

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

### Evidence 17: Photograph of Rasputin and Coterie



#### Introduction

With Nicholas II's departure for field headquarters, Alexandra's authority over the home front and matters of state increased. The following photograph shows the tsarina's confidante, Rasputin, surrounded by a devoted circle of admirers. Mounting anxiety about the vagaries of Rasputin's behavior and his enormous influence on the tsarina, who believed that he could alleviate her son's hemophilia, prompted a group of court conspirators to assassinate the dissolute monk in December 1916.

#### Document



Source:

Charles W. Eliot, *Harper's Pictorial Library of the World War* (New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1920), 142.