



PLANNING THE BIG RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE—RUSSIAN LEADERS IN CONFERENCE. GENERAL BRUSILOFF SITS NEXT TO THE TSAR AT A WAR COUNCIL. THE TSAR AND HIS GENERALS AT A SPECIAL COUNCIL OF WAR HELD JUST BEFORE THE GREAT ADVANCE. THE TSAR IS SEATED IN CENTRE OF THE FAR SIDE OF TABLE, WHILE SEATED ON HIS LEFT ARE GENERAL BRUSILOFF, GENERAL KLEMBOVSKI AND GENERAL IVANOFF, AND ON HIS RIGHT GENERAL KUROPATKIN AND MAJOR-GENERAL SIVERS. ON THE NEAR SIDE OF TABLE, READING FROM LEFT OF PICTURE, ARE GENERAL SHUVAEFF, THE GRAND DUKE SERGI MICHAILEVITCH, GENERAL ALEXIEFF, GENERAL EVERT, AND GENERAL KVETZINSKI.



PERFORMING NON-COMBATANT SERVICE ON THE WESTERN FRONT—THE PICK AND SHOVEL COLUMN. FRENCH POILUS PHOTOGRAPHED ON THEIR WAY UP TO THE FIRING LINE, WHERE THEY WILL DIG THEMSELVES IN. THE SHOVEL AND PICK ARE HANDY WEAPONS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.