

Biographies

- Adam, Wilhelm (1877-1949): Bavarian, engineer. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the Bavarian general staff but not permanently transferred before the outbreak of war. *Hauptmann* commanding a company in 3rd Bavarian Engineer Battalion in August 1914. Various general staff posts during the war, including *Ia* in Bavarian Ersatz Division until shortly before the Nivelle offensive when he was replaced by an officer seen as more able to cope with the coming challenges. Retired 1939 as a brevet *Generaloberst*.
- Albrecht, Viktor (1859-1930): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1881. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 3rd Guard Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Commander 1st Guard Reserve Division 1914-1917; XVIII Corps 1917-1918, including as Gruppe St. Quentin during the Nivelle offensive. Sacked 1918 and sent to command a corps on the Eastern Front. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918.
- Auer von Herrenkirchen, Kurt (1872-1949): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Major and *Ia*, IX Corps in August 1914. Chief of staff to various corps 1914-1917, including VIII Reserve Corps as Gruppe Souchez during the battle of Arras; sacked after the defeat at Malmaison October 1917. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1915 and *Oberst* 1918.
- Balck, William (1858-1924): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1877. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff for one posting. *Generalmajor* and Inspector of Field Telegraphy in August 1914. Head of Field Telegraphy, OHL 1914. Brigade and division commander 1914-1918, including 51st Reserve Division in spring 1917 when it captured the French attack doctrine, and during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1917; transferred to govern an occupied territory in early 1918 as part of the personnel changes before the spring offensive and awarded the *Pour le Mérite* at the same time. Military writer, including of a well-known pre-war work on tactics and *Entwicklung der Taktik im Weltkrieg* (1922).
- Basedow, Heino von (1857-1923): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1877. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Retired 1913 as *Generalmajor* commanding 19th Infantry Brigade. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. *Generalleutnant* z.D. and commander 5th Ersatz Division 1915-1916; sacked November 1916 after withdrawing from a position on the Somme without orders. No further active service employment.
- Bavaria, Prince Leopold of (1846-1930): Bavarian, royal. Commissioned 1861. Postings in different arms of service, though extensive, were part of his royal training rather than a professional military career. Retired 1913 as *Generalfeldmarschall* and Inspector-General of the Fourth Army Inspection. Re-employed 1915-1918 as an Army and army group commander and commander-in-chief Eastern Front (*OberOst*). Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1917.

- Bavaria, Crown Prince Rupprecht of (1869-1955): Bavarian, royal. Commissioned 1886. Some attendance at Bavarian *Kriegsakademie*. Postings in different arms of service, though extensive, were part of his royal training rather than a professional military career. *Generaloberst* and Inspector-General of the Fourth Army Inspection in August 1914. Commander Sixth Army 1914-1916; Army Group Rupprecht 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalfeldmarschall* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1916. Published his diaries 1929.
- Bauer, Max (1869-1929): Prussian, foot artillery. Commissioned 1890. Seconded to and later permanently transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Major and member of the Great General Staff's Deployment Department [*Aufmarschabteilung*] in August 1914. For most of the war head of OHL's Second Operations Department. Played an important role in developing heavy artillery, storm troops and the new defensive doctrine; also influential politically. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916 and *Oberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1918. After the war supported the Kapp-Lüttwitz Putsch, then left Germany to act as a military adviser to the Chinese nationalists.
- Becker, Enno: Prussian, infantry. Entered army August 1914, commissioned 1915 in 39th Fusilier Regiment. Wounded twice (once severely) 1915-1916. OHL 1918, including in the Intelligence Department's Russian section.
- Below, Fritz von (1853-1918): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1873. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units, in the Ministry of War and on the general staff including as *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff. *General der Infanterie* commanding XXI Corps in August 1914. Commander Second Army 1915-1916 and First Army 1916-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1916. Cousin of Otto and Hans von Below.
- Below, Hans von (1862-1933): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1880. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. *Oberst* commanding 4th Guard Grenadier Regiment in August 1914. Commander of three divisions 1915-1918, including 238th Infantry Division at Arras. Corps commander 1918. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1914 and *Generalleutnant* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917. Brother of Otto and cousin of Fritz von Below.
- Below, Otto von (1857-1944): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1875. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings mainly with units but also as a divisional *Ia*. *Generalleutnant* commanding 2nd Infantry Division in August 1914. Commander I Reserve Corps 1914, Eighth Army 1914-1916 and Army Group Below in Macedonia 1916-1917; commander various Armies 1917-1918, including Sixth Army at Arras. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1917. Brother of Hans and cousin of Fritz von Below.

- Bergh, Max van den (1870-1958): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and staff officer in the Ministry of War in August 1914. Various senior general staff posts 1914-1918, including as chief of staff to XVI Corps in spring 1917. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1915 and *Oberst* 1918.
- Bernhardi, Friedrich von (1849-1930): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1869. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings included as head of military history in the Great General Staff. Retired 1909 as *General der Kavallerie* commanding VII Corps. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Division and corps commander 1915-1918. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1918. Prolific military writer, including *Deutschland und der nächste Krieg*, first published 1912 with six further editions as well as translation into many languages.
- Bertrab, Hermann von (1857-1940): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Generalleutnant*, *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff and head of the Cartographic Department [*Landesaufnahme*] in August 1914. Commander 39th Infantry Division 1914-1917; replaced just before the division was engaged against the Nivelle offensive, possibly sacked. Head of the re-established Cartographic Department 1917-1918. Promoted brevet *General der Infanterie* 1918.
- Binding, Rudolf (1867-1938): Saxon, author and reserve cavalry officer. Aide de camp and staff officer in two divisions 1914-1918, including 199th Infantry Division at Arras. Wrote *Aus dem Kriege*, first published 1925 and translated into English as *A Fatalist at War*, 1929.
- Bismarck, Busso von (1876-1943): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1894. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and Military Attaché, Bern 1912-1918. Great-nephew of Chancellor Otto von Bismarck.
- Bismarck, Kurd von (1879-1943): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. *Hauptmann* and Adjutant, 2nd Guard Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Unit service 1914-1916, including as company and battalion commander. Various divisional and corps general staff posts 1916-1918; Adjutant to *Generalfeldmarschall* Paul von Hindenburg 1916. Promoted *Major* 1918. Retired as *Generalmajor* 1942. Brother-in-law of Leopold von Rauch (qv).
- Bissing, Moritz Freiherr von (1844-1917): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1865. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Retired 1908 as *General der Kavallerie* commanding VII Corps. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Governor-General of Belgium 1914-1917. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1914; died in office.

- Bodecker, Eduard von: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1907. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Leutnant* and battalion adjutant, 24th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. War service 1914-1915 unknown. Staff officer, OHL 1915-1918, including in the Intelligence Department and Operations Department. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1915 and *Hauptmann* 1917.
- Boehn, Max von (1850-1921): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1869. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. Retired as *General der Infanterie* and Governor of Fortress Ulm 1912. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander IX Reserve Corps 1914-1916, Seventh Army 1917-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Commander Army Group Boehn August-October 1918. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive.
- Borries, Hans von (1883-1919): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1902. Attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberleutnant* in 1st Garde-Regiment zu Fuß on probationary secondment to the general staff in August 1914. War service 1914-1917 unknown. Staff officer in OHL's Intelligence Department 1917-1918. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914.
- Borries, Rudolf von (1863-1932): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1884. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberst* and chief of staff, XVI Corps in August 1914. Same till 1915; chief of staff, Seventh Army till removed in February 1917, apparently over concern at slow progress of defensive works. Commanded an infantry division 1917-1918 and a *Landwehr* division at the end of the war, presumably a downgrading. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1916, awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917.
- Bramsch, Ludwig (1871-?): Saxon, field artillery. Commissioned 1897. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* on secondment to the Great General Staff in August 1914. War service 1914-1916 included as *Ia*, 24th Infantry Division. Staff officer in OHL 1916-1917, including in the Intelligence Department. Subsequently general staff officer in an army group. Promoted *Major* c 1916.
- Bronsart von Schellendorff, Bernhard (1866-1952): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1887. Seconded to and later transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberstleutnant* commanding 14th Dragoon Regiment in August 1914. Various senior general staff posts 1914-1917, including chief of staff to Fifth Army in spring 1917. Sacked from this job August 1917 after the defeat at Verdun; brigade commander to the end of the war. Promoted *Oberst* 1915 and *Generalmajor* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916.
- Burchhardt, Karl: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1905. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie*. *Leutnant* on secondment to the Survey Department of the Great General Staff in August 1914. War service 1914-1917 unknown. General staff officer in OHL 1917-1918, including in the Intelligence Department's Russian section. Promoted *Oberleutnant* at an unknown date and *Hauptmann* 1915.

