

152 – Army chiefs of staff from the heavy artillery

Statements in the book

152: ‘Stapff was one of only three heavy artillery officers to serve as Army chief of staff during the war’.

Update and comment

These officers were all from the *Fußartillerie*, literally ‘Foot Artillery’, but in the book I have translated it with the more familiar term ‘heavy artillery’. This was a separate arm of service from the field artillery.

Note that *Major* Max Stapff replaced *Generalleutnant* Emil Ilse as Fourth Army chief of staff in May 1917. Both were from the Foot Artillery: does this mean the arm was in effect claiming proprietary rights over this post?

Supporting evidence

Formation	Officer	Start	End
Fourth Army	Ilse, <i>Generalmajor</i> later <i>Generalleutnant</i> Emil	26 Sep 14	25 May 17
Fourth Army	Stapff, <i>Major</i> Max	25 May 17	12 Jun 17
Sixth Army	Stapff, <i>Major</i> Max	12 Jun 17	27 Aug 17
Second Army	Stapff, <i>Major</i> later <i>Oberstleutnant</i> Max	27 Aug 17	27 Feb 18
Tenth Army	Stapff, <i>Oberstleutnant</i> Max	4 Mar 18	11 Nov 18
Eleventh Army	Lämmerhirt, <i>Oberstleutnant</i> Fritz	17 Jun 18	30 Sep 18