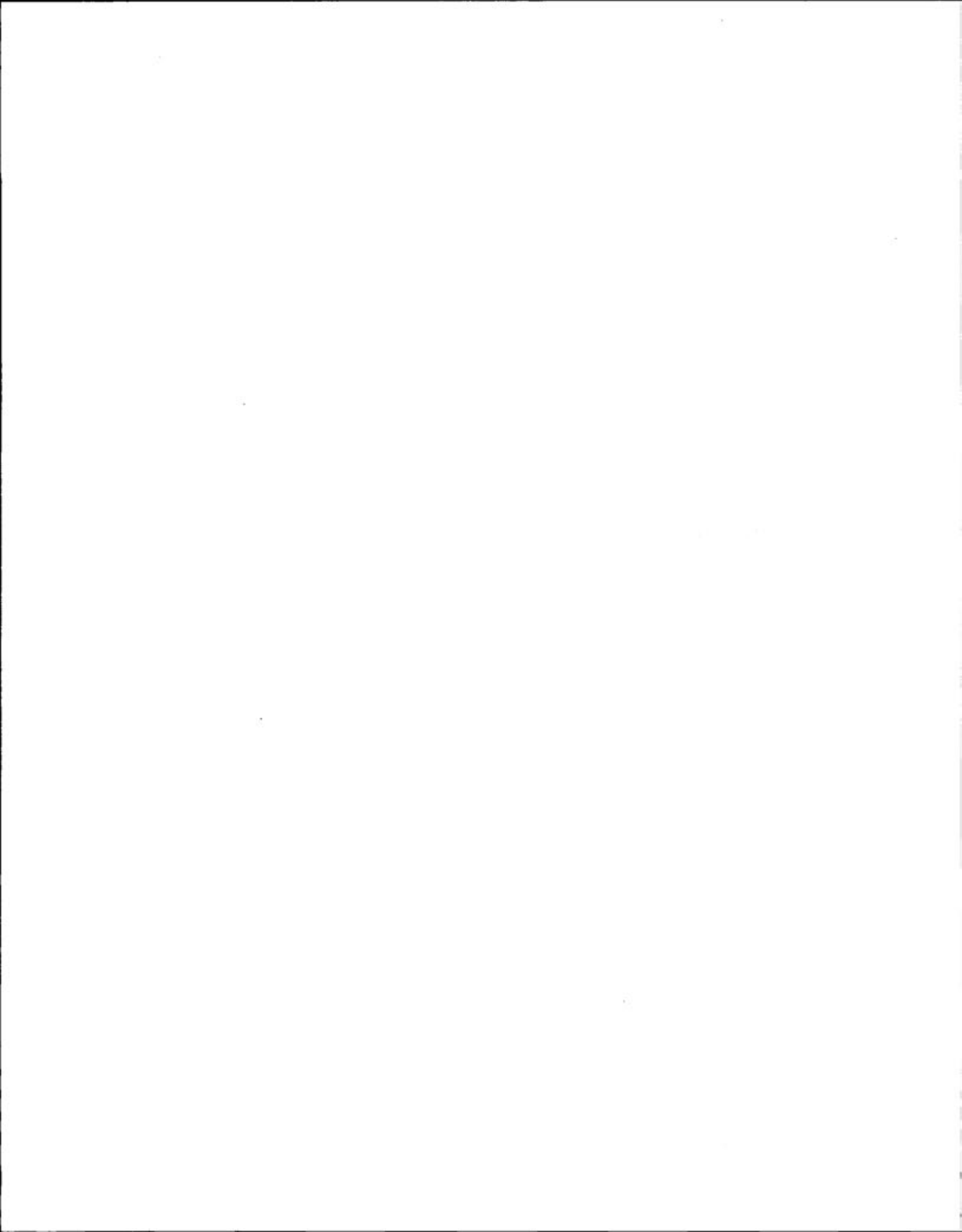
Bd. 4, 12 Jan – 3 Mar 1915: PG 69386, rolls 1244-45

Bd. 5, 6 Mar – 8 May 1915: PG 69387, roll 1245

Bände 6 – 13, May 1915 – Jul 1917: No information available

Bd. 14, 10 Jul 1917 – 31 Dec 1918: PG 69388, rolls 1245-46

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RECORDS RELATING TO GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHÉS, 1901-1920,

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Records of German naval attachés (Marine-Attachés) prior to and during World War I were maintained by the Zentralabteilung of the Reichs-Marine-Amt. Correspondence and reports prepared by the attachés were submitted to the State Secretary (Staatssekretär), the head of the Reichs-Marine-Amt. The Zentralabteilung organized the records from each attaché into correspondence (Schriftwechsel) and reports (Berichte), each of which was thereunder arranged chronologically (with some overlap). The correspondence, comprising letters and telegrams exchanged between the naval attaché and various German naval authorities, always constitutes the larger collection. This arrangement was maintained in the German naval archives through the end of World War II, when the records fell into Allied hands. The original records remained in British custody until restitution to the Bundesarchiv in the late 1970s; microfilm copies prepared by the U.S. Navy in Britain were subsequently accessioned by the National Archives as part of Microfilm Publication T1022, Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, Received from the Naval History Division. The original records now constitute part of Bestand RM 12, Marineattachés, at the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv, Freiburg/Br.

The attachés' correspondence and reports primarily concerned naval affairs and developments in the host countries, including information on naval organization and personnel strength, naval officer and enlisted mens' qualifications and training, relevant parliamentary legislation and budgetary data, warship design and construction, naval bases, schools, and shipyards, fleet maneuvers, and relevant technological developments in ordnance, propulsion systems, and communications equipment. In addition the records describe significant political and diplomatic matters, popular opinion on key issues, merchant marine and foreign trade information, and routine administrative matters within the attaché's office. Records for naval attachés in countries allied to Germany or neutral during World War I continued throughout the conflict and contain such significant documentation of the war as perceived reactions to unrestricted submarine warfare, relations of neutrals with the Allied and Central powers, general military and political intelligence on the Allies, and specific incidents pertaining to sinkings or internment of naval personnel. The records thus constitute an invaluable source on Germany's relations with other powers prior to World War I, as well as provide key documentation on the conflict itself.

Each volume (Band) is arranged chronologically, but enclosures to correspondence often include documentation that predates the indicated date span for the volume. Although many records were typed, some are handwritten, and typed documents often bear handwritten annotations. Often appended to correspondence and reports are copies of press clippings and publications in the original language of the host country. The final volume of correspondence or reports from attachés in countries that declared war on Germany typically cover both the last days before the termination of diplomatic relations and the restoration of relations at the conclusion of hostilities. A handwritten table of contents is located at the beginning of each volume that keys correspondence subjects to specific dates.

Also described here are two supplementary collections. The first, also maintained by the Reichs-Marine-Amt's Zentralabteilung, comprises correspondence exchanged with foreign naval attachés during the approximate period 1892-1930, which often include extensive documentation for the 1920s. The second supplementary collection consists of records maintained by the Kaiserliches Marinekabinett (Bestand RM 2 at the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv, Freiburg), mostly pertaining to personnel matters associated with the naval attachés and their staffs (e.g., appointments, promotions, transfers, granting of furloughs).

I. Records maintained at the Reichs-Marine-Amt, Zentralabteilung: Correspondence and Reports of German Naval Attachés

Akte IX.9.3.6. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine Attaché in London (England)*–

- Band (Bd.) 1, January – May 1901: PG 68915, roll 424
- Bd. 2, May – November 1901: PG 68916, roll 424
- Bd. 3, December 1901 – February 1902: PG 68917, roll 424
- Bd. 4, March – May 1902: PG 68918, roll 522
- Bd. 5, June – September 1902: PG 68919, roll 522
- Bd. 6, October 1902 – March 1903: PG 68920, roll 522
- Bd. 7, April – June 1903: PG 68921, rolls 522-23
- Bd. 8, July – December 1903: PG 68922, roll 523
- Bd. 9, January – April 1904: PG 68923, roll 472
- Bd. 10, May – September 1904: PG 68924, roll 472
- Bd. 11, October 1904 – March 1905: PG 68925, roll 473
- Bd. 12, March – June 1905: PG 68926, roll 473
- Bd. 13, July – December 1905: PG 68927, roll 523
- Bd. 14, January – April 1906: PG 68928, rolls 523-24
- Bd. 15, May – August 1906: PG 68929, roll 524
- Bd. 16, September 1906 – February 1907: PG 68930, roll 524
- Bd. 17, March – June 1917: PG 68931, roll 615
- Bd. 18, July – November 1907: PG 68932, rolls 615-16
- Bd. 19, December 1907 – February 1908: PG 68933, roll 616
- Bd. 20, March – August 1908: PG 68934, roll 616
- Bd. 21, September – December 1908: PG 68935, rolls 616-17
- Bd. 22, January – July 1909: PG 68936, rolls 424-25
- Bd. 23, August 1909 – February 1910: PG 68937, roll 425
- Bd. 24, March – July 1910: PG 68938, roll 425
- Bd. 25, August 1910 – February 1911: PG 68939, rolls 425-26
- Bd. 26, March – December 1911: PG 68940, roll 426
- Bd. 27, January – April 1912: PG 68941, roll 426
- Bd. 28, May – December 1912: PG 68942, roll 426
- Bd. 29, January – April 1913: PG 68943, roll 475
- Bd. 30, May – September 1913: PG 68944, roll 473
- Bd. 31, October – December 1913: PG 68945, roll 473
- Bd. 32, January – March 1914: PG 68946, roll 474
- Bd. 33, April – May 1914: PG 68947, roll 474

Bd. 34, June – August 1914: PG 68948, roll 474

Bd. 35, August – September 1914, June 1920 – August 1921: PG 68949, roll 474

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in London –

Band 1, March 1901 – May 1905: PG 69122, roll 486

Bd. 2, July 1905 – November 1909: PG 69123, roll 486

Bd. 3, March 1910 – August 1913: PG 69124, rolls 488-89

Bd. 4, November 1913 – July 1914: PG 69125, roll 489

Akte IX.9.3.7. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Paris (France)* –

Band 1, January – April 1901: PG 68950, roll 617

Bd. 2, April – September 1901: PG 68951, roll 617

Bd. 3, October 1901 – March 1902: PG 68952, roll 617

Bd. 4, March – July 1902: PG 68953, roll 617

Bd. 5, July – December 1902: PG 68954, rolls 617-18

Bd. 6, January – May 1903: PG 68955, rolls 524-25

Bd. 7, June – December 1903: PG 68956, roll 525

Bd. 8, January – April 1904: PG 68957, roll 525

Bd. 9, April 1904 – January 1905: PG 68958, roll 525

Bd. 10, February – December 1905: PG 68959, roll 525

Bd. 11, January – October 1906: PG 68960, roll 474

Bd. 12, November 1906 – March 1908: PG 68961, roll 474

Bd. 13, April 1908 – May 1909: PG 68962, roll 500

Bd. 14, June 1909 – July 1910: PG 68963, roll 500

Bd. 15, August 1910 – August 1911: PG 68964, roll 475

Bd. 16, September 1911 – July 1912: PG 68965, roll 475

Bd. 17, August 1912 – March 1913: PG 68966, rolls 475-76

Bd. 18, April – December 1913: PG 68967, roll 476

Bd. 19, January – August 1914: PG 68968, roll 476

Bd. 20, June 1920 – July 1923: PG 68969, roll 476

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Paris –

Band 1, February 1902 – October 1906: PG 69129, roll 537

Bd. 2, October 1906 – July 1914: PG 69130, roll 537

Akte IX.9.3.8. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Rom (Italy)* –

Band 1, January – October 1901: PG 68970, roll 526

Bd. 2, October 1901 – September 1902: PG 68971, roll 526

Bd. 3, October 1902 – December 1903: PG 68972, roll 526

Bd. 4, January – December 1904: PG 68973, rolls 526-27

Bd. 5, December 1904 – December 1905: PG 68974, roll 527

Bd. 6, January – September 1906: PG 68975, rolls 503-04

Bd. 7, October 1906 – July 1907: PG 68976, roll 504

Bd. 8, August 1907 – November 1908: PG 68977, roll 504

Bd. 9, December 1908 – December 1909: PG 68978, rolls 504-05
Bd. 10, January – September 1910: PG 68979, roll 505
Bd. 11, October 1910 – August 1911: PG 68980, roll 500
Bd. 12, August 1911 – January 1912: PG 68981, rolls 500-01
Bd. 13, February – July 1912: PG 68982, roll 501
Bd. 14, August 1912 – February 1913: PG 68983, roll 501
Bd. 15, March – December 1913: PG 68984, roll 501
Bd. 16, January – August 1914: PG 68985, roll 501
Bd. 17, September 1914 – May 1915: PG 68986, roll 502

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Rom –

Band 1, February 1901 – May 1911: PG 69120, roll 510
Bd. 2, September 1911 – May 1915: PG 69121, rolls 485-86

Akte IX.9.3.9. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché für die nordischen Reiche (Russia and Scandinavia)*, in St. Petersburg / Stockholm –

(the post was initially established in St. Petersburg, Russia, where it remained until August 1914, when it transferred to Stockholm, Sweden; a branch office was concurrently maintained in Kristiania [Oslo, Norway] until October 1916, when the latter was elevated to independent attaché status, as was a newly-established post in Kopenhagen, Denmark; throughout the period the office reported on naval and military developments concerning Russia, Sweden, and the Baltic region in general, including information on wartime British submarine operations in the western Baltic and assessments of public opinion in the Scandinavian countries during the conflict) -

Band 1, January – August 1901: PG 68987, roll 618
Bd. 2, August 1901 – April 1902: PG 68988, roll 618
Bd. 3, April 1902 – June 1903: PG 68989, roll 618
Bd. 4, June 1903 – January 1904: PG 68990, rolls 618-19
Bd. 5, January – September 1904: PG 68991, roll 619
Bd. 6, October 1904 – February 1905: PG 68992, roll 527
Bd. 7, March – May 1905: PG 68993, roll 527
Bd. 8, June – December 1905: PG 68994, roll 527
Bd. 9, January 1906 – January 1907: PG 68995, rolls 527-28
Bd. 10, February 1907 – May 1908: PG 68996, roll 528
Bd. 11, June 1908 – April 1909: PG 68997, roll 619
Bd. 12, May 1909 – May 1910: PG 68998, roll 619
Bd. 13, June 1910 – August 1911: PG 68999, rolls 619-20
Bd. 14, September 1911 – December 1913: PG 69000, roll 620
Bd. 15, January – December 1914 (St. Petersburg, then Stockholm): PG 69001, roll 620
Bd. 16, January – August 1915 (Stockholm and Kristiania [Oslo]): PG 69002, roll 502
Bd. 17, September – November 1915: PG 69003, roll 502
Bd. 18, November – December 1915: PG 69004, roll 502
Bd. 19, January – February 1916: PG 69005, rolls 502-03
Bd. 20, March – April 1916: PG 69006, roll 503

- Bd. 21, April – May 1916: PG 69007, rolls 476-77
 (File segment on roll 476 is illegible, reversed mirror images)
- Bd. 22, June – September 1916: PG 69008, roll 477
- Bd. 23, October – December 1916 (Stockholm): PG 69009, roll 477
- Bd. 24, January – March 1917: PG 69010, roll 477
- Bd. 25, April – May 1917: PG 69011, rolls 477-78
- Bd. 26, June – July 1917: PG 69012, roll 528
- Bd. 27, July – August 1917: PG 69013, rolls 528-29
- Bd. 28, August – September 1917: PG 69014, roll 529
- Bd. 29, September – October 1917: PG 69015, roll 529
- Bd. 30, October – November 1917: PG 69016, roll 529
- Bd. 31, November 1917 – January 1918: PG 69017, roll 624
- Bd. 32, January – March 1918: PG 69018, roll 624
- Bd. 33, March – July 1918: PG 69019, roll 625
- Bd. 34, July 1918 – March 1919: PG 69020, roll 625
- Bd. 35, February – October 1919: PG 69021, roll 625
- Bd. 36, October 1919 – December 1920: PG 69022, roll 626

Berichte des Marine-Attachés für die nordischen Reiche –

In St. Petersburg –

- Band 1, March 1901 – April 1908: PG 69116, roll 509
- Bd. 2, June 1908 – June 1914: PG 69117, rolls 509-10

In Stockholm –

- Band 1 (only), August 1914 – March 1919: PG 69126, roll 489

Akte IX.9.3.9.a. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Kristiania [Oslo] (Norway) –*

- Band 1, October 1916 – March 1917: PG 69023, roll 620
- Bd. 2, March – October 1917: PG 69024, rolls 620-21
- Bd. 3, October 1917 – March 1918: PG 69025, roll 621
- Bd. 4, March – September 1918: PG 69026, roll 621
- Bd. 5, September 1918 – April 1920: PG 69027, roll 622

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Kristiania [Oslo] –

- Bd. 1 (only), January 1916 – October 1918: PG 69119, roll 510

Akte IX.9.3.9.b. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attachés in Kopenhagen (Denmark) –*

- Band 1, October 1916 – May 1918: PG 69028, roll 478
- Bd. 2, May 1918 – September 1919: PG 69029, roll 478
- Bd. 3, September 1919 – March 1920: PG 69030, roll 479

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Kopenhagen –

- Band 1 (only), February 1917 – May 1918: PG 69118, roll 510

Akte IX.9.3.10, Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Washington (U.S.A.)* –

- Band 1, January – May 1901: PG 69031, roll 479
- Bd. 2, June – October 1901: PG 69032, roll 479
- Bd. 3, November 1901 – March 1902: PG 69033, roll 626
- Bd. 4, April – July 1902: PG 69034, roll 626
- Bd. 5, August 1902 – May 1903: PG 69035, rolls 626-27
- Bd. 6, June 1903 – May 1904: PG 69036, roll 627
- Bd. 7, June 1904 – January 1905: PG 69037, roll 627
- Bd. 8, January- November 1905: PG 69038, roll 622
- Bd. 9, December 1905 – May 1906: PG 69039, roll 622
- Bd. 10, May 1906 – January 1907: PG 69040, roll 622
- Bd. 11, February 1907 – January 1908: PG 69041, roll 623
- Bd. 12, January – July 1908: PG 69042, roll 623
- Bd. 13, August 1908 – March 1909: PG 69043, roll 482
- Bd. 14, April 1909 – January 1910: PG 69044, rolls 482-83
- Bd. 15, February – July 1910: PG 69045, roll 483
- Bd. 16, August 1910 – March 1911: PG 69046, roll 483
- Bd. 17, April – August 1911: PG 69047, rolls 483-84
- Bd. 18, February – December 1911: PG 69048, rolls 529-30
- Bd. 19, December 1911 – May 1912: PG 69049, roll 530
- Bd. 20, May – September 1912: PG 69050, roll 530
- Bd. 21, September 1912 – February 1913: PG 69051, roll 530
- Bd. 22, February – May 1913: PG 69052, roll 531
- Bd. 23, June – November 1913: PG 69053, roll 479
- Bd. 24, December 1913 – March 1914: PG 69054, roll 480
- Bd. 25, April – June 1914: PG 69055, roll 480
- Bd. 26, July – December 1914: PG 69056, roll 480
- Bd. 27, January 1915 – April 1916, May 1922: roll 480

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Washington –

- Band 1 (only), July 1902 – July 1914: PG 69127, rolls 489-90

Akte IX.9.3.11. Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Tokio (Japan)* –

- Band 1, January – August 1901: PG 69060, roll 481
- Bd. 2, August 1901 – February 1902: PG 69061, roll 481
- Bd. 3, February – October 1902: PG 69062, roll 481
- Bd. 4, November 1902 – September 1903: PG 69063, rolls 481-82
- Bd. 5, September 1903 – March 1906: PG 69064, roll 482
- Bd. 6, April 1906 – April 1907: PG 69065, roll 531
- Bd. 7, May – December 1907: PG 69066, roll 531
- Bd. 8, January – August 1908: PG 69067, rolls 531-32
- Bd. 9, September 1908 – December 1909: PG 69068, roll 532
- Bd. 10, January 1910 – February 1911: PG 69069, roll 532
- Bd. 11, March 1911 – January 1912: PG 69070, roll 623
- Bd. 12, February 1912 – January 1913: PG 69071, roll 623

- Bd. 13, February – December 1913: PG 69072, roll 624
- Bd. 14, January – August 1914: PG 69073, roll 624
- Bd. 15, September 1914 – April 1915: PG 69074, roll 624

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Tokio –

- Band 1 (only), March 1901 – January 1915: PG 69131, roll 537

Akte IX.9.3.15. Dolmetscher für Tokio (correspondence regarding employment of interpreters in Japan), September 1910 – August 1919:

- PG 69086, roll 507

Akte IX.9.3.12 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Wien (Austria-Hungary)* –

- Band 1, March 1901 – May 1907: PG 69075, rolls 532-33
- Bd. 2, June 1907 – August 1911: PG 69076, roll 533
- Bd. 3, September 1911 – September 1912: PG 69077, roll 533
- Bd. 4, October 1912 – July 1913: PG 69078, roll 533
- Bd. 5, August 1913 – December 1914: PG 69079, roll 505
- Bd. 6, January – November 1915: PG 69080, roll 505
- Bd. 7, November 1915 – March 1917: PG 69081, roll 505
- Bd. 8, April 1917 – April 1919: PG 69082, rolls 505-06

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Wien –

- Band 1 (only), December 1905 – April 1919: PG 69132, rolls 537-38

Akte IX.9.3.14 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché der südamerikanischen Staaten (Latin America)* –

- Band 1 (only), January 1912 – February 1920: PG 69085, roll 507

(no separate collection of "Berichte")

Akte IX.9.3.16 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in den Haag (the Netherlands)* –

- Band 1, August – November 1915: PG 69087, roll 507
- Bd. 2, November 1915 – February 1916: PG 69088, rolls 507-08
- Bd. 3, February – May 1916: PG 69089, roll 508
- Bd. 4, June – September 1916: PG 69090, roll 508
- Bd. 5, October 1916 – January 1917: PG 69091, rolls 508-09
- Bd. 6, February – July 1917: PG 69092, rolls 486-87
- Bd. 7, July – September 1917: PG 69093, roll 487
- Bd. 8, September – October 1917: PG 69094, roll 487
- Bd. 9, October – December 1917: PG 69095, roll 487
- Bd. 10, December 1917 – January 1918: PG 69096, roll 488
- Bd. 11, February – March 1918: PG 69097, roll 627
- Bd. 12, March – June 1918: PG 69098, rolls 627-28

Bd. 13, June – August 1918: PG 69099, roll 628
Bd. 14, August – October 1918: PG 69100, roll 628
Bd. 15, October 1918 – March 1919: PG 69101, roll 484
Bd. 16, March – November 1919: PG 69102, roll 484
Bd. 17, November 1919 – April 1922: PG 69103, rolls 484-85

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in den Haag –
Band 1 (only), September 1915 – January 1919: PG 69134, roll 538

Akte IX.9.3.17 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Athen (Greece)* –
Band 1 (only), August 1915 – January 1917: PG 69104, roll 485

(no separate collection of “Berichte”)

Akte IX.9.3.18 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Sofia (Bulgaria) und Bukarest (Romania)* –

(the correspondence is that of both naval attachés until the termination of the Bucharest post in late August 1916, thereafter only that for Sofia)

Band 1, September 1915 – January 1916: PG 69105, roll 535
Bd. 2, January – February 1916: PG 69106, roll 535
Bd. 3, February – May 1916: PG 69107, rolls 535-36
Bd. 4, June – September 1916: PG 69108, roll 536
Bd. 5, October 1916 – June 1917 (including final account of Romanian attaché post):
PG 69109, roll 536
Bd. 6, July 1917 – February 1918 (Sofia only): PG 69110, roll 536
Bd. 7, March – August 1918: PG 69111, rolls 533-34
Bd. 8, September 1918 – February 1919: PG 69112, roll 534

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Bukarest and Sofia –
Band 1 (only), October 1915 – October 1918: PG 69128, roll 490