- Burkhardt, Hermann Ritter von (1861-1942): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1881. Did not attend Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Generalmajor* commanding 4th Bavarian Field Artillery Brigade in August 1914. Commanded the same brigade 1914-1916 then three Bavarian divisions to the end of the war, including Bavarian Ersatz Division during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive.
- Busekist, Hans-Joachim von: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1911. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie*. *Leutnant* and battalion adjutant in 147th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Wounded 1914 and 1915. Regimental adjutant 1916-1917. Staff officer in OHL 1917-1918, including in the Intelligence Department's French section. Subsequently *Ia*, 13th Landwehr Division. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1916.
- Caprivi, Leo von (1873-1921): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1893. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. Major and *Ia*, VII Corps in August 1914. Chief of staff to XVIII Corps 1916-1917, including as Gruppe St. Quentin during the Nivelle offensive. *Oberquartiermeister*, First Army 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1918.
- Chales de Beaulieu, Martin (1857-1945): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1877. Seconded to and later transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings with units, including in German South West Africa, and in the general staff, including as adjutant to Schlieffen and corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding 12th Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to 1916; commander XIV Corps 1916-1917, including as Gruppe Prosnes during the Nivelle offensive; headquarters removed from the battle front. Sacked from this command and awarded the *Pour le Mérite* September 1917. Retired with brevet promotion to *General der Infanterie* January 1918.
- Cochenhausen, Friedrich von (1879-1946): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* in the Great General Staff in August 1914. In OHL's Intelligence Department 1914-1915 and possibly later. Various general staff jobs 1916-1918, including *Ia*, 7th Reserve Division. Promoted *Major* 1917. After the war retired as *Generalleutnant*; joined the *Luftwaffe* then transferred back to the army; retired as *General der Artillerie* 1942.
- Cron, Hermann (dates unknown): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1894. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. *Hauptmann* in 60th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. War service unknown. Promoted *Major* 1915. After the war worked in the *Reichsarchiv* and wrote or contributed to 13 books on military history including *Geschichte des Deutschen Heeres im Weltkriege 1914-1918* and *Ruhmeshalle unserer alten Armee*.
- Deimling, Berthold von (1853-1944): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1873. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including in German South-West Africa and as department head in the

Great General Staff. *General der Infanterie* commanding XV Corps in August 1914. Same till 1917; headquarters transferred to a quiet sector in November 1916; removed from command in May 1917 and forced to retire on half-pay in September. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle 1917 on the occasion of his retirement. After the war he became a pacifist.

Detmering, Rolf (1889-1964): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1906. *Leutnant* in 83rd Infantry Regiment at *Kriegsakademie* (completed one year) in August 1914. In 83rd Reserve Infantry Regiment 1914-1916, including as company and battalion commander; wounded twice. Various general staff jobs 1916-1917. General staff officer in OHL 1917-1918, including the Intelligence Department's French section. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1914, *Hauptmann* 1915. After the war stayed in the army, *Generalleutnant* 1941, prisoner of war 1945-1946.

Deutelmöser, Adolf (1882-n.d.): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1900. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was then seconded to the general staff on probation. *Hauptmann* still on secondment to the general staff in August 1914. Various general staff posts during the war, including *Ia* to 27th Infantry Division 1916-1918, including during the battle of Arras.

Dieffenbach, Karl (1859-1936): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1880. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings mainly with units but also once on the general staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 28th Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Commander of an infantry division 1914-1916; commander of two corps 1917-1918, including IX Reserve Corps as Gruppe Arras during the battle of Arras. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance at Arras.

Dommes, Wilhelm von (1867-1959): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1887. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as Moltke's adjutant. *Oberstleutnant* commanding the Life Guard Hussar regiment in August 1914. Head of OHL's Political Department August-October 1914; chief of staff to various corps 1914-1917, including Guard Corps as Gruppe Aisne during the Nivelle offensive. Chief of staff to Army Group Command F (Middle East) 1917-1918; brigade and division commander 1918. Promoted *Generalmajor* and awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918.

Eberhardt, Magnus von (1855-1939): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1874. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including twice as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* and Governor of Straßburg in August 1914. Commander of various corps 1914-1918, including X Reserve Corps as Gruppe Brimont during the Nivelle offensive. Commander Seventh and First Armies 1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive and oak leaves 1918.

Eberhardt, Wilhelm Magnus von: Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1904. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Oberleutnant* in the machine gun company of the School of Musketry in August 1914. Unknown unit service at the beginning of the war; seriously wounded. Staff officer in OHL 1916-1918, including in the Intelligence Department 1917-1918 at least and including in the French section. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1915.

Eder, Felix Ritter von (1856-1942): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1876. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Retired c 1912 as *Generalleutnant* and Governor of Fortress Ingolstadt. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Inspector (i.e. commander) of an Army Detachment's lines of communication organisation 1914-1915; commander of a *Landwehr* division 1915-1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* z.D. 1916.

Einem, Karl von (1853-1934): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1870. Transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. Minister of War 1903-1909. *General der Kavallerie* commanding VII Corps in August 1914. Commander Third Army 1914-1918, including in the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1916.

D'Elsa, Karl (1849-1922): Saxon, infantry. Commissioned 1870. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *General der Infanterie* commanding XII Corps in August 1914. Same to 1916; commander Army Detachment A from 1916 till sacked in January 1917 as part of the command changes on the Western Front and placed on half-pay the next month. Promoted brevet *Generaloberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916.

Eberhardt, Wilhelm Magnus von: Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1904. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Oberleutnant* in the machine gun company of the School of Musketry in August 1914. Unknown unit service at the beginning of the war; seriously wounded. Staff officer in OHL 1916-1918, including in the Intelligence Department 1917-1918 at least and including in the French section.

Egloffstein, Günter Freiherr von und zu (1896-1938): Bavarian, cavalry. War volunteer in August 1914. In Bavarian cavalry and infantry units 1914-1917; invalided twice for health reasons. In the Kaiser's Great Headquarters 1917-1918 and in OHL's Intelligence Department 1918, including in the Russian section. Promoted *Leutnant* 1915. After the war became a prominent Nazi.

Eulitz, Hans von (1866-1945): Saxon, infantry. Commissioned 1886. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Saxon general staff. *Oberstleutnant* and chief of staff to Saxon XII Corps in August 1914. Same till 1916; chief of staff to Army Detachment A till sacked in early 1917 as part of the command changes on the Western Front. Saxon Military Plenipotentiary to General Headquarters 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberst* and *Generalmajor*.

Falkenhausen, Ludwig Freiherr von (1844-1936): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1862. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff; also Director of the General War Department in the Ministry of War. Retired 1902 as *General der Infanterie* commanding XIII Corps. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander Army Detachment Falkenhausen, Headquarters of Coastal Defence and Sixth Army, including at Arras; effectively sacked April 1917 by appointment to be Governor-General of Belgium, a post he held till November 1918. Prolific military author before the war.

Falkenhayn, Erich von (1861-1922): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1880. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Served in China 1896-1903. *Generalleutnant* and Prussian Minister of War in August 1914. Chief of the General Staff of the Field Army from September 1914 till sacked in August 1916. Commander Ninth Army 1916-1917; Army Group Command F in the Middle East 1917-1918; Tenth Army 1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite*, the Order of the Black Eagle (the highest Prussian order) and oak leaves 1915. Wrote *Die Oberste Heeresleitung 1914-1916 in ihren wichtigsten Entschlüssen* (1920).

Fasbender, Karl Ritter von (1852-1933): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1875. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Chief of the Bavarian General Staff 1907-1908. Retired 1912 as *Generalleutnant* commanding 4th Bavarian Infantry Division; promoted brevet *General der Infanterie*. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander I Bavarian Reserve Corps 1914-1918, including as Gruppe Vimy during the battle of Arras. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916.

