



Recipients of the Blue Max were required to wear the badge, which was a blue Maltese Cross with eagles between the arms, and the royal cipher and the words 'Pour le Mérite' on the cross, whenever in uniform. Notable recipients included Manfred von Richthofen, better known as the 'Red Baron', Erwin Rommel, the famed "Desert Fox" of WWII, and Hermann Göring, later to become one of the most senior leaders of the Third Reich. The last living holder of the Pour le Mérite was novelist Ernst Jünger who died in 1998 and who, at the age of 23, was one of the youngest ever recipient as well.

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In 2001 I decided to start collecting Sanke portrait cards of World War I Blue Max recipients. I was not very aggressive in collecting these portrait cards and when I started breaking up my collection I only had collected about 100 signed and unsigned Sanke cards.

I created this reference for my personal use from information obtained from the official Blue Max site - <http://www.pourlemerite.org>. I used this as a check list and to compile want lists.

This list contains all of the Blue Max recipients during World War I and the date of their award.



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# Important Dates in the History of the Order

## History of the Blue Max

8 May 1667 - Order of Generosité established.

9 June 1740 - Renamed and established as the Pour le Merite by Friedrich II.

18 January 1810 - Order Pour le Merite reserved as a military order.

10 March 1813 - First stated in the foundation document of the Iron Cross that the Oakleaves would be awarded to the Pour le Merite for extraordinary achievements.

17 December 1817 - Distinctive ribbon established for the Oakleaves Addenda.

1832 - Badge lettering style changed from Italics to Roman letters; blue enamel darkened.

31 May 1842 - Civil class for arts and science established.

18 July 1844 - Crown Addenda established for holding the military order for fifty years.

24 January 1846 - Statues of the civil class revised.

18 September 1866 - Grand Cross badge and star established.

9 November 1918 - All Imperial orders abolished with the Kaiser's abdication.

26 February 1922 - Civil class established as a free association of scientists, scholars, and artists.

4 March 1924 - Civil Order Pour le Mérite approved by the Prussian Ministry of State.

31 May 1952 - Civil class of the order reinstated by President Theodor Heuss of the Federal Republic of Germany.

18 June 1956 - President of the Federal Republic of Germany became protector and master of the civil order.

27 January 1963 - Statutes of the civil order revised.

30 June 1969 - Amendment to the statutes of the civil order.

\* Basic time line structure based upon information provided by David Edkins. (Please see References for more details)

## Unusual Facts

- There were five recipients of both military and peace class (Arts & Science) Pour le Mérite Orders. They were Generalfeldmarschall Graf von Moltke, Minister of War von Verdy de Vernois, Generalfeldmarschall Freiherr von der Goltz-Pascha, General Freiherr von Freytag-Loringhoven, and General Dr. Hermann von Kuhl.
- The highest variation of the Pour le Mérite ever awarded were Oakleaves to the Grandcross. This variation was only awarded to Kronprinz Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia (Emperor Friedrich III) and to Prinz Friedrich

Karl of Prussia.

- Imperial Russian Staff Captain, Count Gustaf Gustafovich Armfelt had his Pour le Merite revoked after 43 years. It had been awarded for distinction in action on 19 March 1814. It was revoked and returned on 16 April 1857 and no reason for this revocation is known.
- Some recipients of the Orden Pour le Merite received the award twice and some thrice.
- Count Franz Florentin Valory received his Pour le Merite for outstanding leadership and distinction in action 21 years late.
- Karl August Ludwig von Wedell was the only Prussian who did not receive the Oakleaves during the Liberation War. He was severely wounded in battle and required that both legs be amputated. As the field surgeon removed one leg, Leutnant von Wedell being still conscious said, "that is for my king." And when the second one was removed, he uttered, "and that one is for my fatherland." He did not survive his severe wounds. And that is why he did not receive the Oakleaves.
- There are two Manfred Freiherr von Richthofens. According to two resources on the Order Pour le Mérite there are two. One Manfred is the famously known pilot the "Red Baron" and the other Manfred is Lt. General Manfred Freiherr von Richthofen.

Over three hundred years ago, in the Germanic principality of Brandenburg, the Ordre de la Generosité was founded by the electoral prince, Friedrich Wilhelm. This was a secular military and civil order that was created for the purpose of rewarding loyal subjects for their outstanding service. The Ordre de la Generosité was not the first of the Prussian orders to be created. An earlier one, Order of the Swan, had been created in 1443, but did not survive very long. Unlike the Order of the Swan, the Ordre de la Generosité would grow with it's homeland which was the regions of Brandenburg and Prussia.

The medallion of the Order of the Pour le Mérite has had many alterations throughout the years, some of them rather subtle while others very dramatic. The basic design is that of a Maltese Cross with eagles with upswept wings between the cross arms. The Maltese Cross is an eight-pointed cross that was originally created as a symbol of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, also known as the Order of Malta. The Order of St. John is a Roman Catholic Order of knighthood that was founded in 1066.

During the 1300's an order called the Johanniter Order was established and they used a medallion much like that of the Knights of Malta in that it was a white enameled Maltese Cross with crowned gold eagles, enameled black between the arms. It was worn from a black ribbon. This particular symbol of the Johanniter Order appears to have been the basis for many other designs throughout Brandenburg and Prussia.

When the Ordre de la Generosité was founded on May 12, 1667, it was beleived to be a simple gold cross with a precious stone in the middle. Then years later in 1685 the medallion for the order took on a new look that was much like Johanniter Order's medallion. This can be seen in the photos of both medals.

The new insigna comprised of a golden Maltese Cross, sky blue enamel, the uppermost arm bearing a handpainted golden letter "F", which stood for Friedrich, and was surmounted by a painted electoral crown. The other three arms had the words Gene, Rosi, and Te on them. The reverse of the medal was a plain blue enamel. The cross was worn around the neck from a long black, "watered ribbon" that was about "two fingers wide".

The design was revised in 1740 with the establishment of the Order Pour le Mérite. The obvious changes were that the words were changed to reflect the orders new name and silver stripes were added to the black ribbon. If a member of the Ordre de la Generosité received the Pour le Mérite, they would be required to return the older medal otherwise they kept the medal until their death.

A common question about the Order and the medal is why would a "Germanic" knight order in the kingdoms of Prussia and Brandenburg have a an order with French names. The answer to that question is that during the conceptions of both the Ordre de la Generosité and the Orden Pour le Mérite, the favored court language was French. It was the "cool" thing to do. It was very fashionable to speak French at the royal courts.

According to David Edkins the author of "The Prussian Order Pour le Mérite, History of the Blue Max" the medal went through many inconsistencies in appearance and construction during the time between 1740 and the 1800's. Eventually the style of type for the words changed from a script style to the Roman lettering style. The author goes into detail about these changes. There also were many variations during the later years and during World War I. He also discusses the variations that appear between the different jewelers that created the medals; Wagner, Rothe, and Godet.



