



Example for an overhead transparency for worksheet 1: **Soldiers as Heroes**

### Gists from the information text:

- Heroism was inseparably connected with the army
- War heroes = victim heroes → honourable death for the fatherland
- Ideals from a soldier: readiness to combat, courage, willingness to sacrifice, etc.
- Problem: The new form of a static warfare made the heroic qualities useless



Image Q1: Soldier on an army postal service letter.  
Caption: "Volunteers first!" (Author's translation)  
Dated to May 1915.



Image Q2: The effect of a soldier to the female community members. Caption: "The soldier, the soldier is the best man in the nation." (Author's translation) Dated to November 1917.

### Qualities of a soldier:

- Proud and elastic walk
- Noble and self-confident attitude
- Steeled body
- Suffers the stresses and strains of the war with pleasure
- Patronises his fatherland
- faithful

Image Q1: Freiwillige vor! Courtesy of: <http://www.bildpostkarten.uni-osnabrueck.de/displayimage.php?pos=-10806> (31.01.2015).

Image Q2: Der Soldate, der Soldate, Ist der schönste Mann im Staate. Courtesy of: <http://www.bildpostkarten.uni-osnabrueck.de/displayimage.php?pos=-1528> (31.01.2015).