Akte IX.9.3.19 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Konstantinopel (Turkey)*–
Band 1, October 1915 – March 1917: PG 69113, roll 534
Bd. 2, April 1917 – February 1923: PG 69114, roll 534

Berichte des Marine-Attachés in Konstantinopel –
Band 1 (only), December 1915 – February 1919: PG 69133, roll 538

Akte IX.9.3.20 Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché in Madrid (Spain)* –
Band 1 (only), July 1916 – August 1921: PG 69115, roll 535

(no separate collection of “Berichte”)

Akte IX.9.3.13 Berichte pp. der *Militär - Attachés* –

(copies of correspondence and reports from German military attachés that touched on naval matters or subjects of joint army-navy interest and therefore forwarded to the Reichs-Marine-Amt, including prewar and wartime intelligence received from military attachés in London, Washington, DC, St. Petersburg, Peking, Tokyo, Constantinople, Brussels, The Hague, and Madrid) –

Band 1, March 1903 – March 1912: PG 69083, roll 506

Bd. 2, April 1912 – February 1920: PG 69084, roll 506

II. Records maintained at the Reichs-Marine-Amt, Zentralabteilung: Correspondence exchanged with Foreign Naval Attachés

Akte I.I.I.19 *Allgemeiner Schriftwechsel mit den Attachés fremder Botschaften* –

Band 1, June 1892 – October 1895: PG 68870, roll 466

Bd. 2, November 1895 – July 1897: PG 68871, roll 466

Bd. 3, July 1897 – November 1898: PG 68872, roll 467

Bd. 4, December 1898 – November 1899: PG 68873, roll 467

Bd. 5, December 1899 – January 1901: PG 68874, roll 418

Bd. 6, January 1901 – January 1902: PG 68875, roll 418

Bd. 7, February – December 1902: PG 68876, roll 418

Bd. 8, January 1903 – June 1913: PG 68877, roll 419

Akte I.I.I.19a *Schriftwechsel mit dem Marine-Attaché der amerikanischen Botschaft* –

Band 1, January 1902 – December 1904: PG 68878, roll 611

Bd. 2, January 1905 – March 1908: PG 68879, roll 612

Bd. 3, April 1908 – June 1911: PG 68880, roll 612

Bd. 4, July 1911 – May 1913: PG 68881, roll 612

Bd. 5, June 1913 – August 1923: PG 68882, rolls 612-13

Bd. 6, October 1923 – September 1926: PG 68883, roll 353

Bd. 7, October 1926 – November 1928: PG 68884, roll 354

Bd. 8, December 1928 – March 1930: PG 68885, roll 354

Akte I.I.I.19b *Schriftwechsel mit dem Marine-Attaché der französischen Botschaft* –

Band 1, January 1903 – March 1908: PG 68886, roll 467

Bd. 2, April 1908 – April 1930: PG 68887, rolls 467-68

Akte I.I.I.19c *Schriftwechsel mit dem Marine-Attaché der englischen Botschaft* –

Band 1, January 1903 – January 1909: PG 68888, roll 468

Bd. 2, March 1909 – April 1928: PG 68889, roll 468

Akte I.I.I.19d *Schriftwechsel mit dem Marine-Attaché der japanischen Botschaft* –

Band 1 (only), September 1903 – April 1928: PG 68890, roll 419

Akte I.I.I.19e Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché der österreichischen Botschaft* –

- Band 1, January 1903 – April 1910: PG 68891, rolls 419-20
- Bd. 2, August 1910 – July 1913: PG 68892, roll 420
- Bd. 3, August 1913 – April 1915: PG 68893, rolls 420-21
- Bd. 4, April 1915 – February 1916: PG 68894, roll 613
- Bd. 5, March – November 1916: PG 68895, rolls 613
- Bd. 6, November 1916 – June 1917: PG 68896, roll 614
- Bd. 7, June 1917 – March 1918: PG 68897, roll 614
- Bd. 8, April – October 1918: PG 68898, roll 615

Akte I.I.I.19f Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché der italienischen Botschaft* –

- Band 1, January 1903 – March 1914: PG 68899, roll 469
- Bd. 2, April 1914 – May 1928: PG 68900, roll 469
- Bd. 3, June 1928 – May 1929: PG 68901, rolls 469-70
- Bd. 4, June 1929 – September 1930: PG 68902, roll 470

Akte I.I.I.19h Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché der schwedischen Gesandtschaft* –

- Band 1, January 1903 – August 1916: PG 68903, roll 421
- Bd. 2, September 1916 – December 1917: PG 68904, roll 421
- Bd. 3, December 1917 – October 1920: PG 68905, rolls 421-22
- Bd. 4, November 1920 – November 1925: PG 68906, roll 422
- Bd. 5, December 1925 – February 1930: PG 6807, rolls 422-23

Akte I.I.I.19i Schriftwechsel mit den *Marine-Attachés der argentinischen und chilenischen Botschaft* (most correspondence is with the Argentine naval attaché) –

- Band 1 (only), August 1907 – December 1927: PG 68908, rolls 470-71

Akte I.I.I.19L Schriftwechsel mit dem *Marine-Attaché der türkischen Botschaft* –

- Band 1, January 1911 – February 1916: PG 68909, roll 471
- Bd. 2, February – October 1916: PG 68910, roll 471
- Bd. 3, November 1916 – September 1917: PG 68911, rolls 471-72
- Bd. 4, October 1917 – August 1918: PG 68912, roll 472

Akte I.I.I.19p Akten *Bulgarischer Marinevertreter* –

- Band 1 (only), May 1917 – December 1918: PG 68913, roll 423

Akte I.3.I.7a *Depeschenverkehr mit Russland* auf dem Seewege (correspondence exchanges with Russian authorities over mutual agreements in the Baltic, use of vessels, and the port of St. Petersburg) -

- Band 1 (only), October – December 1905: PG 68914, roll 423

III. Records Maintained by the Kaiserliches Marinekabinett Relating to Naval Attachés-

Akte XXIV (Best.) Marine - Attachés, Allgemeines -

Band 1 (only), September 1890 - December 1892: PG 67501, not filmed, available only at the Bundesarchiv - Abt. Militärarchiv

Akte XXIV Attachés bei deutschen Botschaften und Gesandtschaften -

Band 1, July 1889 - December 1892: PG 67502, roll 497

Bd. 2, January 1893 - December 1895: PG 67503, roll 497

Bd. 3, January 1896 - December 1898: PG 67504, roll 498

Bd. 4, January 1899 - December 1902: PG 67505, roll 498

Bd. 5, January 1903 - December 1905: PG 67506, roll 498

Bd. 6, January 1906 - December 1907: PG 67507, roll 498

Bd. 7, January 1908 - April 1911: PG 67508, roll 498

Bd. 8, May 1911 - December 1912: PG 67509, roll 498

Bd. 9, January 1913 - October 1918: PG 67510, roll 499

Akte XXIVa Attachés bei fremden Botschaften und Gesandtschaften -

Bde. 1-5, May 1889 - August 1918: PG 67511-515, not filmed, available only at the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv

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PRINCIPAL OPERATIONAL COMMANDS,
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Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte (High Seas Forces Command)
and Subordinate Commands

The **Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte** (High Seas Forces Command) served as the wartime designation of all German naval forces operating in the North Sea, with the **Hochseeflotte** (High Seas Fleet) as its principal component. The Fleet, established in February 1907, reflected State Secretary Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz's effort to build a large naval force of battleships and supporting warships to secure Germany's global interests and overseas trade. The Fleet evolved from the **I. Geschwader** (First Squadron) of battleships organized in 1900 and reconstituted as the **Aktive Schlachtflotte** (Active Battle Fleet) in 1903. Adm. Hans von Koester served as **Chef** (Chief) of the First Squadron and Active Battle Fleet from its inception to the autumn of 1906, when he was succeeded by Adm. Heinrich Prinz von Preussen. Three years later, **Vizeadmiral** Henning von Holtzendorf assumed the post of **Chef der Hochseeflotte**, which he held until relinquishing the command to **Vizeadmiral** Friedrich von Ingenohl in April 1913.

The Fleet's composition varied during World War I as component squadrons shuttled between the Baltic and North Sea theaters. Subordinated to the Chief of the Fleet were the following commands: **Befehlshaber der Aufklärungsschiffe** (B.d.A., Commander, Scouting Forces), with scouting groups composed of battle cruisers and cruisers; **Befehlshaber** (originally **Führer**) **der Torpedobootsstreitkräfte** (B.d.T./F.d.T., Commander, Torpedo-boats and Destroyers); and **Befehlshaber** (until June 1917 **Führer**) **der Unterseeboote** (B.d.U., Commander of Submarines). Following the Armistice in November 1918, most of the Fleet was interned at Scapa Flow, where German crews scuttled the warships in June 1919.

Wartime commanders of the fleet consisted successively of Admiral von Ingenohl (to February 1915), Adm. Hugo von Pohl (February 1915-January 1916), **Vizeadmiral** Reinhold Scheer (January 1916-August 1918), and **Vizeadmiral** Franz Ritter von Hipper (August-November 1918). Until August 1918 the Chief of the High Seas Fleet was directly responsible only to the Kaiser; after that date he became subordinate to the newly-established Supreme Navy Command (**Seekriegsleitung**) for the remainder of the war.

Subject files maintained by the **Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte** were usually numbered sequentially until the establishment of the **Seekriegsleitung**, when new numbers were assigned: Thus Band (Volume) XXI of a particular subject might be followed by Band 1 during the war's last months. Many records are handwritten and difficult to read. Specific subjects included as part of folder titles have been highlighted for easy reference. Other fleet records, including numbered volumes in specific subject files, were not microfilmed prior to restitution and are now available only in the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA), Freiburg/Br., as part of *Bestand*

RM 47, together with the originals of the records filmed here. Much additional documentation pertaining to the fleet, including operational studies prepared by the fleet command, is located among *Admiralstab* files reproduced elsewhere on T1022.

Included in the descriptions below are records of subordinate High Seas Fleet commands through the levels of torpedo-boat and U-boat flotillas. The location of the original records within the BA-MA is indicated by the appropriate *Bestand* number. Records of individual warships, naval airships, and naval air units attached to the fleet are described elsewhere among German Navy finding aids.

Prewar and continuing general subject files (maintained by Navy High Command agencies)

--From records of Kaiserliches Marinekabinett (Bestand RM 2):

Akte XXI. Übungsreisen der Hochseeflotte (reports of training exercises, with regulations for the preparation of training and activity reports; mostly handwritten), Aug 1889 – Mar 1915:

PG 67219, rolls 513-14

Akte XXI (Hochseeflotte). Übungen der Hochseeflotte (Berichte des Kommandos der Hochseeflotte mit Anlagen) (reports and correspondence on fleet maneuvers and training exercises, including assessments of fighting efficiency of ships and some naval commanders)-

Band 1, Oct 1905 – Dec 1906: PG 67237, rolls 492-93

Bd. 2, Jan 1907 – Dec 1908: PG 67238, roll 493

Bd. 3, Jan 1909 – Jun 1910: PG 67239, roll 493

Bd. 4, Jul 1910 – Aug 1911: PG 67240, roll 515

Anlagen zu Bd. 4, Jun – Dec 1910: PG 67241-242, roll 515

Bd. 5, Sep 1911 – Dec 1913: PG 67243, rolls 515-16

Anlagen zu Bd. 5 –

Sep 1911: PG 67244, roll 516

Jul 1912 – May 1913: PG 67245-247, roll 494

Jun 1913: PG 67248, not filmed, available only at BA-MA (RM 2/1664)

Jul – Sep 1913: PG 67249, roll 494

Bd. 6, Jan – Dec 1914: PG 67250, roll 495

Akte XXI d Gefechtsbesichtigungen und Schießübungen (Berichte, Programme, Zeiteinteilungen, usw.) (reports and correspondence on gunnery exercises and associated schedules and instructions for the First and Second Battleship Squadrons, including night-firing exercises and experiments with particular ammunition) –

Bde. 1-3, Apr 1905 – Jun 1914: PG 67263-265, roll 635

--From records of Reichs-Marine-Amt/ Allgemeines Marindepartement (Bestand RM 3):

Akte Nr. XII.3.1.203, Akten betr. die Hochseeflotte (administrative matters, commissioning of

vessels, training, personnel transfers and appointments, foreign cruises, exercises and maneuvers)-

- Heft I, Jun 1903-Dec 1904: PG 65709, roll 1143
- H. II-III, Jan 1905-Sep 1907: PG 65710-711, roll 1142
- H. IV, Oct 1907- Oct 1908: PG 65712, roll 1401
- H. V, Nov 1908 - Jan 1911: PG 65713, rolls 1401-02
- H. VI-VII, Feb 1911 - Dec 1912: PG 65714-715, roll 1402
- H. VIII, Jan - Dec 1913: PG 65716, rolls 1312-13
- H. IX-X, Jan 1914 - Jan 1919: PG 65717-718, roll 1313

Akte Nr. XII.3.1.203, Ganz geh. Akten betr. die Hochseeflotte (tactical exercises, fleet maneuvers, unit reorganization, training, assessments of battle readiness, experiences gained in foreign cruises; Heft X includes reports on 1918 naval mutinies)-

- Hefte I-II, Jan 1905 - Oct 1910: PG 65719-720, rolls 1313-14
- H. III, Nov 1910 - July 1912: PG 65721, rolls 1138-39
- H. IV-VI, Oct 1912 - Sep 1913: PG 65722-724, roll 1139
- H. VII, Oct 1913 - Feb 1914: PG 65725, roll 1143
- H. VIII, Mar - Aug 1914: PG 65726, rolls 1143 and 1247
- H. IX, Sep 1914 - Aug 1917: PG 65727, roll 1247
- H. X, Sep 1917 - Nov 1918: PG 65728, rolls 1247-48

Akte Nr. XII.3.1.201, Hochseeflotte-Herbstübungen (annual fleet autumn maneuvers)-

- Hefte I-II, Nov 1902 - Jun 1908: PG 65700-701, roll 1397
- H. III, Jul 1908 - Aug 1915: PG 65702, rolls 1168-69
- (Ganz geheim) Hefte 1-2, Jul 1905 - Aug 1912: PG 65703-704, roll 1169
- “ “ H. 3, Sep 1912 - Sep 1913: PG 65705, rolls 1169 and 1271
- “ “ Beihefte, Nov 1911-Jun 1914: PG 65706-707, rolls 1142-43
- Ganz geh. Akten betr. Herbstmanöver 1914 (Mar-Jul 1914): PG 77655, roll 1352

Prewar and continuing general subject files (maintained by the *Hochseeflotte*)

Ganz geh. Schlußbericht über die **taktische Tätigkeit der Hochseeflotte** im Übungsjahr 1911/12 (final report on fleet tactical training), Dec 1912:

PG 93910, roll 4313

Geheime Acta betr. **Organisation-Umorganisation** (prewar and wartime organization of Fleet forces, with some administrative information concerning uniform regulations and appointments), Jan 1907-Sep 1918:

PG 77901, rolls 1354-55

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Strategisches Kriegsspiel**, 1913/14 (Sep 1913-Feb 1916):

PG 77662-663, roll 1322

Akten betr. **ganz geh.-Sachen** (intelligence on British forces, proposals for use of German naval forces, reports on use of mines and cipher security), Aug 1908-Jan 1914:
PG 77641, rolls 1125-26

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **O(perative)-Sachen** (operational matters, including operational plans, combat readiness and training, exercises), Apr 1904-Aug 1914:
PG 77642-643, roll 1126

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Taktik** (fleet exercises, torpedo experiments and failures, reports on combat lessons learned, KTB excerpts; Band 23 includes tactical lessons of the Battle of Jutland)-

Bände 1-18, unavailable or not filmed

Bde. 19-21, Jan 1913-Jul 1914: PG 77656-658, rolls 1352-53

Bd. 22, Sep 1913-Mar 1916: PG 77659, rolls 1220 and 1321

Bde. 23-24, Mar 1916-Sep 1918: PG 77660-661, roll 1321

Ganz geh. Akta betr. **Abänderungsvorschläge für "Taktische Vorschriften"** (high-level proposals for changes in fleet tactical doctrine, including battle formations and tactics), Oct 1913-Oct 1918:

PG 77665, rolls 1322-23

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Taktische Befehle** (orders and directives pertaining to cruising and battle formations, day and night fighting tactics, and specific types of warships and equipment)-
Bde. I-II, Aug 1913-May 1918: PG 77666-667, roll 1323

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Militärische Angelegenheiten** (general intelligence on British forces and weaponry, transfer of German warships from the Baltic to the North Sea, reports on German naval training, exercises, and tactics)-

Bde. I-VI, unavailable or not microfilmed

Band VII, May 1912 - May 1913: PG 77648, rolls 1302-03

Bd. VIII, June 1913 - Feb 1917: PG 77649, roll 1303

War Diaries

Kriegstagebuch (KTB) of Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte (including operations of fleet submarines and airships; incorporated within KTB are copies of operational orders, action reports, maps, and telegrams)-

30 July 1914 - 14 Jan 1915: PG 62369-373, roll 141

15 Jan - 13 April 1915: PG 62374-375, roll 142

14 April - 30 Sep 1915: PG 62376-379, roll 207

1 Oct 1915 - 23 Apr 1916: PG 62380-382, roll 208

24 April - 29 May 1916: PG 62430, roll 209

30 May - 1 Jun 1916 Seeschlacht der Skaggerak: PG 62432, roll 210

2 Jun - 20 Aug 1916: PG 62431, roll 209
21 Aug 1916 - 30 Jul 1917: PG 62433-434, roll 210
31 Jul 1917 - 18 Mar 1918: PG 62435, rolls 210-11
19 Mar 1918 - 3 Jan 1919 (entries through 16 Sep 1918 typed, thereafter handwritten):
PG 62436, roll 211
KTB Anlagen (mostly handwritten), 26 Feb - 17 Nov 1918:
PG 64723-724, roll 441

Tagesbefehle (daily administrative orders).

Bände I-IX (Aug 1914-Sep 1918): PG 76807-815, rolls 934-37

Wartime and special subject files

Ganz geh. Akten betr. Schriftwechsel über **O(perative)-Direktiven** (operational directives and associated correspondence among senior government and naval leaders, including Kaiser Wilhelm, Tirpitz, and Admirals von Ingenohl, von Pohl, and von Holtzendorff)-

Band I, Oct 1914-Dec 1916: PG 76974, roll 1060

Bd. II, Apr-Jul 1918: PG 76975, roll 1060

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Kriegsaufgaben** (senior command and staff correspondence, action reports, and operational directives, with specific sections for cruisers, torpedo boats, and U-boats)-

Bände I-IV, unavailable or not microfilmed;

Bde. V-VIa (general), Jan-Jul 1916: PG 77493-494, rolls 1370-71

Bd. VIb (cruisers, torpedo boats, Hilfsschiffe), Apr 1916-Sep 1917: PG 77495, roll 1144

Bd. VIc (U-boat warfare), Apr-Dec 1916: PG 77496, rolls 1144-45

Bd. VIIa (general), Aug 1916-Aug 1917: PG 77499, roll 1145

Bd. VIIb (cruisers, torpedo boats, Hilfsschiffe), Oct 1917-Aug 1918:

PG 77500, rolls 1145-46

Bd. VIIc (U-boat warfare), Dec 1916-Jun 1917: PG 77501, roll 1194

Bd. VIIa (general), Sep 1917-Aug 1918: PG 77502, roll 1296

Bd. VIIc (U-boat warfare), Jun 1917-Feb 1918: PG 77503, roll 1296

Bd. IXc (U-boat warfare), Feb-Aug 1918: PG 77504, rolls 1296-97

Bd. 1a (1918 general), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77505, roll 1297

Bd. 1b (1918 light surface forces), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77506, roll 1297

Bd. 1c (1918 U-boat warfare), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77507, roll 1297

Bd. 1d (1918 cruisers and torpedo boats), Jul-Oct 1918: PG 77508, roll 1297

Bd. 1f (minelaying in the North Sea), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77510, roll 1214

Bd. 2a (1918 general), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77546, roll 1146

Bd. 2b (1918 light surface forces), Aug-Sep 1918: PG 77547, roll 1146

Bd. 2c (1918 U-boat warfare), Sep-Nov 1918: PG 77548, roll 1146

Bd. 2d (1918 cruisers and torpedo boats), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77549, roll 1146

Bd. 2e (1918 Hilfsschiffe and mine-sweepers), Sep-Oct 1918: PG 77550, roll 1146

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Kriegserfahrungen der Hochseestreitkräfte** (reports and correspondence relating to war experiences and lessons learned in tactics, organization, ship construction, gunnery, torpedoes, propulsion systems, and personnel, medical, and supply matters; prepared by individual fleet squadrons and flotillas, apparently only for 1915)-

Band I (1 Jan - 1 Apr 1915): PG 77732, roll 1129

Bd. II (1 Apr - 30 Jun 1915): PG 77733, rolls 1129-30

Bd. III (1 Jul 1915 - 1 Jan 1916): PG 77734, roll 1130

(all three volumes duplicated as PG 77732d, 77733d, and 77734d on roll 1659)

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Nachrichten vom Feind** (extensive collections of intelligence reports and messages concerning Allied forces, including sightings, estimated dispositions, ship construction, interrogation reports of captured Allied personnel, assessments of Allied intentions and operations, and intelligence on Allied weapons and equipment; reports for 1917-18 become more general in nature, including political and food situation assessments and especially information regarding Russian internal developments)-

Bd. I, 30 Jul - 18 Sep 1914: PG 77572, roll 1122

Bd. II, 19 Sep - 9 Nov 1914: PG 77573, rolls 1122-23

Bde. III-IV, 10 Nov 1914 - 28 Feb 1915: PG 77574-575, roll 1123

Bd. V, 1 Mar - 10 Apr 1915: PG 77576, rolls 1348-49

Bde. VI-VIII, 11 Apr - 8 Aug 1915: PG 77577-579, rolls 1349-50

Bd. IX, 9 Aug 1915 - 13 Sep 1915: PG 77580, roll 1299

Bd. X, 14 Sep - 31 Oct 1915: PG 77581, rolls 1299-1300

Bd. XI, 1 Nov - 20 Dec 1915: PG 77582, roll 1300

Bd. XII, 21 Dec 1915 - 18 Feb 1916: PG 77583, roll 1301

Bde. XIII-XIV, 19 Feb - 15 May 1916: PG 77584-585, rolls 1214-15

Bd. XV, 16 May - 22 Jun 1916: PG 77586, rolls 1215-16

Bd. XVI, 23 Jun - 11 Aug 1916: PG 77587, rolls 1216-17

Bd. XVII, 12 Aug - 22 Oct 1916: PG 77588, roll 1217

Bd. XVIII, 21 Oct 1916 - 21 Jan 1917: PG 77589, rolls 1217-18

Bd. XIX, 16 Jan - 3 Jul 1917: PG 77590, roll 1149

Bd. XX, 4 Jul 1917 - 10 Jan 1918: PG 77591, rolls 1149-50

Bd. XXI, 11 Jan - 17 Oct 1918: PG 77592, roll 1150

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Geheimhaltung, Spionage**, pp (reports and correspondence concerning suspected cases of treason, Allied espionage, security violations, German counterintelligence and security measures, and thefts of German ciphers, as applicable within the navy)-

Band I, 9 May - 21 Aug 1915: PG 77611, roll 1218

Bd. II, 22 Aug 1915 - 10 Oct 1916: PG 77612, rolls 1218-19

Bd. III, 12 Oct 1916 - 30 Sep 1918: PG 77613, rolls 1219-20

Akten aus den **Nordsee-Operations-Akten** (monthly collections of reports, signals, KTB excerpts, tables, and charts relating to High Seas Fleet activities and operations in the North Sea

and German coastal waters, beginning with Fleet mobilization in July 1914 and continuing through December 1915, when these were apparently succeeded by "Ganz geh. Akten Kr. O2 betr. Kriegsoperationen" [described below], and much more cursory documentation for 1916; includes operational guidelines, intelligence data on British forces, and data on personnel matters) -