# Army Pour le Merite Winners

## A

Col. Armand von Alberti awarded on — 8 Nov 1918  
Lt. Gen. Victor Albrecht awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Lt. Col. d' Alton-Rauch awarded on — 15 Aug 1918  
Maj. Walther Arens awarded on — 25 Oct 1918  
Capt. Achim von Arnim awarded on — 17 April 1918

## B

Maj. Baader awarded on — 20 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Ernst von Bacmeister awarded on — 8 Oct 1917  
Lt. Gen. William Balcke awarded on 9 March 1918  
Lt. Col. Hermann von Balcke awarded on — 29 July 1917  
Capt. Victor Bangert awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Barth awarded on — 9 Aug 1918  
Lt. Col. Max Bauer awarded on — 19 Dec. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 28 March 1918.  
Col. General Prince Rupprecht of Bayern awarded on — 22 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 20 Dec. 1916.  
Gen. Major Prince Franz of Bayern awarded on — 16 May 1918  
Field Marshall Prince Leopold of Bayern awarded on — 9 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 25 July 1917.  
Maj. Friederich Becker awarded on — 17 Sept. 1918  
Maj. Kurt von Beerfelde awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Lt Col. Franz von Behr awarded on — 8 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Stanislaus Behrendt awarded on — 4 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Eduard von Below awarded on — 18 Aug 1917  
Gen. Maj. Ernst von Below awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 13 Oct. 1918.  
Gen. Fritz von Below awarded on — 16 Feb. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Aug. 1916.  
Gen. Maj. Hans von Below awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Gen Otto von Below awarded on — 16 Feb. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 April 1917.  
Gen. Maj. Berger awarded on — 17 April 1918  
Gen. Richard von Berendt awarded on — 14 Jan. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 24 Nov. 1917.  
Gen. Maj. Walter von Bergmann awarded on — 8 May 1918  
Capt. Waldemar Berka awarded on — 23 June 1918  
Gen. Cav. Friedrich von Bernhardi awarded on — 20 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 15 May 1918.  
Capt. Felix von Bernuth awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Albert von Berrer awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917  
Gen. Inf. Hans Hartwig von Beseler awarded on — 10 Oct. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 20 Aug. 1915.  
Maj. Hans Beseler awarded on — 28 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Ernst von Bila awarded on — 28 March 1918  
Maj. Josef Bischoff awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Maj. Werner von Blomberg awarded on — 3 June 1918  
Maj. Fedor von Bock awarded on — 1 April 1918  
Maj. Franz-Karl von Bock awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Alfred von Böckmann awarded on — 8 Oct. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 1 June 1917.  
Lt. Col. Erich Böhme awarded on — 7 May 1918  
Gen. Inf. Max von Boehn awarded on — 24 Aug. 1916. he was awarded Oakleaves on 20 May 1917.  
Lt. Col. Friedrich von Bogendorfer awarded on — 31 July 1918  
Maj. Helmuth Bohm awarded on — 5 May 1918  
Gen. Lt. Kurt von dem Borne awarded on — 9 April 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 7 Nov. 1918.  
Gen. Lt. Karl von Borries awarded on — 13 June 1918

Gen. Lt. Rudolf von Borries awarded on — 4 Aug. 1917  
Capt. Kune-Hans von Both awarded on — 10 April 1918  
Gen. Col. Felix von Bothmer awarded on — 7 July 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 25 July 1917.  
Lt. Col. Hermann von Brandenstein awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917  
Capt. Kurt von Brandenstein awarded on — 26 Sept. 1918  
Col. Otto Freiherr von Brandenstein awarded on — 15 May 1918  
Maj. Cordt Freiherr von Brandis awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Oberlt. Cordt von Brandis awarded on — 14 March 1916  
Maj. Tido von Brederlow awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Anatol Graf von Bredow awarded on — 23 July 1915  
Gen. Maj. Ludwig Bressler awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Carl Briese awarded on — 30 Aug. 1918  
Maj. Friedrich Brinckmann awarded on — 6 March 1918  
Oberlt. Heinrich Brinkord awarded on — 21 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Ferdinand Brisken awarded on — 23 April 1918  
Col. Schellendorf Bernhard von Bronsart awarded on — 16 Sept 1916  
Maj. Schellendorf Hans von Bronsart awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Schellendorf Walter Siegfried von Bronsart awarded on — 2 June 1918  
Lt. Col. Georg Bruckmüller awarded on — 1 May 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 March 1918.  
Maj. Erich Brückner awarded on — 4 Sept 1918  
Maj. Friedrich Bruns awarded on — 6 Nov 1918  
Gen. Col. Karl von Bülow awarded on — 4 April 1915  
Maj. Heinrich Büнау awarded on — 17 Sept. 1918  
Lt. Col. Robert Bürkner awarded on — 16 May 1918  
Gen. Lt. Hermann Ritter von Burkhardt awarded on — 12 May 1917  
Capt. Ernst Busch awarded on — 4 Oct 1918  
Maj. Georg Freiherr von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen awarded on — 18 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Johannes von Busse awarded on — 22 April 1918

## C

Maj. Caracciola-Delbrück awarded on — 25 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Adolph von Carlowitz awarded on — 29 July 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 25 May 1918.  
Capt. Walter Caspari awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Gen. Lt. Martin Charles de Beaulieu awarded on — 5 Sept. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Siegfried von La Chevallerie awarded on — 20 Jan. 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Oct. 1918.  
Gen. Inf. Eberhard von Claer awarded on — 29 June 1915  
Maj. Max Clausius awarded on — 15 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Erwin von Collani awarded on — 7 May 1918  
Maj. Oskar Commichau awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Gen. Lt. Richard von Conta awarded on — 15 Oct. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 March 1918.  
Lt. Col. Elimar von Cranach awarded on — 22 April 1918

## D

Gen. Maj. Rudolf Dänner awarded on — 26 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Victor Dallmer awarded on — 26 April 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 8 June 1918.  
Maj. Gustav Dammann awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Johannes von Dassel awarded on — 25 Oct 1918  
Gen. Inf. Bertold von Deimling awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916  
Maj. Walter von Delius awarded on — 20 Jan. 1918  
Lt. Friedrich Wilhelm Dernen awarded on — 29 Aug. 1918  
Maj. Arnold von Detten awarded on — 27 Aug 1918  
Maj. Kurt von Dewiss awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Gen. Lt. Karl Diessenbach awarded on — 26 April 1917

Gen. Maj. Otto Freiherr von Diepenbroick-Grüter awarded on — 13 June 1918  
Maj. Wilhelm von Ditsurth awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Gen. Maj. Wilhelm von Dommers awarded on — 18 June 1918  
Lt. Col. Georg Dorndorf awarded on — 1 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Hermann Drechsel awarded on — 3 April 1918  
Gen. Maj. Hermann von Dresler und Scharsenstein awarded on 8 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Hans von Drigalski awarded on — 28 March 1918  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm von Dücker awarded on — 29 Aug. 1918

## E

Gen. Inf. Johannes von Eben awarded on 7 Oct. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 8 June 1918.  
Gen. Inf. Magnus von Eberhardt awarded on 20 May 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 22 Sept. 1917.  
Lt. Col. Gottfried Edelbüttel awarded on 12 Oct. 1917  
Lt. Col. Franz Freiherr von Edelsheim awarded on — 4 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. Ralph von Egidy awarded on — 31 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Oskar von Ehrenthal awarded on — 15 June 1917  
Gen. Col. Hermann von Eichhorn awarded on — 18 Aug 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 28 Sept. 1915.  
Gen. Col. Karl von Einem awarded on — 16 March 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 17 Oct. 1916.  
Gen. Inf. Karl Ludwig d'Elsa awarded on 1 Sept. 1916  
Gen. Lt. Hugo Eistermann von Elster awarded on 22 Sept. 1917  
Gen. Otto von Emmich awarded on — 7 Aug. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 14 May 1915.  
Gen. Lt. Siegfried Freiherr von Ende awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917  
Gen. Lt. Nikolaus Ritter von Endres awarded on 17 April 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 4 Aug. 1918.  
Gen. Lt. George von Engelbrechten awarded on — 8 July 1918  
Col. Franz Ritter von Epp awarded on — 29 May 1918  
Gen. Maj. Hans von der Esch awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. Friedrich Freiherr von Esebeck awarded on — 3 April 1918  
Gen. Lt. Ludwig von Estorff awarded on — 6 Sept 1917  
Gen. Lt. Günter von Etzel awarded on — 4 Aug. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 Oct. 1918.  
Maj. Siegfried Graf zu Eulenburg awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 4 Sept. 1918.

