

Alfred von Schlieffen Inspects Troops Prior to their Deployment in the Herero War (May 1, 1904)

Abstract

Alfred von Schlieffen (1833-1913) had a long and distinguished military career, having fought as an officer in both the Austro-Prussian War of 1866 and the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. In 1891, he replaced Helmuth von Moltke (1800-1891) as Chief of the General Staff of the German Army. Here, Schlieffen inspects troops in Hamburg prior to their departure for German Southwest Africa, where they were being sent to fight in the Herero War of 1904-08. Under the military leadership of Lothar von Trotha, the war resulted in the brutal suppression and genocide of the Herero and Nama people.

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