Fortmüller, August (1864-1942): Saxon, engineer. Commissioned 1884. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Saxon general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Oberst* commanding 102nd Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Corps chief of staff 1914-1915; commander 241st Infantry Division 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalmajor*.

François, Hermann von (1856-1933): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1874. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding I Corps in August 1914. Commander Eighth Army for one month in 1914 until sacked. Corps commander on the Eastern and Western Fronts till July 1918 when he retired rather than serve under an officer junior to him. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1917. Author of various books before and after the war, including *Marneschlacht und Tannenberg* (1920).

- Freytag-Loringhoven, Hugo Freiherr von (1855-1924): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1877. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Posts included *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff in charge of military history. *Generalleutnant* commanding 22nd Infantry Division in August 1914. Representative to the Austro-Hungarians 1914; in OHL 1914-1916; Chief of the Deputy General Staff of the Army 1916-1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1918. Prolific writer of military history before and after the war, including *Macht der Persönlichkeit* (1905).
- Fuchs, Georg (1856-1939): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1879. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding 16th Infantry Division in August 1914. Division, corps and Army Detachment commander 1914-1918. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917.
- Gallenkamp, Curt (1890-1958): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1908. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Leutnant* and battalion adjutant, 15th Field Artillery Regiment in August 1914. In various units, including as battalion and regimental commander, and general staff posts 1914-1918; wounded. In OHL 1918, including the Intelligence Department's Balkan section. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1915, *Hauptmann* 1917. After the war stayed in the army; *General der Artillerie* and corps commander 1942-1944, prisoner of war 1945-1952.
- Gallwitz, Max von (1852-1937): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1872. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units, on the general staff and in the Ministry of War. *General der Artillerie* and Inspector of Field Artillery in August 1914. Commander Guard Reserve Corps 1914-1915; commander of various Armies and army groups on the Eastern Front, in the Balkans and on the Western Front 1915-1918, including Fifth Army in spring 1917. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1915, Order of the Black Eagle 1917. Wrote *Meine Führertätigkeit im Weltkrieg 1914/1916 – Belgien – Osten – Balkan* (1929) and *Erleben im Westen, 1916-1918* (1932).
- Gebsattel, Ludwig Freiherr von (1857-1930): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1877. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the Bavarian general staff, including on the China Expedition, as corps chief of staff and Bavarian Military Plenipotentiary in Berlin. *General der Kavallerie* commanding III Bavarian Corps in August 1914. Same till January 1917 then sacked and placed on half-pay. Commander Deputy II Bavarian Corps 1917-1918. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and an advancement in the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden*, the highest Bavarian order, on the occasion of his sacking. Author of *Schlachten des Weltkrieges* Band 6, *Von Nancy bis zum Camp de Romains* (1922).

- Gempp, Friedrich (1873-1945): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1895. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. Postings with units and transfer into the military intelligence service IIIb. *Hauptmann* and Intelligence Officer, I Corps in August 1914. Various intelligence jobs, including with IIIb at OHL 1914-1918. Promoted *Major* 1915. In the 1920s established and commanded the *Reichsheer's* rump IIIb. Author of *Geheimer Nachrichtendienst und Spionageabwehr des Heeres*, the 'Gempp Report'.
- Geyer, Hermann (1882-1946): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1900. Attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberleutnant* in 119th Grenadier Regiment on probationary secondment to the Great General Staff in August 1914. General staff officer in OHL 1914-1918, with two short breaks for unit and divisional general staff service. OHL's chief doctrine writer. *General der Infanterie* and corps commander 1939-1942. Committed suicide 1946.
- Gleich, Gerold von (1869-1938): Württemberg, cavalry. Commissioned 1888. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* commanding 25th Dragoon Regiment in August 1914. Chief of staff to Seventh Army lines of communication organisation 1914-1916; service with the Turkish army 1916; commander 18th Reserve Infantry Brigade 1917-1918 including in the battles of Arras and Third Ypres. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1918. Wrote *Die alte Armee und ihre Verirrungen* (1919).
- Goßler, Konrad von (1848-1933): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1869. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff. Retired 1910 as *General der Infanterie* and Governor of Mainz. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander VI Reserve Corps 1914-February 1917 then sacked. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and a high Prussian order on the occasion of his sacking. Wrote two military history books before the war and *Erinnerungen an den Grossen Krieg dem VI. Reservekorps gewidmet* (1919).
- Grüber, Friedrich (1851-1930): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1870. Did not attend Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. Postings with units, including on the China Expedition. Retired 1906 as *Generalmajor* commanding 8th Bavarian Infantry Brigade. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Brigade commander 1914-1915; commander 39th Bavarian Reserve Division 1915-1916; sacked in December 1916 following the defeat at Verdun. Promoted *Generalleutnant* z.D. 1916.
- Hagen, Eberhard von dem (1872-1920): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and general staff officer to the Eighth Army Inspection in August 1914. Chief of staff to XIV Corps 1915-1917, including as Gruppe Prosnes during the Nivelle offensive; headquarters removed from the battle front. Regimental command, corps chief of staff and Army *Oberquartiermeister* posts 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916.

- Hänisch, Karl von (1861-1921): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1879. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* and acting Inspector of Military Transport in August 1914. Chief of staff to Seventh Army 1914-1915; commander XIV Corps 1915-1916; commander Deputy X Corps in Germany 1916-1918.
- Hahnke, Wilhelm von (1867-1932): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1889. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Schlieffen's Adjutant 1903-1905. *Oberstleutnant* and second-in-command, 1st Foot Guard Regiment in August 1914. Various senior general staff posts 1914-1918. Sacked from a senior Western Front post in spring 1917 and sent to an equivalent post on the Eastern Front; brigade commander 1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1916. Son of a *Generalfeldmarschall*.
- Hammerstein-Equord, Kurt Freiherr von (1878-1943): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1898. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* and Adjutant to a Deputy Chief of the General Staff in the Great General Staff in August 1914. Divisional, corps and Army general staff posts 1914-1918. Promoted *Major* 1917. After the war, *Generaloberst* and head of the army 1930-1934.
- Hanneken, Hermann von (1890-1981): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1909. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Leutnant* in 91st Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Unit service 1914-1916, including as battalion and regiment adjutant and company commander; divisional staff officer 1916-1917. In OHL's Intelligence Department 1917-1918 and Operations Department 1918 (one month); general staff officer, 88th Infantry Division September-November 1918. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1915, *Hauptmann* 1918. Commander of German troops in Denmark as *General der Infanterie* 1942. Danish prisoner of war 1945-1949.
- Hasse, Otto (1871-1942): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and general staff officer to the General Inspection of Military Transport in August 1914. General staff posts throughout the war, including chief of staff to X Reserve Corps as Gruppe Brimont during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 and oak leaves 1918. Retired as *General der Infanterie* 1932.
- Hassenstein, Günther (1872-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and general staff officer to the Fourth Army Inspection in August 1914. General staff posts throughout the war, including chief of staff to Generalkommando 54 as Gruppe Liesse during the Nivelle offensive; sacked October 1917 after the battle of Malmaison. Corps chief of staff and Army Detachment *Oberquartiermeister* posts on the Eastern Front or in quiet sectors 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916.

Hausendorf, Erhard: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1909. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Leutnant* in the *Reitendes Feldjägerkorps* in August 1914. In the *Reitendes Feldjägerkorps* at Great Headquarters 1915-1916. Staff officer in OHL's Intelligence Department, Russian section, 1916-1918. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1915, *Hauptmann* 1918.

Heintzel, Karl (1878-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Hauptmann* and company commander, 138th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Same 1914-1915; wounded. In OHL 1916-1918, including Intelligence Department 1917-1918 at least.

Hellingrath, Philipp von (1862-1939): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1882. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 6th Bavarian Cavalry Brigade in August 1914. Inspector of Sixth Army's lines of communication organisation 1914; Bavarian Military Plenipotentiary to GHQ 1914-1915; commander Bavarian Cavalry Division 1915-1916; Bavarian Minister of War 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1914 and *General der Kavallerie* 1918.

Hentsch, Richard (1869-1918): Saxon, infantry. Commissioned 1890. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* and head of the Great General Staff's Third Department (France and Britain) in August 1914. Head of OHL's Intelligence Department 1914-1915; various senior staff posts on the Eastern Front 1915-1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1916, awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917; died in Bucharest in February 1918. Widely blamed in the German army as a major cause of the decisive defeat in the battle of the Marne in September 1914.

