

**PRE-WORLD WAR I RECORDS OF THE IMPERIAL GERMAN NAVY
AND ITS PREDECESSORS, 1822 - 1919**

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INTRODUCTION:
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This guide identifies and partially describes the records of the Imperial German Navy and its predecessors for the period prior to the outbreak of World War I, extending as far back as 1822. The records are reproduced on 305 of the current total of 4,317 rolls of National Archives Microfilm Publication T1022, *Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, Received from the United States Naval History Division*. The records are arranged in three groups: (1) organizational records and central files, 1822 -1919; (2) records relating to overseas stations, colonies, and gunboat diplomacy, 1854 - 1914; and (3) records relating to German naval attachés, 1901 - 1930. Within each group, the records are arranged by organizational hierarchy and the original German filing designations. Each record item bears a "PG" (purportedly an abbreviation for "pinched from the Germans") numerical designation allocated by British authorities after the records' seizure at the end of World War II to facilitate subsequent intelligence exploitation. These "PG" numbers have been retained as the standard identification of individual record items, although they have no significance in the original German organization or arrangement of records. The filming sequence is similarly unrelated to German provenance or arrangement, thus the records maintained by a specific German Navy office on a specific subject are often scattered among various T1022 rolls.

The originals of the records described are now in the custody of the *Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA)* in Freiburg/Br., Germany, where they constitute portions of at least four record groups (*Bestände*). Although the focus of this guide concerns the prewar period, perhaps 10% - 15% of these records constitute subject files begun prior to the war but continued during the 1914-18 period (particularly the correspondence of naval attachés). As the records constitute continuations of specific files or collections, they have been described in this finding aid to retain the coherence and unity of documentation.

The volume and complexity preclude detailed descriptions, instead each German record item typically includes the full German-language file or series designation and title, a parenthetical English-language summary of contents, date span, and citation to "PG" item number and T1022 roll number. For the group of records pertaining to overseas stations, colonies, and gunboat diplomacy, some additional description has been included in the parenthetical summaries to identify specific German Navy warships involved in the operations described. In addition, introductory notes at the beginning of each of group description provide references to the corresponding *Bestand* designations in the *BA-MA*. A familiarity with the German language, and with the German handwritten style in use

prior to 1900 (*Süterlin*), is required to effectively use the filmed records and accompanying descriptions.

The records document the organization, funding, and overseas activities of the Imperial German Navy (*Kaiserliche Marine*), 1871-1918, and its predecessors, the Prussian Navy (1822-67) and the North German Federal Navy (*Bundesmarine*) (1867-71). Prior to November 1853, naval affairs fell under the authority of the Prussian Ministry of War (*Kriegsministerium*), as part of the *Allgemeines Kriegsdepartement – Abt(h)eilung 4 (Marineangelegenheiten)*. From November 1853 to April 1861 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 an administrative headquarters, the *Marineministerium* (Navy Ministry). After late July 1870 the *Ober-Kommando der Marine* became nominally subordinate to the Navy Ministry, which was redesignated the *Kaiserliche Admiralität* (Imperial Admiralty) on 1 January 1872. In fact, however, little was accomplished in unifying naval organization, and following the accession of Wilhelm II as Kaiser the Imperial Admiralty was abolished in April 1889 and the division of authority restored with the establishment of the *Kaiserliche Oberkommando der Marine* responsible for operational matters and the *Reichs-Marine-Amt* (Reich Navy Office) responsible for organization and administration. Disputes between the two authorities resulted in March 1899 with the dissolution of the *Kaiserliche Oberkommando der Marine* and the assumption of direct command by the Kaiser himself, who retained one component – the *Admiralstab der Marine* (Admiralty Staff/General Staff of the Navy) – as an executive operational staff. In April 1899 the Kaiser also established the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett* (Naval Cabinet) to facilitate his personal command of the Navy and naval affairs, though in practice this body concentrated on naval officers' personnel matters.

The records described here reflect this overlapping and sometimes duplicative situation in their content and arrangement. Originated or collected by the various authorities noted above, 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 as "Friedensakten" ("Peacetime Records"), were organized into a multiple-numeric filing scheme (e.g., Acta IX.1.1.1, Acta XXIVa) that broadly corresponded to general or specific subjects, and thereunder arranged chronologically in numbered *Bände* or *Hefte* (volumes). Many volumes include a table of contents that list the principal documents contained. Separately-numbered files, however, often concern the same topic, reflecting the navy's administrative divisions, differing levels of security classification (e.g., separate files marked "Ganz Geheim," the highest security classification for the navy), and other factors. Examples are provided below.

The first group of records described pertain to organizational and central files maintained by a variety of authorities, arranged in four subgroups: (1) organizational records largely maintained by the *Kriegsministerium*, the *Kaiserliche Admiralität*, and the *Marineministerium* that document key aspects of the navy's organizational history, 1822-1889; (2) records of the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett* for the period 1889-1918, that

concern naval organizational, training, and personnel matters, and particularly useful for documenting Kaiser Wilhelm II's direct involvement in naval affairs; (3) records of the *Admiralstab der Marine*, 1892-1918, which primarily document reports and presentations made directly to the Kaiser on various topics, as well collected reports on the Spanish-American War; and (4) records of the *Reichs-Marine-Amt (Zentralabteilung)*, essentially for the period 1896-1916, pertaining to the buildup of the German battle fleet under Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, the development of the Anglo-German naval rivalry, and the diplomatic crises in the decade before World War I. The contents of these subgroups often complement each other, e.g. the background to the passage of the German Navy laws of 1898 and 1900 and supplemental 'Novellen' of 1906, 1908, and 1912 that governed the establishment of a modern German battle fleet are documented in both the records of the *Marinekabinett* (esp. Akte If 1, Akte XXXIc) and the *Reichs-Marine-Amt* (Acta III.1.5.3 through III.1.5.30). The contents of the last two subgroups also include a number of records that directly relate to World War I. Some prewar records of the *Marinekabinett* that concerned the development of naval airships (zeppelins) are not described here, but will be included in a future guide to World War I naval records.

The second group of records described pertain to the overseas activities of the German Navy during the period 1854-1914. These materials document the navy's establishment of overseas stations and commands (particularly the *Kreuzergeschwader*, 'Cruiser Squadron'), its involvement in the establishment and maintenance of overseas colonies, and its role in gunboat diplomacy. A greater level of description accompanies these records in order to identify the various overseas stations over time and the specific warships involved in specific missions. The records particularly document the navy's involvement in the establishment and protection of colonies in East Africa and Tsingtao (China), naval participation in the suppression of the Boxer Rebellion and the Herero uprising, and the blockade of Venezuela. Again the contents of several files complement each other, e.g., the naval role in the establishment of German East Africa is documented in Acta XII.2.4.41, XII.2.4.43 and XII.3.1.114. Only one file (Acta XII.3.1.114, Band 14) includes information relating to World War I. A separate introduction accompanies this collection.

The third group of records described consists of the correspondence and reports of German naval attachés, 1901 - 1930. Most of these records were maintained by the *Reichs-Marine-Amt (Zentralabteilung)*, as the attachés submitted their correspondence and reports to the *Staatssekretär*, the head of the *Reichs-Marine-Amt*. The records are arranged by country of assignment, thereunder divided into correspondence (*Schriftwechsel*) and reports (*Berichte*), and thereunder arranged chronologically. At the end of this collection are some files of correspondence received from foreign naval attachés, generally arranged by country, and some *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett* files that mostly pertain to personnel matters associated with the naval attachés and their staffs. Little description has been provided for these records, instead the precise chronological identification of each attaché's correspondence and reports on microfilm has been emphasized. Many of the attachés' materials extend into World War I; for some (e.g., the attachés in Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, Turkey, and Spain), their offices were not established until after war's outbreak, hence all of their

correspondence and reports comprise wartime materials. A separate introduction also accompanies this collection.

In addition to extensive official correspondence and reports, these collections include tables of organization and future fleet projections, copies of parliamentary proceedings relating to naval legislation, and copies of German and foreign newspaper clippings. Scattered among these collections are materials in English, Spanish, and French. A number of documents bear the signatures of Wilhelm I (in his various titles as Wilhelm Prinz von Preußen, Wilhelm König von Preußen, and Wilhelm Imperator Rex [I.R.], Deutscher Kaiser) and of his son, Kaiser Wilhelm II, as well as of Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, State Secretary of the Reich Navy Office, and other prominent figures from Imperial Germany. Some duplication of materials can be found among the files.

The records also document changes in the German language from the 19th into the 20th century. The spellings of several words changed with simplification, e.g., from "Thätigkeit" to Tätigkeit, "Abtheilung" to Abteilung, and "Entwicklung" to Entwicklung. Other terms fell from usage, to be replaced by others: Classified German Navy records in the late 19th century, for example, might be marked "Secret," but by World War I the accepted terms had become "Geheim" and "ganz Geheim."

All original records described have been returned to Germany and are now in the custody of the *Bundesarchiv – Abt. Militärarchiv* (BA-MA) in Freiburg/Br. German archivists disregarded the centralized "Friedensakten" arrangement and attempted to restore the original provenance and maintain the appropriate organizational hierarchy. As a result, the organizational and central files of various naval authorities for the period prior to 1889 now constitute *Bestand RM 1, Kaiserliche Admiralität*; records of the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett* constitute *Bestand RM 2*; those of the *Reichs-Marine-Amt*, *Bestand RM 3*; those of the *Admiralstab der Marine*, *Bestand RM 5*; and those for *Marineattachés*, *Bestand RM 12*. Finding aids (*Findbücher*) for each of these record groups is available at the BA-MA in Freiburg.

This guide pertains only to identifiable record items reproduced on Microfilm Publication T1022. Such selective identification reflects the unsystematic and incomplete acquisition of German naval records at the end of World War II. German naval records from the 1850-1914 period, in contrast to those for World War II, survived the latter conflict relatively intact, but were of secondary interest to the U.S. Navy's microfilming project in London, where priority lay with filming as many German Navy operational records from the two conflicts as possible. Therefore a number of pre-World War I era German Navy records brought from Germany to London by Allied authorities were not filmed by the U.S. Navy team operating there from July 1945 to August 1947. These include a significant number of prewar contingency plans and operational studies, among them plans for the eventuality of a war with the United States ("Acta III.1.-.16, Acta betr. Vorarbeiten zu den Operationsplänen gegen die Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika, Bände 1-4"), originally catalogued as record item F 5174b, now identified in BA-MA custody as RM 5/5960-5963.

No reference has been made to these and other discrete collections of records not filmed (e.g., from the records of the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett*), but where specific volumes of otherwise-filmed series are known or believed to have been omitted from filming, references have been included to their presumed retention in the BA-MA.

The "PG" record item numbers represent a numerical registry system used by British authorities as records arrived for exploitation in Great Britain. Although German Navy records predating 1930 tended to be assigned sequential 'blocks' of "PG" registry numbers, no specific attempt was made to correlate existing German file designations with "PG" numbers. The U.S. Navy's microfilming project was defined by the availability of records, and made no attempt to systematically film "PG" record items in numerical sequence. No frame numbers were used in the filming, hence the "PG" record item identifications provide the only intellectual control to the contents of individual rolls. The roll numbers initially assigned by the U.S. Navy (e.g., T-1-A, T-1-B) were replaced by a consecutive numerical sequence after they were accessioned by the National Archives and collectively redesignated Microfilm Publication T1022. The first 1,659 numbered T1022 rolls reproduce records predating 1930. Listings of the roll numbers on which the records described for each of the three groups are reproduced can be found at the end of the descriptions for each group, and a combined listing of all rolls whose contents are described in this guide is also provided.

