

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

### Evidence 9: Photograph of Russian Army Officers Taking Tea



#### Introduction

By banning alcohol at the outset of the war, the government hoped to maintain public order and avoid the drunken rioting that had accompanied the revolutionary upheaval of 1905-6. Prohibition came at considerable expense, however, since the sale of vodka accounted for nearly one-fourth of the government's total revenues in 1913. In this photograph, Russian officers gather around the samovar to drink tea.

#### Document



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