Greetings loyal servants of the Kaiser, and welcome to the Kaiserreich Research Assistance Program!

KRAP was conceived to help the artists of Kaiserreich discover and use sources for the in-game portraits of our beloved leaders and generals. As you may or may not know, finding photos of historical figures for their respective portraits can be quite a challenge. An often large barrier to finding good photos is regional access; our artists, while from a range of different nations, simply are not able to reach every museum, national archive, or corner of the internet that many of these sources hide in. Language and localization alone offer great challenges in finding sources that are online. And, when photos are found, often they can be of abhorrent quality, and extensive AI upscaling is required to make them usable at all. Sometimes stand-ins are even required due to an entire lack of photos for a historical person.

This is where YOU, the devoted members of our Kaiserreich community can help! Below is outlined how you can assist our artists by discovering and submitting photos of these leaders and generals. The KRAP is relying on the collective efforts of hundreds of diverse and multinational Kaiserreich fans to secure the best possible chance for finding photo sources for these portraits. Do not feel obligated to participate or devote extensive amounts of time to the KRAP, our artists already work hard behind the scenes to discover photos wherever possible, this is designed to be supplementary to current artist efforts, to expand the search to areas we never could otherwise reach. Know of a source in a local museum? Great! Able to quickly find a photo for a leader from your country online? Fantastic! Related to one of the leaders and have a family photo? Extremely lucky for us! Anything you do helps.

Expectations, Rules, and Guidelines

If you have decided to join in on this venture, let us say first, thank you! The following are what you need to know before searching for and submitting sources:

1. **This is for fun.** The KR team is built around volunteer work, none of the team members are paid in development of Kaiserreich; do NOT expect any compensation for this work, or any recognition in the credits. We very much appreciate your help, but it must carry the understanding that you do this for the sake of the quality of the mod, the pride in helping our artists will be the only award received.

2. **Please do NOT associate yourself with Kaiserreich when attempting to acquire these sources.** If you contact people or institutions when searching for sources do not say you are doing this for Kaiserreich, or relate your search to us in any way. We trust most of those who participate will be respectful, but you are not representatives of the team, and displaying yourselves as such while acting in an unbecoming manner towards these people or institutions would reflect poorly on us.

3. If you find a photo of the desired person that is unidentified, don't hesitate to submit it! Do your due diligence, but if you are confident that the person in a photo is the person we're looking for, don't hesitate to contribute.

4. Please try your best to only submit photo sources that are of better or comparable quality, or more date accurate to already discovered sources. Below is an example of what we mean:

Currently known source, date: 1940 (optimal date 1936)

Submitted source. Worse quality, 1935 ✗

Submitted source. Better quality, 1902 ✗

Submitted source. Better quality, 1938 ✓

Exceptions to this rule is if the quality of known sources is so bad that the face is unrecognizable, so younger or older non-date accurate sources will be appreciated, or, if there is no known source, ANY photo of the person would be immensely helpful. **Use your best judgment**, this rule is meant to help avoid bad-source spam.

5. Please do not submit duplicates to known sources unless they are noticeably better quality than the known version. Doing so will only clog up our reception of new sources.

6. We are aware that some sources are locked behind paywalls, require potentially costly trips to museums, etc. We do not encourage community members to spend their own hard earned money on acquiring these sources. However, we do understand that we cannot stop anyone from doing this if they wish, but please do understand that if you spend money to acquire a source, whilst the team would hold such an action in very high regard, **it is not a guarantee that source will be used.** This extends to any found source.

Attached beneath is a link to the Github Issue Page where you will find the list of people who need sources. Please review over what has already been found before posting, and respond with the highest quality **.jpeg** or **.png** of the image you have. Please do not use this as a space to converse, only using text to mention the date (if known), brief photo context (typically for group photos, not required), and a link to the photo's source website if it was acquired online. Repositories and digital collections are critical in our quest, the more we are aware of the better!

Github Issue Page: [Click Here](#)

Once again, the Kaiserreich team wants to extend its gratitude to all who participate in this. The KRAP will help our artists give Kaiserreich the polish it deserves, so the community can better enjoy the gameplay experience, as well as more effectively cutout portraits to use in memes. The Kaiser is forever in your debt. Happy source hunting!