The British accession lists of "PG" record items, sometimes known as the "Sanders list" after its compiler, Lt. Cdr. Samuel R. Sanders of the Royal Navy, grouped pre-1930 German Navy records in general by organizational hierarchy and included original German file designations, titles, and date spans as well as "PG" record item numbers; these lists were subsequently annotated to indicate those record items filmed by the U.S. Navy (using the T-1-A, T-1-B, etc. designations noted above). Copies of these accession lists are reproduced on T1022 roll 1. The U.S. Navy later prepared descriptive lists of the filmed "PG" record items which include English-language summaries of their contents, copies of which for the first 1,659 microfilm rolls are reproduced on T1022 roll 2.

The information provided in these accession and roll lists served as the foundation for this guide, supplemented by a direct review of the records themselves. For a more detailed history of the German Navy and of the seizure and microfilming of the records, see the Introduction by Harry E. Riley in *Guides to Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945: No. 1, U-Boats and T-boats, 1914-1918* (Washington, DC, 1984), pp. iii-xvi; and the essays by Howard M. Ehrmann, "The German Naval Archives (Tambach)," and Ernest M. Eller, "United States Navy Microfilm of the German Naval Archives," both in Robert Wolfe, ed., *Captured German and Related Records: A National Archives Conference* (Athens, OH, 1974).

Selected records of the Imperial German Navy for World War I will be described in a forthcoming guide. Records of the German Navy for the World War II period are described in the following guides: *Guides to the Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945: No. 2, Records Relating to U-Boat Warfare, 1939-1945*

(Washington, DC, 1985); *Guides to Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, No. 3: Records of the German Naval High Command, 1935-1945* (Washington, DC, 1999); and *Guides to Microfilmed Records of the German Navy, 1850-1945, No. 4: Records of German Navy Operational Commands in World War II* (scheduled for publication in 2006).

Additional documentation of German foreign relations and overseas colonies prior to World War I is described in *A Catalogue of German Foreign Ministry Files and Microfilms 1867-1920* (Oxford University, 1959). Copies of many of the microfilms therein described are also available at the National Archives.

Copies of specific rolls from Microfilm Publication T1022 can be purchased from the National Archives Trust Fund. Reference copies may be consulted in the Microfilm Research Room of the National Archives at College Park, MD. For suggestions for citing microfilm, see page ____; for instructions for ordering microfilm, see page ____.

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GLOSSARY OF SELECTED TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acta/Akte: prefix designation for a subject correspondence file ('Acta' represents the older form)

Adhibendum: (latin) archaic term for 'attachment' as in an enclosure or appendix to another document

Admiralstab der Marine: Admiralty Staff or General Staff of the Navy, an executive operational staff, originally a component of the *Kaiserliche Oberkommando der Marine* which survived that body's dissolution in 1899

BA-MA: *Bundesarchiv – Abt. Militärarchiv*, the principal repository for German military and naval records, located in Freiburg/Br., Germany

Band: volume

Bestand: Bundesarchiv designation for record group

betr.: abbreviation for "betreffend," used in file titles as "regarding" or "concerning"

Bundesmarine: "Federal German Navy," term applied to the combined German Navy during the 1848/49 period, the Navy of the North German Confederation (1867-71), and the present German Navy

Ganz Geheim (G.G.): German Navy security classification term for the World War I era, approximately equivalent to "Top Secret"

Geschwader: squadron (of warships)

Heft: volume or issue number

Immediatberichte/ Immediatevorträge: reports and oral presentations made directly to the Kaiser, from those naval authorities so authorized

Kaiserliche Admiralität: Imperial Admiralty, established in January 1872 as the central executive authority of the Imperial German Navy, dissolved March 1889

Kaiserliches Marinekabinett (or Marine-Kabinett): Imperial Naval Cabinet, a staff of advisors established by the Kaiser in April 1899 to facilitate his personal command of the Navy and naval affairs, but which in practice concentrated on naval officers' personnel matters and ceremonial functions

Kgl.: abbreviation for "Königlich," Royal

Kgl. Preußische Admiralität: Royal Prussian Admiralty, the central executive authority of the Royal Prussian Navy from November 1853 to April 1861

Konter-Admiral: German Navy rank equivalent to Rear Admiral

Kreuzergeschwader: 'Cruiser Squadron,' term generally associated with the formation of German cruisers and supporting warships based at Tsingtao in China, 1897-1914

Kreuzerkrieg: cruiser or commerce warfare, a naval strategy based on the raiding of enemy merchant shipping

Marine-Expeditionskorps: term for German Navy marines employed in Southwest Africa to assist in the suppression of native uprisings, 1904-06

Marine-Rundschau: name of a professional naval journal in Germany (still in existence)

Novelle: supplement to a specific act of legislation, used in connection with supplementary Navy bills in the 1900-1912 period

Ostasiatisches Expeditionskorps: term for German Navy marines employed in China to assist in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion, 1900-01

Ostasiatisches Geschwader: term initially applied to a reinforced German naval presence on the East Asia Station (particularly in the late 1850s and 1876), later to the squadron of warships stationed at the naval base and attendant colony of Tsingtao in China; eventually superseded by *Kreuzergeschwader*

Reichsgesetzblatt: the official German Government gazette for the publication of laws

Reichskanzler: Reich Chancellor, the chief executive of the German Government

Reichskommissar: 'Reich Commissar,' term for an appointed civil administrator in a colony or occupied area

Reichs-Marine-Amt (R.M.A.): Reich Navy Office, established in April 1889 as the agency responsible for organization and administration of the Imperial German Navy, under the direct authority of *Staatssekretär* (State Secretary) Admiral (later Grand Admiral) Alfred von Tirpitz

Reichstag: the German Parliament

Schutztruppe(n): designation for German colonial forces, often under naval authority

S.M.S.: "Seiner Majestät Schiff," His Imperial (German) Majesty's Ship, prefix for warship designations

Vol.: Volume, used by German naval authorities in the mid-19th century before being replaced by "Band" and "Heft"

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS OF THE
PRE-WORLD WAR I ERA**

I. KRIEGS-MINISTERIUM/ KAISERLICHE ADMIRALITÄT/ OBER-KOMMANDO DER MARINE/ MARINE-MINISTERIUM/ REICHS-MARINE-AMT (1822 – 1889)

Records of the *Kaiserliche Admiralität*, established on 1 January 1872, include those organizational materials inherited from previous executive authorities in the evolution of the Prussian/German Navy, from the *Abt(h)eilung für Marine-Angelegenheiten* within the Prussian *Kriegsministerium* through the *Ober-Commando der Marine*, the *Kgl. Preussische Admiralität*, and the *Marine-Ministerium*. The records, which document the essential organizational planning and funding for the Navy in the early period, were subsequently reorganized into a single numeric-subject arrangement as indicated; the originals today constitute part of *Bestand RM 1 (Kaiserliche Admiralität)* in the custody of the BA-MA, Freiburg/Br., Germany.

Acta II.1.5.-1 Kaiserliche Admiralität. Acta betr. den Flottengründungs-Plan und die darauf basirenden Geldbedürfnisse (handwritten correspondence and reports, with some printed materials, regarding planning and funding for the establishment of a German Navy under Prussian authority, including budget estimates and organizational tables; the 'Adhibendum' [PG 66015] includes printed copies of the 1863 plan for the establishment of the Prussian Navy and an 1867 legislative bill for the establishment of the North German Confederation's *Bundesmarine*) –

Vol. 1, Nov 1854 – April 1861: PG 66008, roll 1466

Vol. 2, Nov 1861 – Nov 1863: PG 66009, rolls 1466-67

Vol. 3, Jan 1864 – Feb 1865: PG 66010, roll 1467

(Vols. 4 – 8, 1865-75: presumably PG 66011-014, not filmed, no information available)

Acta enthaltend Material für den Flottengründungsplan. Adhibendum, 1862 – 1875: PG 66015, rolls 1507 and 1541

Acta IX.1.1.1 Kriegs-Ministerium/ Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/ Abtheilung für Marine-Angelegenheiten. Acta Gener. betr. die Bildung einer Seewehr (handwritten correspondence and some printed material regarding planning for, and the development of, the Prussian Navy during the period 1822-48, including estimates of warship and personnel requirements, extensive budgetary data, construction plans, records of conferences, proposed disposition of warships at specific ports, reports on artillery exercises, and data on coastal defenses, warship types, specific warships, crews, and armament; Vol. 4 includes what appears to be the logbook of a German vessel in the Baltic, Aug-Dec 1840; Vol. 8 includes a listing of the contents of Vols. 5-8)-

Vol. 1, Jun 1822 – Jan 1825: PG 65903, rolls 1480-81

Vol. 2, Dec 1828 – Jul 1837: PG 65904, rolls 1481-82

Vol. 3, Aug 1837 – Dec 1840: PG 65905, roll 1482

Vol. 4, Jan – Jun 1841: PG 65906, roll 1430

- Vol. 5, Jul 1841 – Mar 1842: PG 65907, roll 1430
Vol. 6, Apr 1842 – Oct 1844: PG 65908, rolls 1430-31
Vol. 7, Nov 1844 – May 1846: PG 65909, roll 1431
Vol. 8, Jun 1846 – Dec 1848: PG 65910, roll 1431

Acta IX.1.1.2 Kriegs-Ministerium/ Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/ Abtheilung für Marine-Angelegenheiten. Acta Gener. betreffend die Verhandlungen über die Errichtung einer Deutschen-Marine überhaupt, so wie im Speciellen der Preußischen (handwritten correspondence and occasional printed materials regarding the establishment of a Federal German Navy as well as the requirements of the existing Prussian Navy, including information on the recruitment or conscription and training of personnel, purchase and construction of vessels, budgetary matters, provisions for artillery and naval equipment, the establishment of separate squadrons for the Baltic and North Seas, data on coastal defenses, plans for different categories of warships, and other organizational matters, including information on discussions within the National Assembly in Frankfurt/M.; Vol. 1 includes documentation of the U.S. Navy's participation in the training of Prussian naval cadets on board the American frigate "St. Lawrence," Jul 1848 [roll 1431]; each volume includes a rough index of the contents at the beginning of the file, Vol. 6 includes a consolidated listing of the contents for all volumes) –

- Vol. 1, May – Sep 1848: PG 65911, rolls 1431-32
Vol. 2, Oct 1848 – Jun 1849: PG 65912, roll 1524
Vol. 3, Jun – Oct 1849: PG 65913, rolls 1523-24
Vol. 4, Nov 1849 – Sep 1850: PG 65914, roll 1524
Vol. 5, Jan 1851 – Sep 1852: PG 65915, roll 1524
Vol. 6, Oct 1852 – Feb 1861: PG 65916, roll 1525

Acta IX.1.1.3 Admiralität. Acta betreffend Mittheilungen über die Preußische Marine (handwritten correspondence and reports relating to the general organization of the Prussian Navy and some data on various warships), Feb 1862 – Dec 1874:
PG 65917, roll 1525

Acta IX.1.1.4 Ober-Commando der Marine. Acta betreffend Bestimmungen auf das Verhältnis der Kriegs-Marine zu Handels-Marine des Bundes (handwritten correspondence and regulations concerning the relationship of the North German Federal Navy to the merchant marine of the North German Confederation), Jan – Mar 1868:
PG 65918, roll 1525

