

RECRUITING SOLDIERS INTO THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARMY

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Use of the massive regimental military records collection microfilmed by the Family History Library at the War Archives in Vienna depends to a large extent on determining the name of the regiment in which a soldier served. There are indexes for locating officers, but not for enlisted men. Finding the name of the regiment into which a soldier enlisted is critical to finding his muster and service record.

Soldiers were recruited and enlisted by regiments that had permission to recruit in specific geographical locations throughout the vast empire. The infantry regiments were the primary recruiters, although other types of military units also recruited soldiers directly.

A useful tool which shows the locations of regiments stationed throughout the empire is the Location Index for the Imperial Austrian Army and Navy Troops. ***Dislokations-Verzeichnis des k.u.k. Heeres und der k.u.k. Marine, 1649-1914*** / Otto Kasperkovitz, 1969. 320 p. (Film # 1186632 item 1). The *Location Index* shows where regiments, battalions, etc. were garrisoned or stationed. If a soldier was married the events of baptism, marriage or burial for family members may have been recorded in the records of the garrison location.

Essential Recruitment Location charts are found in Alphons Wrede's History of the Austrian and Austro-Hungarian Armed Forces: *Geschichte der k. und k. Wehrmacht*. Wien: L. W. Seidel & Sohn, 1898-1909. 6 vols. (Film #1186632-1186633). The primary chart is called: ***Uebersicht der Werb- (Ergänzungs-) Bezirks-Eintheilung von 1781 bis 1889***. It is found in Vol 1, p.114. The charts show regimental recruiting area assignments over an extended period of time.

An expanded version of these charts is found in the following table. This table lists the names of political districts throughout the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the number of the infantry regiment that had permission to recruit there at the time periods indicated. **These Infantry regiments were the primary recruiters.** A few other units that recruited directly were the Kriegs-Marine [K-M], the Jäger-Regiment [J-R], and the Kaiser-Jäger [K-J].

The Austrian portion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire included Bohemia (Böhmen), Bucovina (Bukowina), Carinthia (Kärnten), Carniola (Krain), Coastland (Küstenland), Dalmatia (Dalmatien), Galicia (Galizien), Lower Austria (Niederösterreich), Moravia (Mähren), Salzburg, Silesia (Schlesien), Styria (Steiermark), Tyrol (Tirol), Upper Austria (Oberösterreich) and Vorarlberg).

AUSTRIA

STATE	DISTRICT	1781	1807	1817	1830	1853	1857	1860	1867	1883
Böhmen	Beraun	54	47	28	28	28	28	28	28	88
Böhmen	Bidšow	21	18	18	.	.	.	74	74	74
Böhmen	Budweis	10	54	54	11	11	11	11	11	91
Böhmen	Bunzlau	18	17	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Böhmen	Časlau	28	28	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Böhmen	Chrudim	15	28	21	21	21	21	21	21	98
Böhmen	Eger	42	42	42	42	42	42	73	73	73
Böhmen	Kauřim	11	11	11	11	11	11	.	.	102
Böhmen	Klattau	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Böhmen	Königgrätz	57	21	.	18	18	18	18	18	18
Böhmen	Leitmeritz	17	86	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Böhmen	Pilsen	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Böhmen	Prachín	25	25	25	25	11	11	11	11	11
Böhmen	Rakonitz	47	47	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Böhmen	Saaz	36	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	92
Böhmen	Tabor	10	54	54	11	11	11	75	75	75
Bukowina	Bukowina	42	.	.	41	41	41	41	41	41
Dalmatien	Dalmatien	.	.	.	.	K-M	K-M	K-M	K-M	22
Galizien	Bochnia	15, 47	12, 57	56	56	56	56	20	20	20
Galizien	Brzeżany	16, 29	24	24	24	24	58	55	55	55
Galizien	Czortków	27, 49	41	41	.	.	24	58	.	95
Galizien	Jasło	13, 36	40, 20	10	40	40	40	40	40	90
Galizien	Kolomea	.	41	41	24	24	24	24	24	24
Galizien	Krakau	.	38	.	.	.	56	56	13	13