Hessig, Theodor (1879-?): Prussian, engineers. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Hauptmann* on probationary secondment to the Great General Staff in August 1914. General staff officer in OHL in four postings 1914-1918, including Intelligence Department 1915-1916 (twice) and 1918, the latter as head of the French section; divisional general staff officer, 79th Reserve Division 1917-1918. Promoted *Major* 1918.

Hindenburg, Oskar von (1883-1960): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1903. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Oberleutnant* and battalion adjutant in 3rd Foot Guard Regiment in August 1914. Various general staff posts during the war, including *Ia* to 20th Infantry Division 1916 till at least December 1917, including during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914. *Generalfeldmarschall* Paul von Hindenburg's son.

- Hindenburg, Paul von (1847-1934): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1866. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and in the Ministry of War and general staff, including as instructor at *Kriegsakademie* and corps chief of staff. Retired 1911 as *General der Infanterie* commanding IV Corps. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander Eighth Army and all forces on the Eastern Front (OberOst) 1914-1916; Chief of the General Staff of the Field Army 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalfeldmarschall* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1914 and oak leaves 1915. President of Germany 1925-1934.
- Höhn, Maximilian Ritter von (1859-1936): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1879. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the Bavarian general staff, including two secondments to the Prussian Great General Staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding 6th Bavarian Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to February 1915; chief of staff, Third Army 1915; sacked. Commander Prussian 2nd Guard Infantry and 6th Bavarian Infantry Divisions 1915-1916. Drafted first edition of new defensive doctrine. Commander XV Bavarian Reserve Corps 1917-1918 including as Gruppe Sissonne during the opening of Nivelle offensive; headquarters removed from the battle front. Promoted *General der Artillerie* 1916; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* 1914.
- Hoepfner, Ernst von (1860-1922): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1879. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 4th Cavalry Brigade in August 1914. Chief of staff to two Armies and division commander 1914-1916; commander German air forces (*Kogenluft*) 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917. Wrote *Deutschlands Krieg in der Luft* (1921).
- Hofacker, Eberhard von (1861-1928): Württemberg, cavalry. Commissioned 1881. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Württemberg general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 45th Cavalry Brigade in August 1914. Division commander 1914-1917, including 26th Infantry Division during the battle of Arras. Corps commander 1917-1918; sacked. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* for his performance at Arras and oak leaves 1917.
- Höring, Heinrich (1883-1935): Württemberg, field artillery. Commissioned 1901. Attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberleutnant* on probationary secondment to the Great General Staff in August 1914. Various general staff posts 1914-1918, including as *Ia*, 12th Infantry Division in spring 1917. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914. Served in the *Reichsheer* after the war until he was killed in an accident as a *Generalmajor*.
- Holland, Max (dates unknown): Württemberg, field artillery. Commissioned 1889. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Major* and Württemberg representative to the Military Cabinet in August 1914. Same 1914-1918; Württemberg Military Plenipotentiary to GHQ 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1914 and *Oberst* 1917.

Hollen, Gustav Freiherr von (1851-1917): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1874. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Generalleutnant* commanding 21st Infantry Division in August 1914. Cavalry corps commander August-December 1914, then commanded two infantry divisions 1914-1916. Promoted *General der Kavallerie*.

Ilse, Emil (1864-1943): Prussian, foot artillery. Commissioned 1883. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 5th Foot Artillery Brigade in August 1914. *Oberquartiermeister* and later chief of staff, Fourth Army 1914-1917, leaving just before Messines. Commander XV Corps 1917-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916.

Immanuel, Friedrich (dates unknown): Württemberg later Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1879. *Kriegsakademie* attendance unknown; not transferred into the general staff but lectured at *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberstleutnant* in 128th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. War service unknown but included commanding an infantry regiment. Prolific military author including of the well-regarded *Handbuch der Taktik* (1905).

Jahreiß, Paul Ritter von (1878-1919): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1898. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Hauptmann* in Bavarian general staff in August 1914. Various general staff posts 1914-1918, including *Ia*, 14th Bavarian Infantry Division at the battle of Arras and instructor at the general staff school in Sedan. Promoted *Major* 1917. Killed by a revolutionary in Munich 1919.

Kathen, Hugo von (1855-1932): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1873. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. *General der Infanterie* and Governor of Mainz in August 1914. Commander 39th Infantry Division 1914; XXIII Reserve Corps 1914-1918, including as Gruppe Crépy during the Nivelle offensive. Commander Eighth Army 1918. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1917.

Kiefhaber, Christoph Ritter von (1855-1955): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1877. Did not attend Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. Retired 1912 as *Generalmajor* commanding 3rd Bavarian Infantry Brigade. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Brigade and division commander 1914-1918, including Bavarian Ersatz Division till deliberately moved just before the Nivelle offensive. Promoted brevet *Generalleutnant* 1914 and *Generalleutnant* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 and the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* 1918.

Klewitz, Willi von (1872-1928): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1890. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* in the Great General Staff in August 1914. General staff officer and chief of staff to various corps 1914-1918, including XI Corps as Gruppe Vailly during the Nivelle offensive. Chief of staff to various Armies 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 and oak leaves 1918.

- Klüber, Robert von (1873-1919): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1892. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and Military Attaché in Paris in August 1914. Various senior general staff jobs 1914-1918 including chief of staff to First Army during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive. Killed during labour unrest in 1919.
- Kneußl, Paul Ritter von (1862-1928): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1883. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff including as Director of the Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and chief of staff to III Bavarian Corps. *Generalmajor* heading a department in the Bavarian Ministry of War in August 1914. Commander of a reserve infantry brigade 1914-1915; 11th Bavarian Infantry Division 1915-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Corps commander 1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* and the *Pour le Mérite* 1915, and oak leaves 1917.
- König [forename unknown]: Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1901. Attended *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberleutnant* on probationary secondment to the Great General Staff in August 1914. Office manager in OHL's Intelligence Department 1914; war service included as divisional general staff officer 1916-1918. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914.
- Koeppel, Werner: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1900. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Hauptmann* seconded to the Seminar for Oriental Languages in August 1914. In OHL's Intelligence Department 1916. War service included as divisional and Army general staff officer. Promoted *Major* 1918.
- Kotze, Hans-Ulrich von (1891-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1908. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have pre-war general staff experience. *Leutnant* and battalion adjutant, 109th Life Grenadier Regiment in August 1914. Regimental adjutant, 1914-1916. In OHL, including the Intelligence Department, 1916-1917. Divisional general staff officer 1918. Promoted *Oberleutnant* 1915, *Hauptmann* 1917.
- Krafft von Dellmensingen, Konrad (1862-1953): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1883. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Generalmajor* and Chief of the Bavarian General Staff in August 1914. Chief of staff to Sixth Army 1914-1915; commander Alpine Corps (a division) 1915-1917; chief of staff to Army Group Albrecht 1917. Chief of staff to two Armies 1917-1918; commander II Bavarian Corps 1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1917 and *General der Artillerie* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1916. Wrote the *Schlachten des Weltkrieges* volumes on the Caporetto offensive, *Der Durchbruch am Isonzo* (1928).

- Krause, Ernst von (1884-1960): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1901. Attended *Kriegsakademie*, graduating in summer 1914. *Oberleutnant* in 8th Grenadier Regiment in August 1914. Seriously wounded August 1914 (lost a hand). In OHL's Intelligence Department 1915-1916; divisional, corps and military government general staff officer 1916-1918. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914. After the war, retired and rejoined the army 1935. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1943.
- Krogh, Sigismund von: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1902. Attended *Kriegsakademie* (graduated 1914). *Oberleutnant* in 92nd Infantry Regiment in August 1914. War service 1914-1915 unknown. In OHL 1915-1918, including Intelligence Department in 1917-1918 at least. Chief divisional general staff officer 1918.
- Kühne, Viktor (1857-1945): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1877. Attended *Kriegsakademie*, but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 30th Field Artillery Brigade in August 1914. Division commander 1914-1916; corps commander 1916-1918, including XI Corps as Gruppe Vailly during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle for his performance during the Nivelle offensive.
- Kuhl, Hermann von (1856-1958): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1879. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings mainly on the general staff. *Generalmajor* and *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff, covering military history, in August 1914. Chief of staff to various Armies 1914-1916 and to Army Group Rupprecht 1916-1918, including during the battles of Arras and Messines. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915 and awarded status as a corps commander 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1916. After the war a prominent military historian and polemicist.
- Lauenstein, Otto von (1857-1916): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1876. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as Military Attaché in St. Petersburg, general staff officer on the China Expedition, observer in the Russo-Japanese War and chief of staff to VI Corps. *Generalleutnant* commanding 14th Infantry Division in August 1914. Chief of staff to Second Army 1914; commander XXXIX Reserve Corps 1914 till shortly before his death in 1916.
- Ledebur, Otto Freiherr von (1869-1943): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1889. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* in 84th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Senior general staff posts 1914-1916, including chief of staff to Fifth Army at the time of the December 1916 defeat; sacked. Chief of staff to Army Detachment C in a quiet sector 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1914 and *Oberst* 1917.