Acta IX.1.1.5 Kriegs-Ministerium/Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/ Abtheilung für Marine-Angelegenheiten. Acta betreffend Verhandlungen der Technischen Marine-Commission Frankfurt/M. im Jahre 1848/49 (handwritten minutes of meetings, with some accompanying materials, of the Technical Naval Commission that served as an advisory body to the German National Assembly meeting at Frankfurt), Nov 1848 – Feb 1849:

- PG 65919, roll 1525

Acta IX.1.1.6 Admiralität. Acta gen. betreffend die Verhandlungen über die Errichtung einer Kriegs-Marine (handwritten correspondence and reports and some printed materials relating to the establishment and organization of a Federal German Navy, including the recommendations of the Technical Naval Commission, the recruitment or conscription and training of naval personnel, proposed pay scales, and proposals for the construction of warships and naval organization; Vol. 1 includes printed copies of transcripts of meetings of the 'Congress für eine deutsche Kriegs-Marine in Hamburg,' 1-2 Jun 1848, and printed copies of some materials submitted to the National Assembly on German maritime matters; Vol. 2 includes English-language letters from the commander of the U.S. Navy frigate "St. Lawrence" to Prince Adalbert of Prussia regarding two Prussian naval cadets who served on his ship, Jul 1849, and correspondence of the American W. A. Howard to Prince Adalbert of Prussia regarding the former's proposals for Prussian naval artillery, Apr 1850)-

Vol. 1, Apr 1848 – Mar 1849: PG 65920, rolls 1525-26

Vol. 2, Apr 1849 – Jun 1851: PG 65921, roll 1527

Acta IX.1.1.6 Ober-Commando der Marine. Acta betreffend Vorschläge zur Organisation einer Kriegs-Marine (handwritten correspondence and reports received or originated by the *Ober-Commando der Marine* regarding the proposed organization of a regular navy, apparently intended as a continuation of the related files originated by the *Admiralität* [PG 65921-922]) –

Vol. 3, May 1850 – Oct 1853: PG 65922, roll 1526

Acta IX.1.1.7 Ober-Commando der Marine. Acta betreffend Stationierung, Armierung und Bemannung der Fahrzeuge (handwritten correspondence pertaining to the disposition and armament of warships and the recruitment, conscription, and personnel administration of qualified sailors for the navy) –

Vol. 1, Aug 1848 – Feb 1850: PG 65923, roll 1526

Vol. 2, Feb 1850 – Dec 1852: PG 65924, roll 1527

Acta IX.1.1.8 ———. Berichte des Kerst über Errichtung einer deutschen Marine (handwritten correspondence and reports of an individual named Kerst who served with the 'Marinecommission' of the National Assembly at Frankfurt/M., including financial estimates of naval construction, draft plans for dockyards, and data on the winter ice conditions for the port cities of Hamburg, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Cuxhaven, Glückstadt, and Stade), Oct 1849 – May 1850:

PG 65925, roll 1527

Acta IX.1.1.9 Kriegsministerium/ Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/ Abtheilung für Marine-Angelegenheiten. Acta Gener. betreffend die Benutzung der Kriegsmarine zur politischen und mercantilischen Zwecken (handwritten correspondence and some printed materials regarding the strategic value of the navy in promoting commerce; Vol. 1 includes observations of the German consul in Mexico and a German translation of a pamphlet issued by an American industrial exhibition in New York, 1853; Vol. 2 includes reports from Prinz Adalbert of Prussia and his operations on the Moroccan coast and in the Mediterranean aboard paddle-steamer "Danzig," Aug-Oct 1856) -

Vol. 1, Jun 1852 – Sep 1853: PG 65926, roll 1527

Vol. 2, Nov 1853 - Sep 1865: PG 65927, roll 1528

Acta IX.1.1.11 Marine-Ministerium. Acta gen. betr. die Gründung einer deutschen Kanonenboot-Flotille (handwritten correspondence and reports and some printed materials regarding the establishment of a gunboat flotilla [“deutsche Flotte der Nordsee”], composed of units provided by the various North German states, for the protection of the German North Sea coast and trade, including draft terms of an agreement among the North German states to this end), May 1861 – Dec 1864:
PG 65928, roll 1445

Acta IX.1.1.12 Marine-Ministerium. Acta betr. die Errichtung eines Bundes-Kriegs-Marine (correspondence, reports, minutes of conferences, and draft agreements, nearly all handwritten, regarding the establishment of a ‘*Bundesmarine*’ for the North German Confederation, including draft agreements among the constituent states, proposals and tables for the strength and organization of combined military and naval forces; Band 2 includes a printed copy of the minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the North German Confederation *Bundesrat*, 28 Oct 1867, including a provision for the conscription of able-bodied seaman for the new *Bundesmarine*) -

Vol. 1, Dec 1866 – Dec 1867: PG 65929, roll 1445

Vol. 2, Jan 1868 – Jun 1870: PG 65930, roll 1445

Acta IX.1.1.14 Kriegs-Ministerium/Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/Abtheilung für die Marine-Angelegenheiten. Acta betr. die Übersicht über die Zustände der deutschen Marine-Angelegenheiten in den Nordsee-Hafen (handwritten correspondence and reports concerning naval affairs and coastal defense at the ports of Hamburg and Bremerhaven), Apr – Jul 1849:
PG 65932, roll 1445

Acta IX.3.1.1 Admiralität/ Ober-Commando der Marine. Acta gen. betr. die Organisation der Marine (handwritten correspondence and reports on German naval organizational matters, including data on budgetary and finance considerations, naval construction, composition of the navy, the standards and training of naval artillery, establishment of bases and depots along both the North Sea and Baltic coasts, recruitment and training of personnel, and regulations for personnel and establishments; this collection is closely related to an *Admiralität* series with the same name and Acta designation, but with a more personnel administrative emphasis, described below)-

Vol. 1, Jul 1854 – Jan 1863: PG 65933, rolls 1445-46

Vol. 2, Feb 1863 – Oct 1865: PG 65934, roll 1446

Vol. 3, Nov 1865 – Apr 1871: PG 65935, rolls 1446-47

Acta IX.3.1.1 Admiralität (from Jan 1872, Kaiserliche Admiralität). Acta gen. betr. die Organisation der Marine (handwritten correspondence, reports, and draft regulations and ordinances on German naval organizational matters, similar in content to those described in items PG 65933-935 but with greater detail and more focused on personnel administration; included is documentation of fleet and personnel organization

and administration, proposed standards for the establishment of types of naval units and commands, delineations of authority and function within the Navy, regulations governing personnel and establishments, classification of noncommissioned officers' and enlisted personnel ranks, commissioning of naval dockyards, personnel training and promotion, proposed classroom and training schedules for personnel, specialized training and personnel classifications for the use of torpedoes, and designated punishments for enlisted men and petty officers) –

Vol. 1, Mar – May 1854: PG 65936, roll 1447

Vol. 2, Jun 1854 – Oct 1856: no PG, neither identified nor microfilmed

Vol. 3, Nov 1856 – Dec 1861: PG 65937, rolls 1447-48

Vol. 4, Jan 1862 – Jul 1863: PG 65938, roll 1448

Vol. 5, Aug 1863 – Dec 1871: PG 65939, roll 1448

Vol. 6, Jan 1872 – May 1873: PG 65940, rolls 1448-49

Vol. 7, Jun 1873 – Nov 1884: PG 65941, roll 1615

Vol. 8, Dec 1884 – Dec 1885: PG 65942, roll 1615

Vol. 9, Jan 1886 – Jun 1888: PG 65943, roll 1616

Vol. 10, Jul 1888 – Feb 1889: PG 65944, roll 1547

Adhibendum (Nebenakte), Aug 1884 – Mar 1885: PG 65946, roll 1616

Adhibendum (Nebenakte), Dec 1884 – Mar 1885: PG 65947, roll 1547

Adhibendum (Nebenakte), undated (ca. 1884-85): PG 65948, roll 1617

(Note: A similar series of correspondence and reports under the designation Acta IX.3.1.1 Reichs-Marine-Amt. Organisation der Marine apparently continued routine documentation of this topic into the 1890s, however only one volume of this collection received a 'PG' record item description and was filmed-

Band 10, Jun 1896 – Mar 1897: PG 65945, roll 1548

The fate of the remaining *Reichs-Marine-Amt* material in this series is unknown.)

Acta IX.3.1.4 Admiralität. Acta betr. die Verhandlungen des Admiraltäts-Rathes (handwritten minutes of meetings and proceedings of the Admiralty Council recording their determinations on the number, types, and equipment of naval vessels to be built and other naval issues; the amount of overlap between the two files cannot be determined) –

Vol. 1, Jun 1861 – Dec 1867: PG 65949, roll 1617

Vol. 2, Sep 1861 - Feb 1864: PG 65950, roll 1549

Acta IX.3.2.1 Kriegsministerium/Allgemeines Kriegs-Departement/ Abtheilung für die Marine-Angelegenheiten (after 1861, *Marine-Ministerium*). **Acta Gener. betr. die Einrichtung eines Ober-Commandos der Marine (Reponirt)** (handwritten correspondence that documents the establishment of a Naval High Command and its evolution from a component of the Department for Naval Affairs within the Prussian War Ministry [1849-53] through a temporary amalgamation with other elements as part of the *Kgl. Preußische Admiralität* [1853-1861], to restored independence as an operational command [1861-63]; included is much information on the composition and administration of the Prussian Navy during this period) –

Vol. 1, Feb 1849 – Dec 1863: PG 65951, roll 1548

Vol. 2, Jan 1864 – May 1871: PG 65952, roll 1548

Acta IX.3.2.1 Admiralität/Ober-Commando der Marine. Acta betr. die Errichtung eines Ober-Commandos der Marine (this appears to be a documentary collection of handwritten orders and decrees regarding the establishment of a Naval High Command that supplements the correspondence in files PG 65951-952), May 1859 – May 1871:
PG 65953, roll 1549

II. KAISERLICHES MARINEKABINETT (1889-1918)

The *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett* (or *Marine-Kabinett*), established on 1 April 1889 by Kaiser Wilhelm II. to facilitate his personal command of the Navy and naval affairs, in practice developed into the most significant office in naval officers' personnel matters. The pre-World War I records described here document the Kaiser's personal involvement in naval matters, including key policy and organizational issues. Other records of the *Marine-Kabinett* for this period are described elsewhere in this finding aid; the originals are held at the BA-MA as part of *Bestand RM 2*.

