

# Banner of the Prussian 1. Garde-Regiment zu Fuß

## Introduction



*Standard bearer with battalion flag of the 1st Guards Regiment on foot.*

What can't be gained from buying a book and reviewing it... The cover image of the book *The Advance from Mons 1914 - The Experiences of a German Infantry Officer* by Walter Bloem contains an exciting drawing of German infantry from 1914; the picture is reproduced in a larger format in my article *German organization and uniforming in 1914*.

With good help from Niels Blangsted-Jensen, the flag has already been identified as belonging to the 1st Guards Regiment. zu Fuß, but a few illustrations of the regimental banners can now be presented thanks to Robert Hall and Torstein Snorrason.

## 1st Guards Regiment on foot

The image is from a postcard from the Schild Verlag kindly provided by Robert Hall together with the following data (from the back?):

*"Stiftungstag: 11.08.1688: Garnison Potsdam. Traditionsverbände: Reichswehr.:1./9. (Pr.) IR; Wehrmacht.: R. St., 13., 14.,/IR 9 - Potsdam."*

På hjemmesiden Association Historical Uniforms of the German Empire 1871-1918 finds en meget

interesting discussion of the history of the regiment - from its creation in 1688 to the later fate of the banners after 1945.

The following explanation is attached to the term Traditionsverbände : The German army of the Weimar Republic - Reichsheer - which, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, was only allowed to include 100,000 men, continued from 1921 the traditions of the army of the former empire. The old army's many units were linked to the new army's units, so that each unit had its own tradition to carry on. Certain units were also authorized to carry the old army flags, which were now referred to as traditional flags.



*Life flag of the 1st Foot Guard Regiment 1910.*  
ALVA cigarettes card, No. 182 i series  
*flag and standard bearer.*  
Image courtesy of Robert Hall.



*Life flag of the 1st Foot Guard Regiment 1910.*

Cigarette card from another company.

The image comes from the website Militär-  
Formationsgeschichte- Deutschlands.

Se f.eks. Regular Units - Imperial Army af Shawn Bohannon.

With regard to the 1st Guard Regiment of Foot, it now became the 1st Company of the 9th (Preußische) Infanterie-Regiment, which carried on the traditions. When the Armed Forces were established on 20 May 1935, the traditions were continued by the regimental staff as well as the 13th (infantry cannon company) and 14th Company (tank company).

## **Closing**

I thank everyone involved for their assistance.

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