- Leeb, Wilhelm Ritter von (1876-1956): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1897. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units, including on the China Expedition, and in the Bavarian general staff. *Hauptmann* and *Ib*, I Bavarian Corps in August 1914. Same to 1915 then *Ia*, 11th Bavarian Infantry Division 1915-1917, including during the Nivelle offensive. General staff officer and later *Oberquartiermeister*, Army Group Rupprecht 1917-1918. Promoted *Major* 1915; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* 1915. *Generalfeldmarschall* 1940.
- Lenz, Hermann Ritter von (1872-1959): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1892. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Major* and military instructor at the Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* in August 1914. Senior general staff posts at corps, Army and army group level throughout the war, including chief of staff to I Bavarian Reserve Corps as Gruppe Vimy during the battle of Arras. Sacked 1918 as chief of staff to Sixth Army. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* 1917 for his performance at Arras and the *Pour le Mérite* 1918.
- Liebert, Eduard von (1850-1934): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1866. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Governor of German East Africa 1896-1900; removed. *Generalleutnant* and commander of a division 1900-1903; forced into retirement. Re-employed 1914. Division and corps commander 1915-1917, including Generalkommando 54 as Gruppe Liesse during the Nivelle offensive; removed ostensibly on age grounds and retired again. Promoted *General der Infanterie* z.D. 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 on the occasion of his retirement. Wrote *Aus einem bewegten Leben, Erinnerungen* (1925).
- Liebmann, Curt (1881-1960): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1899. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* and general staff officer, Government of Graudenz in August 1914. Divisional, corps and Army general staff officer 1914-1918. Promoted *Major* 1916. After the war, *General der Infanterie* and first commandant of the re-established *Kriegsakademie* 1935; retired 1939 and no active employment in the Second World War.
- Limbourg, Leo (1857-1934): Prussian, foot artillery, Guards. Commissioned 1879. Attended *Kriegsakademie* for two years but did not complete the course and had no general staff experience. *Generalmajor* commanding 1st Foot Artillery Brigade in August 1914. Commander 15th Reserve Division 1917-1918, including during the battle of Arras. Commander Generalkommando 53 in 1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded two advancements in the Order of the Red Eagle 1917.
- Lindequist, Arthur von (1855-1937): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1875. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Generalmajor* commanding 40th Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Seriously wounded and invalided August 1914. Commander 3rd Guard Infantry Division 1915-1918, including at the battle of Arras. Corps commander 1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 and oak leaves 1918.

Litzmann, Karl (1850-1936): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1867. Fought in the Franco-Prussian War. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Retired 1905 as *Generalleutnant* and director of the *Kriegsakademie*. Re-employed after the outbreak of war, including as commander of 3rd Guard Infantry Division and XXXX Reserve Corps. Promoted *General der Infanterie* and awarded *Pour le Mérite* 1914, and oak leaves 1915. He captured the city of Lodz in 1914; in the Second World War, the Nazis renamed it Litzmannstadt in his honour.

Lochow, Ewald von (1855-1942): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1873. Attended *Kriegsakademie* for two years and despite not completing the course transferred into the general staff. Postings with units, on the general staff including as corps chief of staff, and in the Ministry of War as department director. *General der Infanterie* commanding III Corps in August 1914. Same to 1916; commander Fifth Army November 1916; sacked following the December defeat at Verdun and retired on half-pay the next month. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1915, and an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle as well as an honorific regimental position on the occasion of his retirement.

Lösecke, Hans von (1870-1919): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including in German South-West Africa. *Major* and military instructor at *Kriegsakademie* in August 1914. Various general staff posts 1914-1918, including chief of staff to VII Reserve Corps till sacked following the December 1916 defeat at Verdun. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916.

Loßberg, Fritz von (1868-1942): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1887. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* and chief of staff to XIII Corps in August 1914. Same to January 1915; general staff officer in OHL 1915; chief of staff to various Armies and army groups 1915-1918, including Sixth Army during the battle of Arras. Promoted *Oberst* 1915 and *Generalmajor* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1917 for his performance at Arras. Retired as *General der Infanterie* 1927. Wrote *Meine Tätigkeit im Weltkrieg 1914-1918* (1939).

Ludendorff, Erich (1865-1937): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1881. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings in units and on the general staff, including as head of the Great General Staff's Deployment Department 1908-1913. *Generalmajor* commanding 85th Infantry Brigade in August 1914. *Oberquartiermeister*, Second Army and chief of staff to Eighth and Ninth Armies 1914; chief of staff, OberOst 1914-1916. First Quartermaster General, OHL 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1914 and *General der Infanterie* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1914 and oak leaves 1915. Wrote various books after the war, including *Meine Kriegserinnerungen 1914-1918* (1919).

Lüttwitz, Walter Freiherr von (1859-1942): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1876. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings in units and on the general staff, including as *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding 25th Infantry Division in August 1914. Chief of staff to Fourth Army August-September 1914; division and corps commander 1914-1916; chief of staff to Fifth Army and Army Group Crown Prince 1916; commander III Corps 1916-1918, including as Gruppe Prosnes during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1918. Co-instigator of the Kapp-Lüttwitz Putsch 1920.

Lyncker, Moriz Freiherr von (1853-1932): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1870. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings in units, as military governor of the Kaiser's sons and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. Head of the Military Cabinet 1908. *General der Infanterie* and still head of the Military Cabinet in August 1914. Same till July 1918 when removed; President of the *Reich* Military Court 1918. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917. His world war letters are in Holger Afflerbach, ed., *Kaiser Wilhelm II. als Oberster Kriegsherr im Ersten Weltkrieg: Quellen aus der militärischen Umgebung des Kaisers 1914-1918* (2005).

Mackensen, August von (1849-1945): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1869. Transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings in units and on the general staff, including as adjutant to Schlieffen. *General der Kavallerie* and commander XVII Corps in August 1914. Army and army group commander 1914-1918. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1914 and *Generalfeldmarschall* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1914 and oak leaves 1915.

Manstein, Erich von (1887-1973): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1905. *Oberleutnant* in 3rd Foot Guards Regiment at *Kriegsakademie* (completed one year) in August 1914. Unit service 1914; severely wounded. Army and divisional general staff posts 1915-1918. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1915. After the war stayed in the army, *Generalfeldmarschall* in the Second World War. Nephew of *Generalfeldmarschall* Paul von Hindenburg.

Marchtaler, Otto von (1854-1920): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1870. *Kriegsakademie* attendance unknown; no pre-war general staff experience. Postings with units, in the Württemberg Ministry of War and as Württemberg Military Plenipotentiary in Berlin. Württemberg Minister of War 1906. *General der Infanterie* and still Württemberg Minister of War in August 1914 and till November 1918. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1918.

Marschall gen. Greiff, Ulrich Freiherr von: Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1884. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or serve on the general staff. In Ministry of War c 1903-c 1908 and Military Cabinet c 1908-1918. *Oberst* and department head in the Military Cabinet in August 1914. Deputy head of the Military Cabinet 1914-1917, head 1918. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1917.

