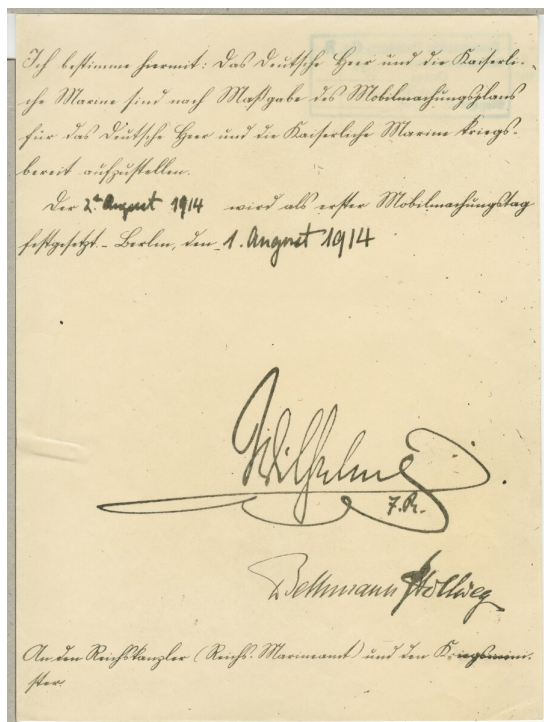


The Kaiser's Order for German Mobilization (August 1, 1914)

Abstract

Wilhelm II ordered the mobilization of German troops after the Russians mobilized their army against the Austro-Hungarian Empire on July 31, 1914. The order was given on August 1, 1914; three days later German troops marched into Belgium, and Great Britain declared war on Germany. The First World War had begun. The mobilization order reads: "I herewith decree: The German Army and the Imperial Navy are to be made ready for war in accordance with the mobilization plans for the German Army and the Imperial Navy. / August 2, 1914, will be set as the first day of mobilization, Berlin, August 1, 1914. / Wilhelm / Bethmann Hollweg / To the Imperial Chancellor, Imperial Admiralty, and the Minister of War."

Source



Source: Kaiser Wilhelm's order for Mobilization, August 2, 1914. Bundesarchiv RH 18/2479, <https://invenio.bundesarchiv.de/invenio/direktlink/fbfdad6b-7e1b-4a6c-8bc2-f8b7da2f733c/>

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