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AA	Auswärtiges Amt
ADM	Admiralty
BA	Bundesarchiv
BA-FA	Bundesarchiv-Filmarchiv, Berlin
BA-MA	Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv, Freiburg
<i>BD</i>	<i>British Documents on the Origins of the War</i>
BfZ	Bibliothek für Zeitgeschichte, Württembergische Landesbibliothek, Stuttgart
BPH	Brandenburg-Preußisches Hausarchiv
CLRO	Corporation of London Record Office, London Metropolitan Archives
CRO	Cumbria Record Office, Barrow-in-Furness
CUL	Cambridge University Library
<i>DDF</i>	<i>Documents Diplomatiques Françaises 1871–1914</i>
FAH	Familienarchiv Hügel, Krupp, Essen
FO	Foreign Office
GBRC	Glasgow Business Records Centre
GCA	Glasgow City Archives
<i>GP</i>	<i>Die Große Politik der Europäischen Kabinette 1871–1914</i>
GStA PK	Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin
HA	Historisches Archiv
Hansard	Hansard Parliamentary Debates
HO	Home Office
IWM	Imperial War Museum, London
LA	Landesarchiv
<i>MVBl</i>	<i>Marineverordnungsblatt</i>
NAA	National Archives Australia
NID	Naval Intelligence Department
NFTVA	National Film and Television Archive, British Film Institute, London
NL	Nachlass
NMM	National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

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PFDP	Pescott Frost Collection of Dockyard Photographs, Portsmouth Central Library
PGO	Portsmouth General Order
PP	Politische Polizei
PRO	Public Record Office (now: The National Archives), Kew
RA	Royal Archives, Windsor
RMA	Reichsmarineamt
RNM	Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth
StA	Staatsarchiv
StadtA	Stadtarchiv
<i>Sten. Ber.</i>	<i>Stenographische Berichte über die Verhandlungen des Reichstages</i>
TWAS	Tyne and Wear Archive Services, Newcastle