- Marwitz, Georg von der (1856-1929): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1875. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* and General Inspector of Cavalry in August 1914. Corps commander 1914-1916, Army commander 1916-1918, including Second Army in spring 1917. Promoted *General der Kavallerie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1915, appointed Adjutant-General to the Kaiser 1916. His world war letters are in Erich von Tschischwitz, ed., *General von der Marwitz: Weltkriegsbriefe* (Berlin, 1940).
- Marx, Wilhelm (1874-1944): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1895. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Hauptmann* in 69th Field Artillery Regiment in August 1914. Chief assistant to the artillery expert *Oberst* Georg Bruchmüller 1917-1918. Promoted *Major* 1918. After the war rose to *Generalleutnant* and Inspector of Artillery in the *Reichsheer*. A prolific military author and journalist.
- Matthes, Arthur (1867-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1888. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* with 39th Fusilier Regiment in August 1914. *Ia* in Second Army 1914, chief of staff to various corps 1915-1917, including XI Corps from which he was removed in March 1917 shortly after his commander (Plüskow). *Oberquartiermeister* of an Army Detachment on the Eastern Front in spring 1917; brigade commander at the end of the war. Promoted *Oberst* 1916.
- Melior, Theodor (1853-1940): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1872. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. Retired 1910 as *Generalmajor* commanding 81st Infantry Brigade; promoted brevet *Generalleutnant* on departure. Re-employed after the outbreak of war as a brigade commander. Commander 225th Infantry, 5th Reserve, 6th Reserve and 92nd Infantry Divisions 1916-1918, including the latter three successively in spring 1917.
- Mertz von Quirnheim, Hermann Ritter (1866-1947): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1889. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the Bavarian General staff, including as instructor at the Bavarian *Kriegsakademie*. Major in 6th Bavarian Infantry Regiment in August 1914. *Ia* in Sixth Army 1914-1916; section leader in OHL 1916-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1914 and *Oberst* 1916; given status as division commander 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918. President of the *Reichsarchiv* from its foundation in 1919 to 1931. His son was executed as an anti-Hitler conspirator in July 1944.

Metzsch, Horst von (1874-1946): Saxon, field artillery. Commissioned 1892. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Saxon general staff. Postings with units and in the Saxon General staff, including as *Ia*, 23rd Infantry Division. *Major* and adjutant to the King of Saxony in August 1914. Corps and Army general staff posts 1914-1915; field artillery regiment commander 1915-1916; chief of staff to Third Army's lines of communication organisation 1916; chief of staff to XII Corps 1916-1918, including as Gruppe Py during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918. After the war rose to *Generalleutnant* and retired as brevet *General der Artillerie*; prolific commentator and writer on military affairs.

Miaskowski, Friedrich von (1871-?): Prussian, field artillery, Guards. Commissioned 1893. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units, including on the China Expedition, and on the general staff. *Hauptmann* and *Ia*, 12th Infantry Division in August 1914. Corps and Army general staff posts 1914-1917; corps and Army chief of staff posts 1917-1918, including in XIV Reserve Corps as Gruppe Quéant during the battle of Arras. Promoted *Major* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918.

Moltke, Helmuth von (Moltke the Younger) (1848-1916): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1870. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Generaloberst* and Chief of the General Staff of the Army in August 1914. Chief of the General Staff of the Field Army August-September 1914, then sacked. Chief of the Deputy General Staff of the Army in Germany 1914-1916. Awarded the Iron Cross First Class 1914 and the *Pour le Mérite* 1915.

Morgen, Kurt von (1858-1928): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* but was transferred into the general staff for a short time. Postings with units, including in German East Africa, and on the general staff, including in the German Embassy in Constantinople and as an observer in the Sudan campaign and the Thessalian War 1898. *Generalmajor* commanding 81st Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Division and corps commander 1914-1918, including I Reserve Corps on the Eastern Front in spring 1917. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1914 and oak leaves 1916. Wrote *Meiner Truppen Heldenkämpfe* (1920).

Moser, Otto von (1860-1931): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as an instructor in the *Kriegsakademie* and head of a Great General Staff department. *Generalmajor* and commander 53rd Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Seriously wounded September 1914. Division and corps commander 1915-1918, including establishing the first divisional command course and commanding XIV Reserve Corps as Gruppe Quéant in the battle of Arras. Sacked from this command 1918 as part of the preparations for the German spring offensive. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance at the Somme and Arras. Prolific writer on military affairs both before

and after the war, including *Feldzugsaufzeichnungen 1914-1918* (1920) and *Ernsthafte Plaudereien über den Weltkrieg* (1925).

Nagel zu Aichberg, Karl Freiherr von (1866-1919): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1886. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie*. *Oberst* and chief of staff to I Bavarian Corps in August 1914. Bavarian Military Plenipotentiary at GHQ 1914-1916; chief of staff to Sixth Army November 1916-April 1917; sacked following the initial defeat at Arras. Division commander 1917-1918. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1914. Killed in street fighting in Munich May 1919.

Nicolai, Walter (1873-1947): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1893. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, especially the military intelligence service IIIb. *Major* and head of IIIb in August 1914. Head of IIIb 1914-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1918. Wrote *Nachrichtendienst, Presse und Volksstimmung im Weltkrieg* (1920) and *Geheime Mächte. Internationale Spionage und ihre Bekämpfung im Weltkrieg und Heute* (1923).

Obkircher, Walther (1872-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1893. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* and general staff officer, commandant's office Diedenhofen in August 1914. Divisional, corps and Army general staff posts 1914-1918; sacked from one of the Army posts in 1917 and sidelined. Promoted *Major* 1914.

Oldershausen, Martin Freiherr von (1865-1924): Saxon, infantry. Commissioned 1885. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Saxon general staff. Postings with units and on the Saxon general staff, including as *Ia*, 40th Infantry Division. *Oberstleutnant* in 105th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Regiment commander 1914-1915; chief of staff to VIII Reserve Corps 1915-1916 and Third Army 1916-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Commander 24th Reserve Division 1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1914 and *Generalmajor* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive.

Pfistermeister, Hermann Ritter von (1877-?): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1898. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the Bavarian general staff. *Rittmeister* [cavalry Captain] 1913; transferred into the Argentinian service 1914 as an instructor in the staff college. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. General staff officer 1914-1917, including as *Ia*, 39th Bavarian Reserve Division in December 1916; sacked following the defeat at Verdun. Various staff posts 1917-1918. Promoted *Major* 1917.

Planitz, Horst Edler von der (1859-1940): Saxon, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Saxon general staff. Postings with units, in the Saxon Ministry of War and general staff, including as Chief of the Saxon General Staff. *Generalleutnant* commanding 32nd Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to 1916; corps commander 1916-1918, including XII Corps as Gruppe Py during the Nivelle offensive. Retired on health grounds 1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive.

Plettenberg, Karl Freiherr von (1852-1938): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1870. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *General der Infanterie* and commander Guard Corps in August 1914; an Adjutant-General to the Kaiser. Commander Guard Corps till sacked in January 1917; retired the next month. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915, and the Order of the Black Eagle as well as an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle on the occasion of his removal from command and retirement.

Plüskow, Otto von (1852-1925): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1873. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Generalleutnant* commanding XI Corps in August 1914. Same to 1917, then removed. Corps commander on the Eastern Front March-May 1917 then removed on health grounds and retired. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and an honorific regimental position on leaving command in 1917.

Prussia, Prince Eitel Friedrich of (1883-1942): Prussian, royal (the Kaiser's second son). Commissioned 1893 (sic) and entered service 1901. Postings in the infantry and cavalry were presumably part of his royal training rather than a professional military career. *Major* and battalion commander in 1st Foot Guard Regiment in August 1914. Commander 1st Foot Guard Regiment till November 1914 then 1st Guard Infantry Brigade. Commander 1st Guard Infantry Division 1915-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Oberst* 1915 and *Generalmajor* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1915.

Prussia and the German Empire, Crown Prince Wilhelm of (1882-1951): Prussian, royal (the Kaiser's eldest son). Commissioned 1892. Postings in different arms of service, including a secondment to the Great General Staff, were part of his royal training rather than a professional military career. *Oberst* seconded to the Great General Staff (for the second time) in August 1914. Commander Fifth Army August 1914-1916, and Army Group Crown Prince 1915-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915 and *General der Infanterie* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1916. Wrote two volumes of memoirs 1922 and 1923.

Quast, Ferdinand von (1850-1939): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1871. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Generalleutnant* commanding IX Corps in August 1914. Same 1914-1917; commander Guard Corps 1917 including as Gruppe Aisne during the Nivelle offensive. Commander Sixth Army 1917-1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1918.