## F

Gen. Inf. Max von Fabeck awarded on — 23 Aug. 1915  
Gen. Col. Ludwig Freiherr von Falkenhausen awarded on — 23 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 15 April 1916.  
Maj. Alexander von Falkenhausen awarded on — 7 May 1918  
Gen. Inf. Erich von Falkenhayn awarded on — 16 Feb. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 June 1915.  
Gen. Cav. Eugen von Falkenhayn awarded on — 28 Aug. 1915. He  
Gen. Inf. Karl von Fasbender awarded on — 13 Sept. 1916  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm Faupel awarded on — 8 June 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 4 Aug. 1918.  
Gen. Maj. Bernhard Graf Finck von Finckenstein awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Kurt Fischer awarded on — 4 Nov. 1917  
Col. Udo von Fischer awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Gen. Lt. Paul Fleck awarded on — 16 March 1915  
Lt. Col. Ernst Freiherr von Forstner awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 17 June 1918.  
Lt. Col. Frahnert awarded on — 4 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Inf. Hermann von Francois awarded on — 14 May 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 July 1917.  
Gen. Art. Adolf Franke awarded on — 18 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Hans von Frankenberg u. Ludwigsdorf awarded on — 5 July 1918  
Maj. Rudolf Frantz awarded on — 25 July 1917  
Gen. Lt. Erich Freyer awarded on — 17 April 1918  
Capt. Karl von Freyhold awarded on — 14 June 1918  
Gen. Lt. Friedrich von Friedeburg awarded on — 20 Sept. 1918  
Maj. Karl Friderici awarded on — 30 June 1918

Gen. Lt. Albert Hermann von Fritsch awarded on — 3 Sept. 1918  
Maj. Lothar Fritsch awarded on — 6 May 1918  
Col. Georg Frotscher awarded on — 5 May 1918  
Gen. Lt. Georg Fuchs awarded on — 18 Aug. 1917

## G

Gen. Maj. Arthur von Gabain awarded on — 8 Nov. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 17 April 1918.  
Capt. Gabcke awarded on — 1 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Hans Gaede awarded on — 25 Aug. 1915  
Maj. Erich Gaertner awarded on — 8 Nov 1918  
Gen. Art. Max von Gallwitz awarded on — 24 July 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 28 Sept. 1915.  
Gen. Lt. Otto von Garnier awarded on — 17 Oct. 1916  
Gen. Inf. George von Gayl awarded on — 8 May 1918  
Capt. Wilhelm von Gazen gen. Gaza awarded on — 24 Nov 1917  
Gen. Cav. Ludwig Freiherr von Gebattel awarded on — 4 Oct. 1916  
Maj. Ullrich von Germar awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Gen. Inf. Friedrich von Gerok awarded on — 7 July 1915  
Oberlt. Daniel Gerth awarded on — 1 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm Graf von Gluszewski-Kwilicki awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm von Goerne awarded on — 20 May 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 Aug. 1918.  
Capt. Martin Goesch awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Maj. Georg von Götz awarded on — 17 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. August von Götzen awarded on — 11 Sept. 1916  
Gen. Maj. Rüdiger Graf von der Goltz awarded on — 15 May 1918  
Gen. Lt. Friedrich von Gontard awarded on — 9 April 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 4 Aug. 1918.  
Gen. Inf. Konrad von Gossler awarded on — 10 Aug. 1916  
Capt. Wolff von Graeffendorff awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Capt. Wilhelm Edler von Graeve awarded on — 8 Nov. 1918  
Maj. Kurt von Greiff awarded on — 9 June 1918  
Gen. Maj. Wilhelm von Groddeck awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Gen. Maj. Wilhelm Groener awarded on — 11 Sept. 1915  
Gen. Art. Hans von Gronau awarded on — 4 Oct. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 6 Aug. 1918.  
Capt. Theodor Groeppe awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Lt. Col. Hans von Gothe awarded on — 2 Nov. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Paul Grünert awarded on — 3 May 1918  
Maj. Ernst Gruson awarded on — 6 July 1918  
Maj. Erich Gudowius awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Erich von Gründell awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916  
Gen. Inf. Hans von Guretzky-Cornitz awarded on — 9 March 1916

## H

Lt. Col. Friedrich Ritter von Haack awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm von Hassy awarded on — 6 June 1918  
Maj. Heinrich Freiherr von Hadeln awarded on — 26 Aug. 1917  
Capt. Siegfried Haenicke awarded on — 14 June 1918  
Fld. Marshall Gottlieb Graf von Haeseler awarded on — 22 March 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 22 March 1915.  
Maj. Wilhelm Hagedorn awarded on — 30 July 1917  
Maj. Karl von Hagen awarded on — 8 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Oskar von Hahnke awarded on — 8 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Ernst Hammacher awarded on — 31 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Rudolph Hammer awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Hans von Hammerstein-Gesmold awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Lt. Col. Frithjof Freiherr von Hammerstein-Gesmold awarded on — 1 Nov. 1918  
Capt. Karl Hansen awarded on — 8 Nov 1918  
Maj. Georg von Harder awarded on — 25 Aug. 1918

Lt. Col. Otto Hasse awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 12 May 1918.  
Maj. Wilhelm Haupt awarded on — 18 Aug. 1918  
Capt. Hans-Joachim Haupt awarded on — 16 March 1916  
Lt. Col. Ludwig Hauss awarded on — 11 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Walter von Haxthausen awarded on — 13 June 1918  
Gen. Col. Josias von Heeringen awarded on — 28 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 28 Aug. 1916.  
Maj. Franz Heinrigs awarded on — 8 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Siegfried von Held awarded on — 7 Nov. 1918  
Col. Emil Hell awarded on — 21 Sept. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Jan. 1918.  
Lt. Col. Hans Ritter von Hemmer awarded on — 25 July 1917  
Col. Richard Hentsch awarded on — 23 Sept 1917  
Maj. Ferdinand Herold awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917  
Lt. Col. Adolf Herrgott awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Cav. Friedrich von Hertzberg awarded on — 4 Nov. 1918  
Col. Hans Hesse awarded on — 11 Dec. 1916  
Col. Albert Heuck awarded on — 28 Oct. 1918  
Col. Wilhelm Heye awarded on — 20 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 April 1918.  
Maj. Hubert Heym awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Col. Hans von Heynik awarded on — 3 Dec. 1917  
Lt. Robert Hieronymus awarded on 23 June 1918  
(Hindenburg was awarded Oakleaves on 23 Feb. 1915.)  
Col. Karl Hoerer awarded on — 23 July 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 14 April 1918.  
Gen. Lt. Eberhard von Hofacker awarded on — 26 April 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 24 Nov. 1917.  
Col. Max Hoffmann awarded on 7 Oct. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 25 July 1917.  
Gen. Lt. Max Hofmann awarded on 28 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 5 July 1918.  
Gen. Maj. Heinrich von Hofmann awarded on — 12 Nov 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 18 Sept. 1918.  
Lt. Col. Ernst von Hohnhorst awarded on — 6 May 1918  
Gen. Maj. Ruolf von Horn awarded on — 21 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Otto Freiherr von Hgel awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916  
Gen. Lt. Walter von Hlsen awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Maj. Wilhelm Humser awarded on — 16 May 1918  
Col. Wilhelm Hundrich awarded on — 23 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Friedrich Franz von Huth awarded on — 31 Jan. 1918  
Gen. Oskar von Hutier awarded on — 6 Sept. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 23 March 1918.

