



ABOVE: The pioneer soldier's wall locker (*Spind*) was his repository for all issue clothing and equipment as well as the few personal items permitted. It was precisely arranged, the exact arrangement varying between units, and was to be ready for inspection at any time. The helmet and backpack (1) were stowed on top. On the top shelf of the main compartment (2) were neatly stacked shirts, under-drawers, socks, nightshirts and sweater, along with the field cap. On a hanger bar (3) are the drill, field and service tunics and trousers, and greatcoat. On the main compartment's door are hung equipment items, along with a towel (4). Shoes and boots are stowed on the bottom shelf and beneath it (5). To the left of the main compartment are seven small compartments containing (from top to bottom): peaked service cap (6); bread for the day's meals, eating utensil, (plate, soup bowl, saucer, cup) (compartment has door) (7); personal items and valuables (locked door) (8); toiletries (razor, blades, shaving stick, toothbrush, toothpowder, soap, comb) (9); manuals, books, writing materials (10); cleaning materials (leather polish, shoe and cleaning brushes, cleaning cloths) (11); gas mask, mess kit and *Zeltbahn* (shelter-quarter) (12). Photos and personal letters might have been permitted to be attached inside the left compartment's door (13). [Carlos Chagas © Osprey Publishing]