Module 03: 1917 — Did the War Cause a Revolution?

Evidence 26: Photograph of Soldiers Learning of the Tsar's Abdication



Introduction

In the photograph below, soldiers at the front hear about the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II. Many soldiers took the fall of the autocracy as a signal for the end of the war and the beginning of land reform. The size of the crowd illustrates how soldiers were becoming an important part of the revolutionary process.

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