## I

Gen. Lt. Emit Ilse awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916

## J

Gen. Inf. Albano von Jacobi awarded on — 12 April 1917  
Col. Georg Johow awarded on — 21 Sept. 1916  
Oberlt. Edgar Josenhanss awarded on — 28 Oct. 1918  
**Lt. Ernst Junger awarded on — 18 Sept 1918-last surviving recipient**

## K

Gen. Maj. Ernst Kabisch awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. Ernst Kaether awarded on — 8 Nov. 1918  
Maj. Hans-Heinrich von Kahlden awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Capt. Konrad Kalau von Hofe awarded on — 23 July 1916

Gen. Inf. Hugo von Kathen awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 Aug. 1917.  
 Maj. Georg Kaulbach awarded on — 2 June 1918  
 Gen. Maj. Wilhelm Kaupert awarded on — 29 Oct. 1918  
 Maj. Karl von Keiser awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
 Lt. Col. Richard von Keiser awarded on — 21 April 1918  
 Lt. Col. Victor Keller awarded on — 27 March 1918  
 Maj. Kewisch awarded on — 4 Aug 1918  
 Gen. Lt. Christoph Ritter von Kiefhaber awarded on — 24 Nov 1917  
 Lt. Col. Paul Kientz awarded on — 16 July 1918  
 Maj. Karl von Kietzell awarded on — 5 July 1918  
 Gen. Inf. Gunther Graf von Kirchbach awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917  
 Gen Art. Hans von Kirchen bach awarded on — 11 Aug. 1916  
 Capt. Heinrich Kirchheim awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918  
 Gen. Lt. Alfred von Kleist awarded on 8 Oct. 1918  
 Maj. Paul Klette awarded on — 21 April 1918  
 Lt. Col. Willi von Kleitz awarded on — 6 Aug. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 15 Aug. 1918.  
 Maj. Hans Kloebe awarded on — 20 Jan. 1918  
 Gen. Col. Alexander von Kluck awarded on 28 March 1915  
 Maj. Robert von Klüber awarded on — 14 June 1917  
 Maj. von Klüfer awarded on — 21 April 1918  
 Gen. Lt. Paul Ritter von Kneussl awarded on — 3 June 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Jan. 1917.  
 Maj. Maximillian von Knoch awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918  
 Maj. Otto Koch awarded on — 21 April 1918  
 Col. Armin Koenenmann awarded on — 28 Nov. 1917  
 Gen. Cav. Götz Freiherr von König awarded on — 23 July 1915  
 Gen. Lt. Robert Kosch awarded on — 20 Feb. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 Nov. 1915.  
 Lt. Col. Konrad Kraehe awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 15 Aug. 1918.  
 Gen. Lt. Konrad Krafft von Dellmensingen awarded on — 7 Sept. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Dec. 1916.  
 Maj. Georg von Kranold awarded on — 1 Sept. 1918  
 Col. Paul Krause awarded on — 1 April 1918  
 Maj. Erich Krebs awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917  
 Col. Friedrich Freiherr Kress von Kressenstein awarded on — 4 Sept. 1917  
 Gen. Maj. Eduard Kreuter awarded on — 14 Oct. 1918  
 Maj. Friedrich von Kriegsheim awarded on — 28 March 1918  
 Gen. Cav. Hans Krug von Nidda awarded on — 7 Oct. 1918  
 Col. Boleslaus von Kuczowski awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
 Capt. Kurt Kühme awarded on — 30 Aug. 1918  
 Gen. Lt. Viktor Kühme awarded on — 11 Dec. 1916  
 Gen. Lt. Hermann von Kuhl awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 20 Dec. 1916.  
 Gen. Maj. Friedrich Kundt awarded on — 12 Oct. 1918

## L

Gen. Cav. Maximilian von Laffert awarded on — 1 Sept. 1916  
 Capt. Otto Lancelle awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
 Maj. Rudolf Lange awarded on — 21 July 1918  
 Gen. Maj. Felix Langer awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 7 Nov. 1918.  
 Maj. Julius von Langsdorff awarded on — 22 April 1918  
 Gen. Inf. Alfred von Larisch awarded on — 25 Aug. 1918  
 Col. Leopold Freiherr von Ledebur awarded on — 29 Aug. 1918  
 Col. Hermann Ritter von Lenz awarded on — 10 April 1918  
 Gen. Maj. Arnold Lequis awarded on — 11 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 5 Dec. 1917.  
 Col. Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck awarded on — 4 Nov. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves 10 Oct. 1917.  
 Gen. Maj. Karl von Lewinski awarded on — 2 May 1917  
 Gen. Inf. Eduard von Liebert awarded on — 6 June 1917  
 Gen. Cav. Otto Liman von Sanders awarded on — 10 Jan. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 10 Jan. 1916.  
 Maj. Wilhelm Lincke awarded on — 12 May 1917

Lt. Otto von der Linde awarded on — 18 Sept. 1914  
Gen. Lt. Arthur von Lindequist awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 7 Nov. 1918.  
Gen. Inf. Alexander von Linsingen awarded on — 14 May 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 July 1915.  
Gen. Lt. Karl Litzmann awarded on — 29 Nov. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 18 Aug. 1915.  
Gen. Inf. Ewald von Lochow awarded on — 14 Jan. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 13 Nov. 1915.  
Gen. Lt. Robert Loeb awarded on — 17 June 1918  
Maj. Gerhard von Löbbecke awarded on — 7 Sept. 1918  
Lt. Col. Eckhart von Loeben awarded on — 30 Sept. 1918  
Col. Friedrich Karl von Lossberg awarded on — 21 Sept. 1918. He was awarded Oakleaves on 24 April 1917.  
Col. Friedrich von Luck awarded on — 29 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Erich Ludendorff awarded on — 22 Aug. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 23 Feb. 1915.  
Lt. Col. Max Ludwig awarded on — 5 July 1918  
Capt. Rudolf Lütters awarded on — 30 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Arthur Freiherr von Lüttwitz awarded on — 8 Nov. 1917.  
Gen. Lt. Walther Freiherr von Lüttwitz awarded on — 24 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 24 March 1918.  
Lt. Col. Kurt Freiherr von Lupin awarded on — 26 March 1918  
Gen. Inf. Moritz Freiherr von Lyncker awarded on — 2 Nov. 1917