Jul-Aug 1914: PG 66320-322, rolls 1569-70

Sep 1914: PG 66324, roll 1569

Oct 1914: PG 66325-326, rolls 1569 and 1571

Nov-Dec 1914: PG 66327-328, rolls 1571-72

Jan 1915: PG 66329, roll 1572

Feb-Mar 1915: PG 66330-331, roll 1573

Apr-Jun 1915: PG 66332-334, roll 1586

Jul 1915: PG 66335, roll 1575

Aug-Sep 1915: PG 66336-337, roll 1576

Oct-Dec 1915: PG 66338-340, rolls 1574-75 (filmed out of chronological sequence)

Jan-Nov 1916: PG 66341, roll 1587

Akten aus den Ostsee-Operations-Akten (monthly collections of reports, messages, KTB excerpts, charts and tables relating to operations and the organization of High Seas Fleet units operating in the Baltic, including information on U-boat, naval airship, and minelaying/minesweeping operations, antisubmarine measures and tactics against British submarines, actions against Russian naval forces, and support of German ground operations in the region, as maintained by the High Seas Forces Command during the 1914-15 period, with much less complete data for 1916; PG 66344 includes much material regarding strategy and planning, PG 66361 includes detailed data on the loss of armored cruiser *Prinz Adalbert*)-

Jul-Aug 1914: PG 66342-343, roll 1587

Sep 1914: PG 66344, roll 1621

Oct 1914: PG 66345-346, rolls 1587-88

Nov 1914: PG 66347, roll 1588

Dec 1914: PG 66348, roll 1622

Jan 1915: PG 66349, rolls 1576-77

Feb 1915: PG 66350, roll 1577

Mar 1915: PG 66351, rolls 1577-78

Apr 1915: PG 66352, roll 1578

May 1915: PG 66353, rolls 1578-79

Jun 1915: PG 66354, rolls 1588-89

Jul 1915: no information, possibly located in items PG 66355-356 (not filmed) and may be available at the BA-MA

Aug 1915: PG 66357, roll 1589

Sep 1915: PG 66358-359, rolls 1589-90

Oct 1915: PG 66360-361, rolls 1590-91

Nov 1915: PG 66362, roll 1591, and PG 66363, roll 1579

Dec 1915: PG 66364-365, roll 1580

Jan-Aug 1916: PG 66366, roll 1591

Ganz geh. Akten **Kr. O2 betr. Kriegsoperationen** (extensive collections of reports and messages relating to German naval operations in the North Sea and the Atlantic, differentiated between operations by surface forces [**Nordsee**] and fleet U-boat operations [**U-Boote und U-Bootshandelskrieg**] but combining the entire series in a single sequential series; Bände 1-9 and 11, presumably designated as items PG 77520-527 and PG 77529-530, were not filmed and may be only available from the BA-MA):

Nordsee-

- Bd. 12, 1 Nov 1915 – 5 Apr 1916: PG 77531, roll 1119
- Bd. 14, 6 Apr – 30 Sep 1916: PG 77533, rolls 1119-20, duplicated roll 1252
- Bd. 16, 1 Oct 1916 – 31 Jul 1917: PG 77535, roll 1120
- Bd. 21, 1 Aug 1917 – 11 Jan 1918: PG 77540, rolls 1347-48
- Bde. 24-25, 12 Jan -31 Aug 1918: PG 77543-544, rolls 1298-99

U-Boote und U-Bootshandelskrieg (uneingeschränkter U-Bootskrieg) -

- Bd. 10, 19 Jul – 31 Dec 1915: PG 77528, roll 1214
- Bd. 13, 1 Jan – 12 May 1916: PG 77532, rolls 1251-52
- Bd. 15, 13 May – 12 Dec 1916: PG 77534, rolls 1252-53
- Bd. 17, 26 Nov 1916 – 31 Jan 1917: PG 77536, rolls 1120-21
- Bd. 18, 1 Feb- 1 May 1917: PG 77537, roll 1121
- Bd. 19, 2 May – 24 Jul 1917: PG 77538, roll 1346
- Bd. 20, 25 Jul – 6 Oct 1917: PG 77539, rolls 1346-47
- Bd. 22, 7 Oct 1917 – 14 Jan 1918: PG 77541, roll 1348
- Bd. 23, 15 Jan – 14 Jun 1918: PG 77542, rolls 1297-98
- Bd. 26, 15 Jun – 31 Aug 1918: PG 77545, roll 1299

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Kr O3 (Ostsee)** (reports and messages of naval operations in the Baltic, escorts of German merchant ships, assessments of possible British naval efforts to break into Baltic) -

- Band I (1914-15?): PG 77553, unavailable or not microfilmed
- Band II (Jan 1916-Sep 1918): PG 77554, rolls 1404-05

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Handelskrieg: Überwasserstreitkräfte und eingebrachte U-Prisen** (reports and messages concerning commerce warfare by surface forces and prizes taken by U-boats)-

- Band I, Apr 1916-Mar 1918: PG 77622, rolls 1150-51
- Bd. II, Mar-Nov 1918: PG 77623, roll 1351

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Organisatorische Fragen der Seekriegsführung** (correspondence relating to the authority of the newly-established Seekriegsleitung), Aug-Oct 1918:
PG 77636, roll 1373

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Dänemark** (contingency plans and associated intelligence data relating to

the possible occupation of, or other operations against, Denmark) –
Bände I-III, Aug 1916-Dec 1917: PG 77555-757, rolls 1404-05
Band IV, Feb-Nov 1918: PG 77561, roll 1148
Band IVa (Beiheft) –
Mar-Jun 1917: PG 77559, rolls 1146-47
Apr 1917-Jun 1918: PG 77560, roll 1147

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Norwegen** (contingency plans and associated intelligence data relating to the possible occupation of, or other operations against, Norway), Jan 1917-Jun 1918:
PG 77568-569, roll 1148

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Fall "J" und "K"** (Navigatorische Maßnahmen in der Nordsee und Ostsee), Fall "Ja," und F.T.-Anordnungen Fälle "J" und "N" (navigational measures in the North Sea and Baltic and accompanying radio instructions in connection with possible German occupations of Denmark and Norway) –
Jan 1917-Jul 1918: PG 77562, roll 1254
Dec 1916-Oct 1918: PG 77563-565, roll 1255

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Militärpolitisches** (correspondence and reports particularly regarding events in Finland, Russia, and newly-established states after the Brest-Litovsk Treaty), Sep-Oct 1918:
PG 77513, roll 1214

Waffenstillstandsangelegenheiten (reports and correspondence pertaining to armistice negotiations for the internment of the High Seas Fleet), Nov-Dec 1918:
PG 78015, roll 1355

Demobilmachung (decommissioning and disarmament of specific categories of warships, U-boats, auxiliary vessels, personnel, and related administrative matters following the Armistice), Nov 1918-Jan 1919:
PG 78016-022, rolls 1355-56

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Kriegsbereitschaft der eigenen Streitkräfte, Technisches** (reports on warships' state of readiness, repairs, refits, trials, battle damage suffered, and general performance)-
Bände I-II, Aug 1914-Nov 1918: PG 77593-594, rolls 1123-24

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Stellenbesetzungen und Ausbildung der Verbände** (reports on wartime training, firing and maneuver exercises, speed trials)-
Bde. I-II, Sep 1914-Sep 1918: PG 77595-596, rolls 1124-25

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Luftschiff- und Flugzeugangelegenheiten** (reports and correspondence relating to naval zeppelins and aircraft, including technical, logistic, and personnel issues)-

Band I, August 1914 – July 1915: PG 77709, rolls 1126-27
Band II, August 1915 – August 1916: PG 77710, roll 1127
Band III, September 1916 – July 1917: PG 77711, rolls 1127-28
Band IV, August 1917 – March 1918: PG 77712, rolls 1128-29
Luftschiffangelegenheiten (Band a), March – October 1918: PG 77713, roll 1304
Flugzeugangelegenheiten (Band b), March – December 1918: PG 77714, rolls 1304-05

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Luftschiffe, Flieger** (reports on zeppelin operations and losses, activities of the North Sea air station, Allied shipping spotted by air patrols) -

Band 1, June – October 1918: PG 77570, roll 1148
Band 1g, September – October 1918: PG 77511, roll 1214
Band 2g, September – December 1918: PG 77552, roll 1405

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **U-Bootsangelegenheiten einschl. -Personal** (general information on U-boat types and construction, submarine bases, personnel recruitment, torpedoes and equipment, and administrative issues pertaining to fleet submarines)-

Bde. I-II, Jul 1914-Feb 1915: PG 77702, rolls 1255-56
Bd. II, Mar-Nov 1915: PG 77703, roll 1256
Bd. III, Nov 1915-Jul 1916: PG 77704, roll 1546
Bd. IV, Aug 1916-Feb 1917: PG 77705, roll 1403
Bde. V-VI, Mar 1917-Nov 1918: PG 77706-707, rolls 1253-54

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **O(perative)-Befehle für U-Boote** (operational orders to individual U-boats and flotillas) -

1 Jan – 31 Aug 1918: PG 77629, roll 1220
1 Sep – 18 Oct 1918: PG 77512, roll 1214

Ganz geh. Akten für den **U-Boot-Krieg - wichtigen Nachrichten** (intelligence reports and data relating to U-boat operations), Sep-Nov 1918:

PG 77630, roll 1220

Ganz geh. Akta betr. **Erschaffung einer U-Boots-Zentrale** (proposals for the establishment for a central submarine office responsible for U-boat construction and administration), Oct-Dec 1917:

PG 77708, roll 1254

Tätigkeit der U-Boote (daily summaries of U-boat positions and claimed sinkings), Nov 1916-Nov 1918:

PG 78053-055, rolls 1324-25

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Unternehmen "Albion"** (operational orders, reports, messages, maps, some aerial photographs, and duplicate copies of unit war diaries pertaining to Operation "Albion," the seizure of the islands of Ösel (Saaremaa), Dagö (Hiiumaa), and Moon (Muhus) off

the Estonian coast), Sep-Nov 1917:

Band 1, 15 Sep - 3 Nov 1917: PG 77637, roll 1373

Bd. 2, 15 Sep - 3 Nov 1917: PG 77638, roll 1374

Bd. 3, 20 Sep - 1 Nov 1917: PG 77639, roll 1624

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Sonderverband** (operational orders, reports, messages, organizational data, duplicate copies of war diaries, and other records pertaining to the "Special Task Force's" operations in the area of the Aland Islands and Finland), Feb-May 1918-

Hefte I-II (Feb-May 1918): PG 77631-632, rolls 1256-57

Heft III [Kriegstagebücher] (Mar-Aug 1918): PG 77633, roll 1220

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Flandern** (reports relating to operations and organization of *Marinekorps Flandern*, including operations of the Flanders U-boat Flotilla)-

Band 1, 21 Apr 1917 - 21 Mar 1918: PG 77624, rolls 1351-52

Bd. 2, 1 Apr - 30 Sep 1918 (including documentation on British attempts to blockade Zeebrügge and Ostende):

PG 77625, roll 1352

Akta betr. O-Sachen: Kriegführung Flandern, Dec 1914-Jan 1918: PG 77744, roll 1354

Akta betr. Marinedivision Flandern, Nov 1914-Mar 1917: PG 77731, roll 1129

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Erkennungssignale** (reports and instructions relating to recognition signals for ships and aircraft)-

Bd. 1, Jan 1914-May 1915: PG 77668, rolls 1323-24

Bde. 2-4, Apr 1915-Nov 1918: PG 77669-671, rolls 1153-54

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Sonstiges** (correspondence and reports on miscellaneous topics, including intelligence on Allied forces, decommissioning of warships, action reports, and KTB excerpts)-

Bde. 5-6, Oct 1915-Jul 1916: PG 77603-604, rolls 1301-02

Bd. 7, Aug-Dec 1916: PG 77605, roll 1623

Bd. 8, Dec 1916-Mar 1917: PG 77606, rolls 1403-04

Bd. 9, Feb-Jul 1917: PG 77607, roll 1406

Bd. 10, Jul-Nov 1917: PG 77608, rolls 1350-51

Bd. 11, Nov 1917-Mar 1918: PG 77609, roll 1624

Bd. 12, Mar-Oct 1918: PG 77610, rolls 1406-07

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Ms-Angelegenheiten** (reports and correspondence on minesweeping equipment, vessels, and some wartime operations), May 1912-Dec 1917:

PG 77645-647, rolls 1151-53

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **T(echnisches) V(ersuchskommission) Versuche** (Technical Commission reports and correspondence relating mostly to anti-submarine nets and minesweeping gear)-

Bd. I, Jul 1915-Jan 1916: PG 77740, rolls 1374-75

Bd. II, Jan-Sep 1916: PG 77741, rolls 1353-54

Bd. III, Oct 1916-Oct 1918: PG 77742, roll 1406

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Netzsperrren** vor der Ems und Amrumbank (laying of anti-submarine nets at strategic coastal locations), Jul-Dec 1918:

PG 77634-635, roll 1372

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Nebelerzeugung, Nebelapparate**, usw. (reports concerning the use of smokescreens and smoke-producing equipment), Dec 1914-Sep 1918:

PG 77743, roll 1354

Ganz geh. Akten betr. **Gerichtsangelegenheiten** (correspondence and reports relating to courts-martial and disciplinary proceedings within the fleet) -

Band 1, August - December 1917: PG 77650, rolls 1303-04

Band 2, September 1917 - August 1918: PG 77651, roll 1304

**Records of operational commands directly subordinated to
Kommando der Hochseeflotte/Hochseestreitkräfte**

Battleship Squadrons (originals in BA-MA, Bestand RM 51)

I. Geschwader (First Battleship Squadron)-

KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 11 Nov 1918: PG 62383-386, roll 169

KTB Entwurf (handwritten drafts), 16 Oct - 30 Nov 1918: PG 62387, roll 170

KTB and Anlagen, 2. Admiral, 27 Jul 1914-11 Nov 1918: PG 62388-393, rolls 170-71

2. Admiral des I. Geschwaders -

Akten betr. Taktik und Manöver (reports and instructions on tactics, maneuvers, and practice cruises), Oct 1913-Sep 1918:

PG 92289, roll 1489

O(perative)-Sachen (operational orders and messages, action reports, commentaries), Jan 1916-Nov 1918:

PG 92294-296, rolls 1491-92

Allgemeine Kriegsangelegenheiten und Nachrichten (general intelligence, administrative and personnel issues), Aug 1915-Nov 1918:

PG 92272-274, rolls 1482-84 (filmed out of chronological sequence)

Östlicher Kriegsschauplatz (operational orders and messages, action reports for operations in the Baltic, and data on personnel transfers), Aug 1914-Sep 1918:

PG 92276-278, rolls 1484-85

Westlicher Kriegsschauplatz (operational orders, messages, and general intelligence relating to operations in the North Sea), Jul 1915-Nov 1918:

PG 92279-281, rolls 1485-87

Seeschlacht vor dem Skaggerak am 31. Mai/1. Juni 1916 (action reports, KTB

excerpts, casualty reports, photographs and diagrams of shell and torpedo hits),
Jun 1916-Jul 1918:

PG 92285-286, rolls 1488-89

Geheime Angaben über den Handelskrieg (lists of enemy merchant ships and firms dealing in contraband), Feb 1917-Sep 1918:

PG 92290, roll 1489

"Schlußstein"-Unternehmung (orders relating to operations against Russian port of Kronstadt), Aug-Sep 1918:

PG 92300, roll 1490

Verband Boedicker – Militärpolitisches (special unit for operations against Kronstadt, collection of military and political situation summaries relating to Finland and Russia), Aug-Sep 1918:

PG 92320, roll 1453

Verband Boedicker – Operationsangelegenheiten, Befehle (special unit for operations against Kronstadt, collection of operational orders and correspondence), Aug-Oct 1918:

PG 92307, roll 1453

Demobilmachung (demobilization materials), Dec 1917-Nov 1918:

PG 92298, rolls 1489-90

II. Geschwader (Second Battleship Squadron)-

KTB 31 Jul – 30 Sep 1914: PG 62396-397, roll 101

KTB 1 Oct 1914 – 31 May 1915: PG 62398-400, roll 102

KTB 1 Jun – 15 Aug 1915: PG 62401, rolls 102-03

KTB 16 Aug 1915 – 15 Aug 1917: PG 62402-406, roll 103

15 Aug 1917: PG 62396-406, rolls 101-03

KTB and Anlagen, 2. Admiral, 31 Jul - 30 Nov 1916: PG 62407-411, rolls 208-09

2. Admiral des II. Geschwaders –

Akten betr. **O(perative)-Sachen** (operational orders and messages, action reports, and commentaries, including observations on tactical lessons learned at the Battle of Jutland, 31 May-1 June 1916), Jan 1916-Nov 1918:

PG 92330, rolls 1450-51

Seeschlacht vor dem Skaggerak am 31.5.-1.6.1916 (copies of action reports and KTB excerpts relating to the Battle of Jutland), Jun-Aug 1916:

PG 92326, roll 1451

III. Geschwader (Third Battleship Squadron)-

KTB 1 Aug 1914 – 15 Feb 1915: PG 62412-413, roll 104

KTB 16 Feb – 31 May 1915: PG 62414, rolls 104-05

KTB 1 Jun 1915 – 14 Apr 1916: PG 62415-416, roll 105

KTB 15 Apr 1916 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 62417-420, roll 106

KTB and Anlagen 2. Admiral, 2 Aug 1914 - 31 Dec 1915: PG 62421-421/i, rolls 142-47

IV. Geschwader (Fourth Battleship Squadron, including extensive documentation on Baltic operations in 1915 and 1917; squadron redesignated "Oberleitung" 7 Jul 1915, disbanded Jan 1916, reconstituted Dec 1916)-

KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 8 Jul 1915: PG 62423-424, roll 172

Anlagen (radio messages), Dec 1914 - Feb 1915: PG 62425-426, rolls 172-73

KTB and Anlagen (Baltic operations) -

7 Jul - 21 Aug 1915: PG 62510-515, rolls 216-17

22 Aug - 1 Nov 1915: PG 62516-523, rolls 217-18

1 Nov 1915 - 11 Jan 1916: PG 62524-531, rolls 218-19

KTB 1 Dec 1916 - 16 Dec 1918 (including operations in the Baltic, Oct-Dec 1917):
PG 62427-428, roll 173

Duplicate KTB (excerpts), 1 Dec 1916 - 30 Nov 1918: PG 62429, rolls 174-75

KTB 2. Admiral -

Band 1, 2 Aug - 31 Oct 1914: PG 62437, roll 211

Bd. 2, 1 Nov 1914 - 10 Aug 1915: PG 62438, rolls 211-12

Bd. 3, 11 Aug - 30 Nov 1915: PG 62439, roll 212

KTB Entwurf (drafts), 2 Aug 1914 - 30 Nov 1915: PG 62440, roll 212

Bd. 1a, 1 Dec 1916 - 13 Nov 1918: PG 62441, rolls 212

2. Admiral des IV. Geschwader: **Unternehmung gegen die Insel Ösel usw.** (operational orders, reports, maps and correspondence regarding the occupation of Ösel and Dägo [Saaremaa and Hiiumaa] off the Estonian coast), Sep 1917-Jan 1918:
PG 92362, roll 1449

V. Geschwader (Fifth Battleship Squadron)-

KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 15 Jan 1916: PG 62443-444, roll 147

VI. Geschwader (Sixth Battleship Squadron)-

KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 31 Aug 1915: PG 62445, roll 147

Befehlshaber der Aufklärungsschiffe

(B.d.A., Commander, Scouting Ships; originals in BA-MA, Bestand RM 49)

KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 30 Sep 1915: PG 62446-450, roll 107

KTB 1 Oct 1915 - 15 Sep 1918: PG 62451-454, roll 176

KTB 2. Admiral, 1 Aug 1914 - 12 Apr 1915: PG 62455-456, rolls 212-13

I. Aufklärungsgruppe, KTB 2. Admiral, Oct 1916 - Aug 1918: PG 62457-459, roll 213

II. Aufklärungsgruppe, KTB -

1 Jan - 18 Dec 1915: PG 62460-462, roll 213

19 Dec 1915 – 12 Nov 1918: PG 62463-465, roll 214
Anlagen, Jun 1915 - Oct 1918: PG 62466-467, rolls 214-16

IV. Aufklärungsgruppe, KTB 16 Jan 1915 (activated) – 15 Oct 1918: PG 62468-471, roll 174

V. Aufklärungsgruppe, KTB-

2 Aug – 30 Sep 1914: PG 62472, rolls 174-75
(draft KTB, 2 Aug – 30 Sep 1914: PG 62475, roll 175)
1 Oct - 16 Nov 1914 (deactivated): PG 62473-474, roll 175

(Note: Records of the VI. Aufklärungsgruppe are described with those for Baltic commands)

Führer/Befehlshaber der Torpedobootsstreitkräfte

(F.d.T./B.d.T., Commander, Torpedo Boat Forces; originals in BA-MA, *Bestand RM 52*)

KTB und Anlagen I. F.d.T. –

1 Aug 1914 – 30 Apr 1915: PG 62476, roll 175
Zusammenstellung der Funksprüche (radio messages), 28 Aug 1914 – 31 Jan 1915:
PG 62477-487, roll 264
1 May 1915 – 5 May 1916: PG 62488, roll 264
6 May 1916 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 62489, rolls 264-65
1 Apr 1917 – 11 Nov 1918: PG 62490-491, roll 265

Akten I. F.d.T. betr. Organisationsfragen, Bereitstellung, und Einsatz: not filmed, available only in the BA-MA, *Bestand RM 52*

KTB II. F.d.T. –

2 Aug 1914 – 31 Mar 1916: PG 62619-621, roll 177
1 Apr - 30 Sep 1916: PG 62622, rolls 177-78
1 Oct 1916 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62623-624, roll 178
Anlagen, Mar 1916 – Jan 1918: PG 62625, rolls 178-179

KTB II. F.d.T. (Entwurf), Mar 1915 - Jan 1918: PG 62625, rolls 178-79

Akten II. F.d.T.: Ganz geheim Akten betr. **O(perative) – Sachen, GG III O** (five volumes of operational orders, messages, war diary excerpts, action reports, and correspondence on torpedo-boat operations in the North and Baltic Seas) -

Band I, Aug 1914-Jul 1915: Unavailable or not filmed
Bd. II, Aug 1915-Dec 1916: PG 92505, roll 1450
Bd. III, Jan-Jul 1917: PG 92506, rolls 1449-50
Bd. IV (Sonderbefehle), Apr 1916-Mar 1917: PG 92507, roll 1444
Bd. V, Aug 1917-May 1918: PG 92508, roll 1444

War diaries of torpedo-boat units (included are many war diaries for the torpedo-boats within these units; many records are handwritten; originals in the BA-MA, *Bestand* RM 56)

KTB u. Akten des I. Torpedobootsflottille (T.-Flottille) –

KTB 1 Aug 1914 – 14 Sep 1918: PG 62071-074, roll 75 (see Guide No. 1, pp. 110-12)
Akten Kriegstagebücher, Gefechtsberichte, Verlust-Listen (KTB excerpts, action reports, and casualty data relating to operations of the I. T.-Flotilla), Oct 1914-Oct 1917:
PG 92550, roll 1495

KTB II. T.-Flottille, 1 Aug 1914 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62075-078, roll 76
(see Guide No. 1, pp. 112-14)

KTB III. T.-Flottille –

31 Jul 1914 - 15 Sep 1916: PG 62079-080, roll 153
16 Sep 1916 – 31 Dec 1917: PG 62081, rolls 153-54
1 Jan – 30 Sep 1918: PG 62082, roll 154

KTB IV. T.-Flottille, 30 Jul 1914 - 19 April 1915 (deactivated): PG 62083, roll 154

KTB V. T.-Flottille, 30 Jul 1914 - 15 Sep 1918: PG 62084-088, rolls 154-55

KTB VI. T.-Flottille, 2 Aug 1914 - 15 Sep 1918: PG 62089-092, roll 155

KTB VII. T.-Flottille, 30 Jul 1914 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62093-096, roll 114

KTB VIII. T.-Flottille –

3 Aug 1914 – 10 Sep 1917: PG 62097-100, roll 115
11 Sep 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62101, roll 116