Rauch, Leopold von (1876-1955): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1894. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* and head of Section I (France) in the Great General Staff's Third Department (France and Britain) in August 1914. Deputy head of OHL's Intelligence Department 1914-1915, and head 1915-1918.

Rauchenberger, Otto Ritter von (1864-1942): Bavarian, infantry. Commissioned 1885. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the Bavarian general staff, including two secondments to the Great General Staff in Berlin. *Generalmajor* commanding 1st Bavarian Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Same to 1916; division commander 1916-1918, including 14th Bavarian Infantry Division during the battle of Arras. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* and the *Pour le Mérite* 1917, and oak leaves 1918.

Reichert, Julius Ritter von (1873-1958): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1894. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Hauptmann* and *Ia*, 5th Bavarian Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to 1916; chief of staff to XV Bavarian Reserve Corps 1916-1918, including as Gruppe *Sissonne* during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Major* 1914; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* 1916.

Reinhardt, Walther (1872-1930): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Württemberg general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff. *Major* and *Ia*, XIII Corps in August 1914. Same to 1915; corps chief of staff 1915-1916; Army chief of staff 1916-1918, including to Seventh Army during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1915 and *Oberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive and oak leaves 1918. Minister of War 1919 and head of the *Reichsheer* 1919-1920; retired 1927 as *General der Infanterie*.

Roeder, Justus (1856-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1877. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. Postings with units, including several as adjutant. Retired 1912 as *Oberst* commanding 136th Infantry Regiment; promoted brevet *Generalmajor*. Re-employed after the outbreak of war as a home service brigade commander; commander 30th Reserve Infantry Brigade (15th Reserve Division) during the battle of Arras; sacked following the loss of Fresnoy in May 1917. Regional inspector of prisoner of war camps in Germany 1917-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* z.D. 1918.

- Schäfer, Theobald von (dates unknown): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1896. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Württemberg general staff. *Hauptmann* in 123rd Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Unit and general staff postings 1914-1917, including as *Ia*, XIII Corps in spring 1917; corps chief of staff and *Oberquartiermeister*, General Government of Warsaw 1918. Promoted *Major* 1915. After the war, member of the *Reichsarchiv* and a director of its successor *Kriegsgeschichtliche Forschungsanstalt des Heeres* [Military Historical Research Institute of the Army]; author of the Tannenberg volume in the *Schlachten des Weltkrieges* series.
- Schenck, Dedo von (1853-1918): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1870. Attended *Kriegsakademie* for one year and later had a one year probationary secondment to the Great General Staff but was not selected for permanent transfer. *General der Infanterie* and commander XVIII Corps in August 1914; an Adjutant-General to the Kaiser. Commander XVIII Corps till sacked in January 1917. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916, and an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle as well as another high Prussian order on the occasion of his removal from command.
- Schmidt von Knobelsdorf, Konstantin (1860-1936): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalleutnant* and *Oberquartiermeister* in the Great General Staff in August 1914. Chief of staff to Fifth Army 1914-1916 and Army Group Crown Prince 1915-1916; sacked August 1916. Commander X Corps 1916-1918. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915, and oak leaves 1916 on the occasion of his removal from Fifth Army and Army Group Crown Prince.
- Schubert, Hermann (1851-1926): Prussian, foot artillery. Commissioned 1872. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. Retired 1912 as *Generalleutnant* commanding 4th Foot Artillery Brigade. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander 22nd Reserve Division 1917-1918. Awarded an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle 1917.
- Schubert, Richard von (1850-1933): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1868. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. Retired 1911 as *General der Artillerie* and Inspector of Field Artillery. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Corps and Army commander 1914-1917, including Seventh Army till sacked in March 1917 and retired. Promoted *Generaloberst* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and the Order of the Black Eagle when he retired in 1917.

Schulenburg, Friedrich Graf von der (1865-1939): Prussian, cavalry, Guards. Commissioned 1888. Transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as Military Attaché in London. *Oberstleutnant* commanding *Regiment der Gardes du Corps* in August 1914. Chief of staff to Guard Corps 1914-1916, Sixth Army 1916 and Army Group Crown Prince 1916-1918, including during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance during the Nivelle offensive, and oak leaves 1918.

Schwarte, Max (1860-1945): Prussian, engineer later infantry. Commissioned 1880. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as head of department in the Great General Staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 79th Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Division commander 1914-1917, including 10th Infantry Division in spring 1917; removed immediately before its engagement in the Nivelle offensive, no further active service postings and retired on half-pay. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916; awarded an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle 1917 on the occasion of his retirement. Author and editor of several military history works including *Die Technik im Weltkrieg* (1920) and *Der Weltkrieg um Ehre und Recht* (n.d.). Committed suicide as Russian forces approached his home town in 1945.

Schwerk, Oskar (1869-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1889. Did not attend *Kriegsakademie* or have general staff experience. *Major* and battalion commander in 62nd Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Commander 51st Infantry Regiment (11th Infantry Division) 1914-April 1917, when he was severely wounded in the battle of Arras. Inspector of Military Penal Institutes 1918; commandant of Berlin at the end of the war. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1916 and *Oberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916, one of the first regiment commanders to win it, and oak leaves 1917 for his performance at Arras.

Seeckt, Hans von (1866-1936): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* and chief of staff to III Corps in August 1914. Same to 1915; Army and army group chief of staff 1915-1918, including to Austro-Hungarian Heeresfront Erzherzog Josef in spring 1917. Promoted *Generalmajor* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* and oak leaves 1915. *General der Infanterie* and head of the *Reichsheer* 1920-1926. *Reichstag* deputy 1928-1932. Wrote *Gedanken eines Soldaten* (1929) and *Aus meinem Leben 1866-1917* (1938).

Sixt von Armin, Friedrich (1851-1936): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1871. Transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings with units and on the general staff, including twice as corps chief of staff. *General der Infanterie* commanding IV Corps in August 1914. Same to 1917; commander Fourth Army 1917-1918, including during the battle of Messines. Awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1918.

- Soden, Franz Freiherr von (1856-1945): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1875. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Württemberg general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. Retired 1912 as *Generalleutnant* commanding 26th Infantry Division; promoted brevet *General der Infanterie*. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander 26th Reserve Division 1914-1916; corps commander 1916-1918, including VII Reserve Corps as Gruppe Reims during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *General der Infanterie* by Patent 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917; almost uniquely for a retired officer, given command of an active corps 1917. Wrote *Die 26. (Württembergische) Reserve-Division im Weltkrieg 1914-1918* (1939).
- Solger, Wilhelm (1876-?): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1896. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including secondment to the Japanese army. *Hauptmann* in the Great General Staff in August 1914. Various general staff posts 1914-1918, including in Sixth Army's lines of communication organisation during the battle of Arras. Promoted *Major* 1916. Worked on 'Weltkrieg' in the *Reichsarchiv* postwar.
- Sontag, Guido (1858-1931): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1876. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and was seconded to the general staff on probation but not selected for permanent transfer. *Generalmajor* commanding 10th Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Same to 1915; division commander 1915-1917, including 111th Infantry Division during the battle of Arras; sacked. Later, Military Governor of Kalisch in Poland.
- Spemann, Kurt (1877-1950): Württemberg, field artillery. Commissioned 1897. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Hauptmann* and *Ic*, VI Corps in August 1914. Divisional, corps and OHL general staff officer 1914-1918, including *Ia*, 5th Infantry Division during the Nivelle offensive. Corps chief of staff 1918. Promoted *Major* 1916.
- Stapff, Max (1870-1938): Prussian, foot artillery. Commissioned 1890. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. *Major* and general staff officer to the Governor of Graudenz in August 1914. *Ia* in various corps and Armies 1914-1916; chief of staff to VII Reserve Corps 1917, including as Gruppe Reims during the Nivelle offensive. Chief of staff to Fourth Army during the battle of Messines; removed. Chief of staff to other Armies 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917. His personal papers in the Potsdam archive were destroyed in the 1945 bombing.
- Stocken, Leopold von (1862-1926): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1881. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Generalmajor* and chief of staff to IV Corps in August 1914. Same to December 1914; commanded three divisions 1914-1918, including 10th Landwehr Division in spring 1917. Removed from the third division in February 1918, presumably as part of the preparations for the German spring offensive; no further active service post. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916.