Akte Ia 1. Meinungsverschiedenheiten zwischen den obersten Marinebehörden (extensive correspondence file documenting disagreements and controversies within the German Naval High Command, particularly disputes centering on the authority of the *Reichs-Marine-Amt* vis-à-vis other high command agencies; included are discussions of appointments of officers, regulations regarding the flying of the German naval ensign, decommissioning of vessels, construction of new types of warships, fortification of defenses at Tsingtao, and proposals for more clearly-defined divisions of authority; much of the material is handwritten), Nov 1892 – Mar 1911:
PG 66700, roll 488

Akte Ia 2. Generalinspekteur der Marine. Geschäftsbereich, Ernennungen (correspondence regarding service regulations for the post of Inspector General of the Navy as the superintendent of personnel training, definitions of authority; much is handwritten), Mar 1899 – Mar 1918:
PG 66701, roll 539

Akte Ib. Organisation der Kommandobehörden und Marineteile an Land (correspondence on the organization, training, and personnel administration of naval shore establishments), Mar 1889 – Aug 1918:
PG 66702, roll 539

Akte Ic. Festungskommandanten und Garnisonsangelegenheiten (correspondence regarding organizational and personnel administration matters in naval fortresses and garrisons), Mar 1888 – Jan 1918:
PG 66703, roll 539

Akte Id. Organisation des Admiralstabs der Marine (correspondence regarding the establishment and evolution of the *Admiralstab*, including its structure, staffing, responsibilities, and disputed divisions of authority with other High Command agencies)-

Bd. 1, Mar 1899 – Dec 1908: PG 66704, roll 539

Bd. 2, Jan 1909 – Nov 1918: PG 66705, roll 540

Akte Ie. Organisation des Bildungswesens der Marine (correspondence on the organization of the naval training establishment, including training ships and specialized schools and associated regulations), Sep 1894 – Apr 1914:

PG 66706, roll 540

Akte If. Organisation der Seestreitkräfte (reports and correspondence on the organization and development of German naval operational forces, including the buildup of the battle fleet, ship construction plans, personnel recruitment and training plans, organization and stationing of forces, and fleet training; Band 1 includes data on the organization of colonial forces (*Schutztruppe*), Band 3 notes the transfer of the High Seas Fleet command to Wilhelmshaven, Bände 2 and 4 include discussions of the lack of qualified personnel, Bände 2 and 3 include information on the establishment of U-boat units within the fleet, and Band 4 documents the establishment of a Mediterranean division) –

Band 1, Jun 1891 – Sep 1904: PG 66707, rolls 510-11

Bde. 2-5, Oct 1904 – Aug 1918: PG 66708-711, roll 511

Akte If 1. Das Flottengesetz (two volumes containing copies of the Navy bills submitted to the Reichstag and related correspondence and press clippings concerning the establishment and systematic renewal of a large modern fleet, including draft and final versions of the legislation, budgetary data, public opinion as reflected in the German press, estimates of future warship needs and replacements, and personnel requirements implied by the fleet buildup; Band 1 [roll 512] includes a June 1897 memorandum apparently handwritten by Adm. Alfred von Tirpitz for Kaiser Wilhelm II. as the key justification for the fleet buildup, and the subsequent Navy Law of 1898; Bde. 1-2 both document the supplemental legislation [*Novellen*] for future warship requirements and maintenance, and Bd. 2 includes information on the establishment of the naval torpedo arm) –

Band 1, Apr 1897 – Oct 1903: PG 66712, rolls 511-12

Bd. 2, Nov 1905 – Jan 1913: PG 66713, roll 513

Akte Ig. Organisation des Torpedowesens (correspondence and reports pertaining to the organization and administration of the naval torpedo arm, including data on qualifications and training of personnel, the establishment of torpedo boat operational commands in the fleet, the preparation of torpedo firing manuals, and the relationship of the torpedo arm to the battle fleet), Jul 1890 – Oct 1914:

PG 66714, roll 513

Akte Ih. Organisation: Schiffsartillerie, Küstenartillerie, des Minenwesens und Marindepots (correspondence and reports concerning organizational and administrative aspects of naval gunnery, coastal artillery, mine warfare and naval depots, including information on the establishment of specific units and commands, training, and personnel aspects), Oct 1889 – Nov 1913:

PG 66715, roll 513

Akte II. Organisation der Marineinfanterie (correspondence regarding the organization and administration of naval infantry units, particularly those involved in colonial duties, and including some information regarding Tsingtao), Mar 1889 – Dec 1912:

PG 66716, roll 513

Akte Ik. Organisation: Technische Institute und Verwaltungsbehörden, sowie deren Personal (correspondence pertaining to organizational and administrative aspects of naval technical institutes and logistical agencies, and associated personnel matters), Sep 1889 – Nov 1918:

PG 66717, roll 513

Akte II. Organisation des Marine-Sanitätswesens (correspondence regarding the organization and administration of the naval medical corps, including detailed data on the composition of the naval medical corps in 1892 and the temporary amalgamation of the Army and Navy medical departments, 1894-96), Apr 1891 – Jul 1913:

PG 66718, roll 513

Akte I 3. Vorträge und Audienzen bei Seiner Majestät (four volumes of correspondence and orders pertaining to invitations to naval officers to provide briefings to, or receive awards or decorations from, Kaiser Wilhelm II; Band 4 includes information on German Army maneuvers in January 1910) –

Band 1, Apr 1889 – Dec 1897: PG 67787, roll 565

Bd. 2, Jan 1898 – Dec 1901: PG 67788, rolls 565-66

Bde. 3, Jan 1902 – Mar 1918: PG 67789-790, roll 566

Akte II. Marine-Kabinett (mostly handwritten correspondence and a few telegrams pertaining to the establishment of the Naval Cabinet, its organization, functions, staffing, and duties, including regulations for leave of staff members and the appropriate channels for interaction with other naval offices), Dec 1888 – Nov 1918:

PG 68146, roll 588

Akte IVb. Erfindungen (correspondence and reports concerning proposed inventions for possible naval use, including many proposals from private individuals and companies regarding new types of propulsion systems, weapons, and procedures [e.g., use of compressed air to force water out of damaged ships]; Band 2 includes proposals submitted during World War I) –

Band 1, Sep 1900 – Dec 1913: PG 66767, roll 631

Bd. 2, Jan 1914 – Dec 1918: PG 66768, rolls 631-32

Akte X. Eintritt in Fremde Dienste (partly handwritten correspondence regarding the assignments of German Navy and ex-Navy officers to temporary service with foreign navies, particularly with the Turkish Navy but also including the Chilean, Chinese and Brazilian Navies; Band 2 includes information on the wartime assignment of Navy

officers to serve with Turkish warships and coastal batteries, Band 3 includes information on the assignment of officers to help establish a navy for the new Ukrainian state [1918]) -
Bände 1-3, Mar 1890 – Oct 1918: PG 68318-320, roll 572

Akte Xa – Xa12. Dienstleistungen fremder Offiziere in der Kaiserl. Deutschen Marine (regulations, correspondence and reports regarding the temporary assignment of foreign naval officers and cadets to the German Navy, sometimes including reports by the former on their impressions of their service; in some cases the files document only the possible assignment of a particular country's officers that was never realized) –

Xa Best. (general), Jul 1893 – Feb 1917: PG 68323, roll 573

Xa 1 (Swedish officers), Feb 1891 – Sep 1917: PG 68324, roll 573

Xa 2 (Turkish officers), Jan 1894 – Apr 1916: PG 68325, roll 573

Xa 3 (Japanese officers), Feb 1891 – Feb 1903: PG 68326, roll 573

Xa 4 (Siamese [Thai] officers), Jun 1912 – Aug 1914: PG 68427, roll 645

Xa 5 (Chilean officers), Apr 1905 – Jun 1906: PG 68428, roll 645

Xa 6 (Romanian officers), Nov 1900 – Mar 1914: PG 68429, roll 645

Xa 7 (Bulgarian officers), Nov 1915 – Oct 1920: PG 68430, roll 645

Xa 8 (Chinese officers), Jul 1903: PG 68431, roll 645

Xa 9 (U.S. Navy officers), Jan 1915: PG 68432, roll 645

Xa 10 (Dutch officers), Feb 1913: PG 68433, roll 645

Xa 11 (Austrian officers), Nov 1918: PG 68435, roll 645

Xa 12 (Russian officers), Mar – Oct 1918: PG 68436, roll 645

Akte XIb Allegemeine Bestimmungen über inactive Offiziere (correspondence regarding naval regulations affecting the status and postings of shore-based and reserve officers) –

Band 1, Aug 1889 – Oct 1911: PG 68336a, rolls 645-46

Bd. 2, Apr 1912 – Aug 1918: PG 68336b, roll 646

Akte XIc. Landesverteidigungs-Kommission und Mitgliedschaft zum Bundesrat, sowie Küstenbefestigungen (reports and correspondence on the establishment of an advisory commission to assist in planning coastal defenses along Germany's North Sea and Baltic frontiers, particularly the Ems and Elbe River estuaries, Frisian Islands, Borkum, and the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein) –

Bände 1-2, Mar 1890 – Jan 1914: PG 66950-951, roll 538

Akte XIc 1. Bevollmächtigte zum Bundesrat (a few pages of correspondence regarding the naming of *Reichs-Marine-Amt* officials as deputy plenipotentiaries to the *Bundesrat*), Dec 1904 – Jun 1916:

PG 66952, roll 539

Akte XIe. Admiralstabsreisen (correspondence, reports and regulations pertaining to inspection tours by the *Admiralstab* of naval facilities in the Baltic and the North Sea), May 1890 – Apr 1911:

PG 66959, roll 516

Akte XII. Generalstabsreisen (correspondence regarding naval participation in Army General Staff tours, including assignments of naval officers detailed to accompany these tours), Apr 1899 – Jun 1914:

PG 66960, roll 516

Akte XIg. Flügeladjutanten, persönliche Adjutanten und Militärgouverneure (correspondence and regulations pertaining to the appointments of specific naval officers as aides-de-camp, personal adjutants [including those assigned to the Crown Prince], and military governors of designated areas) –

Band 1, Feb 1889 – Dec 1902: PG 66961, rolls 516-17

Bde. 2-3, Jan 1903 – Dec 1918: PG 66962-963, roll 517

Akte XXa. Zeitungsausschnitte mit Allerhöchsten Randbemerkungen (43 volumes containing copies of clippings of German and foreign press articles with Kaiser Wilhelm's notations and comments handwritten in the margins; each clipping is typically accompanied by an introductory note, most concern questions of naval construction, administration, and ordnance in foreign navies, and assessments of the German Navy by foreign observers; items PG 67173-174 reproduced on roll 641 constitute mirror images and require separate spooling for legibility; originals in BA-MA as RM 2/160-202) –

Band 1, Dec 1899 – Oct 1900: PG 67173, roll 641

Bd. 2, Sep 1900 – May 1901: PG 67174, rolls 641-42

Bd. 3, Jun – Oct 1901: PG 67175, roll 642

Bde. 4-6, Nov 1901 – Dec 1902: PG 67176-178, roll 553

Bde. 7-10, Jan 1903 – Aug 1904: PG 67179-182, roll 642

Bd. 11, Sep - Dec 1904: PG 67183, rolls 642-43

Bd. 12, Jan – Feb 1905: PG 67184, roll 643

Bd. 13, Mar – Jun 1905: PG 67185, roll 585

Bd. 14, Jul – Nov 1905: PG 67186, rolls 585-86

Bde. 15-18, Dec 1905 – Nov 1906: PG 67187-190, roll 586

Bde. 19-20, Dec 1906 – Apr 1907: PG 67191-192, roll 553

Bd. 21, May – Sep 1907: PG 67193, rolls 553-54

Bde. 22-23, Oct 1907 – Mar 1908: PG 67194-195, roll 586

Bd. 24, Apr – Jul 1908: PG 67196, roll 587

Bde. 25-27, Aug 1908 – May 1909: PG 67197-199, roll 568

Bde. 28-30, Jun 1909 – Feb 1910: PG 67200-202, roll 554

Bde. 31-33, Mar 1910 – Jan 1911: PG 67203-205, roll 587

Bd. 34, Feb – Apr 1911: PG 67206, roll 568

Bde. 35-40, May 1911 – Sep 1913: PG 67207-212, roll 569

Bde. 41-42, Oct 1913 – Dec 1916: PG 67213-214, roll 643

Bd. 42a, Dec 1903 – Jan 1904: PG 67214a, not filmed and available only at the BA-MA as item RM 2/202

Akte XXI. Schiess- und Übungsberichte (reports and correspondence regarding training and firing exercises and maneuvers conducted throughout the Navy, including critical comments by observers; Band 1 includes notes on cooperation with the *IX. Armeekorps* in combined operations, Band 3 includes an account of the U.S. Naval