KTB IX. T.-Flotille, 11 Dec 1914 – 19 Sep 1918: PG 62102-105, roll 116

KTB X. T.-Flottille -

20 Apr (activated) – 8 Oct 1915: PG 62106, roll 90
9 Oct 1915 – 16 Jul 1916: PG 62107, rolls 90-91
17 Jul 1916 – 30 Sep 1917, 1 Nov - 2 Dec 1917 (deactivated): PG 62108-111, roll 91
1 – 30 Oct 1917 (Unternehmen "Albion"): No information available
(see Guide No. 1, pp. 138-41)

KTB XI. T.-Flottille, 1 – 31 May 1915: PG 62112, roll 91
No other information available (see Guide No. 1, p. 141)

KTB XII. T.-Flottille, 31 Jul (activated) – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62113, roll 116

KTB 1. Torpedobootshalbflottille (T.-Halbflottille) –

1 Aug 1914 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 62115-122, roll 117

1 Apr 1917 - 5 Oct 1918: PG 62123-124, roll 118

KTB 2. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Aug 1914 – 31 Mar 1915: PG 62125-126, roll 155

1 Apr 1915 – 30 Jun 1918: PG 62127-133, roll 156

1 Jul - 14 Sep 1918: PG 62134, roll 157

KTB 3. T.-Halbflottille –

20 Nov 1914 – 31 Dec 1916: PG 62135-138, roll 127

1 Jan – 31 Dec 1917: PG 62139, rolls 127-28

1 Jan – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62140, roll 128

KTB 4. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Aug 1914 – 31 May 1915: PG 62141, rolls 91-92

1 Jun 1915 – 15 Sep 1916: PG 62142-144, roll 92

16 Sep 1916 – 31 Jan 1917: PG 62145, rolls 92-93

1 Feb 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62146-148, roll 93

(see Guide No. 1, pp. 141-45)

KTB 5. T.-Halbflottille –

31 Jul 1914 – 31 Mar 1916: PG 62149-152, roll 157

1 Apr – 15 Sep 1916: PG 62153, rolls 157-58

16 Sep 1916 - 30 Sep 1918: PG 62149-157, rolls 157-58

KTB 6. T.-Halbflottille –

2 Aug 1914 – 30 Jun 1915: PG 62158-160, roll 128

1 Jul 1915 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 62161-165, roll 129

1 Apr 1917 - 30 Sep 1918: PG 62166-168, roll 130

KTB 7. T.-Halbflottille –

30 Jul 1914 – 6 Oct 1914 (including action reports 6 Oct 1914 regarding loss of "S 116"):
PG 62169-170, roll 158

7 Oct – 1 Nov 1914: Apparently lost in action (see KTB of IV. T.-Flottille, 8 Aug 1917;
unit reactivated as a redesignation of the former 19. T.-Halbflottille on 31 Oct 1914)

2 Nov 1914 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 62171-175, roll 159

1 Apr 1917 – 31 Mar 1918: PG 62176-177, roll 160

1 Apr – 15 Oct 1918: PG 62178-179, rolls 160-61

KTB 8. T.-Halbflottille –

Apparently lost in action; correspondence of 2 Aug 1914 – 20 Apr 1915 in PG 62180,
roll 96, pertains to attempts to identify fate of war diaries; documentation of unit's

activities available in the KTB of IV. T.-Flottille, Jul 1914-Apr 1915; unit reorganized and reconstituted as 19. T.-Halbflottille, records for which are described below (see Guide No. 1, p. 149)

KTB 9. T.-Halbflottille –

30 Jul – 14 Oct 1914: PG 62181, rolls 96-97
15 Oct 1914 – 31 Oct 1915: PG 62182-185, roll 97
1 Nov 1915 – 15 Jul 1917: PG 62186-190, roll 98
16 Jul 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62191, rolls 98-99
(see Guide No. 1, pp. 150-51, for an incomplete description)

KTB 10. T.-Halbflottille –

2 Aug 1914 – 31 Jan 1915: PG 62192-193, roll 130
1 Feb 1915 – 30 Apr 1916: PG 62194-197, roll 131
1 May – 31 Oct 1916: PG 62198, rolls 131-32
1 Nov 1916 – 31 Dec 1917: PG 62199-201, roll 132
1 Jan – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62202, rolls 132-33

KTB 11. T.-Halbflottille –

2 Aug – 5 Dec 1914: PG 62203, roll 118
6 Dec 1914 – 31 Mar 1915: PG 62204, rolls 118-19
1 Apr 1915 – 29 Feb 1916: PG 62205-207, roll 119
1 Mar 1916 – 30 Sep 1917: PG 62208-211, roll 120
1 Oct 1917 – 31 Aug 1918: PG 6212-213, roll 121

KTB 12. T.-Halbflottille –

30 Jul 1914 – 31 Jan 1915: PG 62214, roll 121
1 Feb – 15 May 1915: PG 62215, rolls 121-22
16 May 1915 – 30 Sep 1916: PG 62216-218, roll 122
1 Oct 1916 – 31 Oct 1917: PG 62219-221, roll 123
1 Nov 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62222, rolls 123-24

KTB 13. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Jan – 30 Jun 1915: PG 62223, roll 161
1 Jul 1915 – 31 Jul 1917: PG 62224-227, roll 162
1 Aug 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62228, rolls 162-63

KTB 14. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Jan 1915 – 30 Sep 1916: PG 62229-232, roll 133
1 Oct 1916 – 30 Apr 1917: PG 62234, rolls 133-34
1 May 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62235-236, roll 134

KTB 15. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Jan – 31 Dec 1915: PG 62237-239, roll 99

1 Jan – 1 May 1916: PG 62240, rolls 99-100
2 May 1916 – 10 Apr 1917: PG 62241-244, roll 100
11 Apr 1917 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62245-246, roll 101

KTB 16. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Jan – 31 May 1915: PG 62247, roll 134
1 Jun – 15 Aug 1915: PG 62248, rolls 134-35
16 Aug 1915 – 20 Jun 1916: PG 62249-253, roll 135
21 Jun – 31 Aug 1916: PG 62254, rolls 135-36
1 Sep 1916 – 30 Sep 1918: PG 62255-257, roll 136

KTB 17. T.-Halbflottille –

14 Oct 1914 – 30 Apr 1916: PG 62258-260, roll 124
1 May – 31 Oct 1916: PG 62261, rolls 124-25
1 Nov 1916 – 15 Sep 1918: PG 62262-263, roll 125

KTB 18. T.-Halbflottille –

15 Dec 1914 – 31 Jan 1916: PG 62264-266, roll 163
1 Feb – 31 Aug 1916: PG 62267, rolls 163-64
1 Sep 1916 – 3 Oct 1918: PG 62268-270, roll 164

KTB 19. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Sep – 31 Oct 1914: PG 62271, roll 136
(unit redesignated 7. T.-Halbflottille on 31 Oct 1914; 19. T.-Halbflottille reconstituted from the former 8. T.-Halbflottille on 20 Apr 1915)
20 Apr 1915 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 62272-275, roll 137
1 Apr – 30 Sep 1917: PG 62276, rolls 137-38
2 Oct 1917 – 30 Oct 1918: PG 62277, roll 138
KTB-Kladde (handwritten drafts), 1 May 1915 – 7 Feb 1919: PG 62278-279, roll 138

KTB 20. T.-Halbflottille –

13 Sep 1914 – 31 Aug 1915: PG 62280-282, roll 139
1 Sep – 30 Dec 1915: PG 62283, rolls 139-40
31 Dec 1915 – 20 Sep 1917: PG 62284-286, roll 140
21 Sep – 2 Dec 1917 (deactivated, most vessels transferred to 13. T.-Halbflottille):
PG 62287, roll 141

KTB 21. T.-Halbflottille –

1 Jun – 3 Aug 1916: PG 62288, roll 141
No other information available

(As noted, descriptions of some war diaries and records of torpedo boat flotillas and individual torpedo boats are located in Guides to the Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945:

No. 1, U-Boats and T-Boats, 1914-1918; records of torpedo-boat units not assigned to the High Seas Fleet are described with those of other geographic commands)

Führer/Befehlshaber der Unterseeboote
(F.d.U./B.d.U., Commander, Submarines)

Note: At the beginning of the war the *Flottillenchef, I. Unterseeboots (U.-) Flottille* served as the operational commander of submarines, a post formally designated *Führer der Unterseeboote* (F.d.U.) in late August 1914 without altering his command of *I. U.-Flottille*; on 1 Oct 1916 the four submarine half-flotillas (*I.-IV. U.-Halbflottilen*) became *I.-IV. U.-Flottilen* and F.d.U. lost his concurrent designation as '*Chef der I. U.-Flottille*.' On 5 Jun 1917 the post was redesignated *Befehlshaber der Unterseeboote* (B.d.U.), responsible for submarines operating with the High Seas Fleet and in the Atlantic generally; although in 1918 B.d.U. gained operational control of the *Unterseekreuzerflottille*, previously under the direct authority of the *Admiralstab*, he did not exercise command of U-boat units operating in the Baltic, the Mediterranean, or with *Marinekorps Flandern*. Original records in the BA-MA, *Bestand RM 86*.

KTB and Anlagen I. U.-Flottille zugleich F.d.U. des B.d.A./B.d.U.,

31 Jul – 31 Aug 1914: PG 62005, roll 49

Anlage: F.T.-Sprüche, Aug 1914: PG 62006, roll 49

1 Sep – 31 Dec 1914: PG 62007, rolls 49-50

Anlage: F.T.-Sprüche, Sep-Dec 1914: PG 62008-010, rolls 50-51

1 Jan – 30 Apr 1915: PG 62011, roll 51

1 May 1915 – 30 Apr 1916: PG 62011-013, roll 51 (handwritten draft:
PG 62017, roll 94)

1 May 1916 – 31 May 1917: PG 62014-015, roll 90 (handwritten draft:
PG 62018, roll 94)

1 Jun – 30 Nov 1917: PG 62019, roll 94

1 Jan – 31 Dec 1917 (handwritten draft): PG 62022, roll 95

1 Dec 1917 – 31 Jul 1918: PG 62020, rolls 94-95

1 Aug – 30 Nov 1918: PG 62021, roll 95

(see detailed descriptions in Guide No. 1, pp. 67-69, 136-37, 144-46)

Akten I. U.-Flottille/F.d.U.: **Handelskrieg** (operational guidance and instructions for U-boat commerce warfare, captured documents and intelligence regarding Allied shipping, U-boat operational signals and reports), Jan 1915-Dec 1917:

PG 90875-878, rolls 1513-16

Akten F.d.U./B.d.U.: **Handelskrieg - Allgemeines** (general intelligence and news clippings on the effectiveness of U-boat commerce warfare), May 1917-Nov 1918:

PG 90738-739, rolls 1290-91

Akten F.d.U./B.d.U.: **Handelskrieg - Nachrichten über Westküste, Atlantik** (general intelligence on Allied shipping in the Atlantic approaches to the British Isles), May 1917-Nov 1918:

PG 90740-741, rolls 1291-92

Akten B.d.U.: **Organisation, Ubootsverteilung**, usw. (correspondence and reports on U-boat organizational, construction, and personnel issues), May 1917-Feb 1919:

PG 90754-755, rolls 1292-93

Akten B.d.U.: **Schriften über den U-bootskrieg** (copies of publications on the U-boat campaign), Aug 1917-Aug 1918:

PG 90757, rolls 1294-95

Akten F.d.U./I. U.-Flottille: **Befehle/ O(perative)-Sachen** (U-boat operational orders and reports)-

Jul 1915-Feb 1916: PG 90881, rolls 1294-95

Mar 1916-Oct 1918: PG 93921-923, roll 1496

I. U.-Flottille: **Bestimmungen zum Ubootskrieg** (instructions and advisories for U-boat commerce warfare), Mar 1916-Oct 1917:

PG 90880, roll 1295

Akten F.d.U./B.d.U.: **Handelskrieg**. Gg. Anlagen zum KTB (instructions, advisories, and forwarded reports of individual U-boat experiences in commerce warfare), Jan 1917-Aug 1918:

PG 90879, roll 1295

Akten F.d.U./B.d.U.: **O(perative)-Sachen** (operational orders to U-boats, reports of U-boat operations and experiences; PG 90883 includes U-boat operations associated with the Battle of Jutland, PG 90900 includes U-boat operations off the U.S. east coast)-

Jul 1915-Jun 1916: PG 90882, rolls 1295 and 1469

May-Dec 1916: PG 90883-884, rolls 1469-70

Dec 1916-May 1918: PG 90885-887, rolls 1516-18 (filmed out of chronological sequence)

Jun-Aug 1918: PG 90888, roll 1521

Aug-Oct 1918 (aussereuropäischen Kriegsschauplätze): PG 90900, roll 1430

Akten F.d.U.: **O(perative)-Befehle** (operational orders to individual U-boats, as well as messages and general directives; PG 90892 includes recommendations for attacking convoys, Jul 1918) -

Feb-Dec 1917: PG 90890, rolls 1518-19

Jan-May 1918: PG 90891, rolls 1472-73

Jun-Oct 1918: PG 90892, roll 1473

Akten B.d.U.: **Allgemeine O-Angelenheiten 01** (operational signals and reports on U-boat activities, maps, tabulations of claimed sinkings), Jun-Aug 1918:

PG 90888, roll 1521

Akten B.d.U.: **Bereitschafts-Meldung 01** (organizational and status reports for U-boat flotillas and their constituent submarines), Sep-Nov 1918:

PG 90889, roll 1518

Akten B.d.U.: **Monatliche Gesamterfolge der einzelnen U-Flottillen getrennt nach Kriegsschiffe, Hilfskreuzer und Handelsschiffe** (monthly statistics of claimed sinkings of Allied warships, naval auxiliary vessels, and merchant ships), Feb 1917-Nov 1918:

PG 90821, rolls 1512-13

Akten B.d.U.: **Waffenstillstand** (two volumes of correspondence on Armistice conditions and accompanying instructions for the return or surrender of U-boats), Nov 1918-May 1919:

PG 90950-951, roll 1432

War diaries of U-boat flotillas and half-flotillas; originals in BA-MA Bestand RM 90)

KTB und Anlagen I. U.-Halbflottille (from Oct 1916 I. U.-Flottille; often handwritten) –

31 Jul 1914 – 28 Feb 1915: PG 62029-030, roll 110

1 Mar 1915 – 11 Nov 1918: PG 62031-34, roll 111

31 Jul 1914 - 4 Dec 1918 (duplicate but omitting appendices): PG 62035, rolls 111-12

KTB u. Anlagen II. U.-Flottille (deactivated 13 Dec 1914; commander and staff transferred to Belgium to assume command of newly-established U.-Flottille Flandern) –

1 Aug – 13 Dec 1914: PG 62036, roll 112

KTB u. Anlagen II. U.-Halbflottille (from Oct 1916 II. U.-Flottille; often handwritten) –

31 Jul 1914 – 15 Jan 1915: PG 62037, roll 112

16 Jan – 31 Aug 1915: PG 62038, rolls 112-13

(draft handwritten KTB, 31 Jul 1914 – 31 Jul 1915: PG 62041, roll 113)

1 Sep – 31 Dec 1915 (handwritten draft only): In PG 62043, roll 113 (below)

(draft handwritten KTB, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1915: PG 62043, roll 113)

1 Jan - 24 May 1916: No information available

25 May 1916 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 62039-040, roll 113

(draft handwritten KTB, 25 May 1916 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 62044-045, rolls 113-14)

KTB u. Anlagen III. U.-Halbflottille (from Oct 1916 III. U.-Flottille; often handwritten) –

1 Aug 1914 – 31 Dec 1915: PG 62047-048, roll 88

(draft handwritten KTB, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1915: PG 62042, roll 113)

1 Jan 1916 – 15 Oct 1918: PG 62049-050, roll 89

(draft handwritten KTB, 1 Jan 1916 – 31 May 1918: PG 62051-052, roll 89)

(see descriptions in Guide No. 1, pp. 131-32, 134-35)

KTB u. Anlagen IV. U.-Halbflottille (from Oct 1916 IV. U.-Flottille; often handwritten) –
2 Aug 1914 – 31 Aug 1915: PG 62053, roll 89 (see Guide No. 1, p. 136)
1 Sep 1915 – 11 Nov 1918: PG 62054-055, roll 152
(draft handwritten KTB, 21 Feb – 29 Oct 1918: PG 62046, roll 114)

KTB u. Anlagen V. U.-Halbflottille (operated in the Baltic) –
14 Sep 1914 – 1 Apr 1915 (apparently deactivated this date): PG 62057, roll 152
12 Mar 1916 (reconstituted) – 10 Jul 1917 (from Oct 1916 V. U.-Flottille):
PG 62058, roll 152
11 Jul 1917 (redesignated U.-Flottille Kurland) – 10 Dec 1917: PG 62059, roll 152

KTB u. Anlagen V. U.-Flottille (activated Sep 1917, Atlantic operations) –
10 Sep 1917 – 26 May 1918 (deactivated): PG 62053, roll 152

KTB u. Anlagen U.-Kreuzer-Flottille (activated Mar 1917) –
19 Feb 1917 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 62028, roll 96 (see Guide No. 1, p. 149)
Note: Until Aug 1918 this unit was under the direct command of the Admiralstab, which prepared the following files on its organization, maintenance, and operations:
U.-K.-Flottille, Organisation (organizational, personnel, and administrative issues), Mar 1917-Aug 1918:
PG 76446, roll 920
U.-K.-Verband, Allgemeines (general data regarding the U-boat war on Allied commerce, including intelligence data and proposals for long-range bases), May 1917-Aug 1918:
PG 76471, roll 1077
U.-K.-Verband, Kabelschneid- u. Minenangelegenheiten (plans for submarine cable-cutting equipment and long-range minelaying operations), Jul 1917-Aug 1918:
PG 76451, rolls 920-21
U.-K.-Verband, Operationen/Befehle für U-Boote/Abwehrmassnahmen/F.T.-Nachrichtenwesen (operational matters for long-range U-boats, including data on Allied antisubmarine measures and recommended radio equipment and procedures), Apr 1918-Aug 1918:
PG 76452, roll 921
U.-K.-Verband, Zugeteilte U-Boote (messages regarding U-boats allocated to unit and their state of readiness), Apr-Aug 1918:
PG 76461, roll 1026
U.-K.-Verband, "U 155"/"U 151"/"U 156"/"U 157" (four folders of correspondence on these submarines' readiness, operations, awards for crewmen, reported sinkings), Apr 1917-Aug 1918:
PG 76462-465, rolls 1026-27
U.-K.-Verband, "U 152"/"U 153"/"U 154"/"U 140"/"U 139" (five folders of

correspondence on these submarines' readiness, operations, reported sinkings, and awards for crewmen), Oct 1917-Aug 1918:

PG 76466-470, roll 1077

U.-K.-Verband, Standortmeldungen der U.-Kreuzer (communications from U-cruisers on their movements and actions, including listings of sinkings by individual U-boats), Sep-Nov 1918:

PG 76472, rolls 1077-78

(Descriptions of many war diaries and records of U-boat flotillas and individual U-boats are provided in Guides to Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945: No. 1, Records of U-Boats and T-Boats, 1914-1918; records of U-boat units based in Flanders and the Mediterranean are described with those for those geographic commands elsewhere among German Navy finding aids)

Fliegerkommandeur bei den Hochseestreitkräften

(Flight Officer Commanding High Seas Fleet air units, established 1918; originals in BA-MA, Bestände RM 110-112)

KTB 1 February – 30 September 1918: PG 63862, roll 451

Postwar Fleet files – Internierungsverband Scapa Flow (BA-MA Bestand RM 44)

Kommando des Internierungsverbandes, Akten u. Schriftwechsel (eight folders of reports and correspondence of the Internment Formation at Scapa Flow under Admiral Ludwig von Reuter, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, with additional related documentation extending to 1921; included is information regarding routine maintenance and provisioning during internment, relations within the formation between officers and "soldiers' councils," exchanges with British naval authorities, British press articles, and personal narratives of the scuttling of the fleet; most material is arranged in 44 numbered subject files that generally follow the chronology of the unit, divided among record items PG 64941-942 and 64938; there are also several additional general subject files as noted below, all reproduced on rolls 1628-31), Nov 1918-Feb 1921 –

In PG 64941, roll 1631:

1. Waffenstillstand
2. Englische Anordnungen für die Überfahrt nach dem Firth of Forth
3. Desarmierung der Schiffe. Ausrüstung
4. Anordnungen des Hochseechefs für die Überfahrt. Kommandoübernahme
5. Einschiffung. Letzte Vorbereitungen zur Ausfahrt
6. Fahrt nach dem Firth of Forth (including the KTB of Seydlitz, 19 Nov – 12 Dec 1918)
7. Aufnahme durch die alliierten Flotten
8. Firth of Forth. Abrechnen der Ehre, Anlegen der Fesseln

9. Überfahrt nach Scapa Flow
 10. Besprechung beim Second in Command Grand Fleet
 11. Erste Reduzierung
 12. Englischer Bewachungsdienst
 13. Die I.G.S. (Englische Verhaltensbefehle)
 14. Regelung des Dienstes auf dem I.V.
 15. Mannschaftsverhältnisse. Verhalten der Besatzungen
 16. Oberster Soldatenrat und Soldatenräte
 17. Wechsel des Flaggschiffs
- In PG 64938, roll 1630:
18. Offizierverhältnisse. Wechsel von Offizieren
 19. Wünsche der Offiziere. Bivob.(sic)
 20. Ablösung von Personal
 21. Gerichtliche- und Disziplinarverhältnisse
 22. Sanitäre Verhältnisse
 23. Wirken der Pfarrer
 24. Kohle, Wasser, Oel
 25. Verpflegung, Küchenbetrieb, Messen
 26. Inventar- und Material
 27. Gebühren. Geldverhältnisse. Verwaltungspersonal
 28. Bekleidung
 29. Nachrichtenverbindung mit der Heimat. Post, F.T., Zeitungen
 30. Fürsorge für die Besatzungen. Liebesgaben. Filme
 31. Besondere Festtage
 32. Verkehr mit Wilhelmshaven. Nachschubstelle
 33. Verkehr mit den oberen Behörden
- In PG 64942, roll 1630:
34. Verkehr mit den Engländern
 35. Verhältnisse auf der englischen Flotte
 36. Zweite Reduzierung
 37. Vorbereitungen zur Versenkung
 38. Die Versenkung
 39. Aufnahme auf den englischen Schiffen
 40. Überführung in die Gefangenenlager. Die Gefangenenlager
 41. Grundlagen und Streit um die Versenkung
 42. Deutsche- und ausländische Pressestimmen
 43. Heimkehr
 44. Verschiedenes
- In PG 64940, roll 1628: A collection of 222 messages and reports relating to the internment unit, in addition to accounts of von Reuter's change of flagship due to sailor unrest, and copies of British instructions to the unit
- In PG 64939, roll 1629: Individual handwritten narratives of the internment and scuttling of the following warships: battleships **Kronprinz Wilhelm**, **Prinzregent Luipold**,

Friederich der Grosse, Markgraf, Grosser Kurfürst, König Albert, König, Kaiserin, Bayern, Baden, and Kaiser, battlecruisers von der Tann, Derfflinger, Hindenburg, and Moltke, and light cruisers Brummer, Bremse, Frankfurt, Nürnberg, Karlsruhe, Emden, Cöln, and Dresden

In PG 64943, roll 1629: Correspondence mostly pertaining to relations between German naval officers and enlisted mens' "soldier councils" during internment

In PG 64944, roll 1631: Correspondence mostly relating to supply and provisioning matters during internment

In PG 64945, roll 1628: Denkschrift über Britische Völkerrechtsverletzungen begangen an der Besatzung der in Scapa Flow versenkten deutschen Flotte (multiple copies of the official German protest prepared Feb 1921 by the Reichswehrministerium/Marineleitung, regarding British actions against German crews involved in the scuttling)

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RECORDS OF MAJOR GERMAN NAVY WARSHIPS IN WORLD WAR I

War diaries of World War I-era German warships, following their retirement from active use, were maintained by the *Admiralstab der Marine* (Admiralty Staff). In some cases, particularly for auxiliary cruisers (*Hilfskreuzer*), the *Admiralstab* supplemented the war diaries with personal accounts by recovered survivors, significant communications, press clippings, and reports from other sources, collected into specific files for these vessels and maintained in the *Admiralstab*'s central wartime files. The descriptions that follow include references to the extant war diaries (*Kriegstagebuch*, abbreviated KTB), supplemental files (generally designated *Kriegsakten*), and identified references in other German Navy records. The original war diaries of major warships are held by the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA), Freiburg/Br., as part of *Bestand* RM 92; those for U-boats are located in *Bestand* RM 97. The original supplemental files maintained by the *Admiralstab*, designated at the time as Akten III-1-23 c, "Europäischer Krieg, Angelegenheiten S.M. Hilfskreuzer ----," now constitute part of *Bestand* RM 5.