STATE	DISTRICT	1781	1807	1817	1830	1853	1857	1860	1867	1883
Mähren	Olmütz (Ober)	12	12	12	54	54	54	54	54	54
Mähren	Olmütz (Unter)	1	15	12	54	54	54	54	54	93
Mähren	Prerau	7	7, 1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Mähren	Znaim	22	22	8	8	8	8	8	8	99
Nieder Österreich	Marchland	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Nieder Österreich	Ober Mannhartsberg	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14, 49
Nieder Österreich	Ober Wiener Wald	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
Nieder Österreich	Unter Mannhartsberg	3, 23	3	3	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4	3, 4
Nieder Österreich	Unter Wiener Wald (östlich)	24	4	4	4	49	49	49	49	84
Nieder Österreich	Unter Wiener Wald (westlich)	4	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	84
Nieder Österreich	Wien	24	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ober Österreich	Hausruck	59	59	59	59	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59
Ober Österreich	Inn	50	14	14	14	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59	14, 59
Ober Österreich	Mühl	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Ober Österreich	Traun	59	59	59	59	59, 14	59, 14	59, 14	59, 14	59, 14
Salzburg	Salzburg	.	45	59	59	59	59	59	59	59

STATE	DISTRICT	1781	1807	1817	1830	1853	1857	1860	1867	1883
Schlesien	Teschen	56	56	57	29	1	1	1	1	100
Schlesien	Troppau	20	20, 57	57	29	1	1	1	1	1
Steiermark	Bruck an der Mur	45	45, 27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Steiermark	Cilli	16	16	47	47	47	47	47	47	87
Steiermark	Graz	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Steiermark	Judenburg	45	45, 27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Steiermark	Marburg	45, 27	27	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
Tirol	Tirol	46	J-R	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J
Vorarlberg	Vorarlberg	46, 41	J-R	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J	K-J

*Includes K-M: Kriegs-Marine, J-R: Jäger-Regiment, K-J: Kaiser-Jäger.

HUNGARY

(The Hungarian portion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire included counties in traditional Hungary as well as counties in the Banat, Croatia, Slavonia, and Transylvania).

County	1781	1801 (1798)	1809	1817	1853 (1851)	1857	1860	1867	1873	1883
Abauj-Torna	19	19	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Alsó-Fehér (Unter Weissenburg)	31	31	31	31	50	50	50	50	50	50, 31, 64
Arad-Zaránd	37	.	61	.	.	33	33	33	33	33
Árva	19	60	32	.	.	56	70	.	.	71
Bács-Bodrog Zombor	52	.	52	.	6	6	23	23	23	33, 23
Bács-Bodrog- Szabadka (Maria- Theresiopel)	52	.	52	.	.	.	.	.	.	86

County	1781	1801 (1798)	1809	1817	1853 (1851)	1857	1860	1867	1873	1883
Bács-Bodrog- Ujvidék (Neusatz)	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	6	6	6
Baranya	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Bars	33	33	33	33	25	25	25	26	26	26
Békés	52	.	37	.	46	46	46	46	46	37, 101
Belovár-Körös	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	16
Bereg	39	62	34	.	5	5	65	65	65	65
Besztercze- Naszód	51	51	51	51	51	51	63	63	63	63
Bihar-Nord	37	37	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Bihar-Süd	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Borsod	32	.	34	34	60	60	60	34	60	34, 60
Brassó	31	31	31	62	31	2	2	2	2	2
Csanád	52	.	37	.	46	46	46	46	46	46, 101
Csík	51	51	51	62	62	.	.	.	.	82
Csongrád	52	.	37	.	46	46	46	46	46	46, 101
Esztergom (Gran)	33	33	19	19	19	32	69	26	26	26
Fejér (Stuhl- weissenburg)	34	1	19	19	33	32	69	69	69	69
Fiume										
Fiume	.	.	.	.	.	17	.	.	79	96
Fogaras	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Gömör	19	19	60	.	60	60	34	25	25	25
Győr (Raab)	34	34	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Hajdu (Haydnek)	19	.	39	39	.	.	.	79	39	39

