

Table 1. Collected data

Source	Type	Count	Purpose
P	Autobiography	1	- First-hand report - Detailed personal description
P	Official documents (military reports)	4	- Description of course of action - Argumentation, how fraternizing was justified and reported
P	Private papers (letters, diaries)	19	- Usually letters to family and relatives at home that describe very personal and specific incidents at specific sections at the front - Give an insight at conditions and feelings
P	Newspaper reports	25	- Cautious reports in the beginning - Reprinted letters - Documentation of many photos
P	Archival audio records	21 (89h)	- Post-war reviewing of temporal witnesses - Partly more detailed questions about the incident
S	Books	13	- Provided an initial overview of events - Present many direct quotes and references
S	Academic articles	5	- Elements (e.g. football matches) of the Christmas Truce are reviewed - Multiple sources are compared with each other and contradictions described - Post-war perception

P = Primary sources; S = Secondary sources