The descriptions are arranged by warship category and thereunder by age of ship, as indicated by the year of commissioning: e.g., *Blücher* (1908). After a warship was lost, her name might be used again for another vessel, often in a different warship category. Warships lost in action during the war are indicated by an asterisk (*). Related records of these warships' parent squadrons and units are located among the records of *Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte* (High Seas Forces Command) and other regional commands described elsewhere in this *Guide*.

Schlachtkreuzer (Battle Cruisers)

**Blücher* (1908), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 15 Jan 1915: PG 63104, roll 359

von der Tann (1909) -

KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 31 Jan 1915: PG 63403, roll 371

KTB 1 Feb 1915 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63404-406, roll 372

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Moltke (1910) -

KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63273-275, roll 318

Duplicate but less complete KTB, Aug 1914-Oct 1918: PG 63276, rolls 318-19

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Goeben (1911) -

KTB und Anlagen, 2 Aug 1914 - 31 Dec 1915: PG 63187-190, rolls 311-12

KTB 1 Jan 1916 - 3 Nov 1918: PG 63191, roll 312

Additional records regarding S.M.S. *Goeben's* actions in Turkish service located in *Admiralstab* files PG 69114, roll 534; PG 75248, rolls 663-64; PG 76435, roll 1026; and PG 60714, roll 1555

Seydlitz (1912) –

KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 1 Nov 1918: PG 63370-371, roll 387

KTB 19 Nov – 12 Dec 1918: in PG 64941, roll 1631

Derfflinger (1913) –

KTB 1 Sep 1914 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 63128-131, roll 309

KTB Entwurf (draft), 15 Mar 1915 - 9 Nov 1918: PG 63132, roll 310

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

****Lützow*** (1913), KTB 8 Aug 1915 - 1 Jun 1916: PG 63257, roll 383

Hindenburg (1915), KTB 10 May 1917 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63208, roll 315

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Linienschiffe: Pre-Dreadnought Battleships

Brandenburg (1891), KTB 7 Aug 1914 - 20 Dec 1915: PG 63100, roll 359

Wörth (1892), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 18 Mar 1916: PG 63425-426, rolls 324-25

Kaiser Friedrich III (1896), KTB 7 Aug 1914 - 15 Mar 1915: PG 63237, roll 282

Kaiser Wilhelm II (1897), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 28 Nov 1915: PG 63238, roll 282

Kaiser Wilhelm der Große (1899), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 20 Nov 1915: PG 63239, roll 282

Kaiser Karl der Große (1899), KTB 7 Aug 1914 - 28 Feb 1915: PG 63236, roll 282

Kaiser Barbarossa (1900), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 19 Nov 1915: PG 63235, roll 282

Wittelsbach (1900), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 24 Aug 1916: PG 63422-423, rolls 324-25

Wettin (1901), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 17 Jul 1916: PG 63424, roll 325

Zähringen (1901), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 13 Dec 1918: PG 63429-432, rolls 388-89

Schwaben (1901), KTB 8 Aug 1914 - 20 Nov 1915: PG 63397-399, roll 322

Mecklenburg (1901), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 7 Jan 1916: PG 63264-266, roll 364

Braunschweig (1902), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 24 Aug 1916: PG 63101-103, roll 359

Elsass (1903), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 20 Jun 1918: PG 63143-146, rolls 360-61

Hessen (1903), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 30 Nov 1916: PG 63204-207, rolls 314-15

Preussen (1903), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 8 May 1917: PG 63346-348, rolls 287-88

Lothringen (1904), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 15 Sep 1917: PG 63253-256, rolls 382-83

Deutschland (1904) -

KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1915: PG 63125-126, roll 205

KTB 1 Nov 1915 - 31 Aug 1917: PG 63127, roll 309

Hannover (1905), KTB 23 Jul 1914 - 14 Feb 1918: PG 63201-203, rolls 313-14

**Pommern* (1905), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 31 May 1916: PG 63342-345, roll 287

Schlesien (1906), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 10 Nov 1918: PG 63388-391, roll 321

Schleswig-Holstein (1906), KTB 28 Apr 1915 - 2 May 1917: PG 63392-396, rolls 321-22

Linienschiffe: Dreadnought-era Battleships

Nassau (1908), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63280-290, rolls 365-66

Westfalen (1908), KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63420-421, roll 324

Rheinland (1908), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 29 Jul 1918: PG 63360-362, rolls 368-69

Posen (1908), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 15 Jun 1918: PG 63338-341, rolls 286-87

Helgoland (1909), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 30 Nov 1918: PG 63199-200, roll 313

Ostfriesland (1909), KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 16 Dec 1918: PG 63322-325, roll 385

Thüringen (1909), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 30 Nov 1918: PG 63400-402, roll 371

Oldenburg (1910), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 30 Sep 1915: PG 63318-321, roll 384

- Kaiser** (1911), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63222-223, roll 316
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Friederich der Große** (1911), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63151-154, roll 310
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Kaiserin** (1911), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63224-227, rolls 316-17
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- König Albert** (1912), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63231-232, roll 281
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Prinzregent Luitpold** (1912), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 15 Nov 1918: PG 63349-351, rolls 385-86
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- König** (1913), KTB 9 Aug 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63228-230, rolls 317-18
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Großer Kurfürst** (1913), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63172-173, rolls 279-80
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Markgraf** (1913), KTB 1 Oct 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63262-263, rolls 363-64
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Kronprinz** (renamed **Kronprinz Wilhelm** in Jan 1918) (1914) –
KTB 8 Nov 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63233-234, rolls 281-82
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Bayern** (1915), KTB 18 Mar 1916 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63099, rolls 358-59
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629
- Baden** (1915), KTB 19 Oct 1916-15 Oct 1918: PG 63098, roll 358
Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Cruisers: Armored and Protected Cruisers

- Kaiserin Augusta** (1892), KTB 4 Aug 1914 - 15 Feb 1917: PG 63241, roll 282
- *Hela** (1895), KTB 1 - 31 Aug 1914: PG 63212, roll 316
- Viktoria Luise** (1897), KTB 1 Aug - 1 Nov 1914: PG 63415, roll 372
- Hertha** (1897), KTB 30 16 Sep 1914 - 19 Jun 1918: PG 63472-476, roll 290

Freya (1897), KTB 1-28 Aug, 12 Sep 1914 - 30 Nov 1918: PG 63169-170, roll 382

Vineta (1897), KTB 1 Aug - 31 Oct 1914: PG 63416, roll 372

Hansa (1898), KTB 1 Aug - 30 Oct 1914: PG 63209, roll 315

Fürst Bismarck (1897), KTB 16 Jan 1915 - 30 Sep 1918: PG 63167-168, roll 382

Gazelle (1898), KTB 3 Aug 1914 - 22 Feb 1915: PG 63174-186, rolls 280-81

Niobe (1899), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 14 Jan 1916: PG 63293-294, roll 384

Nymphe (1899), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1916: PG 63293-294, roll 384

Thetis (1900), KTB 4 Aug 1914 - 27 Aug 1915: PG 63407-412, rolls 322-23

**Ariadne* (1900), Gefechtsbericht und Verlust, 28 Aug 1914: PG 63089, roll 263

Amazone (1900), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 14 Mar 1917: PG 63078-085, rolls 203-05

Medusa (1900), KTB 4 Aug 1914 - 18 Dec 1916: PG 63269-272, rolls 364-65

Prinz Heinrich (1900), KTB 5 Aug 1914 - 27 Mar 1916: PG 63352-354, roll 386

**Prinz Adalbert* (1901), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 19 Oct 1915: PG 63355-357, rolls 386-87
Account of ship's damaging by torpedo hit, Jul 1915, in PG 64900-902, roll 1627

**Friedrich Carl* (1902), KTB 28 Aug - 17 Nov 1914: PG 63165-166, roll 382

**Frauenlob* (1902), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 30 Apr 1916: PG 63163-164, rolls 381-82

Arcona (1902), KTB 1 Sep 1915 - 22 Dec 1918: PG 63090, roll 263

**Undine* (1902), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1915: PG 63417-418, rolls 372-73

Roon (1903), KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 1 Oct 1918: PG 63363-366, roll 320

**Yorck* (1904), KTB 12 Aug - 4 Nov 1914: PG 63433, roll 389

**Scharnhorst* (1906), no records microfilmed; records relating to her operations with the *Kreuzergeschwader*, Jun-Dec 1914, are located in *Admiralstab* files reproduced on PG 75217-219, rolls 799, 583, and PG 62732, roll 1191

***Gneisenau** (1906) - Gefechtsberichte und Verlust (including personal correspondence of the commanding officer), Jun-Dec 1914: PG 62733, roll 190
no war diaries microfilmed but records relating to her operations with the *Kreuzergeschwader*, Jun-Dec 1914, are located in *Admiralstab* files reproduced on PG 75217-219, rolls 799 and 583, and PG 62732, roll 1191

Cruisers: Light Cruisers

***Bremen** (1903), KTB 27 May - 15 Dec 1915: PG 63114-115, roll 379

Hamburg (1903), KTB 6 Aug 1914 - 11 May 1917: PG 63211, roll 316

Lübeck (1904), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 8 Mar 1918: PG 63258-261, rolls 383-84

München (1904), KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 15 Nov 1916: PG 63277-279, roll 319

***Leipzig** (1905), Gefechtsbericht und Verlust, Aug-Dec 1914: PG 62734, roll 190

Danzig (1905) -

KTB 2 Aug 1914 - 25 Mar 1918 (decommissioned): PG 63133-134, roll 278

Draft KTB (handwritten), 1 Aug 1914 - 30 Apr 1918: PG 63136, rolls 278-79

***Königsberg** (1905), no war diaries filmed but see *Admiralstab* file "Kriegsakten betr. S.M.S. *Königsberg*" (including accounts of the final voyage and loss of the cruiser and the crew's subsequent participation in ground actions in German East Africa) -

Band 1 (Jun 1914-Oct 1915): PG 62735, roll 190

Bd. 2 (Jul 1915-Apr 1917): PG 62736, rolls 190-91

Bd. 3 (Jul 1915-Mar 1919): PG 62737, roll 191

***Nürnberg** (1906), Gefechtsbericht und Verlust, Jun-Dec 1914: PG 62740, roll 191

Stuttgart (1906), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 15 Dec 1916, 16 May - 30 Sep 1918:
PG 63372-375, rolls 387-88

Stettin (1907), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63376-378, roll 388

***Dresden** (1907) -

Gefechtsberichte und Verlust, Jun 1914-Mar 1915:

PG 62738-739, roll 191

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Dresden*," Aug 1914-Feb 1918: PG 75155, roll 661

***Emden** (1908), Gefechtsberichte und Nachrichten, Aug-Dec 1914:
PG 62741-744, rolls 191-92

Kolberg (1908), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63247-252, rolls 283-84

***Mainz** (1909), KTB 1 - 11 Aug 1914: PG 63268, roll 364

***Cöln** (1909), KTB 1 - 17 Aug 1914: PG 63121, roll 380

Augsburg (1909) -

KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 1 Oct 1915: PG 63091-094, roll 263

KTB 2 Oct 1915 - 30 Sep 1918: PG 63095-097, roll 378

***Magdeburg** (1911) -

KTB 31 Jul - 26 Aug 1914: PG 63267, roll 364

Bericht über Verlust, Aug 1914: PG 64859, roll 412

***Breslau** (1911) -

KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Dec 1917: PG 63116-120, rolls 379-80

Bericht über Verlust, Jan 1918: PG 69114, roll 534

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Goeben* und *Breslau*," Jan 1918-Feb 1919:

PG 76435, roll 1026

Admiralstab Akte "Unternehmungen-Verschiedenes," Nov 1915-Aug 1918:

PG 60268, roll 1266

Straßburg (1911), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63382-387, rolls 369-71

Stralsund (1911), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63379-381, roll 369

***Karlsruhe** (1912) -

KTB 24 Jul - 15 Dec 1914: PG 63243, roll 283

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Karlsruhe*," Jul 1914-Jul 1921: PG 75153, roll 660

***Rostock** (1912), KTB 1 Aug 1914 - 31 May 1916: PG 63367-368, rolls 320-21

Graudenz (1913), KTB 10 Aug 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63192-198, rolls 312-13

Regensburg (1914), KTB 1 Mar 1915 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63358-359, roll 368

Pillau (1914), KTB 16 Mar 1915 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63333-335, roll 319

***Elbing** (1914), KTB 4 Sep 1915 - 30 Apr 1916: PG 63147, roll 361

***Wiesbaden** (1915), KTB 23 Oct 1915 - 30 Apr 1916: PG 63428, roll 325

Frankfurt (1915) –

KTB 11 Oct 1915 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63159-162, roll 381

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Brummer (1915), KTB 2 Apr 1916 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 63123, roll 380

Admiralstab files include reports of minelaying operations of *Brummer* and *Bremse* in the North Sea, Oct-Nov 1917, in PG 64848-850, rolls 445-46; account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Bremse (1916), KTB 1 Jul 1916 – 31 Oct 1918: PG 63124, rolls 380-81

Admiralstab files include reports of minelaying operations of *Bremse* and *Brummer* in the North Sea, Oct-Nov 1917, in PG 64848-850, rolls 445-46; account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Königsberg (II) (1915) -

KTB 12 Aug 1916 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63245-246, roll 289

Englandfahrt und Waffenstillstandsverhandlungen, Nov 1918: PG 62618, rolls 176-77

Karlsruhe (II) (1916) –

KTB 22 Feb 1917 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63244, roll 283

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Emden (II) (1916) –

KTB 16 Dec 1916 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63148-150, rolls 361-62

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Nürnberg (II) (1916) –

KTB 1 May 1917 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63295-296, roll 384

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Cöln (II) (1916) –

KTB 17 Jan - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63122, roll 380

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Wiesbaden (II) (1917), no records microfilmed

Dresden (II) (1917) –

KTB 28 Mar - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63137, roll 279

Account of internment and scuttling, Nov 1918-Jun 1919, in PG 64939, roll 1629

Magdeburg (II) (1917), no records filmed

Leipzig (II) (1918), no records filmed

Rostock (II) (1918), no records filmed

Frauenlob (II) (1918), no records filmed

Armored Coastal Defense Ships

Siegfried (1889), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 14 Jan 1916: PG 63369, roll 387

Beowulf (1890), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 12 Mar 1917, 20 Dec 1917 - 21 Aug 1918:
PG 63111-113, roll 378

Frithjof (1891), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 12 Jan 1916: PG 63171, roll 382

Heimdall (1892), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 31 Aug 1915: PG 63214, roll 362

Hildebrand (1892), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 16 Jan 1916: PG 63215, roll 362

Hagen (1893), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 10 Sep 1915: PG 63213, roll 316

Odin (1894), KTB 13 Aug 1914 - 16 Jan 1916: PG 63326, roll 385

Ägir (1895), KTB 12 Aug 1914 - 31 Dec 1915: PG 63088, roll 262

Auxiliary Cruisers (Commerce Raiders)

Berlin (1914; also auxiliary minelayer) -

KTB 2 Aug - 23 Nov 1914: PG 63452-454, rolls 390-91

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Berlin*," Aug 1914-May 1918: PG 75172, roll 719

Prinz Eitel Friedrich (1904) -

KTB 31 Jul - 31 Oct 1914 and summary report, Aug 1914 - Mar 1915:

PG 63503-504, roll 374

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*," Mar 1915-Jan 1918:

PG 75162-163, roll 801

**Kaiser Wilhelm der Große* (1902) -

KTB 2 - 26 Aug 1914: PG 63481, roll 391

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Kaiser Wilhelm der Große*," Aug 1914-Jun 1920:

PG 75158, roll 800

***Cap Trafalgar (1913) -**

KTB 15 Aug - 14 Sep 1914: PG 63455, roll 391

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Cap Trafalgar*," Aug 1914-Feb 1920: PG 75159, roll 800

***Kronprinz Wilhelm* (1901) -**

KTB 3 Aug 1914 - 27 Apr 1915: PG 63485-486, roll 392

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Kronprinz Wilhelm*," Aug 1914-Sep 1918:

PG 75160-163, rolls 800-01

***Möwe* (1914) -**

KTB and Anlagen, 1 Nov 1915-31 Oct 1918: PG 63488-492, rolls 326-27

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Möwe*," Sep 1915-Jun 1918: PG 75164-167, rolls 581-82

****Leopard* (ex-*Yarrowdale*, 1912),** no war diaries microfilmed but the following records are located among *Admiralstab* files, Jan 1917-Apr 1919 -

records relating to commerce raiding operations: PG 75173, roll 719;

records relating to her initial capture as the British vessel *Yarrowdale*:

PG 75166, rolls 581-82;

reports of her sinking by British warships: PG 62754, roll 192

****Greif* (1906) -**

KTB 24 Jan - 24 Feb 1916: PG 63417, roll 372

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Greif*," Jan 1916-Oct 1917: PG 75168, roll 782

***Wolf* (ex-*Wachtfels*, 1913):** no war diaries microfilmed but records concerning her operations are located in *Admiralstab* Akte "S.M.S. *Wolf*," Jan 1916-Oct 1918, in PG 75170-171, rolls 782-83; records concerning her conversion to a merchant raider and the disposition of prisoners captured are located in *Admiralstab* files PG 76710, roll 984, and PG 75560, roll 777

****Cormoran* (1909),** KTB and Erfahrungsbericht, Jun 1914-Apr 1917: PG 62758, roll 193

***Seeadler* (1888) -**

KTB 2 Dec 1914 - 12 Aug 1919: PG 63527, roll 375

Admiralstab Akte "S.M.S. *Seeadler*," Jul 1916-Dec 1920: PG 75174, roll 719

Berichte/Pressenachrichten, Dec 1916-Aug 1917: PG 62756, roll 193

****Iltis* (ex-*Turritella*, 1905),** Feindfahrt Bericht, Feb-Mar 1917: PG 62753, roll 192

****Meteor* (1903; also auxiliary minelayer),** KTB 29 May - 9 Aug 1915: PG 63487, roll 325

****Geier* (II) (1913),** KTB 28 Dec 1916-14 Feb 1917: PG 63467, roll 289

(Collected signals relating to the operations of all commerce raiders, Aug 1914-Dec 1917, are located in *Admiralstab* Akten III-1-23c, "Europäischer Krieg: Angelegenheiten S.M. Hilfskreuzer, Allgemeines," Aug 1914-Dec 1917, reproduced as PG 75157, rolls 799-800)

Gunboats, Unarmored Cruisers, Sloops

Jaguar (1898), Operationsbericht, Oct 1914: PG 62749, roll 192

**Tiger* (1899), no war diaries filmed but an *Admiralstab* file includes a report on the *Tiger* and *Luchs* outfitting the commerce raider *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* at Tsingtao, Aug 1914 (PG 62752, roll 192)

**Luchs* (1899), no war diaries filmed but an *Admiralstab* file includes a report on the *Tiger* and *Luchs* outfitting the commerce raider *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* at Tsingtao, Aug 1914 (PG 62752, roll 192)

Panther (1901), KTB 27 Jul 1914 - 15 Oct 1918: PG 63327-332, rolls 366-67

**Eber* (1903) -

KTB 29 Jun 1914 - 29 Oct 1917: PG 62761, roll 193

KTB 30 Jul - 28 Sep 1914 (supplement): PG 63456, roll 391

**Geier* (1894) -

KTB 1 Aug - 15 Oct 1914: (No PG record item number), roll 4313

Bericht über Fahrt von Dar-es-Salaam nach Port Viktoria, Colombo, und Sabang, Jun-Jul 1914, and report on wartime operations, Jul 1921:

PG 62751, roll 192

Militär-politische Berichte über Verhältnisse in Hawaii, Oct 1914-Dec 1915:

PG 65131, roll 1395

Prewar records relating to activities, Oct 1912-Jul 1913: PG 69078, roll 533

Note: the original personal diary of S.M.S. *Geier's* commanding officer, Capt. Karl Grasshoff, for the period May 1913-June 1916, together with other personal papers and accompanying U.S. documentation, are located in record item MID 9605-4 among the formerly security-classified correspondence and reports of the Military Intelligence Division (MID), 1917-1941, RG 165, NARA; the navigational logbooks of the *Geier* for the period May 1912-February 1917 (with gaps) are reproduced on Microfilm Publication M2089, rolls 1-3.

Minelayers

Pelikan (1890), KTB 25 Sep 1914 - 28 Feb 1919: PG 63337, roll 320

Nautilus (1906), KTB 31 Jul 1914 - 31 Oct 1918: PG 63297-317, rolls 285-86

**Albatross* (1907), KTB 30 Jul 1914 - 27 Jun 1915: PG 63086-087, roll 205
Additional records relating to the salvaging and repair of S.M.S. *Albatross* are located in *Admiralstab* files PG 77197-200, roll 1177

**Königin Luise* (1913, auxiliary), Verlustberichte Aug 1914 (including British press excerpts and postwar correspondence, 1914-20): PG 63242, roll 282

U-Boats

(The U-boats listed below were not described in *Guides to Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, No. 1 U-Boats and T-Boats*; the originals are located in BA-MA Bestand RM 97)

U 72 (1915), KTB 26 Jan 1916 - 1 Nov 1918: PG 61649, roll 1609

U 91 (1917), KTB 17 Sep 1917 - 26 Oct 1918: PG 61674, roll 1609

UB 93 (1918), KTB 15 May - 10 Jan 1918: PG 61853, roll 189

UB 94 (1918), KTB 1 Jun - 2 Nov 1918: PG 61854, roll 189

UB 95 (1918), KTB 26 Jun - 16 Oct 1918: PG 61855, roll 189

**UB 124* (1918), KTB 22 Apr - 20 Jul 1918: PG 61879, roll 1610

**UC 10* (1915), KTB 20 May - 21 Aug 1916: PG 61911, roll 108

**UC 47* (1916), KTB 13 Oct 1916 - 17 Nov 1917: PG 61960, roll 1610

**UC 61* (1916), KTB 13 Dec 1916 - 26 Jul 1917: PG 61982, roll 108

**UC 62* (1916), KTB 8 Jan - 11 Oct 1917: PG 61983, roll 108

**UC 63* (1917), KTB 30 Jan - 18 Oct 1917: PG 61984, roll 108 (includes an account of the boat's loss by the sole survivor, prepared for SA-Marinestandarte 63, Jan-Apr 1939)

**UC 64* (1917), KTB 22 Feb 1917 - 18 Jul 1918: PG 61985, roll 108

**UC 65* (1916), KTB 10 Nov 1916 - 22 May 1917: PG 61986, roll 109

**UC 66* (1916), KTB 18 Nov 1916 - 22 May 1917: PG 61987, roll 109

UC 67 (1916), KTB 10 Dec 1916 - 29 Nov 1918: PG 61988, roll 1610

**UC 68* (1916), KTB 17 Dec 1916 – 10 Mar 1917: PG 61988, roll 109

**UC 69* (1916), KTB 3 Mar – 6 Dec 1917: PG 61990, roll 109

**UC 70* (1916), KTB 22 Nov 1916 – 16 Sep 1918: PG 61991, roll 109

UC 71 (1916), KTB 28 Nov 1916 – 13 Oct 1918: PG 61992-993, roll 110

**UC 75* (1916), KTB 6 Dec 1916 – 20 Jun 1918: PG 61997, roll 1610

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Kriegsarchiv des Admiralstabes:

Der Handelskrieg mit U-Booten, records of Admiralstab Dezernat B I

Within the German Navy's Admiralstab (loosely translated as "Admiralty Staff"), Dezernat (Department) B I exercised responsibility for the collection and preparation of materials relating to political, economic, and legal aspects of the German submarine campaign against Allied commerce throughout World War I. The records originated or received by this department, collectively designated "**B-Akten betr. Handelskrieg mit U-Booten (ganz geheim),**" constitutes the most systematic senior-level documentation of the 1914-18 U-boat campaign. Attached to this collection are the closely-related records of its postwar successor, known as the "U-Gruppe," responsible for examination and verification of Allied and neutral reparations claims for shipping lost during the war.