## M

Gen. August von Mackensen awarded on — 27 Nov. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 Jun 1915.  
Gen. Maj. Georg Maercker awarded on — 1 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 May 1918.  
Lt. Col. Franz Graf von Magnis awarded on — 4 Sept. 1918  
Lt. Hans Markmann awarded on — 12 Feb. 1918  
Col. Gottfried Markquard awarded on — 27 Sept. 1916  
Gen. Wolf Freiherr Marshall awarded on — 21 Sept 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 6 May 1918.  
Gen. Cav. Georg von der Marwitz awarded on — 7 March 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 14 May 1915.  
Col. Willi Matthiass awarded on — 22 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Robert Matthiass awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Heinrich von Maur awarded on — 20 May 1917  
Gen. Maj. Wilhelm Meckel awarded on — 26 Aug. 1917  
Lt. Col. Carl Merkel awarded on — 3 May 1918  
Capt. Max von Mertens awarded on — 11 Sept. 1918  
Col. Hermann Ritter Mertz von Quirnheim awarded on — 28 March 1918  
Lt. Col. Horst von Metzsch awarded on — 7 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Emil Meyer awarded on — 8 Nov. 1918  
Maj. Friedrich von Miaskowski awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Maj. Leopold Milisch awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Arnold Ritter von Möhl awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Richard Moeller awarded on — 20 May 1917  
Gen. Helmuth von Moltke awarded on — 7 Aug. 1915  
Gen. Lt. Kurt von Morgen awarded on — 1 Dec. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 11 Dec. 1916.  
Maj. Engelbert von Morsbach awarded on — 5 July 1918  
Gen. Lt. Otto von Moser awarded on — 26 April 1917  
Gen. Inf. Bruno von Mudra awarded on — 13 Jan. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 17 Oct. 1916.  
Gen. Maj. Georg Mühry awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Ferdinand Müller awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918  
Maj. Otto Müller awarded on — 17 Sept. 1918  
Maj. Rudolf Müller awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Albert von Mutius awarded on — 4 Sept. 1918

## N

Gen. Maj. Karl Nehbel awarded on — 30 Sept. 1918

## O

Capt. Kurt von Osterreich awarded on — 5 June 1918

Gen. Lt. Horst Ritter und Edler von Oetinger awarded on — 26 March 1918

Col. Erich Freiherr von Oldershausen awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 March 1918.

Col. Martin Freiherr von Oldenhausen awarded on — 20 May 1917

Col. Gustav von Oppen awarded on — 1 Nov. 1918

Maj. Wilhelm Oslander awarded on - 6 Nov. 1918

Maj. Martin Otto awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918

Gen. Inf. Adolf von Oven awarded on — 22 Sept. 1918

Gen. Lt. Ernst von Oven awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918

Lt. Col. George von Oven awarded on — 24 July 1917

## P

Col. Leo von Paczynski-Tenczin awarded on — 25 Nov. 1917

Gen. Inf. Günther von Pannewitz awarded on — 13 Sept. 1916

Col. Karl Paulus awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918

Lt. Col. Richard von Pawelfz awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917

Gen. Maj. Axel von Peresdorff awarded on — 22 April 1918

Maj. Hans Petri awarded on — 28 Oct. 1918

Maj. Wilhelm Pfähler awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918

Maj. Clemens Pfafferott awarded on — 30 Oct. 1918

Maj. Benno Pflugradt awarded on — 3 Nov. 1918

Maj. Arthur Pikardi awarded on — 6 July 1918

Maj. Friedrich von Pirscher awarded on — 5 May 1918

Gen. Inf. Horst Edler von der Planitz awarded on — 20 May 1917

Maj. Axel von Platen awarded on — 21 April 1918

Capt. Otto Plath awarded on — 27 Aug. 1918

Capt. Karl von Plehew awarded on — 21 April 1918

Gen. Col. Hans von Plessen awarded on — 24 March 1918

Gen. Inf. Karl Freiherr von Plettenberg awarded on — 14 May 1915

Gen. Inf. Otto von Plüstow awarded on — 11 May 1917

Gen. Maj. Georg Pohlmann awarded on — 4 Oct. 1918

Maj. Karl Ritter von Prager awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917

Capt. Ludwig Freiherr von Preuschen von und zu Liebenstein awarded on — 17 June 1918

Lt. Col. Hans Preusker awarded on — 27 July 1917

Gen. Inf. Wilhelm Crown Prince of the German Empire and of Prussia awarded on — 22 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 8 Sept. 1916.

Col. Prince Eitel Friedrich of Prussia awarded on — 22 March 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 14 May 1915.

Capt. Wilhelm Preusser awarded on — 6 July 1918

Gen. Maj. Kurt Frieherr Prinz von Buchau awarded on — 11 May 1918

Gen. Inf. Kurt von Pritzelwitz awarded on — 12 Jan. 1916

Gen. Lt. Wilhelm von Puttkamer awarded on — 26 Oct. 1918

## Q

Gen. Inf. Ferdinand von Quast awarded on — 11 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 10 April 1918.  
Maj. Kurt Moritz von Quednow awarded on — 30 Aug. 1918

## R

Lt. Kurt Rackow awarded on — 7 June 1916  
Maj. Franz de Rainville awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Otto Ritter von Rauchenberger awarded on — 6 Sept. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 19 Oct. 1918.  
Oberlt. Hans von Ravenstein awarded on — 23 June 1918  
Capt. Armin Reichenbach awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm Reinhard awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917  
Gen. Inf. Walter Reinhardt awarded on — 30 April 1917  
Lt. Col. Hermann Reinicke awarded on — 8 Dec. 1917  
Col. Freiherr von Reitzenstein awarded on — 8 Nov. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Theodor Renner awarded on — 1 Sept. 1918  
Maj. Karl von Rettberg awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Wilhelm Ribbentrop awarded on — 18 Sept. 1918  
Lt. General Manfred Frieher von Richthofen — 18 Jan. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Julius Riemann awarded on — 16 March 1915  
Lt. Peter Rieper awarded on — 7 July 1918  
Lt. Col. Hans Eberhard von Riesenthal awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Col. Siegfried Rodig awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Gen. Maj. Dietrich von Roeder awarded on — 17 April 1918  
Oberlt. Erwin Rommel awarded on — 10 Dec. 1917  
Maj. Berend Roosen awarded on — 9 April 1918  
Maj. Albrecht Freiherr von Rotberg awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Lt. Col. Moritz Rothenbücher awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918  
Lt. Karl Ruthenburg awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Lt. Col. Hermann Rudolph awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Otto Ruhnau awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Lt. Fritz Rümmelein awarded on — 28 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Siegfried Runge awarded on — 30 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Rudolf Rusche awarded on — 4 Nov. 1918  
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## S

Gen. Inf. Ernst II Herzog von Saxony Altenburg awarded on — 30 May 1915  
Capt. Sieghard von Saldern awarded on — 21 May 1918  
Maj. Philipp Sander awarded on — 6 May 1918  
Gen. Maj. Traugott von Sauberzweig awarded on — 6 Sept. 1917  
Capt. Ernst Schaumburg awarded on — 21 April 1918  
Gen. Inf. Reinhard von Scheffer-Boyadel awarded on — 2 Dec. 1914  
Maj. Felix Schelle awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Gen. Inf. Dedo von Schenck awarded on — 2 Oct. 1916  
Maj. Werner Schering awarded on — 3 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Heindrich Schetich awarded on — 8 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Peter Scheunemann awarded on — 1 April 1918  
Maj. Ernst Adolph Alphons Freiherr von Schimmelmänn awarded on — 16 July 1918  
Col. Max-Friedrich von Schlechtendal awarded on — 27 July 1917  
Maj. Walter Freiherr von Schleinitz awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917  
Lt. Col. Heinrich Schmedes awarded on — 5 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Eberhard Graf von Schmettow awarded on — 11 Dec. 1916