Academy at Annapolis, Band 8 includes observations of a visit to Tsingtao and East Asia in 1902/03, and Band 9 includes accounts of the German fleet's visit to Plymouth, England, Belgium and Holland, Jul 1904) –

Band 1, Dec 1888 – Dec 1893: PG 67220, roll 514

Bd. 2, Jan 1894 – Dec 1898: PG 67221, roll 514

Bd. 3, Jan – Dec 1899: PG 67222, rolls 514-15

Bd. 4, Jan – Dec 1900: PG 67223, rolls 628-29

Bd. 5, Jan – Dec 1901: PG 67224, roll 490

Bd. 6, Jan – Sep 1902: PG 67225, roll 629

Bd. 7, Oct 1902 – Jun 1903: PG 67226, rolls 629-30

Bd. 8, Jul – Dec 1903: PG 67227, roll 630

Bd. 9, Jan – Sep 1904: PG 67228, rolls 490-91

Bd. 10, Oct 1904 – Sep 1905: PG 67229, roll 630

Übungsreisen der Hochseeflotte. Bestimmungen über die Abfassung der Übungs- und Tätigkeitsberichte (mostly administrative materials, particularly for the preparation of standard types of reports), Aug 1889 – Mar 1915:

PG 67219, rolls 513-14

Akte XXI. (St.O.) Übungs- und Tätigkeitsberichte der Marinestation der Ostsee (activity and training reports of ships and shore detachments assigned to the Baltic Naval Station) -

Bde. 1-2, Oct 1905 – Jun 1914: PG 67230-231, roll 491

Akte XXI. (St.N.) Übungs- und Tätigkeitsberichte der Marinestation der Nordsee (activity and training reports of ships and shore detachments assigned to the North Sea Naval Station) –

Band 1, Oct 1905 – Oct 1907: PG 67232, roll 491

Bd. 2, Apr 1908 – Oct 1910: PG 67233, rolls 491-92

Bd. 3, Apr 1911 – Jul 1914: PG 67234, roll 492

Akte XXI. (Bild.Insp.) Übungs- und Tätigkeitsberichte der Inspektion des Bildungswesens der Marine (activity and training reports for the naval training establishment, including the naval academy [*Marineschule Mürwik*]) –

Bde. 1-2, Sep 1905 – Juli 1918: PG 67235-236, roll 492

Akte XXIb. Schießübungen (Berichte) (gunnery exercise reports for various naval units, including overseas squadrons, High Seas Fleet units, coastal artillery, and training units) -

Band 1, Jan 1900 – Sep 1901: PG 67257, rolls 540-41

Bde. 2-3, Aug 1901 – Sep 1904: PG 67258-259, roll 541

Bde. 4-5, Jan 1905 – Oct 1914: PG 67260-261, roll 542

Akte XXI c Geschützkonstruktionen der ausländischen Marinen (Berichte der Marineattachés) (reports and correspondence on naval ordnance developments in

foreign countries, mostly pertaining to American naval gunnery systems), Nov 1900 – Feb 1913:

PG 67262, roll 635

Akte XXIIq. Austausch von Besuchen und Audienzen bei fremden Staatsoberhäuptern durch die Kommandanten der Auslandsschiffe (reports and correspondence on visits of German warships to such foreign ports as Havana, Rio de Janeiro, Newport News, Calcutta, Cairo and elsewhere involving exchanges of greetings with foreign dignitaries, and some reports of the German ambassador in Washington, DC), Jul 1892 – Apr 1914:

PG 67384, roll 493

Akte XXIIv. Montagu-Briefe usw. (correspondence exchanged between British Admiral Victor A. Montague, and German authorities, including Kaiser Wilhelm, regarding the former's proposals for a sailing craft and on issues of mutual naval interest), Dec 1903 – Feb 1913:

PG 67396, roll 637

Briefwechsel Kaiser Wilhelm II. mit dem Captain (RN) Mark Kerr über Lord Nelson und die Seeschlacht von Trafalgar (correspondence exchanged between Kaiser Wilhelm and a Royal Navy officer on Nelson's tactics at Trafalgar, including copies of the officer's essay, an article in the April 1914 issue of *Marine-Rundschau*, and some March 1918 notes concerning the officer's wartime statements), April 1911- March 1918:

PG 68076a, roll 568

Vortrag Seiner Majestät des Kaisers und Königs in der Königlichen Kriegs-Akademie am 8. Februar 1895/ Konzepte Kaiser Wilhelm II. zum Vortrag (handwritten copy of a speech by Kaiser Wilhelm to the Royal War Academy on German and foreign naval developments, accompanied by charts and illustrations and an article on naval aspects of the Sino-Japanese War, Feb 1895):

PG 68077a, roll 568

Akte XXIVm. Krieg zwischen Italien und der Türkei (reports of military operations during the Italo-Turkish War, including a report by a retired German naval officer on experiences with the Italian Fleet), Sep 1911 – Mar 1913:

PG 67443, roll 636

Akte XXIVn. Krieg zwischen den Balkanstaaten und der Türkei (correspondence, reports, and telegrams regarding the First Balkan War between Greece, Serbia and other Balkan states against Turkey; includes reports on specific engagements during the conflict, the overthrow of the Ottoman government by Turkish nationalists, the establishment of the Mediterranean Division of the German Navy [Band 1], and the participation of German marines in an international force at Scutari, Albania [Bände 2-3])

Bände 1-3, Oct 1912 – Oct 1914: PG 67444-446, roll 636

Akte XXXIb. Verhältnis zu England (correspondence, reports and some press clippings regarding relations with Great Britain, in particular documenting the Anglo-German naval rivalry and some negotiations toward a naval agreement between the two powers), Aug 1908 – May 1914:

PG 67473, roll 519

Akte XXXIc. Flottenpolitik (correspondence, reports, press clippings, and copies of published legislation on the expansion of the German battle fleet, including documentation of increased tensions with Great Britain and some negotiations toward an Anglo-German naval agreement, data on German naval expenditures on warship construction and personnel, excerpts from the British and German press critical of Tirpitz and his policies, copies of German legislation governing the buildup of the German fleet, and some correspondence pertaining to the loss of the British liner "Titanic" [Band 2]) –

Band 1, Jun 1911 – May 1914: PG 67474, roll 519

Bd. 2, Feb 1912 – Nov 1917: PG 67475, roll 520

Akte XXXIVb. Berichte in military-politischen Angelegenheiten (reports and correspondence from naval attachés, overseas warships and squadrons, and German diplomats regarding military and naval developments abroad, including biographical data on leading military and naval personalities of foreign powers, information on naval armaments programs, and translations of articles in foreign military and naval journals; numerous items bear the handwritten annotations of Kaiser Wilhelm; Band 1 includes several reports on conditions in Japan and China (including data on senior commanders of the Japanese Navy), Band 2 includes a report of the Cruiser Squadron's visit to Saipan and New Guinea and data on the Mexican Revolution, Band 3 includes much information on political unrest in China, Band 4 includes information on a German scientific mission to New Guinea, and Band 5 includes information on conditions in war-torn Albania), -

Band 1, Oct 1906 – Dec 1908: PG 67516, roll 548

Bd. 2, Jan 1909 – Dec 1910: PG 67517, roll 548

Bd. 3, Jan – Nov 1911: PG 67518, rolls 548-49

Bd. 4, Dec 1911 – Feb 1913: PG 67519, roll 549

Bd. 5, May 1913 – Jul 1914: PG 67520, roll 549

Akte XXXV. Besuche fremde Fürstlichkeiten und Ehrendienst bei denselben (partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, telegrams, scheduled programs, and arrangements for visits of royal dignitaries, including German and foreign, to German naval facilities) –

Bände 1-2, Aug 1888 – Dec 1900: PG 67522-523, roll 518

Band 3, Jan 1901 – Dec 1905: PG 67524, roll 519

Bde. 4-7, Jan 1906 – Sep 1918: PG 67525-528, roll 499

Akte XXXVa. Vermählungs pp. Feier von Fürstlichkeiten und Ehrendienst bei denselben (partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence and program schedules pertaining to arrangements for weddings of German nobility), Jun 1889 – Aug 1906:

PG 67529, roll 601

Akte XXXVb 1-3. Reise Ihrer Majestäten –

zum Besuche des dänischen Königspaare nach Kopenhagen im Juli 1907
(correspondence regarding schedules, arrangements and ceremonies of a visit of Kaiser Wilhelm and the Kaiserin to the Danish royal monarchs), Jun 1907 – May 1908:

PG 67530, roll 601

zur Zusammenkunft mt Sr. Majestät d. Zaren vor Swinemünde im August 1807 (correspondence regarding Kaiser Wilhelm's meeting with Czar Nicholas), Jul 1907 – Jun 1909:

PG 67531, roll 520

nach England im Nov 1907 zum Besuche des englischen Königspaare und nach den Niederlanden (correspondence regarding the Kaiser and Kaiserin's visit to England, reception by the English monarchs, and return via Holland), Aug 1907 – Feb 1908:

PG 67532, roll 520

Akte XXXVI. Reisen Sr. Majestät des Kaisers und Königs (partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence regarding foreign trips and voyages taken by the Kaiser, mostly relating to administrative arrangements, schedules, official programs of visits, and associated ceremonies, including the awarding of decorations and medals by the Kaiser to foreign and German personnel; included is information about the Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" [including sketches]; Band 37 describes visits by the Kaiser to naval units and bases during World War I, including a speech at Wilhelmshaven Feb 1916 and a list of those decorated by the Kaiser at Kiel Oct 1918) –

Bd. 1, Apr – Dec 1889: PG 67533, rolls 520-21

Bd. 2, Apr – Dec 1889 (trip to Norwegian coast): PG 67534, roll 521

Bd. 3, Apr – Aug 1889 (trip to England): PG 67535, roll 521

Bd. 4, Apr 1889 – May 1893 (trip to Athens and Constantinople):

PG 67536, roll 521

Bd. 5, Feb 1890 – Oct 1891 (trips in summer 1890): PG 67537, rolls 638-39

Bd. 6, Mar 1890 – Apr 1891 (trip to Schleswig-Holstein for naval and army maneuvers): PG 67538, roll 639

Bd. 7, Dec 1890 – Mar 1892 (trips in summer 1891): PG 67539, rolls 639-40

Bd. 8, Dec 1891 – Oct 1893 (trips in 1892): PG 67540, roll 640

Bd. 9, Jan – Dec 1893: PG 67541, rolls 549-50

Bd. 10, Dec 1893 – Jan 1895: PG 67542, roll 550

Bd. 11, Feb – Dec 1895: PG 67543, roll 550

Bd. 12, Feb 1896 – Jan 1897: PG 67544, rolls 550-51

Bd. 13, Jan 1897 – Jan 1898: PG 67545, roll 601

Bd. 14, Jan – Dec 1898: PG 67546, roll 601

Bd. 15, Mar 1898 – Feb 1919 (trip to the Far East in 1898): PG 67547, roll 602

Bd. 16, Jan – Dec 1899: PG 67548, roll 602

Bd. 17, Jan – Sep 1900: PG 67549, roll 564

Bd. 18, Oct 1900 – Jun 1901 (trips from autumn 1900 to summer 1901):