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- U.M. 1 Allgemeines (general information, often including strategic policy papers and intelligence reports)
- U.M. 2 Stellungnahme der deutschen Presse (attitudes expressed in German newspapers)
- U.M. 3 Stellungnahme der feindlichen und neutralen Presse (attitudes expressed in Allied and neutral newspapers)
- U.M. 4 Nachrichten über Erfolge der U-Boote (reports on sinkings by U-boats)
- U.M. 5 Wirkung auf die Schifffahrt und das wirtschaftliche Leben (intelligence reports on destroyed and available Allied shipping tonnage and on the economic effects of U-boat warfare)
- U.M. 6 Unberechtigtes Führen neutraler Abzeichen (Allied violations of neutral markings)
- U.M. 7 Kennzeichnung neutraler Schiffe; Vorsichtsmassnahmen zur Sicherheit der Neutralen (fixed markings and approved conduct for neutral vessels)
- U.M. 8 Sonderfälle (special incidents, usually in reference to neutral ships attacked by German U-boats)
- U.M. 9 Unterseebootskrieg im Mittelmeer (submarine warfare in the Mediterranean)
- U.M. 10 Unterseebootskrieg von Feinden –
 - a) Ostsee
 - b) Mittelmeer
 - c) Nordsee(Allied and Russian submarine operations in the Baltic, Mediterranean, and the North Sea)

In 1918 (probably as a consequence of the establishment of the Seekriegsleitung as the supreme naval headquarters) the file designation "IV.2-5" was retained but the original sequential numbering of volumes ceased, replaced by a new filing scheme based on the "U.M." file designations. This more complex arrangement existed only until war's end. Although Dezernat B I was demobilized shortly after the armistice, its records continued to be used by the postwar "U-Gruppe" in examining Allied reparations claims for shipping lost to U-boats; the records thereby originated or collected were arranged in a new subject-numeric filing scheme using the general designation "U.V." (apparently for "U-Boot-Versenkungen," U-boat sinkings).

These and other German Navy records that fell into Allied custody at the end of World War II were microfilmed by the U.S. Navy in London in 1946-47. The records were not filmed as a single entity, but are scattered over 62 rolls of the current National Archives Microfilm Publication T1022, Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, Received from the Naval

Historical Division (the relevant rolls are listed at the end of this finding aid). Some files lack precise dates, others appear to have had dates added subsequently. A number of records were not filmed and are available only at the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA), Freiburg/Br.; these are so indicated in the descriptions. All original records have been restituted to the BA-MA, where they comprise a part of Bestand RM 5, "Admiralstab der Marine."

File classification IV.2-4b is included here as it constitutes a rich collection of policy papers that endorse or justify the adoption of unrestricted submarine warfare. Of particular note are records relating to the sinking of the "Lusitania" and its consequences, reproduced in record items PG 75941-943, rolls 843-44, and PG 75956-960, rolls 968-70.

IV.2-4b. *Denkschrift-Sammlung Dezernat B I von Mai 1916* (collection of policy memorandums, studies, and staff presentations mostly relating to the U-boat war on Allied commerce, including recommendations for adopting unrestricted submarine warfare, estimates of Allied tonnage requirements and capabilities, assessments of the effects of the submarine campaign, translations of captured British directives, a report on the "Baralong" incident and the killing of survivors of "U 41," and data on the internment of submarines "UB 6" and "UB 30" in Holland; although the documents emphasize the period May 1916-Aug 1917, some material is dated as early as Feb 1915):

PG 75931, roll 905

IV.2.-5. *Der Handelskrieg mit U-Booten*

Band 1, Oct 1914 – 31 Jan 1915 (including the earliest considerations for unrestricted U-boat warfare, justifications based on British blockade and mining of the English Channel, and early assessments of British vulnerability to submarine blockade):

PG 75932, roll 965

Bände 2-5, 1 – 28 Feb 1915 (detailed documentation of planning and discussions regarding adoption of unrestricted submarine warfare, consideration of neutral shipping):

PG 75933-936, rolls 965-67

Bände 6-9, Mar – Apr 1915 (continued conduct of unrestricted U-boat warfare in waters around Britain) -

Band 6, 1 – 10 Mar 1915: PG 75937, roll 967

Band 7, 11 – 20 Mar 1915: PG 75938, rolls 967-68

Band 8, 21 Mar – 15 Apr 1915: PG 75939, roll 968

Band 9, 16 – 30 Apr 1915: PG 75940, roll 843

Bände 10-12, 1 May 1915 – 13 Jan 1917 "Lusitania" (sinking of the "Lusitania," and subsequent exchanges of diplomatic notes between the United States and Germany):

PG 75941-943, rolls 843-44

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Bände 13-16, 1 May – 10 Jul 1915 (other merchant vessel sinkings during this period, restrictions imposed on targets, approved neutrality markings and alleged British violations thereof; special cases of specific Dutch, Norwegian, and American vessels):

PG 75944-947, rolls 892-94

Band 17, 11 – 20 Jul 1915 (continues the same documentation): PG 75948, rolls 907-08

Bände 18-18a, 10 Jul – Nov 1915 "Arabic" (sinking of British vessel "Arabic" with loss of American lives, subsequent exchanges of notes between American and German governments):

PG 75949-950, roll 908-09

Bände 19-23, Jul-Nov 1915 (transition from unrestricted submarine warfare to observance of prize rules in commerce warfare, intelligence data on British food shortages and economic effects of submarine blockade, expansion of U-boat operations to the Mediterranean; Band 20 includes a key study of perceived British vulnerability in grain imports, "Wirtschaftliche Strategie im U-Bootkrieg," 19 Aug 1915):

Bd. 19, 21 Jul – 5 Aug 1915: PG 75951, roll 909

Bd. 20, 6 – 31 Aug 1915: PG 75952, rolls 905-06

Bd. 21, 1 – 20 Sep 1915: PG 75953, roll 906

Bd. 22, 21 Sep – 31 Oct 1915: PG 75954, rolls 906-07

Bd. 23, 1 – 31 Nov 1915: PG 75955, roll 907

Bände 24-27, 10 Jun – 22 Aug 1915 "Lusitania" (all files pertain to reactions to the sinking of the "Lusitania," including copies of diplomatic notes exchanged between the U.S. and Germany, assessments of American public opinion, internal discussions within the German Navy and Government regarding the incident and aftermath):

PG 75956-960, rolls 968-70

Band 28, 1 – 15 Dec 1915 (U-boat warfare under prize rules, Atlantic and Mediterranean areas):

PG 75961, roll 970

Bände 29-30, 16 Jan – 20 Feb 1916 (U-boat warfare conducted under prize rules in the Atlantic and Mediterranean):

PG 75962-963, roll 845 (Note: direct continuation of subject matter from Band 30 is located in Band 42, described below)

Band 31, 13 Nov 1915 – 18 Feb 1916 "Ancona" (documentation relating to the sinking of the merchant ship "Ancona" and subsequent reactions):

PG 75964, roll 845

Band 32, 8 Sep 1915 – 14 Mar 1916, U.M. 5a "Nicosian" – "Baralong" (documentation of the "Baralong" Incident, in which "U 41," following a prize-rules attack on merchant vessel "Nicosian," was sunk and its crew killed by Q-ship HMS "Baralong"; included are eyewitness

accounts by American passengers on the "Nicosian"):
PG 75964, rolls 845-46

Bände 33-36, 11 Feb – 5 Apr 1916 (intensification of submarine warfare against Britain, continued prize rules warfare in the Mediterranean, additional data on American popular attitudes in the aftermath of "Lusitania" sinking; Band 35 includes information on Alfred von Tirpitz's resignation as State Secretary):

PG 75965-968, rolls 1012-13

Bände 37-39, Apr-Jun 1916 (intensified U-boat warfare against Britain, several specific incidents of attacks on merchant vessels, including the French liner "Sussex"):

Band 37, 6 – 10 Apr 1916: PG 75969, rolls 972-73

Band 38, 11 – 30 Apr 1916: PG 75970, roll 973

Band 39, 1 May – 10 Jun 1916: PG 75971, rolls 973-74

Bände 40-41, 16 Mar 1916 – Mar 1921 "Tubantia" (two folders of correspondence and press clippings pertaining to the sinking of the neutral Dutch steamer "Tubantia") -

Band 40 (Schriftwechsel), Mar 1916-Mar 1921: PG 75972, rolls 974-75

Band 41 (Zeitungsstimmen), Mar-Oct 1916: PG 75973, roll 970

Band 42, 21 Feb – 30 Apr 1916 (plans for intensified U-boat war on commerce, note to the U.S. Government of intended renewal of unrestricted submarine war; folder is a direct continuation of the contents of Band 30 described above, and continues in Band 54, below):

PG 75974, rolls 970-71

Band 42a, Sperrmassnahmen May-Sep 1916 (general documentation of British blockade measures, German imports from neutral countries, and proposed intensification of U-boat war on Allied commerce):

PG 75975, roll 971

Bände 43-43a, 27 Mar – 15 May 1916 (two folders of correspondence and press clippings relating to the torpedoing of the French liner "Sussex" and attendant injuries to American passengers; included are copies of exchanges between the American and German governments):

PG 75976-977, rolls 971-72

Bände 44-45, 11 Jun – 31 Aug 1916 (continuation of limited submarine warfare, esp. in the Mediterranean; Allied antisubmarine countermeasures; Allied submarine activities against German shipping in the Baltic; direct continuation of documentation found in Band 48, described below):

PG 75978-979, rolls 894-95

Band 46, 12 Feb – 24 Oct 1916, U.M. 5, Denkschrift vom Dr. Fuss (Feb 1916 Admiralstab memorandum on the British war economy and the effects of U-boat warfare, accompanied by

correspondence and commentaries with a view toward resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare):

PG 75980, rolls 895-96

Band 47, Jun-Sep 1916, U.M. 10a, Sondersammlung (special collection documenting British and Russian submarine attacks on German merchant shipping in the Baltic):

PG 75981, roll 896

Bände 48-51, 1 Sep – 31 Dec 1916 (continues from Band 45, above, the documentation of limited submarine warfare in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, as well as data on Allied submarine activities in the Baltic) –

Band 48, 1 Sep – 5 Oct 1916: PG 75982, rolls 1013-14

Band 49, 6 – 25 Oct 1916: PG 75983, roll 1014

Band 50, 26 Oct – 30 Nov 1916: PG 75984, rolls 1014-15

Band 51, 1 – 31 Dec 1916: PG 75985, roll 1015

Bände 52-53, 1 Jan – 28 Feb 1917 (documentation of U-boat activities during the transition from limited to unrestricted submarine warfare [Feb 1917] in all theaters, and intelligence data on its attendant effects on the British economy; this subseries continues in Band 56, below):

PG 75986-987, roll 846

Band 54, 1 May 1916 – Jan 1917, U.M. 1 (a key collection of policy documents and correspondence pertaining to the final decision to adopt unrestricted U-boat warfare, including correspondence exchanged and records of discussions among Admiralstab Chef Adm. von Holtzendorff, Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, Fleet commander Adm. Reinhold Scheer, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff on the military and diplomatic implications of this measure; included are expressed views of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, proposals for determining categories of Allied and neutral ships as targets, assessments of the total sinkings of Allied shipping, evaluations of American, Dutch, and other neutral powers' reactions, and views on possible American entry into the war; this documentation continues that found in Band 42, above)

PG 75988, rolls 847-48

Band 55, 27 Aug 1916 - 11 Sep 1917, U.M. 2-4 (copies of studies of British shipping, ship construction, and of the British economy, in draft and annotated form, accompanied by commentaries and endorsing correspondence, all with a view to measuring the impact of unrestricted U-boat warfare; included is a draft 40-page letter from the Chef des Admiralstabes to German Chancellor Georg Michaelis, 11 August 1917, assessing the accomplishments of the 1917 U-boat campaign to that point):

PG 75989, rolls 848-49

Bände 56-59, Mar-Jun 1917 (documentation of the conduct of unrestricted U-boat warfare in all theaters, including Arctic waters, as well as data on Allied antisubmarine measures and Allied

submarine activities in the Baltic; this subseries continues in Band 72, described below) –

Band 56, 1 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 75990, rolls 909-10

Band 57, 1 – 30 Apr 1917: PG 75991, rolls 910-11

Band 58, 1 – 31 May 1917: PG 75992, rolls 911-12

Band 59, 1 – 30 Jun 1917: PG 75993, roll 912

Bände 60-61, Dec 1916–Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Allgemeines (two folders of directives, policy papers, commentaries and related correspondence relating to the decision for, and direction of, unrestricted submarine warfare; included are intelligence reports, press reports from German, Allied, and neutral states, and reported reactions of German-Americans to the outbreak of war between the U.S. and Germany) –

Band 60, 8 Dec 1916 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 75994, rolls 912-13

Band 61, 1 Apr – 31 Dec 1917: PG 75995, rolls 913-14

Bände 62-63, Dec 1916–Dec 1917 U.M. 1 Dänemark (two folders of correspondence and reports pertaining to Denmark's trade relations with Britain and Germany during the period of unrestricted submarine warfare, including assessments of the effects on Danish trade and data on attacks on Danish vessels) –

Band 62, 6 Dec 1916 – 31 Mar 1917: PG 75996, roll 1015

Band 63, 1 Apr – 31 Dec 1917: PG 75997, rolls 1015-16

Bände 64-65, Feb 1917- Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Holland (two folders of correspondence and reports pertaining to the Netherlands and its trade relations with Germany and Britain during the period of unrestricted submarine warfare, including designated shipping routes and U-boat attacks on Dutch vessels)–

Band 64, 1 Feb – 31 Mar 1917: PG 75998, roll 1016

Band 65, 1 Apr – 31 Dec 1917: PG 75999, roll 1016

Band 66, 5 Feb - 31 Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Norwegen (materials relating to Norway during the period of unrestricted U-boat warfare, including trade and business relations with Germany and Great Britain, U-boat attacks on Norwegian vessels, and the declared blockade zone off the Norwegian Arctic coast against Allied shipping to Murmansk):

PG 76000, rolls 896-97

Band 67, 1 Feb – 31 Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Schweden (materials relating to Sweden during the period of unrestricted U-boat warfare, including the blockade's impact on Swedish exports and economic life, assessments of Swedish attitudes, and data on Swedish merchant traffic and vessels in British ports):

PG 76001, roll 897

Band 68, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1917, zu U.M. 8 Belgische Relief-Commission (materials relating to ships and routes permitted for use by the Belgian Relief Commission during the period of unrestricted submarine warfare, including data on violations by the Commission, attacks on its

vessels by U-boats, and correspondence regarding the Commission's aims and activities):
PG 76002, roll 897

Bände 69-70, Jan-Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Spanien (materials relating to Spain and German-Spanish relations during the period of unrestricted submarine warfare, including the definitions of blockaded zones near Spanish waters in the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean, and data on U-boat attacks on Spanish vessels) –

Band 69, 13 Jan – 31 May 1917: PG 76003, rolls 897-98

Band 70, 1 Jun – 31 Dec 1917: PG 76004, roll 898

Band 71, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Verschiedene Staaten (documentation of the affects of the 1917 submarine campaign on, and Germany's relations with, such various countries as the U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Greece, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, and Turkey; in each case the amount and nature of materials varies, but always includes data on shipping and trade, reported U-boat attacks on vessels, and attitudes of the governments in question to unrestricted submarine warfare):

PG 76005, roll 849

Bände 72-73, Jul-Aug 1917 (resumes documentation of the general conduct of unrestricted U-boat warfare from that left off in Band 59, record item PG 75993, roll 912, described above; included are estimates of the effectiveness of the campaign in terms of available and lost British shipping tonnage, British food reserves, the effect of the campaign on Italy in the Mediterranean, and some special incidents of individual sinkings, as well as data on Allied submarine activities in the Baltic, subseries continues in Band 75, described below) –

Band 72, 1 – 31 Jul 1917: PG 76006, rolls 849-50

Band 73, 1 – 31 Aug 1917: PG 76007, rolls 850-51

Band 74, Mar 1917 – 4 May 1919, zu U.M. 8 Sondersammlung (collection of documents relating to the U-boat sinkings of Dutch steamers "Amsteldijk" and "La Campine" as well as a number of fishing smacks during the unrestricted campaign, and subsequent negotiations between Holland and Germany):

PG 76008, roll 976

Bände 75-77, Sep-Nov 1917 (resumes documentation of the general conduct of unrestricted U-boat warfare from that left off in Band 73, record item PG 76007, rolls 850-51, described above; Band 75 includes the text of an address by the Deputy Chief of the Admiralstab, Sep 1917, on the progress of the campaign after seven months; Band 76 includes a 'Sondersammlung' of materials relating to the sinking of the Dutch steamer "Eendracht VII;" subseries continues in Band 79) –

Band 75, 1 – 30 Sep 1917: PG 76009, rolls 976-77

Band 76, 1 – 31 Oct 1917: PG 76010, rolls 977-78

Band 77, 1 – 30 Nov 1917: PG 76011, roll 1016

Band 78, 30 Jun – 31 Dec 1917, U.M. 1 Holland-Sperre (correspondence and reports relating to British minefields laid off the coast of the Netherlands):
PG 76012, roll 1017

Band 79, 1 – 31 Dec 1917 (the final volume in the chronological subseries documenting the general conduct of unrestricted U-boat warfare in all theaters, continuing that left off in Band 77; includes a detailed report on the Norwegian fishing trade and additional intelligence data on the effects of the campaign on the British economy):
PG 76013, roll 1017

Band 80, (zu U.M. 8) Sondersammlungen: "Campo Libe," "Industria," "Kong [sic] Haakon," "Nygaard," "Orion," "Schwedische Fischdampfer," "Toro," "Sirra" (collected documents relating to specific incidents of U-boat attacks on neutral Spanish, Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, and Dutch vessels during the unrestricted submarine warfare campaign, Jul 1917-Feb 1918):
PG 76014, roll 1017

Band 81, U.M. 1 "1. Mai" und "1. Juli" für 1917 (documentation relating to German proposals for allowing unhindered passage of neutral ships from Britain on 1 May and 1 July 1917, including attendant incidents and reported British violations, Feb-Aug 1917):
PG 76015, roll 1017

Band 82, Sep 1917-Jan 1918, U.M. 1 Allgemeines, Sperrgebiet (documentation relating to the fixing of specific war zones of the coasts of Britain, France, Spain and elsewhere in the Atlantic in which ships might be torpedoed without warning):
PG 76016, roll 898

Band 83, May 1917-Jun 1919, zu UM 8 Im Frühjahr 1917 versenkte holländische Fischerfahrzeuge (documentation relating to specific U-boat sinkings of neutral Dutch fishing smacks, and accompanying exchanges of notes between the German and Dutch governments):
PG 75017, rolls 898-99

Band 84, May 1917 – 27 Oct 1918, U.M. 8 Norwegischen Dampfer "Tiger" (documentation relating to the U-boat sinking of the Norwegian steamer "Tiger" off the coast of Spain, 7 May 1917, including correspondence exchanged between the German and Norwegian governments):
PG 76018, roll 899

Bände 85-86, Jun 1917- Sep 1919, zu U.M. 8 Sondersammlungen: "H.B. Linnemann," "Hendrika," "Nygaard," "Ivigut" (two folders of documentation relating to U-boat sinkings of neutral Danish and Dutch vessels, Apr-Jun 1917, and consequent exchanges of notes between those governments and Germany):
PG 76019-020, rolls 899-900

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(Note: the remaining Admiralstab files for the conduct of the U-boat war are arranged under the "U.M." numeric-subject scheme noted earlier)

U.M. 1 Allgemeines-Politisches, Rechtliches, Verordnungen, Abänderungen
(Contains instructions for U-Boat merchant warfare until 31 May 1915, and including information on the location and alteration of minefields, American political pressure against submarine warfare, and general rules for and observations on U-boat warfare) -
Band 1, 8 Jun 1915 - 15 Nov 1919: PG 76021, roll 851

U.M. 2 U-Bootskrieg in seinen Wirkungen auf feindliche und neutrale Staaten
(Contains intelligence data regarding reported and estimated effects of U-boat warfare, and in particular of the unrestricted submarine warfare campaign, on the economic life of enemy and neutral states; subdivided into three numbered series, the first two of which provide complementary data for specific countries and are combined below) -

U.M. 2 -1a/2a, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf feindliche Staaten im Allgemein (data on Allied nations in general), 6 Jul 1917 - 29 Oct 1918:
1a: PG 76022, roll 851; 2a (Lage): PG 76040, rolls 916-17

U.M. 2 - 1b/2b, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf neutralen Staaten im Allgemein (data on neutral powers in general), 1 Jan - 14 Nov 1918:
1a: PG 76023, roll 851; 2b (Lage): PG 76041, roll 917

U.M. 2 - 1c/2c, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Amerika (i.e., the United States), 1 Jan 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:
1c: PG 76024, rolls 851-52; 2c (Lage): PG 76042, roll 917

U.M. 2 - 1d/2d, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftlichen Leben auf Argentinien (Argentina), 1 Jan - 3 Apr 1918:
1d: PG 76025, roll 852; 2d (Lage): PG 76043, roll 917

U.M. 2 - 1e/2e, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Brasilien (Brazil), 1 Jan 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:
1e: PG 76026, roll 852; 2e (Lage): PG 76044, roll 917

U.M. 2 - 2f, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Chile, 1 Jan 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:
(1f apparently not used or otherwise lost) 2f (Lage): PG 76045, roll 917

U.M. 2 - 1g/2g, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Dänemark (Denmark), 1 Jan 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:
1g: PG 76027, roll 852; 2g (Lage): PG 76046, roll 917

U.M. 2 – 1h/2h, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Frankreich (France), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1h: PG 76028, roll 852; 2h (Lage): PG 76047-048, rolls 917-18

U.M. 2 – 1h (1)/2h (1), Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben der Feinde u. neutralen Staaten. Zufuhr und Zufuhrwege zum Feinde. Französische Hafenverkehr (effects of the U-boat campaign on Allied and neutral merchant traffic into and out of French ports), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1h (1): PG 76029, roll 852; 2h (1) (Lage): PG 76049, roll 918

U.M. 2 – 1i/2i, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Griechenland (Greece), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1i: PG 76030, roll 852; 2i (Lage): PG 76050, roll 918

U.M. 2 – 1k/2k, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Grossbritannien (Great Britain, with particular emphasis to specific commodities), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1k: PG 76031, roll 852; 2k (Lage): PG 76051-052, rolls 900-01

U.M. 2 – 1L/2L, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Holland (the Netherlands), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1L: PG 76032, roll 852; 2L (Lage): PG 76053, roll 901

2L (1) Nachrichten der Pressestelle im Haag (daily reports compiled in The Hague from foreign press sources relating to economic conditions in each of the major powers, arranged chronologically) –

Nov 1917 – 30 Jun 1918: PG 76054, roll 902

1 Jul – 10 Aug 1918: PG 76055, roll 1018

11 Aug – 30 Sep 1918: PG 76056, rolls 1018-19

U.M. 2 – 1m/2m, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Italien (Italy), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1m: PG 76033, roll 852; 2m (Lage): PG 76057, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1n/2n, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Japan, 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1n: PG 76034, roll 852; 2n (Lage): PG 76058, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1o/2o, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Norwegen (Norway), 1 Jan – 19 Oct 1918:

1o: PG 76035, roll 852; 2o (Lage): PG 76059, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1p/2p, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Schweden (Sweden), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1p: PG 76036, roll 852; 2p (Lage): PG 76060, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1q/2q, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftlichen Leben auf die Schweiz (Switzerland), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1q: PG 76037, roll 916; 2q (Lage): PG 76061, roll 1019

2q (1) Berichte der Presseabteilung der Kaiserlichen Gesandtschaft Bern (reports based on foreign press sources relating to economic conditions in France), 15 Jun - 30 Sep 1918:

PG 76062, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1r/2r, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf Spanien (Spain), 1 Jan 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:

1r: PG 76038, roll 916; 2r (Lage): PG 76063, roll 1019

U.M. 2 – 1s/2s, Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben auf sonstige Staaten (including data on pertinent trade relations of such other states as Russia, Uruguay, Australia, Mexico, India, and other nations), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

1s: PG 76039, roll 916; 2s (Lage): PG 76064, roll 1019

U.M.2 – 3, U-Bootskrieg in seinen Wirkungen auf das wirtschaftliche Leben der Feinde und der neutralen Staaten - Allgemeines (general intelligence data on the effects of U-boat warfare on Allied and neutral powers' economies and shipping, including a series of weekly economic intelligence summaries prepared by the German Army) –

Band 1, 1 Mar – 10 Sep 1918: PG 76065, roll 975

Band 2, 11 – 30 Sep 1918: PG 76066, rolls 975-76

U.M.3 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten. Schiffsraumfragen

(This file classification contained records relating to the total or potential merchant fleet tonnage of Allied and neutral countries during the last year of World War I. Arranged in file designations U.M. 3a-y and registered as record items PG 76068-093 while exploited by British and American authorities in Great Britain, they were however not microfilmed by the U.S. Navy prior to restitution. They are available in the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA) as part of Bestand RM 5 ("Admiralstab der Marine"). References to key files are given below.