Gen. Lt. Egon Graf von Schmettow awarded on — 4 Nov. 1917  
Lt. Col. Hans Schmid awarded on — 27 July 1917  
Gen. Lt. Constantin Schmidt von Knobelsdorf awarded on — 17 Oct. 1915  
Maj. Johann Ritter von Schmidtler awarded on — 26 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Walther Schnieber awarded on — 27 Oct. 1917  
Maj. Rudolf Schniewindt awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Maj. Wilhelm Schniewindt awarded on — 21 May 1918  
Maj. Emil von Schnizer awarded on — 27 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Roderich von Schoeler awarded on — 30 June 1918  
Maj. Albert Schoen awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Ernst von Schönfeldt awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Lt. Ferdinand Schoerner awarded on — 5 Dec. 1917  
Gen. Art. von Scholtz awarded on — 3 Sept. 1915  
Capt. Erich Scholtz awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917  
Gen. Art. Richard von Schubert awarded on — 28 Aug. 1916  
Gen. Lt. Georg von Schüssler awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Ernst Schütz awarded on — 20 May 1917  
Col. Friedrich Graf von der Schulenburg awarded on — 24 April 1917  
Col. Karl Graf von der Schulenburg-Wolfsburg awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917  
Maj. Walter Schultz awarded on — 4 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Col. Adolf Schwab awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Col. Detlof Graf von Schwerin awarded on — 12 June 1918  
Lt. Col. Oskar Schwerk awarded on — 21 Sept. 1916  
Col. Hans von Seeckt awarded on — 14 May 1915  
Maj. Tuft Freidrich von Seelhorst awarded on — 26 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Hans Sehmsdorff awarded on — 17 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Karl Seidel awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Reinhard Seiler awarded on — 31 Jan. 1918  
Col. Fritz von Selle awarded on — 6 Jan. 1918  
Lt. Col. Georg Sick awarded on — 20 May 1917  
Gen. Lt. Ludwig Sieger awarded on — 27 April 1918  
Gen. Inf. Friedrich Sixt von Armin awarded on — 10 Aug. 1916  
Gen. Inf. Franz Freiherr von Soden awarded on — 27 July 1917  
Capt. George Soldan awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Capt. Hans Sottorf awarded on — 1 Nov. 1918  
Maj. Theodor Sproesser awarded on — 10 Dec. 1917  
Gen. Lt. Hermann von Staab awarded on — 11 Dec. 1916  
Lt. Col. Markus Stachow awarded on — 28 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Max Stapff awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917  
Gen. Lt. Hermann von Stein awarded on — 1 Sept. 1916  
Gen. Lt. Freiherr Hermann von Stein awarded on — 20 Aug. 1917  
Maj. Adolf Steinwachs awarded on — 2 May 1917  
Maj. Albrecht Steppuhn awarded on — 17 June 1918  
Gen. Lt. Otto von Steetten awarded on — 22 Sept. 1916  
Gen. Inf. Kuno von Steuben awarded on — 13 Oct. 1915  
Maj. Otto Stobbe awarded on — 6 Nov. 1918  
Lt. Col. Julius von Stoeklern zu Grünholzek awarded on — 23 June 1918  
Capt. Gustav Stoffleth awarded on — 22 Jan 1918  
Gen. Maj. Paulus von Stolzmann awarded on — 7 July 1915  
Maj. Albrecht Graf von Stosch awarded on — 21 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Heinrich Strack awarded on — 30 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Hermann von Strantz awarded on — 22 Aug. 1915  
Maj. Edwin von Stülpnagel awarded on — 4 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Karl von Stumpff awarded on — 22 April 1918  
Lt. Col. Wolff von Stutterheim awarded on — 29 Aug. 1918  
Lt. Col. Hans von Sydow awarded on — 6 Jan. 1918

## T

Gen. Maj. Gerhard Tappen awarded on — 11 Sept. 1915  
Col. Friedrich von Taysen awarded on — 6 Jan. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Theodor Teetzmann awarded on — 11 Oct. 1917  
Capt. Rudolf Teichmann awarded on — 18 May 1918  
Lt. Col. Otto Teschner awarded on — 22 Jan. 1918  
Lt. Col. Wilhelm von Thadden awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917  
Lt. Col. Albrecht von Thaer awarded on — 6 Aug. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Paul Tiede awarded on — 17 April 1918  
Capt. August von Toppelstirch awarded on — 15 Oct. 1918  
Lt. Emil Trebing awarded on — 14 April 1918  
Capt. Walter Trenck awarded on — 15 July 1918  
Lt. Col. Hans von Troilo awarded on — 5 July 1918  
Col. Erich von Tschischwitz awarded on — 9 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Maj. Ludwig Ritter von Tutschek awarded on — 8 Dec. 1917

## U

Gen. Maj. Ernst von Uechtritz und Steinkirch awarded on — 21 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Walter von Unruh awarded on — 21 April 1918

## V

Maj. Hans Peter van Vaernewyck awarded on — 18 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Detlew Vett awarded on — 4 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Alfred von Vollard-Bockelberg awarded on — 4 Nov. 1917  
Maj. von Voss awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917

## W

Gen. Lt. Emil Waldorf awarded on — 1 Nov. 1918  
Col. Curt Freiherr von Wängenheim awarded on — 3 Sept. 1917  
Gen. Lt. Oskar Freiherr von Watter awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917  
Gen. Inf. Theodor Freiherr von Watter awarded on — 1 Sept. 1916  
Lt. Col. Theodor von Weber awarded on — 8 Oct. 1918  
Maj. Fritz Freiherr von Wedekind awarded on — 15 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Maj. Hasso von Wedel awarded on — 27 Aug. 1917  
Gen. Lt. Richard Wellmann awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917  
Capt. Karl von Wenckstern awarded on — 27 Aug. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Karl Ritter von Wenniger awarded on — 1 May 1917  
Col. Hans von Werder awarded on — 3 May 1918  
Maj. Eduard von Westhoven awarded on — 1 April 1918  
Maj. Georg Wetzell awarded on — 11 Dec. 1916  
Gen. Inf. Georg Wichura awarded on — 26 April 1917  
Capt. Hermann Wilck awarded on — 9 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Lt. Adolf Wild von Hohenborn awarded on — 2 Aug. 1915  
Maj. Ludwig Wilhelm Freiherr von Willisen awarded on — 1 Nov. 1917  
Lt. Karl Willweber awarded on — 3 Sept. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Arnold von Winckler awarded on — 27 Nov. 1915

Capt. Eduard Wittekind awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917  
Col. Friedrich Karl von Witzleben awarded on — 23 June 1918  
Capt. Horst von Wolff awarded on — 28 Nov. 1917  
Maj. Siegfried Woltersdorf awarded on — 29 Oct. 1918  
Gen. Inf. Remus von Woyrsch awarded on — 25 Oct. 1914  
Gen. Maj. Ernst von Wisberg awarded on — 8 April 1918  
Maj. Hermann Wülfing awarded on — 30 Oct. 1918  
Field Marshal Duke Albrecht von Württemberg awarded on — 22 Aug. 1915  
Maj. Fritz Wulff awarded on — 8 Oct. 1918  
Capt. Gustav Adolf von Wulffen awarded on — 21 April 1918

## X

Gen. Inf. Oskar Ritter von Xylander awarded on — 20 Aug. 1916

## Y

Maj. Ernst Graf Yorck von Warenburg awarded on — 23 Sept. 1918

## Z

Gen. Maj. Alfred Ziethen awarded on — 14 June 1915  
Lt. Col. Max Zuehmer awarded on — 29 Nov. 1917  
Gen. Hans von Zwehl awarded on — 8 Sept. 1914



# Navy Pour le Merite Winners

## Grand Admirals

Admiral of the Fleet Prince Henry of Prussia awarded on — 1 Aug. 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 24 Jan 1918.  
Admiral of the Fleet Alfred von Tirpitz awarded on — 10 Aug. 1915.

