

Lesson 13

Assignment

THE SCHLIEFFEN PLAN

Answer the questions from your lesson material.

What was the threat to Germany for which General von Schlieffen created a strategic plan in 1907?

If there was a combined attack from both the east and the west of Germany, there would be too many fronts to defend.

Why didn't Germany worry about the Russian front at the beginning of the war?

It was calculated that Russia would need six weeks to mobilize its armed forces.

Germany wanted to encircle Paris from the north. What two countries did they go through to get there? Were they successful?

Germany had to pass through Belgium and Luxembourg.

What percentage of the German troops did the plan call for in the campaign against France, with the rest deployed at the the Eastern Front against Russia?

The plan called for 90% of the German troops in the campaign against France with the rest deployed at the Eastern Front against Russia.

The Schlieffen Plan was not successful. Name three reasons why Germany did not accomplish the swift victory expected.

- Unexpected resistance by the Belgium army
- The Russian army organized and attacked with great speed
- Britain mobilized quickly to defend Belgium with whom they had a treaty