U.M. 3c, Schiffsraumfragen Amerika, 1 Jan 1918 – 29 Jul 1919:

PG 76070

U.M. 3h, Schiffsraumfragen Frankreich, 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

PG 76075

U.M. 3h (1) Schiffsraumfragen Französischer Hafenverkehr, 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

PG 76076

- U.M. 3k, Schiffsraumfragen Grossbritannien, 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:
PG 76078
- U.M. 3m, Schiffsraumfragen Italien, 1 May 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:
PG 76080
- U.M. 3t, Schiffsraumfragen: Schiffsraumberechnungen, 1 Jan – 20 Aug 1918:
PG 76087
- U.M. 3u, Schiffsraumfragen: Neubau, 1 May – 31 Jul 1918:
PG 76088
- U.M. 3w, "Tonnagekrise" Frühjahr 1918 –
Band 1 Holland, Dänemark (Abrede), 1 Jan – 31 Jul 1918: PG 76090
Band 2 Schweden, Norwegen, 1 Jan – 31 Jul 1918: PG 76091

U.M. 4 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Denkschriften
(collected official memorandums, articles, and essays pertaining to the effects of unrestricted submarine warfare on Allied and neutral countries' economies and shipping; some were intended for publication to counter Allied press statements, others were apparently intended as information for internal distribution, including a Feb 1918 Admiralstab study "Ein Jahr uneingeschränkter U-Bootkrieg, nach amtlichen Quellen,"), 1 Jan – 6 Dec 1918:
PG 76094, rolls 1019-20

U.M. 5 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Wirtschaftsfragen
(a collection of periodic economic intelligence reports ("Wirtschaftsfragen," Nr. 216-301) issued by the Press Section of the Admiralstab, drawn from foreign press items, speeches by foreign leaders, and data in trade journals), 1 Jan – 6 Nov 1918:
PG 76095, roll 1020

U.M. 6 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Wirtschaftliche Nachrichten zum U-Bootkrieg
(another collection of periodic economic intelligence reports (Nr. 1-85), with the above title, also issued by the Admiralstab's Press Section focused on the reported and estimated effects of U-boat warfare on the Allied powers' economies), 1 Oct 1917 – 1 Nov 1918:
PG 76096, roll 1020

U.M. 7 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Sonderfälle
(collected correspondence and reports regarding a number of neutral merchant ships sunk by U-boats), 31 Dec 1917 – 7 Aug 1918:
PG 76097, roll 1020

U.M. 8 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Propaganda im Auslande.
(collected foreign press reports and commentaries, and Admiralstab discussion memoranda and correspondence regarding an active propaganda campaign in foreign countries on behalf of the German U-boat campaign; much of the material was collected by an "Oberst von Haeffen" assigned to the Admiralstab for the task) –
Sammlung Oberst v. Haeffen zu U.M. 8 (including draft articles for publication abroad),

1 May – 8 Aug 1918:

PG 76098, roll 1020

Pressepropaganda im Auslande, Allgemeines, U.M. 8a bis 8s (various subject files on propaganda themes related to the U-boat campaign, included essays on the sinkings of the "Lusitania" and "Sussex," examples of placards and exhibitions intended for domestic morale, examples in foreign press articles of anti-German propaganda), 1 Jan – 1 Oct 1918:

PG 76099, roll 1020

Pressepropaganda im Auslande, Pressebeiträge von B I, U.M. 8t (foreign press clippings collected by Department B I relating to the effectiveness of the U-boat campaign against Allied and neutral merchant shipping), 1 Jan 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

PG 76100, rolls 1020-21

U.M. 9 Politische Wirkungen

(collected records pertaining to the political consequences of unrestricted U-boat warfare for Allied and neutral powers in general and for specific countries; no entries exist for several numbered subordinate files [9b, 9e, 9I, 9m-n], possibly these were never used)

U.M. 9, Politische Wirkungen: Allgemeines (general information on political reactions as reflected in press clippings, including information on a libel suit in Britain), 22 Jul 1916 – 19 Jun 1918:

PG 76101, roll 1021

U.M. 9a, Politische Wirkungen auf feindliche Staaten im Allgemeinen (small number of French and German press clippings), 12 Jun – 1 Jul 1918:

PG 76102, roll 1021

U.M. 9c, Politische Wirkungen: Amerika (reactions in the U.S., including continued effects of the sinking of the "Lusitania"), 1 Apr – 18 Oct 1918:

PG 76103, roll 1021

U.M. 9d, Politische Wirkungen: Argentinien (including data on contracts between German and Argentine shipping companies), 1 Feb – 22 Nov 1918:

PG 76104, roll 1021

U.M. 9f, Politische Wirkungen: Chile (including extensive data on the fate of German vessels caught in Chilean ports at the time of Chile's declaration of war on Germany), 1 Sep 1918 – 26 Jul 1920:

PG 76105, roll 1021

U.M. 9g, Politische Wirkungen: Dänemark (mostly regarding Danish reactions to U-boat sinkings of Danish vessels), 22 Oct 1917 – 9 Mar 1918:

PG 76106, roll 1021

U.M. 9h, Politische Wirkungen: Frankreich (press reactions in France), 1 Mar 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:

PG 76107, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

U.M. 9k, Politische Wirkungen: Grossbritannien (press extracts of British attitudes), 1 Jan – 28 Oct 1918:

- PG 76108, roll 1021
U.M. 9L, Politische Wirkungen: Holland (includes agent reports on shipping movements into and out of the Netherlands), 1 Jan – 29 Oct 1918:
PG 76109, roll 1021
U.M. 9o, Politische Wirkungen: Norwegen (including data on Norwegian vessels lost and official Norwegian-German relations), 1 Feb – 22 Jul 1918:
PG 76110, roll 1021
U.M. 9p, Politische Wirkungen: Schweden (Swedish press clippings on sinkings and notes on trade with Britain), 1 Jan – 6 Nov 1918:
PG 76111, roll 1021
U.M. 9q, Politische Wirkungen: Schweiz (anti-German press articles), 1 – 30 May 1918:
PG 76112, roll 1021
U.M. 9r, Politische Wirkungen: Spanien (two folders of records) –
Band 1 (mostly relating to German propaganda efforts), 1 Feb – 25 Nov 1918:
PG 76113, roll 1021
Band 2, von Hand zu Hand (high-level materials relating to diplomatic notes exchanged between Spain and Germany over sinkings of Spanish vessels, correspondence between the Admiralstab and the German naval attache in Madrid, and intelligence data on Spanish shipping), 11 Aug 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:
PG 76114, rolls 1021-22
U.M. 9s, Politische Wirkungen auf sonstige Staaten (press clippings and reports relating to reactions in Romania, Austria, and other countries, also includes data on shipping agreements between Germany and Russia associated with the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk), 1 Mar – 31 Oct 1918:
PG 76115, roll 1022
U.M. 9t, Politische Wirkungen bei den Verbündeten (documentation relating to reactions among Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire), 1 Oct 1918 – 30 Sep 1919:
PG 76116, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

U.M.10 Allgemeiner Schriftwechsel

(collected correspondence and reports principally concerned with German domestic developments and morale, but with economic intelligence data on the Allies as well) –

Band 1, 1 Feb – 31 Jul 1918 (including copies of monthly German Army assessments of domestic conditions, food shortages, and morale, arranged by German region, May-Jul 1918, and information on the Aug 1917 establishment of a "Kriegswirtschaftsmuseum" in Leipzig):

PG 76117, roll 914

Band 2, 1 Aug 1918 – 21 Mar 1920 (including a German Army assessment of internal conditions and morale as of 3 Aug 1918, extensive data on a meeting of the "Verband des Einfuhrhandels" of 16 Mar 1918, a copy of the official British trade statistics for Oct 1918, and postwar correspondence regarding wartime issuances of the British publication "Lloyd's Register of Ships"):

PG 76118, rolls 914-15

Heff - (Anlagen) -Sammlung zu U.M. 10 (exact contents unknown), 1 Aug 1918 - 30 Sep 1919:

PG 76119, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

U.M.11 Handelskrieg mit U-Booten: Angriff und Abwehr auf den U-Bootskrieg

(collection of documents that, despite the folder title, relate more to acknowledged setbacks and continued justifications for unrestricted submarine warfare; included is an Admiralstab paper on preparing foreign and domestic public opinion for setbacks in the campaign, Oct 1917, comments by Mathias Erzberger before the Reichstag, 28 Feb 1918, and essays, articles, and an account of a meeting of German merchant marine officers all in defense of the U-boat campaign), 1 Jan 1918 - 20 Nov 1919:

PG 76120, roll 915

U.M. 12 Militärische Wirkung des U-Bootkrieges

(collected documents pertaining to military considerations of the U-boat campaign in 1918, e.g., assessments of necessary troop transport shipping for American forces destined for Europe, and reports of food shortages in Britain), 1 Jan 1918 - 20 Feb 1919:

PG 76121, roll 915

U.M. 13 Sachlagen (SKL)

(correspondence and reports assessing the general economic situation of the various Allied powers in Sep 1918, prepared by Department B I for use by the Seekriegsleitung), 15 - 30 Sep 1918:

PG 76122, roll 915

U.M. 14 Friedensfragen

(collected correspondence and memorandums pertaining to changes in submarine warfare linked to peace or armistice negotiations, included draft armistice terms dating back to Nov 1917, Allied intentions as reflected in speeches and press articles, consideration of possible uses of German colonies for U-boat bases, and postwar negotiations on the passage of Polish forces through German territory to Poland, Apr 1919), 21 Apr 1918 - 5 May 1919:

PG 76123, rolls 915-16

U.M. 15 Organisation und Personal der U-Gruppe. Dezernat B I Angelegenheiten

(collected materials relating to organizational and administrative aspects of Dezernat B I, the Admiralstab department that originated or collected the records described here, during the last months of the war and its successor organizations in the early postwar period; wartime records include personnel assignments, leave requests, recommendations for decorations, and defined responsibilities of individual sections; postwar documentation concerns the demobilization and reorganization of the department specifically and of the Admiralstab in general; of particular note is information regarding the disposition and transfer of B I's wartime records, and the establishment in Oct 1920 of a successor organization, designated U III or the "U-Gruppe," to review B I's records for the settlement of reparations claims of neutral powers due to wartime U-

boat actions and the compilation of statistical data), 9 Mar 1918 – 15 Nov 1921:

PG 76124, roll 916

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(Note: the records described below were originated in the postwar period for the settlement of reparations claims and were assigned file classifications "U.V. 1 – U.V. Rep. 3"; "U.V." presumably stood for "U-Boot Versenkungen," U-boat sinkings)

U.V. 1 (zu U.M. 16) Schadenersatzansprüche infolge von Handelschiffsversenkungen und und Material zu ihrer Abweisung: England

(materials relating to British claims arising from U-boat actions, including lists of vessels and claimed causes of sinking, German counter-claims if not verified as a U-boat action), 4 Jan 1919 – 25 Aug 1921:

PG 76125, roll 978

U.V. 2 Schadenersatzansprüche....Frankreich (French claims), Nov 1918:

PG 76126, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

U.V. 3 Schadenersatzansprüche....Italien (Italian claims), 7 Apr 1920 – 7 Feb 1921:

PG 76127, roll 978

U.V. 4 Schadenersatzansprüche....Amerika (United States claims), 26 Nov 1918 – 27 Apr 1922:

PG 76128, roll 978

U.V. 5 Schadenersatzansprüche....Japan (Japanese claims), 17 Mar – 25 Jun 1919:

PG 76129, roll 978

U.V. 6 Schadenersatzansprüche....Brasilien, Finnland, und kleine Staaten (claims of Brazil, Finland, and several small nations), 18 Jul 1919 – 8 Nov 1920:

PG 76130, roll 978

(file classifications U.V. 7 through U.V. 10 apparently not used)

U.V. 11 Schadenersatzansprüche....Norwegen, Schweden, Dänemark (claims by Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, treated collectively here but individually in subsequent files), 16 Nov 1918 – 17 Mar 1920:

PG 76131, roll 978

U.V. 12 Schadenersatzansprüche....Norwegen (other Norwegian claims), 23 Oct 1918 – 23 Feb 1921:

PG 76132, roll 978

U.V. 13 Schadenersatzansprüche....Schweden (other Swedish claims), Dec 1918 – Aug 1921:
PG 76133, roll 978

U.V. 14 Schadenersatzansprüche....Dänemark (other Danish claims), 26 Nov 1918 –
26 Aug 1920:
PG 76134, roll 978

U.V. 15 Schadenersatzansprüche....Holland (Dutch claims), 16 Nov 1918 – 9 Aug 1919:
PG 76135, roll 978

U.V. 16 SchadenersatzansprücheSpanien (Spanish claims), 17 Jun 1919 – Jun 1920:
PG 76136, roll 978

U.V. 17 Schadenersatzansprüche....Schweiz (Swiss claims), 3 Jan – 12 Mar 1921:
PG 76137, roll 978

U.V.A 1 Vorbereitende Arbeiten für Schadenersatzansprüche infolge Handelsschiffsverluste:
Allgemeines (general estimates of Allied and neutral merchant ship losses, press clippings of
statements and estimates by Allied spokesmen), 15 Sep 1919 – 1 May 1921:
PG 76138, rolls 978-79

U.V. A 2 Vom Admiralstab-Abwicklungsstelle aufgestellte Tabellen über Schiffsverluste.
(reports and statistical tables of Allied shipping and tonnage sunk by U-boat action, provided for
the use of the German Armistice Commission), 20 Nov 1918 – 30 Jan 1920:
PG 76139, roll 902

U.V. A 3 Vorbereitende Arbeiten über Schadenersatzansprüche: 1) Übersicht über das durch die
Marine für Verhandlungen vorbereitete Material; 2) Bestimmungen über Sichtung und
Anordnung über Anlegung von Tabellen über versenkte Schiffe
(additional statistical data and summary reports on U-boat sinkings of Allied and neutral shipping
over the course of the war, including information on the preparation of this data within B I), 13
Nov 1918 – 28 Apr 1919:
PG 76140, roll 902

U.V.B Nachprüfung der Statistik des früheren Admiralstabes über
Handelsschiffahrtversenkungen: Allgemeines
(documentation on the verification of Allied shipping loss claims, including internal directives of
the U-Gruppe in reviewing and compiling data), 3 Dec 1920 – 11 Jan 1921:
PG 76141, roll 902

U.V. B 1, Nachprüfung der Statistik...England (reviews of British reparations claims, including
comparisons of British and German monthly data, comments regarding discrepancies, and

instructions for the U-Gruppe in conducting their review), Mar 1920 – May 1921:
PG 76142, roll 902

U.V. B 4 Nachprüfung der Statistik....U.S. Amerika (reviews of American claims, including correspondence with an American citizen claiming British sinkings of American vessels subsequently attributed to Germany), 5 Oct 1920 – 19 Aug 1921:
PG 76143, roll 924

U.V. Ö Schadenersatzansprüche unter österreichische-ungarische Flagge (reviews of reparations claims involving Allied and neutral vessels sunk by German U-boats operating under the Austro-Hungarian flag in 1914-15, including negotiations among Germany, Austria, and Hungary regarding compensation liability and determinations of vessels sunk in the Mediterranean by the respective Central Powers), 11 Feb 1919 – 14 Oct 1927:
PG 76144, roll 924

U.V.Rep 1 Prüfung der alliierten Schadenersatzforderungen der Reparations-Kommission aus Teil VIII des Versailler Vertrages (materials prepared by the U-Gruppe in examining Allied and neutral reparations claims as presented during the negotiation of the Versailles Treaty, including correspondence exchanged with other German government authorities and with the German delegation in Paris in determining reparations payments), 8 Feb – 5 Jul 1921:
PG 76145, roll 924

U.V. Rep 2 Prüfung der alliierten Schadenersatzanforderungen....Seeschäden (exact nature of contents unknown), 21 Mar 1921:
PG 76146, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

U.V. Rep 3 Prüfung der alliierten Schadenersatzanforderungen....Vorübergehende Personalvermehrung bei der U-Gruppe (apparently related to needed increases in the U-Gruppe staff to carry out its review and examination work), 9 Feb – 24 May 1921:
PG 76147, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA

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RECORDS RELATING TO THE GERMAN NAVAL AIR SERVICE (EXCLUDING
AIRSHIPS) IN WORLD WAR I
REPRODUCED ON MICROFILM PUBLICATION T1022

Organizational Note: On 29 August 1914 the Imperial German Navy established the office of Befehlshaber der Marineluftfahrabteilungen (Commander, Naval Aerial Units) as the senior officer for airships and aircraft under naval authority. In 1916 this command was redesignated Befehlshaber der Marinefliegerabteilungen and made responsible only for fixed-wing aircraft units, as airships were removed from his authority and developed their own command structure. By 1917 the command had again been redesignated Marineflugchef (Naval Air Chief), to whom the growing number of Kommandeure der Flieger (Air Commanders) were subordinate. The number and types of subordinate commands varied and grew over the course of the war, but always included Seeflieger- and Marine-Landflugabteilungen (naval seaplane and land-based air units), Seeflug- and Marine-Landflugstationen (naval seaplane and land-based air stations), Frontverbände der Marineflieger (naval air combat units), and Lehr- and Sonderkommandos (naval air training and special commands). The naval air service employed a variety of types of seaplanes and regular land-based aircraft.

As with airship commands, the central files of these headquarters commands were integrated within those maintained or collected by the Admiralstab der Marine (German Navy Admiralty Staff), while records (i.e., Kriegstagebücher, war diaries) of subordinate operational commands remained intact as such. Not all naval air records seized by Allied forces after World War II were microfilmed prior to restitution to Germany; wherever possible these nonfilmed materials are also noted in the descriptions below. The original records are now located in the Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA) in Freiburg/Br., where they comprise Bestände RM 110 through RM 114 for records of naval air commands, or parts of broader collections of naval headquarters records as noted below. Closely related are records of German naval airships, described elsewhere among German Navy finding aids.

I. Central and Subject Correspondence Files

Records of the Admiralstab der Marine (originals in BA-MA, Bestand RM 5) –
Akte III.1.14 Luftkrieg –

(correspondence files on aerial warfare, including operations of German naval aircraft and zeppelins as well as data on Allied air operations; the files mostly contain intelligence information on air targets in Britain, Band 1 includes prewar budgetary data and 1913-14 considerations of aerial bombardment of Britain)

Band 1, January 1913 – December 1915: PG 76965, roll 1043

Band 2, September 1915 – August 1917: PG 76966, rolls 1043-44

Band 3, September 1917 – August 1918: PG 76967, roll 1044

Akte III.I.15h. Operationen und Luftunternehmungen

(correspondence files that mostly relate to reports and intelligence assessments of zeppelin attacks on London and other British targets; also included are some reports of German naval aircraft reconnaissance missions and seaplane attacks on British naval targets):

Band 1, October 1914 – February 1915: PG 76985, roll 1044

Band 2, February – June 1915: PG 76986, rolls 1044-45

Band 3, June – October 1915: PG 76987, roll 1045

Band 4, November 1915 – March 1916: PG 76988, rolls 1223-24

Band 5, February – April 1916: PG 76989, roll 1224

Band 6, April – August 1916: PG 76990, rolls 1224-25

Band 7, August – September 1916: PG 76991, rolls 1087-88

Band 8, August 1916 – January 1917: PG 76992, roll 1088

Band 9, February – September 1917: PG 76993, rolls 1088-89

Band 10, September 1917 – August 1918: PG 76994, roll 1089

Band 11, September 1918 – February 1919: PG 76995, roll 1089

Akte IV.1.24 Luftfahrwesen –

(This series constitutes the central policy files for the organization and operations of the naval air arm, for the first six months of the war [after January 1915 a separate series was established for airships]; included is extensive documentation of the production, technical and logistical aspects, personnel requirements, organization, and operations of naval aircraft and airships)

Band 1, September – October 1914: PG 76851, roll 1056

Band 2, October – November 1914: PG 76852, rolls 1056-57

Band 3, October – December 1914: PG 76853, roll 1057

Akte IV.1.24a Flugzeuge und Flugzeug-Mutterschiffe –

(This series, apparently a successor to the preceding series, presumably documents naval aircraft types and production and possibly technical and administrative aspects of the naval air arm as well; none of the files were filmed prior to restitution)

Bände 1-17, January 1915 – September 1918: PG 76864-880, available only at the BA-MA

Flugzeuge – Bilder, December 1917 – September 1918: PG 76881, available only at the BA-MA

Akte IV.1.24c Tagesbefehle des Befehlshabers der Marine-Luftfahr-Abteilungen (ab 1916 Befehlshaber der Marine-Flieger-Abteilungen, ab 1917 Marine-Flugchef) –

(This series primarily documents administrative and personnel aspects of the naval air arm, including information on promotions, decorations, assignments, aircraft marking and armament, aircraft stocks, communications, and training; from Band 2, however, the collection incorporates copies of the periodic [eventually weekly] information bulletin Mitteilungen aus dem Gebiete des Luftkrieges, with detailed summaries of naval combat operations in all theaters, intelligence data on Allied air

forces, and combat observations/experiences, although the issues are sometimes filed out of chronological sequence; some reports also include photographs)

Band 1, 1 January – 30 November 1916: PG 76882, roll 939

Band 2, 1 December 1916 – 31 December 1917 (including Mitteilungen aus dem Gebiete des Luftkrieges Nrn. 1-17, June-December 1917):
PG 76883, roll 939

Band 3, 1 January – 15 August 1918 (including Mitteilungen aus dem Gebiete des Luftkrieges Nrn. 18-44, January-August 1918): PG 76884, roll 940

Band 4, 16 August – 30 September 1918 (including Mitteilungen aus dem Gebiete des Luftkrieges Nrs. 45-51, August-September 1918):
PG 76885, roll 941

Akte IV.1.24e Verfügung des Kogenluft (Kommandierenden Generals der Luftstreitkräfte) – Nachrichtenblatt der Luftstreitkräfte -