## Admirals

State Sec. Naval Office Eduard von Capelle awarded on — 9 Jan. 1918.  
Chief of Adm. Staff Henning von Holtzendorff awarded on — 22 March 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 1 Feb. 1918.  
Chief of Naval Cabinet Georg von Müller awarded on — 24 March 1918.  
C.I.C. High Seas Fleet Reinhard Scheer awarded on — 5 June 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 1 Feb. 1918.  
Cmdr. Marines-Flander Ludwig von Schroeder awarded on — 20 Oct. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 23 Dec. 1917.  
Cmdr. Marines-Turkey Guido von Usedom awarded on — 5 April 1902. He was awarded Oakleaves on 23 Aug 1915.

## Vice Admirals

Cmdr. III Sqn. Paul Behnke awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917.  
Cmdr. Cruiser-Jutland Franz von Hipper awarded on — 5 June 1916.  
Cmdr. IV Sqn. Erhardt Schmidt awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917.  
Cmdr. Mediterranean Sqn. Wilhelm Souchon awarded on — 29 Oct. 1916.

## Admiral Staff Officers

Head of High Seas Fleet O.D. Capt. Magnus von Levetzow awarded on — 31 Oct. 1917.  
Chief of Staff, H.S.F. Capt. Adolf von Trotha awarded on — 5 June 1916.

## Cruise Commanders

Comdr. Aux. Cruiser MÖWE Korv. Kapt. Nikolas Burggraf & Count of Dohna Schlodien awarded on — 7 March 1916.  
Cmdr. Cruiser EMDEN FregKapt. Karl von Müller awarded on — 19 March 1918.  
Cmdr. Raider WOLF FregKapt. Karl August Nerger awarded on — 24 Feb. 1918.

## Torpedo Boat Flottila Chief

Flottila Chief II KorvKapt. Oskar Heinecke awarded on — 5 March 1918.

## Mine Flottila Chief

FregKapt. Hugo von Rosenbero awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917.

## Commander-in-Chief of U-Boats

Capt. Andrea Michelsen awarded on — 31 May 1918.

## U-Boat Flottila Chief

Flottila Chief-Flander KorvKapt. Karl Bartenbach awarded on — 27 Oct. 1917.

## U-Boat Commanders

KaptLt. Hans Adams of U-82 awarded on — 6 Nov. 1917.  
KaptLt. Lothar von Arnould de la Periere of U-35 awarded on — 11 Oct. 1916  
KaptLt. Walter Forstmann of U-39 awarded on — 12 Aug. 1916.  
KaptLt. Carl-Seigfried Georg of U-101 awarded on — 24 April 1918.  
KaptLt. Kurt Hartwig of U-63 awarded on 3 Oct. 1918.  
OberLt. Heino von Heimburg of UC-22 awarded on — 11 Aug. 1917.  
KaptLt. Otto Hersing of U-21 awarded on — 5 June 1915.  
OberLt. Hans Howalt of UB-40 awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917.  
KaptLt. Paul Hundius of UB-103 awarded on — 18 Aug. 1918.  
KorvKapt. Waldemar Kophamel of U-151 awarded on — 29 Dec. 1917.  
OberLt. Johannes Lohs of UB-57 awarded on — 24 April 1918.  
KaptLt. Wilhelm Marshall of UB-105 awarded on — 4 July 1918.  
KaptLt. Hans von Mellenthin of UB-49 awarded on — 25 Feb, 1918.  
KaptLt. Robert Moraht of U-64 awarded on — 12 Nov. 1917.  
KaptLt. Hans Rose of U-53 awarded on — 20 Dec. 1917.  
OberLt. Reinhold Saltzwedel of UC-71 awarded on — 20 Aug. 1917.  
KaptLt. Otto Schultze of U-63 awarded on — 18 March 1918.  
KaptLt. Walther Schwieger of U-88 awarded on — 30 July 1917.  
KorvKapt. Gustav Siess of U-33 awarded on — 24 April 1918.  
OberLt. Wolfgang Steinbauer of UB-48 awarded on — 3 March 1918.  
KaptLt. Otto Steinbrinck of UB-18 awarded on — 29 March 1916.  
KaptLt. Max Valentiner of U-38 awarded on — 26 Dec. 1916.  
KaptLt. Max Viebeg of UB-80 awarded on — 30 Jan. 1918.  
KaptLt. Erwin Wassner of UB-59 awarded on — 5 March 1918.  
KaptLt. Hans Walther of U-52 awarded on — 9 Jan. 1917.  
KaptLt. Otto Weddigen of U-9 awarded on — 24 Oct. 1914.  
KaptLt. Ralph Wenniger of UB-55 awarded on — 30 March 1918.  
KaptLt. Wilhelm Werner of U-55 awarded on — 18 Aug. 1918.  
KaptLt. Otto Wünsche of U-97 awarded on — 20 Dec. 1917.

## Naval Airship Commanders

Commander of Navy Airships FregKapt. Peter Strasser awarded on 20 Aug. 1917.  
Commander of L-54 KaptLt. Horst Freiherr Treusch von Buttlar-Nbrandenfels awarded on — 9 April 1918.

## Naval Flyers

Cmdr. Zeebrugge Air Stn. OberLt. Friedrich Christiansen awarded on — 11 Dec. 1917. (21 victories)  
Cmdr. 2nd Marine Field Jagdstaffel Leutnant Theo Osterkamp awarded on — 2 Sept. 1918. (32 victories)  
Cmdr. 1st Marine Jagdgeschwader Leutnant Gotthard Sachsenberg awarded on — 5 Aug. 1918. (31 victories)



# Pour le Mérite Winners

## Commanding General

Chief of the Air Service Gen. Ernst von Hoeppner awarded on — 8 April 1917.

## Chief of Staff

Chief of Staff of the Air Service Lt. Col. Hermann Thomsen awarded on — 8 April 1917. He later adopted the last name of von der Lieth-Thomsen, but that was after he received the Pour le Mérite.

## Bomber Leaders

Capt. Ernst Brandenburg awarded on — 14 June 1917.

Capt. Alfred Keller awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917.

Capt. Rudolf Kleine awarded on — 4 Oct. 1917.

Capt. Hermann Köhl awarded on — 20 May 1918.

Capt. Leo Leonhardy awarded on — 2 Oct. 1918.

## Observers

Oberlt. Hermann Fricke awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917.

Leutnant Wilhelm Griebisch awarded on — 30 Sept. 1918.

Capt. Jürgen von Grone awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918.

Oberlt. Erich Homburg awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918.

Oberlt. Hans-Georg Horn awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917.

Lt. Albert Müller-Kahle awarded on — 13 Oct. 1918.

Lt. Friedrich Nielebock awarded on — 2 June 1918.

Oberlt. Paul Freiherr von Pechmann awarded on — 31 July 1917.