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Háromszék	31	31	31	62	31	2	2	2	2	2
Heves	32	.	32	.	60	60	60	60	60	60
Hont	33	33	33	33	25	25	25	26	26	26
Hunyad	51	51	51	.	50	50	64	64	64	64
Jász-Nagy-Kun (Jazygien)	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	38	38	38, 68
Kis-Küküllő	51	51	51	51	.	51	51	51	51	51
Kolosz	51	51	51	51	.	51	51	51	51	51, 62
Komárom (Komorn)	34	34	19	19	19	12	12	12	12	12
Krassó- Szörény	37	61	61	61	61	61	43	43	43	43, 83
Kumanie	32	32	.	.	.	46	68	38	68	68
Lika-Krbava	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79	79
Liptó (Liptau)	19	60	32	.	.	56	70	.	.	67
Máramaros	39	.	.	.	5	5	66	66	66	66, 85
Máros-Torda	51	51	51	62	62	62	62	62	62	62
Modruš-Fiume	.	.	.	.	.	17	.	.	79	96
Moson	34	34	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Nagy-Küküllő	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31, 2
Nógrád (Neograd)	.	.	32	.	.	.	25	25	25	25, 60
Nyitra (Neutra)	2	2	2	2	2	4	72	72	72	72
Pest & Ofen	32	32	.	.	.	32	33	33	32	32
Pest-Pilis	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Pest-Solt	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	38	38
Pozsega (Požega)	53	53	53	53	53	53	78	78	78	78
Pozsony (Pressburg)	2	2	2	2	2	4	72	72	72	72

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Sáros	19	.	60	60	12	20, 46	67	67	67	67
Somogy	52	52	52	52	52	48	44	44	44	44
Sopron (Oedenburg)	34	48	48	48	48	49	76	76	76	76
Szabolcs	39	39, 62	39	.	.	39	5	5	5	5, 65
Szatmár	39	39, 62	39	.	.	39	5	5	5	5
Szeben	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31, 64
Szepes (Zips)	19	.	60	60	12	20, 46	67	67	67	67
Szerém (Syrmien)	53	53	53	53	53	53	78	78	70	70
Szilágy	51	51	51	51	.	51	51	51	51	51
Szolnok (Jász- Nagy-Kun-)	34	1	19	19	33	32	68	68	68	68
Szolnok- Doboka	51	51	51	51	51	51	63	63	63	63
Temes	37	61	61	61	.	.	61	61	61	61, 83, 33
Tolna	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52, 69, 44
Torda-Aranyos	31	31	31	31	50	50	50	50	50	50, 62
Torontál	37	61	61	61	29	29	29	29	29	29, 83, 61
Trencsén (Trenschin)	2	60	2	2	2	3	71	71	71	71
Turócz	2	60	2	2	2	3	71	71	71	71
Udvárhely	51	51	51	62	62	.	.	.	.	82

County	1781	1801 (1798)	1809	1817	1853 (1851)	1857	1860	1867	1873	1883
Ugocsa	39	62	34	.	5	5	65	65	65	85, 65
Ung	39	39	34	.	.	34	66	66	66	66
Varasd (Warasdin)	53	53	53	53	53	47	53	53	53	53
Vas (Eisenburg)	34	48	48	48	48	48	48	16	48	83, 76, 48
Veröcze	53	53	53	53	53	53	78	78	78	78
Veszprém (Veszprim)	34	34	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Zágráb (Agram)	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53, 96
Zala	34	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
Zemplén	39	39	34	.	.	34	66	66	66	66, 65
Zólyom (Zohler)	33	33	33	33	25	25	70	70	25	25

Former Recruiting Territories in Italy, Belgium, Poland, and Germany:

ITALY

(Italian areas included Lombardy and Venice regions)

Province	1781	1801 (1798)	1809	1817	1853 (1851)	1857	1860
Bergamo	48	.	.	38	43	43	.
Brescia	48	.	.	38	38	38	.
Como	44	.	.	43	55	55	.
Cremona	48	.	.	38	38	38	.
Lodi	44	.	.	23	23	23	.
Mailand (Milano)	44	.	.	44	44	44	.
Mantua (Mantova)	48	.	.	38	38	38	.

Province	1781	1801 (1798)	1809	1817	1853 (1851)	1857	1860
Sondrio	44	.	.	43	55	55	.
Friaul (Friuli)	.	13	.	26	26	26	26, 79
Padua (Padova)	.	63	.	13	13	13	13
Rovigo	.	63	.	13	13	13	38
Treviso	.	44	.	16	16	16	16
Udine	.	13	.	26	26	26	26, 79
Venedig (Venezia)	.	44	.	16	16	16	16
Verona	.	46	.	45	45	45	45
Vicenza	.	46	.	45	45	45	80

BELGIUM

Region		1781		
Austrian Netherlands		9, 30, 38, 55, 58	.	.

POLAND

REGION	DISTRICT	1781	1807	
West Galizien	Kielce-Siedlec	.	38	.
West Galizien	Lublin	.	55	.
West Galizien	Radom	.	50	.
West Galizien	Zamosć	1, 12	23	.

GERMANY

Region	District	1781		
Vorder-Österreich	Breisgau, Ortenau, Nellenburg	41	.	.