(copies of the weekly information bulletin Nachrichtenblatt der Luftstreitkräfte, issued by the Commanding General of German Army Air Forces, with accompanying correspondence; each issue of the bulletin summarizes German army air operations in all theaters, intelligence data on Allied air forces and on the effects of German air raids on strategic targets, losses suffered and inflicted, individuals decorated or mentioned in dispatches, new items of equipment, and general situation assessments; intermixed are some separate intelligence reports on Allied air strengths, dispositions, and organization)

Band 1, 1 March 1917 – 15 August 1918 (including copies of Nachrichtenblatt der Luftstreitkräfte Nrn. 16-52 [Jahrgang I], June 1917-February 1918, Nrn. 1-25 [Jahrgang II], February-August 1918): PG 76886, rolls 1086-87

Band 2, 16 August – 30 September 1918 (including copies of Nachrichtenblatt der Luftstreitkräfte Nrn. 26-31 [Jahrgang II], August-September 1918):
PG 76887, roll 1087

Records of the Kaiserliches Marine-Kabinett (originals in BA-MA, Bestand RM 2) – Akte XXIIw. Luftschiffahrt –

(This is the earliest and highest-level collection of policy documentation regarding naval airships and aircraft, emphasizing organizational, administrative, and personnel matters; Bände 1-2 relates primarily to airship matters, but Bände 3-4 include correspondence with aircraft firms and personnel matters affecting the naval air arm in general)

Band 1, April 1901 – November 1911: PG 67397, roll 637

Band 2, December 1911 – October 1914: PG 67398, roll 637

Band 3, January 1915 – December 1916: PG 67399, roll 638

Band 4, January 1917 – October 1918: PG 673400, roll 638

Records of Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte (originals in BA-MA, Bestand RM 47) –
Ganz geh. Akten betr. Luftschiff- und Flugzeugangelegenheiten

(correspondence and reports pertaining to naval airships, seaplanes, and associated facilities, including information on technical and logistical aspects, operations, and personnel issues)

Band I, August 1914 – July 1915: PG 77709, rolls 1126-27

Band II, August 1915 – August 1916: PG 77710, roll 1127

Band III, September 1916 – July 1917: PG 77711, rolls 1127-28

Band IV, August 1917 – March 1918: PG 77712, rolls 1128-29

Ganz geh. Akten betr. Luftschiffangelegenheiten (Band a), March – October 1918:
PG 77713, roll 1304

Ganz geh. Akten betr. Flugzeugangelegenheiten (Band b), March – December 1918:
PG 77714, rolls 1304-05

Ganz geh. Akten betr. Luftschiffe und Flieger

(reports and correspondence on zeppelin operations and losses, periodic summaries of operations of the Nordsee Seeflugstationen, air intelligence on Allied shipping movements and air defenses, and some individual aircraft mission reports)

Band 1, June – October 1918: PG 77570, roll 1148

Band 1g, September- October 1918: PG 77511, roll 1214

Band 2g, September – December 1918: PG 77552, roll 1405

II. War Diaries of Naval Air Commands

A. Baltic Sea (Note: commands here were originally autonomous but by 1917 seaplane units were consolidated under the command of I. Seefliegerabteilung in Kiel-Holtenau while land-based units operated under the Marine-Landfliegerabteilung in Berlin-Johannisthal; major reorganizations occurred in 1918; following descriptions are arranged by geographic region)

Western Baltic

Fliegerkommandeur bei der Marinestation der Ostsee (Holtenau) -
KTB 3 June – 9 October 1918: PG 63860, roll 451

Leiter der Sundaufklärung -
KTB 10 – 31 May 1918: PG 63858, roll 451

KTB Marinelandflugstation Kiel, 7 August 1914 – 22 September 1916 (handwritten):
PG 63723, roll 297

KTB Marine-Festungs-Landflugstation Kiel (land-based aircraft) –
Band 1, August 1914 – December 1915 (?): no information available
Band 2, 21 December 1915 – 30 September 1916 (handwritten):
PG 63724, roll 297
Band 3, 1 October 1916 – 31 January 1917 (handwritten): PG 63725, roll 297
Band 4, 1 February 1917 – 31 October 1918 (typed): PG 63726, roll 297

Entwurf (draft notes, handwritten), 1 February 1917 – 15 November 1918:
PG 63727-728, rolls 297-98
KTB-Auszug, 1 January 1917 – 30 November 1918 (typed, in reverse
chronological order): PG 63729, roll 298

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation Holtenau –
Entwurf (draft, typed), 1 August 1914 – 10 November 1918:
PG 63778, rolls 333-34
Band 1, 1 August 1914 – 16 April 1915 (typed): PG 63781, roll 334
Bände 2-3, 17 April 1915 – 30 November 1918 (typed): PG 63779-780, roll 334

KTB Seeflugstation Hadersleben (after 6 April 1915 Seeflugstation Apenrade) –
3 August 1914 – 15 November 1918 (partly handwritten): PG 63775-776, roll 333

KTB Seeflugzeugsonderkommando Flensburg (torpedo-carrying seaplanes) -
KTB 30 March 1916 – 25 August 1918: PG 63777, roll 333

KTB Seeflugstation Warnemünde -
Band 1, 2 August 1914 – 29 April 1915: PG 63790, rolls 299-300
Bände 2-5, 29 April 1915 - 30 November 1918: PG 63791-794, roll 300

KTB Seeflugstation Stralsund (after 7 Aug 1916 Stralsund /Wiek [Rügen]) -
Bände 1-2, 21 October 1915 – 21 March 1917: PG 63784-785, roll 400
Band 3, 22 March 1917 – 16 December 1918: PG 63786, roll 401
Entwürfe, Bände 1-3, October 1915 – November 1918: PG 63787-789, roll 401

KTB Seeflugstation Köslin (Nest) -
Bände 1-2, 27 August 1914 – 15 November 1918: PG 63782-783, roll 400

Eastern Baltic (including present Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia)
Kommandeur der Flieger (Kofl.) Besetzten Baltischen Gebiete (B.B.G.) -
KTB 1 June – 31 October 1918: PG 63863, roll 451

KTB und Berichte des Kommandeurs der Flieger beim Sonderverband (pertaining to the
occupation of the Estonian islands of Ösel [Saaremaa] and Dägo [Hiiumaa]) –
28 September – 24 October 1917: PG 63857, roll 451

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation Putzig -
Bände 1-2, 2 August 1914 – 15 November 1918 (typed): PG 63795-796, roll 300
Entwürfe, 2 August 1914 – 15 December 1918 (handwritten, note later date):
PG 63797-800, roll 301

KTB Seeflugstation Libau (now Liepaja):
Band a, 1 May 1915 – 22 April 1916 (partly handwritten): PG 63811, roll 335
Bände 1-2, 23 April 1916 – 31 October 1918: PG 63812-13, roll 336

- KTB und Anlagen Seeflugstation Windau (now Ventspils) -
 KTB 30 July 1916 – 17 November 1918 (typed): PG 63807, roll 335
 KTB Entwurf 17 December 1916 – 17 November 1918 (handwritten, but note later date): PG 63809, roll 335
 Anlage z. KTB: KTB Fokker-Staffel Windau, 1 – 31 October, 16 – 30 November 1916: PG 63808(?), located at end of PG 63807, roll 335
 Anlagen z. KTB: Berichte (reports of aerial missions from Windau), 14 May 1917 – 23 September 1918: PG 63810, roll 335
- KTB Seeflugstation Angernsee -
 Bände 1-2, 5 June 1915 – 6 September 1918 (partly handwritten, but also including some action and mission reports): PG 63814-815, roll 336
- KTB Hallenschutzstation/Marine-Landflugstation Wainoden (land-based command abolished April 1917 and units transferred to newly established Marin-Landflugstation Schlüterhof) –
 1 September 1916 – 14 April 1917 (partly handwritten, but including some aircraft mission reports): PG 63743, roll 398
- KTB Marine-Landflugstation Schlüterhof/Tuckum (land-based command established at Schlüterhof April 1917, then transferred to Tuckum over the course of June-August 1917 where it was combined with the 37. Feld-Flieger-Abteilung; disbanded November 1917)
 16 April – 31 October 1917: PG 63739, roll 398
- KTB 37. Feld-Flieger-Abteilung (land-based naval air unit attached to German Army forces operating on the Courland peninsula) –
 18 September 1915 – 1 April 1916: PG 63802, roll 334
- KTB Seeflugstation Papensholm -
 13 October 1917 – 15 November 1918: PG 63804, roll 334
- KTB Seeflugstation Arensburg (Ösel [Saaremaa]) -
 Band 1, 14 October – 23 December 1917: PG 63805, roll 334
 Entwurf (handwritten), 14 October – 23 December 1917: PG 63806, rolls 334-35
- KTB Seeflugstation Reval (now Tallinn) -
 1 May – 14 September 1918: PG 63816, roll 336
- KTB I. F.-Staffel/I. Seefliegerabteilung (Kurland) (unit conducted air reconnaissance and bombing- and torpedo-attack missions in the eastern Baltic) –
 20 June – 26 October 1916: PG 63825, roll 433
- KTB Seeflugstation "Answald" (Hilfskriegsschiff/ Flugzeug-Mutterschiff, seaplane tender, operated in both the Baltic and North Seas) -
 Band 1, 13 August 1914 – 17 July 1915 (temporarily decommissioned), 6 October

1915 - 31 August 1918 (partly handwritten, includes some reports of air missions flown): PG 63850, roll 301

Band 2, 15 September - 31 October 1918 (handwritten): PG 63851, roll 301

KTB Seeflugstation "Santa Elena" (Hilfskriegsschiff/Flugzeug-Mutterschiff, seaplane tender, operated in both the Baltic and North Seas) -

Band 1: Aircraft mission reports, October 1914 - September 1915, regular KTB
1 September - 19 October, 26 December 1915 - 8 July 1916:
PG 63852, roll 301

Band 2, 9 July - 10 December 1916: PG 63853, rolls 301-02

Band 3, 11 - 16 December 1916 (temporarily decommissioned), 9 May 1917 - 30
September 1918 (partly handwritten): PG 63854, roll 302

Band 4, 1 May 1917 - 30 September 1918 (more detailed variant of portion of
Band 3): PG 63855, roll 302

KTB Hilfskriegsschiff/Flugzeug-Mutterschiff "Glyndwr" (seaplane tender, operated in the Baltic) -

16 December - 23 June 1915 (including extensive data on aircraft operations):
PG 63469, roll 290

(June - November 1915: ship temporarily decommissioned due to mine damage)

22 November 1915 - 1 November 1918 (no information regarding air operations):
PG 63470, roll 290

KTB Seeflugstation "Glyndwr," 17 March 1916 - 30 September 1917
(handwritten): end of PG 63470, roll 290

KTB Seeflugstation "Oswald" (Hilfskriegsschiff/Flugzeug-Mutterschiff, seaplane tender, operated in the western Baltic) -

18 July - 31 October 1918: PG 63856, roll 302

Flug-Berichte L.R. I (copies of flight reports nos. 1-4 for one land-based bomber operating in the eastern Baltic) -

12 - 24 August 1916: PG 63801, roll 334

II. North Sea (commands here originally autonomous but by 1917 seaplane units were consolidated under the command of II. Seefliegerabteilung in Wilhelmshaven, while land-based units served under the Marine-Landfliegerabteilung in Berlin-Johannisthal; other reorganizations followed in 1918)

KTB Kommandeur der Landflieger Nordsee (command for land-based naval aircraft, North Sea, established 31 July 1917) -

28 September 1917 - 11 November 1918: PG 63859, roll 451

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation Helgoland (Band 1 includes handwritten aircraft mission reports, Band 1a documents aerial reconnaissance operations in support of the High Seas Fleet in action at Jutland) -

Bände 1-2, 1 August 1914 – 10 May 1916: PG 63754-755, roll 298

Band 1a, 1 May – 15 September 1916: PG 63756, rolls 298-99

Bände 2a-5, 16 September 1916 - 30 September 1918: PG 63757-760, roll 299

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation List auf Sylt (aerial reconnaissance mission reports are scattered throughout the KTB) -

8 August 1914 – 17 August 1916: PG 63748, roll 398

18 August 1915 – 31 August 1917: PG 63749-752, roll 399

1 September 1917 – 11 November 1918: PG 63753, roll 400 (at the end of the July 1918 KTB is a reconstruction, prepared in 1938 with accompanying correspondence, of a British seaplane attack on Tondern, 19 July 1918)

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation Borkum (prior to 2 March 1915 includes data for air station at Nordeney) -

11 August 1914 – 24 June 1915 (partly handwritten, includes several aircraft reconnaissance mission reports and accounts of attacks on British submarines): PG 63461, roll 431

25 June 1915 – 31 March 1918: PG 63462-464, roll 431

1 April – 11 November 1918: PG 63465, roll 432

KTB Entwürfe (handwritten drafts), 25 December 1914 – 11 November 1918: PG 63766-770, rolls 432-33

KTB Marine-Flugstation/Seeflugstation Norderney (until 2 March 1915 an outstation of Marine-Flugstation Borkum) -

2 March – 18 November 1917: PG 63771, roll 332

19 November 1915 – 31 January 1917: PG 63772, rolls 332-33

1 February 1917 – 24 October 1918: PG 63773 -774, roll 333

KTB Marine-Landflugstation Hage (land-based aircraft on Ostfriesland) -

Band 1, 8 November 1915 – 28 February 1917 (partly handwritten): PG 63730, roll 331

Band 2, 1 March 1917 – 15 June 1918: PG 63731, roll 331

Entwurf (handwritten draft, but note extended coverage), 10 February 1917 – 11 November 1918: PG 63732, roll 331

KTB Hallenschutzstation/Marine-Landflugstation Tondern (land-based unit) -

1 September 1915 – 31 October 1918 (partly handwritten): PG 63742, roll 398

KTB Festungs-Landflugstation Speckenbüttel-Geestemünde (land-based aircraft) -

5 November 1915 – 15 October 1916 (mostly handwritten): PG 63719, roll 296

KTB Festungs-Landflugstation Wilhelmshaven, from February 1917 Marine-Festungsflugstation Wangerooe, after 15 September 1917 Marine-Festungsflugstation Barge (land-based aircraft) –
29 March 1915 – 31 October 1918 (partly handwritten): PG 63720-721, roll 296

KTB Festungs-Landflugstation Nordholz, from February 1917 Festungsflugstation Nordholz-Cuxhaven (land-based aircraft) -
4 February 1915 – 7 November 1918 (partly handwritten):
PG 63722, rolls 296-97

KTB Geschwader Barge (land-based aircraft unit, established October 1918) –
15 – 31 October 1918: PG 63746, roll 398

III. Marinekorps Flandern (after the establishment of the Naval Corps Flanders in November 1914 for operations along the Belgian coast, naval air units were assigned to the Corps under the authority of Kommando des Luftfahrwesens des Marinekorps, later redesignated Kommandeur der Flieger des Marinekorps; the number of units and their organization expanded during the war, including the separate establishment in late 1916 of a Kommandeur der Seeflieger [later Gruppenkommandeur der Seeflieger] and a Kommandeur der Landflieger [later divided between Gruppenkommandeur der Küstenflieger and several fighter units])

Kommandeur der Flieger des Marinekorps: Nachrichtensammlung Nrn. 1- 3 (copies of three periodic reports summarizing intelligence data on Allied air forces operating in the Flanders sector during the period June-August 1918), 14 June – 9 August 1918:
PG 76850, roll 939

Kommandeur der Seeflieger

KTB Seeflugstation Seebrügge, from November 1916 Seeflugstation Flandern I (located at Zeebrugge, carried out reconnaissance and attack missions at sea and on the British mainland) -

Band 1, 4 December 1914 – 31 March 1917: PG 63817, roll 401

Band 2, 1 April 1917 – 30 September 1918 (including an account of the British raid on Zeebrugge, 23 April 1918, on roll 401): PG 63818, rolls 401-02

(Duplicate of KTB for 27 March 1916 – 31 August 1918 in reverse chronological order reproduced as PG 63821, roll 402)

Entwürfe (draft handwritten KTB), 4 December 1914 – 30 September 1918:
PG 63819-820, roll 402

KTB Seeflugstation Flandern II (located at Ostende) –
1 March 1917 – 31 August 1918: PG 63822, roll 402

KTB Seefrontstaffel Flandern (located at Nieuwmunster, consisted of fighter aircraft to escort seaplane missions) –

Band 1, 9 October 1917 – 30 June 1918: PG 63823, roll 402

Band 2, 1 July – 15 September 1918: PG 63824, roll 402

KTB Seeflugzeugsonderkommando, I. F.-Staffel (seaplanes armed with bombs or torpedoes) –

1 September 1917 – 15 March 1918: PG 63826, roll 433

KTB Seeflugzeugsonderkommando, II. T.-Staffel (seaplanes armed with torpedoes) –

16 March – 16 November 1917: PG 63827, roll 433

KTB I. u. II. Fernlenkzüge (two sections of remote-controlled explosive boats operated by aircraft) –

KTB I. F.L. Zug, 1 January – 30 September 1918: PG 63834, roll 434

KTB II. F.L. Zug, 1 January – 30 September 1918 (including data on the British raid on Zeebrugge, 23 April 1918): PG 63835, roll 434

Kommandeur der Landflieger

KTB I.-III. Marine-Landflieger-Abteilungen, from September-October 1915 redesignated I. Marine-Feldflieger-Abteilung (established over the period February-October 1915, operated from airfields at Ostende and elsewhere in direct support of land operations and against targets at sea and in Britain, including reconnaissance, bombing, and escort missions) –

February 1915 – July 1916: No information available

KTB I. Marine-Feldflieger-Abteilung (from July 1916 based at Gistel, transferred in autumn 1917 to Vlissegem, executing same missions as before) -

22 July 1916 – 30 September 1918: PG 63828, roll 433

KTB Flugplatz Beveren (Südgruppe), 6 October 1916 – 15 January 1917: end of PG 63828, roll 433

KTB II. Marine-Feldflieger-Abteilung (from July 1916 based at Nieuwmunster, transferred in autumn 1917 to Gistel) -

20 July 1916 – 31 March 1918: PG 63829, roll 434

KTB I. Marine-Feldjagdstaffel [Jasta I] (formed in February 1917 from elements of II. Marine-Feldflieger-Abteilung, composed of fighters to defend Brügge and its harbor; operated initially at Koolkerke, transferred in February 1918 to Snellegem) –

1 February 1917 – 15 September 1918 (KTB preceded by a Verlustliste of casualties suffered, March 1917-October 1918, and an Abschussliste of claimed Allied aircraft downed, February 1917-July 1918): PG 63836, roll 434

KTB II. Marine-Feldjagdstaffel [Jasta II] (established ca. August 1917, operated at Snellegem) –

August 1917 – June 1918: No information available

1 July – 15 September 1918: PG 63837, roll 434

KTB III. Marine-Feldjagdstaffel [Jasta III] (established 23 June 1918 at Snellegem) –
16 July – 15 September 1918: PG 63838, roll 434

KTB Marine-Küstenflieger-Abteilung Flandern (comprised land-based reconnaissance and fighter aircraft for coastal reconnaissance and as spotters for coastal artillery, based at Zeebrugge and Ostende) -

16 September – 30 November 1917 (typed): PG 63830, roll 434

16 August – 31 December 1917 (handwritten, noted expanded coverage):
PG 63831, roll 434

1 January – 8 July 1918 (handwritten): PG 63832, roll 434

KTB Gruppenkommandeur der Küstenflieger -

1 February – 31 August 1918: PG 63833, roll 434

IV. Balkans, Turkey, and the Black Sea (commands here formed on an ad-hoc basis in 1916-18)

Kommandeur der Marineflieger beim Oberkommando von Mackensen (commander of naval aircraft attached to Army Group von Mackensen in Bulgaria) –

KTB 10 January – 3 April 1917: PG 63861, roll 451

KTB Sonderkommando Bulgarien/Seeflugstation Bulgarien/Seeflugstation Varna -

23 January 1916 – 31 October 1917 (several aircraft mission reports are included in the text; no KTB available for September 1917; entries for July-August and October 1917 comprise summary reports): PG 63839, roll 336

KTB Seeflugstation Konstanza (Constanza, Romania) -

27 October 1916 – 30 April 1918 (including some aircraft mission reports):
PG 63840, rolls 336-37

(Duplicate KTB for 1 January 1917 – 28 February 1918 reproduced as PG 63841, roll 337)

KTB Seeflugstation Duingi (Romania, station closed January 1918 and its functions and aircraft transferred to Seeflugstation Konstanza, some personnel to Marinekorps Flandern) –

11 February 1917 – 21 January 1918: PG 63848, roll 337

KTB Seeflugstation Babadag (Romania, station closed February 1918 and its functions and aircraft transferred to Seeflugstation Konstanza) –

1 October 1917 – 28 February 1918: PG 63849, roll 337

Note: additional information on the establishment and operation of the seaplane bases at Varna, Constanza, and associated stations can be found in the following Admiralstab files:

- Akte III.1.24s, Krieg zwischen Deutschland und Russland, Frankreich, England.
-Unterstützung der bulgarischen Marine, Bd. 5 (January-August 1918):
PG 75413, roll 765
-Küstenverteidigung Bulgariens, Bde. 1-4 (October 1916-August 1918):
PG 75414-417, rolls 693-94
Akte IX.9.3.18 Schriftwechsel mit dem Marine Attaché in Sofia und Bukarest,
Bde. 3-5 (February 1916-June 1917): PG 69107-109, rolls 535-36

KTB Seeflugstation Odessa -

31 March – 8 May 1918: PG 63843, roll 337

KTB Seeflugstützpunkt Kertsch (on the Crimean peninsula) -

15 May – 26 August 1918: PG 63842, roll 337

KTB Seeflugstation Sewastopol (Sebastopol, on the Crimean peninsula) -

9 May – 29 September 1918: PG 63844, roll 337

KTB Seeflugstation Kawak (located on the Bosphorus Straits in Turkey) -

15 December 1917 – 12 October 1918: PG 63846, roll 337

KTB Wasserflugstation Tschanak (located on the Dardanelles Straits in Turkey) -

18 January – 26 October 1918: PG 63847, roll 337

KTB Seeflugstation Agha Linan/Mersina (located on the southern coast of Turkey for air operations in the eastern Mediterranean) -

22 October 1917 – 5 October 1918: PG 63845, roll 337

V. Training Establishments in Germany

KTB der Marineflugschule / Marinefliegerschule (original designation "Flugschule des Freiwilligen Marine Fliegerkorps (F.M.F.)," located at Berlin-Johannisthal; in October 1915 absorbed into the newly-established Marine-Landfliegerabteilung) -

26 September 1914 – 30 August 1915 (including KTB entries for II. Marine-Landfliegerabteilung, also involved in training, for 16 January – 13 February 1915): PG 63733, rolls 331-32

Entwurf, 31 August 1915 – 28 February 1917 (handwritten): PG 63734, roll 332

26 September 1915 – 8 September 1916 (typed): PG 63737, roll 332

1 March 1917 – 31 October 1918 (typed): PG 63735, roll 332

Entwurf, 15 March – 31 December 1917 (handwritten): PG 63738, roll 332

KTB Flugstation Grossenhain (Saxony, apparently used for bombing instruction) -

14 November – 20 December 1914 (including reports of bombing exercises):
PG 63736, roll 332

KTB der Fokker-Schule Putzig, from April 1917 Kampfeinsitzerschule Langfuhr,
redesignated Kampffliegerschule Languhr July 1918 (fighter-training school) –
Fokker-Schule Putzig (partly handwritten), 18 October 1916 – 31 March 1917:
PG 63740, roll 398
Kampfeinsitzerschule/Kampffliegerschule Langfuhr, 1 April 1917 – 30 November
1918: PG 63741, roll 398

KTB Kampffliegerschule Barge (fighter-training school, established June 1918 but
disbanded one month later and its functions and personnel transferred to
Kampffliegerschule Langfuhr) –
16 June – 26 July 1918: PG 63745, roll 398

KTB Flieger-Beobachter-Schule Hage (aircraft observers' school) –
1 May – 30 September 1918: PG 63744, roll 398

KTB Flieger-Beobachter-Schule Scheuen (aircraft observers' school) –
1 – 31 October 1918: PG 63746, roll 398

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