Leutnant Wilhelm Paul Schreiber awarded on — 8 June 1918.

## Fighter Pilots

Leutnant Karl Allmenröder awarded on — 14 June 1917. (30 victories)

Oberlt. Ernst Freiherr von Althaus awarded on — 21 July 1916. (9 victories)

Leutnant Paul Bäumer awarded on — 2 Nov. 1918. (43 victories)

**Leutnant Freiherr von Beaulieu-Marconnay awarded on — 26 Oct. 1918. (25 victories)-youngest recipient-awarded posthumous -killed by friendly fire**

Oberlt. Otto Bernert awarded on — 24 April 1917. (27 victories)

Oberlt. Hans Berr awarded on — 4 Dec. 1916. (10 victories)

Oberlt. Rudolf Berthold awarded on — 12 Oct. 1916. (44 victories)

Leutnant Walter Blume awarded on — 30 Sept. 1918. (28 victories)

Leutnant Erwin Böhme awarded on — 24 Nov. 1917. (24 victories)

Leutnant Oswald Boelcke awarded on — 12 Jan. 1916. (40 victories)

Oberlt. Oskar Freiherr von Boenigk awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918. (26 victories)

Leutnant Karl Bolle awarded on — 28 Aug. 1918. (31 victories)

Leutnant Heindrich Bongartz awarded on — 23 Dec. 1917. (33 victories)

Leutnant Julius Buckler awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917. (35 victories)

Capt. Hans Joahim Buddecke awarded on — 14 April 1916. (13 victories)

Leutnant Franz Büchner awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918. (40 victories)

Leutnant Walter Bülow awarded on — 8 Oct. 1917. (28 victories)  
Leutnant Carl Degelow awarded on — 9 Nov. 1918. (30 victories)  
Leutnant Albert Dossenbach awarded on — 11 Nov. 1916. (15 victories)  
Oberlt. Eduard Ritter von Dostler awarded on — 6 Aug. 1917. (26 victories)  
Leutnant Wilhelm Frankl awarded on — 12 Aug. 1916. (19 victories)  
Oberlt. Hermann Göring awarded on — 2 June 1918. (22 victories)  
Leutnant Heinrich Gontermann awarded on — 14 May 1917. (39 victories)  
Oberlt. Robert Ritter von Griem awarded on — 8 Oct. 1918. (25 victories)  
Leutnant Walter Höhdorf awarded on — 20 July 1916. (12 victories)  
Leutnant Max Immelmann awarded on — 12 Jan. 1916. (15 victories)  
Leutnant Josef Jacobs awarded on — 18 July 1918. (41 victories)  
Leutnant Hans Kirschstein awarded on — 24 June 1918. (27 victories)  
Leutnant Otto Kissenberth awarded on — 30 June 1918. (19 victories)  
Leutnant Hans Klein awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917. (22 victories)  
Leutnant Otto Könnecke awarded on — 26 Sept 1918. (33 victories)  
Leutnant Heinrich Kroll awarded on — 29 March 1918. (30 victories)  
Leutnant Artur Laumann awarded on — 25 Oct. 1918. (26 victories)  
Leutnant Gustav Leffers awarded on — 5 Nov. 1916. (9 victories)  
Oberlt. Bruno Loerzer awarded on — 12 Feb. 1918. (41 victories)  
Leutnant Erich Lowenhardt awarded on — 31 May 1918 (53 victories)  
Capt. Carl Menckhoff awarded on — 23 April 1918. (39 victories)  
Oberlt. Max Ritter von Müller awarded on — 3 Sept. 1917. (36 victories)  
Leutnant Max Ritter von Mulzer awarded on — 8 July 1916. (10 victories)  
Leutnant Ulrich Neckel awarded on — 8 Nov. 1918. (30 victories)  
Leutnant Otto Parschau awarded on — 10 July 1916. (8 victories)  
Leutnant Fritz Pütter awarded on — 31 May 1918. (25 victories)  
Leutnant Lothar Freiherr von Richthofen awarded on — 14 May 1917. (40 victories)  
Leutnant Manfred Freiherr von Richthofen awarded on — 12 Jan. 1917. (80 victories)  
Leutnant Fritz Ritter von Röth awarded on — 8 Sept. 1918. (28 victories)  
Leutnant Fritz Rumey awarded on — 10 July 1918. (45 victories)  
Leutnant Karl-Emil Schaefer awarded on — 26 April 1917. (30 victories)  
Oberlt. Eduard Ritter von Schleich awarded on — 4 Dec. 1917. (35 victories)  
Leutnant Karl Thom awarded on — 1 Nov. 1918. (27 victories)  
Leutnant Emil Thuy awarded on — 30 June 1918. (32 victories)  
Oberlt. Adolf Ritter von Tutschek awarded on — 3 Aug. 1917. (27 victories)  
Leutnant Ernst Udet awarded on — 9 April 1918. (62 victories)  
Leutnant Josef Veltjens awarded on — 16 Aug. 1918. (34 victories)  
Leutnant Werner Voss awarded on — 8 April 1917. (48 victories)  
Capt. Franz Walz awarded on — 9 Aug. 1918. (7 victories)  
Leutnant Rudolf Windisch awarded on — 6 June 1918. (22 victories)  
Leutnant Kurt Wintgens awarded on — 1 July 1916. (18 victories)  
Oberlt. Kurt Wolff awarded on — 4 May 1917. (33 victories)  
Leutnant Kurt Wüsthoff awarded on — 22 Nov. 1917. (27 victories)

\*\*\* Not all pilots were part of the Air Service. Some were in the Navy. \*\*\*



# Foreign Pour le Merite Awards

## Austrian-Hungarian

Emperor Franz Josef awarded on — 27 Aug. 1914. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 Aug. 1914.

Emperor Karl I awarded on — 20 May 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 6 Dec. 1916.

GenLt. Artur Arz von Straussen-Burg awarded on — 28 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 6 Aug. 1917.

GenMaj. Dr. Bardolff awarded on — 27 July 1917.

GenCol. Eduard von Boehm-Ermolli awarded on — 7 Oct. 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 27 July 1918.

GenCol. Svetozar Boroevic von Bojna awarded on — 3 Nov. 1917.

GenCol. Erstherzog Eugene awarded on — 23 May 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 3 Nov. 1917.

Field Mashall Erstherzog Friedrich awarded on — 12 May 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 4 Jan. 1918.

GenCol. Erstherzog Joseph awarded on — 30 March 1917. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 March 1918.

GenInf. Hermann Koevess von Koevesshaza awarded on — 4 Dec. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves 26 March 1918.

GenInf. Alfred Krauss awarded on — 12 Nov. 1917.

LtCol. Rudolph Popelka awarded on — 11 Oct. 1918.

GenMaj. Frieher von Waldstatten awarded on — 3 Nov. 1917.

GenCol. Franz Conrad von Hotzendorf awarded on — 12 May 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 26 Jan. 1917.

## Bulgarian

King Ferdinand I awarded on — 8 Sept 1916. He was awarded Oakleaves on 8 Sept. 1916.

King Boris III awarded on — 26 Oct. 1916.

GenLt. Nikolaus Jekow awarded on — 18 Jan. 1916.

Gen. Todorow awarded on — 14 Oct. 1917.

## Turkish

GenLt. Enver-Pascha awarded on — 23 Aug. 1915. He was awarded Oakleaves on 10 Jan 1916.

GenLt. Djemal-Pascha awarded on — 4 Sept. 1917.