PG 67550, roll 564

Bd. 19, Jul 1901 – May 1902: PG 67551, roll 564

Bd. 20, Jun – Dec 1902: PG 67552, rolls 564-65

- Bd. 21, Jan – Nov 1903: PG 67553, roll 565
 Bd. 22, Nov 1903 – Mar 1905 (Mediterranean voyage, spring 1904):
 PG 67554, roll 603
 Bd. 23, May 1904 – Dec 1905: PG 67555, rolls 603-04
 Bd. 24, Jan 1905 – Jan 1906 (Mediterranean voyage, 1905): PG 67556, roll 604
 Bd. 25, Jan – Apr 1906: PG 67557, roll 604
 Bde. 26-27, Feb 1906 – Dec 1907: PG 67558-559, roll 551
 Bd. 28, Jan 1908 – Jan 1909 (trip to Italy and Austria-Hungary):
 PG 67560, rolls 551-52
 Bd. 29, Jan 1908 – Mar 1909 (trip to Sweden 1908): PG 67561, roll 552
 Bd. 30, Jan 1909 – May 1910 (Mediterranean trip and visit to Vienna, 1909):
 PG 67562, roll 552
 Bd. 31, Feb 1909 – Feb 1911 (visit with Czar Nicholas at Bjorkö):
 PG 67563, rolls 552-53
 Bd. 32, Aug 1909 – Jan 1911: PG 67564, roll 584
 Bd. 33, Jan 1911 – Jan 1912 (visits to Vienna, Italy, England):
 PG 67565, roll 584
 Bd. 34, Jan 1912 – Nov 1913 (visits to Vienna, Italy, Norway, Switzerland):
 PG 67566, roll 584
 Bd. 35, Jan – Dec 1913: PG 67567, rolls 584-85
 Bde. 36-37, Dec 1913 – Oct 1918: PG 67568-569, roll 585

Akte XXXVI (Nebenheft). Reisen Ihrer Majestät der Kaiserin Auguste Victoria (handwritten correspondence pertaining to the Empress' trip linked to those of the Kaiser described in Band 16, above), Aug 1899 – May 1900:
 PG 67570, roll 640

Akte XXXVII. Reise Sr. Königl. Hoheit des Prinzen Heinrich von Preussen nach Amerika (mostly handwritten correspondence relating to the planning, arrangements, schedules, and ceremonies associated with Prince Heinrich's visit to the United States; related press clippings with the Kaiser's handwritten annotations are located in item PG 67177, roll 553) –

- Band 1, Jan – Mar 1902: PG 67571, rolls 640-41
 Bd. 2, Mar – Oct 1902: PG 67572, roll 641

Kronprinz: Personal-Akten des Kronprinz des Deutschen Reiches (mixed personal papers and official correspondence pertaining to Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm and his naval service, including official salutes) –

- Bde. 1-2, Apr 1900 – Jun 1918: PG 68080a-081a, roll 567 (filmed in reverse sequence)

Personal-Akten des Prinzen Heinrich von Preussen (mixed personal papers and official correspondence pertaining to Prince Heinrich and his extensive naval service, including visits to Russia, China, England, the Adriatic, and South Africa and his activities as Inspector General of the Navy)-

- Band 1, Jan 1877 – Mar 1887: PG 68082a, roll 567

Bd. 2, Apr 1887 – Mar 1889: PG 68083a, rolls 566-67
Bde. 3-4, Nov 1888 – Dec 1909: PG 68084a-085a, roll 566
Bd. 5, Dec 1909 – Sep 1912: PG 68086a, rolls 604-05
Bd. 6, Feb 1913 – April 1925: PG 68087a, roll 605
Berichte des Korv.Kapt. Müller über die Reise des Prinzen Heinrich nach
Kiatschaou, Dec 1897-Jan 1900: PG 68088a, roll 605

(see also "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, described with Naval Records Relating to Overseas Stations, Gunboat
Diplomacy, and Colonies)

Personal-Akten des Prinzen Adalbert von Preussen (mixed personal papers and
official correspondence pertaining to Prince Adalbert's activities as a naval officer,
including his visits to Spain, Russia and the Far East) –

Band 1, May 1894 – Dec 1901: PG 68089a, roll 605
Bde. 2-5, Jan 1902 – Dec 1915: PG 68090a-093a, roll 606
Bd. 6, Jan 1916 – Nov 1922: PG 68094a, rolls 606-07

III. ADMIRALSTAB DER MARINE (1897 – 1918)

Originally a component of the *Ober-Kommando der Marine*, the *Admiralstab der Marine*
became in 1899 an independent agency directly subordinate to the Kaiser, responsible for
operational planning and the collection and evaluation of intelligence on foreign powers,
particularly regarding naval matters. The original records are held by the BA-MA as part
of *Bestand RM 5*.

Acta I.3.-8. Acta betr. Immediatberichte und Vorträge (four volumes of handwritten
reports and transcribed oral presentations to Kaiser Wilhelm II. on various naval matters
for the 1892-96 period, including reports of German naval operations, intelligence on
foreign navies' organization, equipment and activities, and visits of German warships and
naval attaches to foreign ports and cities; Band 4 includes information on events during
the Sino-Japanese War, 1894-95; this series supplements the collection of

"Immediatvorträge" for the 1899-1918 period described below) –
Bände 1-2, Jun 1892 – Sep 1894: PG 65986-987, roll 1619
Bde. 3-4, Oct 1894 – Oct 1896: PG 65988-989, roll 1620

Acta I.3.-8. Acta betr. Immediatvorträge (31 bound volumes of reports and
presentations directly to Kaiser Wilhelm II. on various naval and military matters,
including discussions of German and foreign navies' tactics, organization, deployment,
ordnance, equipment, and of foreign naval maneuvers and colonial conflicts; plans for
German naval construction, particularly in presentations by Admiral Tirpitz as State
Secretary of the *Reichs-Marine-Amt*; observations on German fleet maneuvers and
exercises; reports by German naval attachés and by overseas naval units on developments

in their regions and visits to specific ports; Band 3 includes an account of the U.S. Navy's victory over the Spanish at Santiago Bay; Bände 3-4 include reports on the Boer War, Band 5 includes data on the defenses of the Panama Canal, Band 7 includes a report on the visit of a German warship to Baltimore and Annapolis as well as data on German fleet maneuvers in winter 1901/02, Bände 7-9 include reports of the crisis in Venezuela, Bände 9-12 include reports on the Russo-Japanese War, Band 18 includes reports on British and US fleet maneuvers, and Band 23 includes discussions of the strategic importance of the Mediterranean and a printed copy of the "Kaisermanöver im Jahre 1912;" Bände 24-31 extensively document naval operations during World War I, including U-boat, Zeppelin, and fleet actions; partly handwritten and partly typed, this series is supplemented by a similar series of reports and oral presentations for the 1892-96 period in record items PG 65986-989, described above) –

- Band 1, Mar 1899: PG 65954, roll 1453
- Bd. 2, Aug – Dec 1899: PG 65955, rolls 1453-54
- Bde. 3-4, Jan – Dec 1900: PG 65956-957, roll 1454
- Bde. 5-6, Jan – Dec 1901: PG 65958-959, roll 1550
- Bd. 7, Jan – Jun 1902: PG 65960, rolls 1550-51
- Bd. 8, Jun – Dec 1902: PG 65961, roll 1551
- Bd. 9, Jan – Dec 1903: PG 65962, roll 1567
- Bd. 10, Jan – May 1904: PG 65963, roll 1617
- Bd. 11, Aug – Dec 1904: PG 65964, roll 1492
- Bd. 12, Jan – Dec 1905: PG 65965, roll 1493
- Bd. 13, Jan – Jun 1906: PG 65966, roll 1618
- Bd. 14, Jul – Dec 1906: PG 65967, not filmed, presumably available at BA-MA
- Bde. 15-16, Jan – Dec 1907: PG 65968-969, roll 1618
- Bd. 17, Jan – Jun 1907: PG 65970, roll 1456
- Bd. 18, Aug – Dec 1908: PG 65971, roll 1619
- Bd. 19, Jan – Dec 1909: PG 65972, rolls 1455-56
- Bd. 20, Jan – Dec 1910: PG 65973, roll 1456
- Bde. 21-22, Jan 1911 – Dec 1912: PG 65974-975, roll 1530
- Bd. 23, Jan – Dec 1913: PG 65976, roll 1531
- Bd. 24, Jan – Dec 1914: PG 65977, roll 1457
- Bd. 25, Jan – Dec 1915: PG 65978, roll 1457
- Bd. 26, Jan – May 1916: PG 65979, rolls 1457-58
- Bd. 27, Mar – May 1916: PG 65980, roll 1457
- Bd. 28, May – Nov 1916: PG 65981, roll 1458
- Bd. 29, Nov 1916 – Apr 1917: PG 65982, roll 1457
- Bd. 30, Apr – Dec 1917: PG 65983, roll 1456
- Bd. 31, Jan – Jun 1918: PG 65984, roll 1458

Acta II. Am 11a, Kriegsführung zwischen Amerika und Spanien (seven volumes of handwritten correspondence, reports, telegrams, and excerpted press clippings [including British and American press accounts] regarding naval aspects of the Spanish-American War and the near-outbreak of hostilities between German and U.S. naval forces at Manila Bay [Jun-Jul 1898], with additional documentation of the political and diplomatic aspects

of the conflict; Band 3a includes correspondence of the *Kreuzergeschwader* commander regarding incidents with U.S. forces)-

Bände 1-2, Apr – Jul 1898: PG 95626-627, roll 1601

Bde. 3a-b, Aug – Sep 1898: PG 95628-629, roll 1602

Bde. 4-5, Oct 1898 – Mar 1899: PG 95630-631, roll 1603

Bd. 6, Apr 1899: PG 95632, roll 1604

IV. REICHS-MARINE-AMT/Nachrichtenbureau and Zentralabteilung (1897-1920)

The *Reichs-Marine-Amt* was established in 1889 as the chief authority for organizational, administrative, technical, and ordnance matters within the Imperial German Navy, and operated under the direct control of Admiral Tirpitz as State Secretary. Records of the *Nachrichtenbureau* relate to publications and press matters, those of the *Zentralabteilung* extensively document the background and preparatory work for the naval legislation that allowed the buildup of a modern German battle fleet, and the accompanying political and diplomatic consequences for Anglo-German relations. Additional records of *Reichs-Marine-Amt* offices are described elsewhere in this finding aid. The original records are held by the BA-MA as part of *Bestand RM 3*.