Tappen, Gerhard (1866-1953): Prussian, field artillery. Commissioned 1886. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and especially on the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. *Oberstleutnant* and head of the Great General Staff's Deployment Department in August 1914. Head of OHL's Operations Department 1914-1916; removed with Falkenhayn August 1916. Chief of staff to Army Group Mackensen; sacked December 1916. Commander 5th Ersatz Division on the Eastern Front 1916-1917, including in spring 1917; commander 15th Infantry Division on the Western Front 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1914 and *Generalmajor* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1916. Wrote various military history works defending his record, especially *Bis zur Marne* (1920), as well as unpublished *Kriegserinnerungen*.

Thaer, Albrecht von (1868-1957): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and especially on the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. *Major* and *Ia*, Guard Corps in August 1914; chief of staff to IX Reserve Corps 1915-1918, including as Gruppe Arras in the battle of Arras. Chief of staff to *Generalquartiermeister* II at OHL 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1915 and *Oberst* 1918; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917. His wartime diaries and letters were published as *Generalstabsdienst an der Front und in der OHL* (1958).

Tschischwitz, Erich von (1870-1958): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1889. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Major* in 157th Infantry Regiment in August 1914. Chief of staff to XXIII Reserve Corps 1914-1918, including as Gruppe Crépy during the Nivelle offensive. Chief of staff to Second Army 1918; sacked after the defeat on 8 August; infantry brigade commander September-November 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1914 and *Oberst* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 and oak leaves 1918. Served in the *Reichsheer* and retired as *General der Infanterie*.

Unger, Fritz von (1862-?): Prussian, cavalry. Commissioned 1880. Transferred into the general staff without having attended *Kriegsakademie*. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 35th Cavalry Brigade in August 1914. Commanded three cavalry and one infantry divisions 1914-1918, including 49th Reserve Division during the battle of Arras. Removed from this command in January 1918, presumably as part of the preparations for the German spring offensive, and no further active service post. Commander Deputy XVI Corps in Germany 1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1916.

Urach, Duke Wilhelm of (1864-1928): Württemberg, cavalry. Commissioned 1883. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as *Ia*, 26th Infantry Division. *Generalleutnant* commanding 26th Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to 1916; commander Generalkommando 64 1916-1918. Promoted *General der Kavallerie* 1917. Candidate for the thrones of Monaco, Albania, Poland and Lithuania; wrote *Die 26. Infanterie-Division im Weltkrieg 1914 – 1918. Teil I: 1914 -1915* (1927).

Vogl, Oskar (1881-?): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1901. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie*, graduating just before the outbreak of war. *Oberleutnant* in 8th Bavarian Field Artillery Regiment in August 1914. Unit, staff and general staff posts 1914-1918, including *Ia*, Bavarian Ersatz Division during the Nivelle offensive. Promoted *Hauptmann* 1914.

Wellmann, Richard (1859-1934): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. *Generalmajor* commanding 31st Infantry Brigade in August 1914. Commanded two divisions 1915-1917, including 20th Infantry Division during the Nivelle offensive. Corps commander 1917-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1917; awarded an advancement in the Order of the Red Eagle for his performance during the Nivelle offensive and the *Pour le Mérite* 1917, oak leaves 1918.

Wenninger, Karl Ritter von (1861-1917): Bavarian, cavalry. Commissioned 1882. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. *Generalmajor* and Bavarian Military Plenipotentiary in Berlin in August 1914. Same in OHL to November 1914; commanded a cavalry division 1914-1915; 3rd Bavarian Infantry Division 1915-1917, including the divisional command course at Valenciennes and during the battle of Arras. Killed as a corps commander in Rumania September 1917. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1914; awarded the *Militär-Max-Joseph-Orden* for his performance at Arras and the *Pour le Mérite* 1917.

Wetzell, Georg (1869-1947): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1891. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and especially on the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. *Major* and *Ia*, III Corps in August 1914. Chief of staff to III Corps 1915-1916; head of OHL's Operations Department 1916-1918, including during the Entente spring offensive. Chief of staff to Third then Fifth Armies September-November 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1916 and oak leaves 1917. Transferred to the *Reichsheer* and retired as *General der Infanterie* 1927. Head of the German advisory mission to China 1930-1934. Military writer and editor of *Militär-Wochenblatt* from 1934.

Wichura, Georg (1851-1923): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1874. Attended *Kriegsakademie* but was not selected for probationary secondment to or transfer into the general staff. Postings included as battalion commander on the China Expedition. *Generalleutnant* commanding 5th Infantry Division in August 1914. Same to 1916; commander VIII Reserve Corps 1916-1918, including as Gruppe Souchez in the battle of Arras. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1917 for his performance at Arras and oak leaves 1918.

Wild, Wilhelm (1868-1942): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1887. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. *Oberstleutnant* and chief of staff to XV Corps in August 1914. Same till 1915; chief of staff to an Army Detachment and Second Army till April 1917, then sacked. Infantry brigade commander 1917-1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1915 and *Generalmajor* 1918.

Wild von Hohenborn, Adolf (1860-1925): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1878. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings in units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Generalmajor* and Director of the General War Department in the Ministry of War in August 1914. Deputy Minister of War August 1914. Division commander, Army chief of staff and Quartermaster-General West 1914-1915; Minister of War 1915-1916; commander XVI Corps 1916-1918. Promoted *Generalleutnant* 1915; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1918. Wartime letters and diaries are in Adolf Wild von Hohenborn, *Briefe und Tagebuchaufzeichnungen des preußischen Generals als Kriegsminister und Truppenführer im 1. Weltkrieg* (Helmut Reichold, ed.,) (Boppard, 1986).

Wrisberg, Ernst von (1863-1927): Prussian, infantry, Guards. Commissioned 1885. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. *Oberstleutnant* and head of a section in the Ministry of War in August 1914. Director of the General War Department in the Ministry of War 1915-1918. Promoted *Oberst* 1914 and *Generalmajor* 1917; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1918. Wrote *Heer und Heimat 1914-1918* (1921) and two other volumes.

Wundt, Theodor von (1858-1929): Württemberg, infantry. Commissioned 1877. *Kriegsakademie* attendance unknown but transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and in the general staff, including as divisional *Ia*. Retired 1913 as *Generalmajor* commanding 59th Infantry Brigade; promoted brevet *Generalleutnant*. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Infantry brigade commander 1914-1916; commander 18th Reserve Division 1916-1917, including in the battle of Arras; probably sacked August 1917 and no further active service posts.

Württemberg, Duke Albrecht of (1865-1939): Württemberg, royal (heir to the Württemberg throne). Commissioned 1883. Postings in different arms of service, though extensive, were part of his royal training rather than a professional military career. *Generaloberst* and General Inspector of the Sixth Army Inspection in August 1914. Commander Fourth Army 1914-1917; commander Army Group Albrecht 1917-1918, including during the Entente spring offensive. Promoted *Generalfeldmarschall* 1916; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1915 and oak leaves 1918.

Xylander, Rudolf Ritter von (1872-1946): Bavarian, field artillery. Commissioned 1892. Attended Bavarian *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the Bavarian general staff. Postings with units and on the Bavarian general staff, including as instructor at the Bavarian *Kriegsakademie*. *Major* and adjutant to the Bavarian Chief of the General Staff in August 1914. Various general staff jobs 1914-1916; *Ia*, Sixth Army 1916-1917, including in the battle of Arras; sacked April 1917. Field artillery regiment commander 1917-1918, senior artillery adviser in Third Army 1918. Promoted *Oberstleutnant* 1917. After the war he was a military journalist until re-employed by the army; promoted *Generalmajor*.

Zwehl, Hans von (1851-1926): Prussian, infantry. Commissioned 1870. Attended *Kriegsakademie* and transferred into the general staff. Postings with units and on the general staff, including as corps chief of staff. Retired 1909 as *Generalleutnant* commanding 13th Infantry Division. Re-employed after the outbreak of war. Commander VII Reserve Corps 1914-1916; sacked December 1916 following the defeat at Verdun. Governor of Antwerp January 1917 till the end of the war. Promoted *General der Infanterie* 1914; awarded the *Pour le Mérite* 1914 and oak leaves 1916. After the war wrote several books, including *Maubeuge, Aisne – Verdun: Das VII. Reservekorps im Weltkriege von seinem Beginn bis Ende 1916* (1921) and *Generalstabsdienst im Frieden und im Kriege* (1923).