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

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1. The personnel files and other person-related records of the Prussian Army were almost completely destroyed in 1945. The Department Military Archives keeps only about 2000 personnel files from the time of approximately 1867 to 1918.
2. Personnel files of admirals of the Imperial Navy
3. Documents concerning the treatment of soldiers in military hospitals from soldiers of all ranks of the Prussian Army, the Navy, Colonial Troops, of Reichswehr and Wehrmacht for the years of birth 1802-1899
   For the years of birth 1891-1899 only documents of soldiers born in January and July are preserved
   Please note that research in these files is only possible if the exact date of birth is known

Bundesarchiv, Abteilung Personenbezogene Auskünfte (Abt. PA), Eichborndamm 179, 13403 Berlin, Phone: +49 (0) 30 41 90 44 40, Email: poststelle-pa@bundesarchiv.de

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

Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Archivstr. 12-14, D - 14195 Berlin, Phone: +49 (0) 30 266 44 75 00, Fax: +49 (0) 30 266 44 31 26
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The records of the Prussian Army for the years before approximately 1867 are kept by the Geheimes Staatsarchiv. Most of those documents were lost as well in 1945. However, the Geheimes Staatsarchiv also keeps some records about soldiers of the Prussian Army serving after 1867.

Landesarchive (Archives of the German federal states)

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

Bavaria:
Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Kriegsarchiv, Leonrodstr. 57, D - 80636 München, Phone: +49 (0) 89 18 95 16 80, Email: kriegsarchiv@bayhsta.bayern.de, Internet: www.gda.bayern.de

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Hauptstaatsarchiv Dresden, Postfach 100 444, D - 01074 Dresden, Phone: + 49 (0) 3 51 80 060, Email: poststelle-d@sta.smi.sachsen.de, Internet: www.archiv.sachsen.de
Württemberg:
Hauptstaatsarchiv Stuttgart, Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 4, D - 70173 Stuttgart,
Phone: 07 11 212 43 35, Fax: +49 (0) 7 11 212 43 60, Email: hstastuttgart@la-bw.de,
Internet: www.landesarchiv-bw.de

Baden:
Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe, Nördliche Hildapromenade 2, D - 76133 Karlsruhe,
Phone: +49 (0) 7 21 926 22 06, Fax: +49 (0) 7 21 926 22 31, Email: glakarlsruhe@la-bw.de,
Internet: www.landesarchiv-bw.de

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Werner-Hilpert-Straße 2, D - 34112 Kassel, Phone: + 49 (0) 5 61 70 090,
Email: info@volksbund.de, Internet: www.volksbund.de,

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

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), 19 Avenue de la paix,
CH 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
Internet: www.icrc.org/eng/resources/icrc-archives/index.jsp

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