Acta I.2.1.-13 Ganz Geheim Akten betr. Marine-Politische Angelegenheiten (Nachrichtenbureau) (copies of correspondence, reports, publications, and press clippings pertaining to the German Navy and naval policies, and developments in foreign navies and foreign policy, with a focus the on Anglo-German naval rivalry; Heft 1 includes extensive correspondence of section chief Kaptl. Karl Boy-Ed with Tirpitz, copies of British articles and statements on German naval aspirations, proposed naval publications for the German public, and material pertaining to a threatened resignation by Tirpitz [May-June 1906]; Heft 2 includes additional documentation on British publications relating to the German Navy, a proposal for funding pro-German articles in the American press [May-June 1910], several items regarding German relations with Turkey through the early part of World War I, and German press reactions to the sinking of the "Lusitania") –

Heft 1, Dec 1902 – Apr 1910: PG 94040, roll 1581

Heft 2, May 1910 – Jul 1915: PG 94041, roll 1581

Acta I.1.1.-27 Politische Angelegenheiten (initially handwritten, later typed copies of reports, correspondence and press clippings from German diplomats, consular representatives and naval attachés relating to political matters, in particular relations with foreign powers and popular attitudes in foreign countries toward Germany, including much information of the prewar Anglo-German naval rivalry; Heft 1 originated by the *Kaiserliche Admiralität* as "Correspondenzen allgemeinen politischen Inhalts" but inherited by *Reichs-Marine-Amt/Zentralabteilung*) –

Heft 1: Nov 1875 – Dec 1904: PG 65998, roll 1531

Heft 2: Jan 1905 – May 1930: PG 65999, rolls 1531-32

Acta I.1.1.-27a Politische Angelegenheiten. Beiakten (mostly typed copies of reports and correspondence of German diplomats and naval attachés, accompanied by press clippings and excerpts from publications, that principally document British and American attitudes toward Germany and the buildup of the German Navy; Band 8 includes information on the Kapp Putsch of Mar 1920 with a statement by Admiral Adolf von Trotha) –

Heft 1, Dec 1908 – Aug 1909: PG 66000, rolls 1458-59

Heft 2, Sep 1909 – Feb 1910: PG 66001, roll 1459

Hefte 3-5, Mar 1910 – Jun 1912: PG 66002-004, roll 1455

Heft 6, Jul – Dec 1912: PG 66005, roll 1493

Hefte 7-8, Jan 1913 – Dec 1920: PG 66006-007, roll 1494

Acta I.3.1.13e Notizen für die Plenarsitzungen. Sitzungs-Protokolle (partly handwritten, partly typed copies of agenda and minutes of meetings of various *Reichs-Marine-Amt* representatives, often chaired by Tirpitz, discussing such topics as naval ordnance, warship design and construction, personnel requirements and training, fleet organization and disposition, ship propulsion systems, the construction and use of the Kaiser-Wilhelm Kanal, status reports on new construction and repairs to ships and facilities, and specific expeditions or actions [e.g., Band 3 includes a discussion of the dispatch of naval infantry forces to Southwest Africa, Jan 1904]; Band 5 includes discussions of warship types and characteristics in light of wartime experiences, 1914-16; the minutes are accompanied by correspondence and memoranda that resulted from the meetings) –

Band 1, Oct 1896 – Jun 1900: PG 66084, roll 1499

Bde. 2-3, Jul 1900 – May 1902: PG 66085-086, roll 1500

Bde. 4-5, Jan 1905 – Nov 1916: PG 66087 - 088, roll 1501

Acta III.1.5.3 Gesetz betreffend die Deutsche Flotte (handwritten correspondence, draft plans and draft legislation for the Reichstag [some printed and hand-annotated] for the construction and systematic replacement of an expanded German battle fleet and associated forces through 1910; included are tabular projections of needed ships and personnel, estimated budgets and cost requirements, and letters received from *Reichskanzler* Chlodwig Fürst zu Hohenlohe-Schillingsfürst; many documents were prepared and signed by Adm. Eduard von Capelle, one item of Aug 1897 is signed by Tirpitz [Vol. 3]; Vol. 3 also includes a printed copy of the British Navy Defence Act of 1889 and a copy of the Navy Law as it appears in the *Reichsgesetzblatt* for 10 April 1898) –

Vol. 1, May – Aug 1897: PG 66017, roll 1620

Vol. 2, 1 – 15 Oct 1897: PG 66018, roll 1536

Vol. 3, 16 Oct 1897 – 2 May 1898: PG 66019, roll 1537

(Note: Vol. 4 of this series, together with several volumes of appendices, apparently constituted items PG 66020-026 but were not microfilmed and are presumably available among *Reichs-Marine-Amt* records in the BA-MA)

Acta III.1.5.3 Flottengesetz betreffend. Adhibendum 8 ('Capelle') (printed, annotated copies of the proceedings of the Reichstag and its Finance Committee on the Navy Law

of 1898 and its cost estimates, including verbatim accounts of discussions and speeches (including those by Tirpitz), Nov-Dec 1897 and Mar 1898, with annotated printed copies of the 'Schiffsbestand der Kaiserlichen Marine nach dem Flotten-Gründungsplan vom 1873 und seine Erhaltung' and comparative tables of the expansion of other powers' navies, 1890-97), Nov 1897 – Mar 1898:

PG 66027, roll 1621

Acta III.1.5.4 Acta betr. Vorarbeiten für die Novelle zum Flottengesetz.

Allgemeines (mostly handwritten correspondence, reports, and draft tables and notes with some printed materials regarding proposed amendments [the 'Novelle of 1900'] to the Navy Law governing naval shipbuilding; most relate to projected fleet construction and replacement up to 1920, with estimates of cost requirements and plans for types of warships and fleet organization; some items signed by Tirpitz; Vol. 2 includes a copy of an 1899 pamphlet, "Die modernen Unterseeboote" by Prof. C. Busley; see also the accompanying appendices in items PG 66031-041 below) –

Vol. 1, Nov 1898 – Jan 1900: PG 66028, rolls 1467-68

Vol. 2, Feb 1900 – Jul 1901: PG 66029, rolls 1561-62

Acta III.1.5.4 Acta betr. die Novelle zum Flottengesetz im Reichstage (appendices to the above series of mostly handwritten correspondence, notes, and tabular projections of future warship construction, personnel requirements and associated cost estimates, all related to the proposed amendment ['Novelle of 1900'] to the Navy Law governing naval shipbuilding; each appendix ['Adhibendum'] addresses a separate aspect [e.g., fiscal planning, personnel, material considerations, comparisons with other navies]; see also the related appendices in items PG 66035-041) –

Adhibendum I, Allgemeines, 1899-1900: PG 66030, roll 1561

Adhibendum II, Finanzierung, 1899-1900: PG 66031, roll 1468

Adhibendum III, Personal, 1899-1900: PG 66032, roll 1559

Adhibendum IV, Material, 1899-1900: PG 66033, roll 1559

Adhibendum V, Nachrichten über Marinen fremden Staaten, 1899-1900:

PG 66034, roll 1468

Acta III.1.5.4 a-f, Vorarbeiten für die Novelle zum Flottengesetz (additional collections of correspondence, notes, tabular projections of fleet construction, personnel requirements and associated cost estimates, all related to the proposed amendment ['Novelle of 1900'] to the Navy Law governing naval shipbuilding; each collection addresses a separate aspect [e.g., personnel, material considerations, press commentaries]; PG 66040 includes a Jan 1900 memorandum by Capelle, "Betrachtungen über die Kriegführung Deutschlands zur See gegen England in den Jahren 1904 und 1920," PG 66041 includes verbatim transcripts of Reichstag proceedings on the Navy Law, Dec 1899 – Jun 1900; all are closely related to the appendices in items PG 66031-034 described above) –

III.1.5.4a, Personal, 1899-1900: PG 66035, roll 1503

III.1.5.4b, Material, 1899-1900: PG 66036, roll 1503

III.1.5.4c, Presseäußerungen, 1899-1900: PG 66037, roll 1504

III.1.5.4d, Vorarbeiten u. Entwürfe für die Novelle, 1899-1900:

PG 66038, rolls 1504-05; **Adhibendum 6:** PG 66039, rolls 1537-38
III.1.5.4e, Vergleich zwischen Deutschland, England und Amerika, 1899-1900: PG 66040, roll 1538
III.1.5.4f, Reichstags-pp. Drucksachen, 1899-1900: PG 66041, rolls 1538-39

Acta III.1.5.15, Akten betr. die Flottengesetz – Novelle II (largely handwritten correspondence, reports, and draft tables with some printed materials, press clippings, and transcripts of Reichstag proceedings pertaining to another supplemental Naval bill [*Novelle* of 1904/05] proposing an annual tempo for the construction and commissioning of capital ships and the addition of torpedo-boat formations, with projections of warship and personnel strength and accompanying cost requirements through 1917) –

Heft 1, Dec 1901 – Dec 1904: PG 66042, rolls 1539-40
Adhib. I, Pressaussäuerungen, Jahre 1903 – Dec 1904: PG 66043, roll 1540
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PG 66045, roll 1562
Adhib. IV (Ergänzungsgesetz), 'Ganz Geheim' –
Band 1, Jahre 1903 – Jun 1904: PG 66046, roll 1562
Band 2, Jun – Dec 1904: PG 66047, rolls 1562-63

Acta III.1.5.18, Akten betr. die Flottengesetz – Novelle 1905 (partly handwritten and partly typed correspondence, essays, and draft tables accompanied by printed materials pertaining to a supplemental Naval bill [*Novelle* of 1905] that proposed the construction of battle cruisers and other cruisers for overseas deployment, with accompanying projections of accompanying personnel and cost requirements) –

Heft 1, Feb – May 1905: PG 66048, roll 1464
Heft 2, May – Jul 1905: PG 66049, roll 1465
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Heft 5, Jan – Jun 1906: PG 66052, roll 1505
Adhib. I, Material für den Reichstag zum Flottengesetz – Novelle 1905 –
Heft 1, Oct – Dec 1905: PG 66053, rolls 1505-06
Heft 2, Jan – May 1906: PG 66054, roll 1506
Adhib. II, Verkürzung der Schiffbauzeiten, Jan – Apr 1906: PG 66055, roll 1506

Acta III.1.5.21, Akten betr. Bautempo pp. (Abrüstungsfrage) (partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, reports, essays, and draft tables accompanied by press clippings from British and German newspapers and some printed materials on the tempo of German naval construction of capital ships under the Navy Law of 1898 and the supplemental '*Novellen*,' particularly with regard to comparative British naval construction; Band 2 includes some postwar [Aug 1921] documentation on compulsory German disarmament) –

Band 1, May 1906 – Mar 1911: PG 66056, rolls 1506-07
Band 2, Apr 1911 – Mar 1914 + Aug 1921: PG 66057, roll 1507

Acta III.1.5.24, Akten betr. die Flottengesetz – Novelle 1908 (partly handwritten, partly handwritten correspondence, essays, notes, and draft tables accompanied by printed materials relating to a supplemental naval bill [*Novelle* of 1908] that reduced the time of replacement of capital ships from 25 to 20 years, including budgetary data and some information on projected fleet strength through 1917) –

Heft 1, May – Oct 1907: PG 66058, roll 1563

Heft 2, Nov 1907 – May 1908: PG 66059, roll 1564

Adhibendum: Vorarbeiten der Etatsabteilung im R.M.A. zur Flottengesetz
Novelle 1908: PG 66060, roll 1564

Acta III.1.5.27, Akten betr. die Korrespondenz über die Flottengesetz Novelle 1912 (partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, essays, reports, notes, and draft tables accompanied by annotated printed materials and press clippings regarding a proposed supplemental naval bill [*Novelle* of 1912] that provided for an expanded construction program for additional capital ships; included are projections of fleet strength to 1917 and 1920 with associated manpower needs and budgetary estimates; Heft 1 includes a report by *Kriegsminister* von Heeringen on British attitudes toward Germany, with comments by Winston Churchill, Nov 1911, Heft 3 includes accounts of Lord Richard Haldane's meetings with Kaiser Wilhelm II, *Reichskanzler* Bethmann-Hollweg and Tirpitz, Feb 1912 [*Haldane Mission*], with Wilhelm's reflections in Oct 1917 on those meetings) –

Heft 1, Oct – Dec 1911: PG 66061, roll 1541

Heft 2, Jan – Mar 1912: PG 66062, roll 1542

Heft 3, Apr 1912 – Jan 1921: PG 66063, rolls 1542-43

1. Beiheft, Vorarbeiten zur Flottengesetz – Novelle 1912, Jun – Oct 1912:
PG 66064, roll 1560

2. Beiheft (I. Entwurf), Nov – Dec 1911: PG 66065, roll 1560

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4. Beiheft (III. Entwurf), Sep 1911 – Apr 1912: PG 66067, rolls 1560-61

