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BArch Bundesarchiv, Berlin
BfZ Bibliothek für Zeitgeschichte, Stuttgart
CAC Cathedral Archives, Coventry
CROC County Record Office, Cambridge
CUL Cambridge University Library
CWGC Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Maidenhead
EROC Essex Record Office, Colchester
GStAPK Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin
HStAS Hauptstaatsarchiv Stuttgart
IWM Imperial War Museum, London
KCMAC King’s College Modern Archives Centre, Cambridge
LCL Leeds Central Library
NIWM National Inventory of War Memorials at the Imperial War Museum, London
NRO Norfolk Record Office, Norwich
PRO Public Record Office, The National Archives, Kew
SROI Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich
StA Staatsarchiv
StAA Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv Aurich
StAB Staatsarchiv Bremen
StAMS Nordrhein-Westfälisches Staatsarchiv Münster
StdA Stadtarchiv
StdAD Stadtarchiv Düsseldorf
StdADO Stadtarchiv Dortmund
StdAE Stadtarchiv Essen
StdAH Stadtarchiv Hagen
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