Acta III.1.5.30, Akten betr. das Flotten-Gesetz und seine Novellen (a collection of partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, reports, essays, annotated printed materials, and proceedings of the Reichstag's Finance Committee providing general background information to the Navy Law of 1898 and the supplemental naval legislation [*Novellen*] to 1908, including items signed by Tirpitz, projections of German fleet strength to 1920 with accompanying estimates of manpower needs and cost requirements), Mar 1898 – Jun 1908:

PG 66068, roll 1561

Heft XII, Akten betr. Vorarbeiten zur Flottennovelle (Ganz Geheim) (partly handwritten and partly typed correspondence, essays, telegrams, memoranda, notes, and draft tables with some printed materials pertaining to the initial supplemental naval bill [*Novelle* of 1900] governing shipbuilding and the expansion of the battle fleet, including data on associated manpower requirements and budget estimates, comparisons of British and German fleet strength and a map of Royal Navy overseas bases; a number of items are signed or initialed by Kaiser Wilhelm and Tirpitz), Jul 1899 – Jan 1900:

PG 66074, roll 1543

Heft XIV, XVI-XXIII, Akten betr. Entwicklung der Marine (Ganz Geheim) (an important collection of nine vols. of partly handwritten, partly typed correspondence, reports and memoranda apparently retained by Tirpitz's office as State Secretary on general questions of naval policy and strategy, including information on warship types, requirements, construction, and armament and data on the Navy Law of 1898 and the supplemental 'Novellen' that governed fleet construction; scattered throughout is correspondence exchanged by, and some records of conferences of, Tirpitz with Kaiser Wilhelm and other political and naval leaders; **Heft XIV** includes a copy of Tirpitz's key memorandum of June 1897 on the future development of the Navy; discussions of the disadvantages of the new French school of 'guerre du course' [*Kreuzerkrieg*], including a copy of Kaiser Wilhelm's Sep 1899 order forbidding the publication of a book by Kapt.z.S. von Maltzahn advocating this strategy; an annotated draft report by Tirpitz to Kaiser Wilhelm on measures to protect the colony of Tsingtao and suppress the Boxer Rebellion, Jul 1900; and a report by the Commander of the *I. Geschwader* assessing specific personnel needs of the fleet, Mar 1903; **Heft XVI** includes fleet organizational tables, British and American press clippings on naval matters, a Spanish officer's Oct 1898 account of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War, and numerous sketches of warships; **Heft XVII** includes reflections by German naval leaders on the possibility of an imminent conflict with Britain; **Heft XXII** includes data on the incorporation of U-boats and torpedo boat formations within the fleet and reports on Lord Haldane's mission to explore a possible Anglo-German naval agreement) –

Heft XIV, Aug 1897 – Sep 1903: PG 66075, rolls 1543-44

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Heft XVI, Oct 1903 – Jul 1904: PG 66076, roll 1544

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Heft XXI, Mar 1907 – Jan 1910: PG 66081, rolls 1565-66

Heft XXII, Aug 1911 – Oct 1912: PG 66082, roll 1566

Heft XXIII, Dec 1912 – Jun 1916: PG 66083, roll 1566

Acta XII.1.1.27 Aus den Ganz Geheim Akten der Zentralabteilung (copies of highly-classified typed reports of German naval attachés for the Kaiser's attention concerning significant incidents or developments in Great Britain and Russia prior to World War I, internal political conditions in Turkey as of Jan 1918, and a copy of the Austro-Hungarian naval attaché's report of Mar 1916 on the unrestricted U-boat warfare controversy within the German Naval High Command), Jan 1905 – Jul 1919:

PG 66092, roll 1497

Acta XII.2.4.48 Militärpolitische Berichte S.M. Schiffe (28 volumes of chronologically-arranged reports, 1903-1914, prepared by captains of individual German warships and commanders of German naval squadrons concerning military, naval, and political developments in specific countries and colonies in the course of their voyages or as part of their regular overseas station; mostly typed but including some handwritten notes and correspondence, the reports include accounts from the various German

overseas colonies, visits to U.S. and British ports and naval facilities, general observations on raw materials and trade, and actions by German naval forces, e.g., the blockade of Venezuela [Heft 1] and the voyage of the 'detachierte Division' to South America and Africa [Heft 27]; the indicated date spans refer to the dates of cover letters forwarding the reports, hence the dates of the latter often lag behind the chronology of the Heft: thus the report of gunboat "Panther" for her journey to Agadir, Morocco, in July 1911, is located in a report dated 9 August 1911 in Heft 17 [PG 65120, roll 1166]; see also the supplemental reports in items PG 65132-133, below) -

- Heft 1, Mar 1903 - Mar 1904: PG 65104, roll 1136
- H. 2, Apr - Dec 1904: PG 65105, rolls 1136-37
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- Hefte 7-8, Feb 1907 - Feb 1908: PG 65110-111, roll 1337
- H. 9, Mar - Sep 1908: PG 65112, rolls 1337-38
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- H. 11, Mar - Jul 1909: PG 65114, rolls 1364-65
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- H. 19, Jun - Sep 1912: PG 65122, rolls 1366-67
- H. 20, Oct - Dec 1912: PG 65123, roll 1367
- H. 21, Jan - Feb 1913: PG 65124, rolls 1367-68
- H. 22, Mar - May 1913: PG 65125, rolls 1368 and 1394
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- H. 24, Sep - Nov 1913: PG 65127, rolls 1338-39
- H. 25, Dec 1913 - Feb 1914: PG 65128, roll 1338
- H. 26, Mar - Jun 1914: PG 65129, roll 1614
- H. 27, Jun - Aug 1914: PG 65130, roll 1394
- H. 28, Sep 1914 - Jul 1917: PG 65131, rolls 1394-95

Acta XII.2.4.48 Geheim. Militärpolitische Berichte, Streitigkeiten, Meinungsdivergenzen (supplemental reports to those described in the "Militärpolitische Berichte" above, comprising reports of German warship and squadron commanders with their observations on significant events, developments, and military and political conditions encountered in the course of their voyages or in pursuit of their missions; Heft 1 includes observations on the Russo-Japanese War, German naval activities in the Mediterranean and Turkish waters, and several reports with appendices, Jul-Sep 1911, of light cruiser "Berlin" and gunboat "Panther" during their visit to Agadir, Morocco, precipitating the Second Moroccan Crisis; Heft 2 includes reports of the internment of the sloop "Geier" at Honolulu, Nov 1914 - May 1915)-

- Hefte 1-2, Jan 1903 - Apr 1916: PG 65132-133, roll 1395

Acta XVII.1.5.27 Krieg Russland-Japan. Berichte der auf den Kriegsschauplatz entsandten Offiziere (copies of mostly typed reports from the German naval and military attachés, and specific German military observers, regarding the Russo-Japanese War, centered on naval actions and bombardments associated with the siege of Port Arthur), May – Dec 1904:

PG 66093, roll 1502

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NAVAL RECORDS RELATING TO OVERSEAS STATIONS, GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY, AND COLONIES, 1854-1913

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. 80 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).

The records are arranged in two groups. The first and larger collection constitutes records originated by several naval authorities and departments during the period 1854-1909, and which were subsequently combined into a single subject-numeric filing arrangement. The second collection represents records maintained by the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett*, 1889-1913, which were later also integrated into the subject-numeric filing arrangement. Following the records' return to Germany, the *Bundesarchiv* restored an arrangement into several record groups by provenance, as indicated in the Introduction to this Guide.

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 "*Akte*." 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 subject 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.

I. KGL. PREUSSISCHE ADMIRALITÄT/KAISERLICHE 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 provisioning 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 include 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

(AII 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

(AII 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 Indienstellung 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, Indienstellung 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, Indienstellung 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," "Nymphe," "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, based at Tsingtao and including the gunboats and other vessels stationed there; 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 U.S. 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 U.S. General Arthur 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]; little 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. KAISERLICHES MARINEKABINETT

Akte XXI (Krz.Geschw.) Übungsberichte des Kreuzergeschwaders (annual training reports of the Cruiser Squadron stationed at Tsingtao, and other reports on political conditions and specific events in China, some personnel data on senior officers in the squadron), Aug 1905 – June 1914:

PG 67251, roll 631

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 Tsingtao 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 Winfield S. 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, emphasizing administrative and personnel issues; includes handwritten and typed records) -

Band 1, June – July 1900 (including the establishment of the *Ostasiatisches 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 67420, 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 *Ostasiatische 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 *Ostasiatisches 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 the *Ostasiatisches 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 *Reichs-Marine-Amt Akte XII.2.4.48, Militärpolitische Berichte S.M. Schiffe*, Bd. 27 [Jun-Aug 1914], record item PG 65130, T1022 roll 1394)

Handschriften Sr. K.H. des Prinzen Heinrich von Preussen als Divisions- und Geschwaderchef in Ostasien an S. Maj. den Kaiser u. König (handwritten letters of Prince Heinrich to Kaiser Wilhelm II during the former's tenure as division and later squadron commander with the Cruiser Squadron on a voyage to the Far East and Tsingtao, with the Prince's observations on German and British interests in China), Dec 1897 – Feb 1900:

PG 68073a, rolls 567-68

Berichte des Korvetten Kapitäns Müller über die Reise des Prinzen Heinrich nach Kiautschou (handwritten reports of Prince Heinrich's adjutant concerning the latter's voyage to China and Tsingtao), Dec 1897 – Jan 1900:

PG 68088a, roll 605

Privat-Korrespondenz in Ostasien (handwritten correspondence of naval officers stationed in China and with the Cruiser Squadron of an unofficial nature, including correspondence with *Marine-Rundschau* and with foreign navy officers, Feb 1900 – Dec 1902):

PG 68097, roll 607

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RECORDS RELATING TO GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHÉS, 1901-1930

Records of German naval attachés (*Marine-Attachés*) prior to and during World War I were maintained by the *Zentralabteilung* (Central Department) 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 now constitute part of *Bestand RM 12, Marineattachés*, at the *Bundesarchiv-Abt. Militärarchiv (BA-MA), 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 men's 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 three 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 *Reichs-Marine-Amt's Nachrichtenbüro* (Information/Publicity Bureau), relating mostly to press and publicity issues and extending throughout the entire World War I period; the originals comprise part of *Bestand RM 3, Reichs-Marine-Amt*, at the BA-MA. The final collection comprises records of the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett (Bestand RM 2 at the BA-MA)*, 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 1907: 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
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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

(Note: another collection of reports is located among the records of the *Kaiserliches Marinekabinett*, reproduced as item PG 68144 on roll 556, and described in the finding aid for World War I records of the Imperial German Navy)

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
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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
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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
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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
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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 Reichs-Marine-Amt's Nachrichtenbureau Relating to Naval Attachés

Akte IX.3.9.1, Akten betr. Marine-Attachés (consisting of handwritten and typed correspondence, reports, and copies of press clippings and other printed materials; Hefte 1-2 particularly document prewar Anglo-German naval rivalry and German naval and colonial expansion; Heft 3 especially concerns relations with the United States during the first years of World War I; Heft 4 includes information the internment of submarine "UB 30" by Dutch authorities and assessments of the effectiveness of the German U-boat campaign; the 'Ganz Geheim' file pertains to German relations with Turkey and an account of a meeting between the German and Austro-Hungarian Kaisers in Vienna) –

Heft 1, Jan 1899 – Jul 1909: PG 94535, roll 1582

Heft 2, Aug 1909 – Oct 1914: PG 94536, roll 1582

Heft 3, Oct 1914 – Mar 1916: PG 94537, roll 1583

Heft 4, Apr 1916 – Aug 1919: PG 94538, roll 1583

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IV. 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

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

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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 BA-MA

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