

Analyzing History – Causes of WWI

Militarism: The belief or desire of a government or people that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests



FIGURE 2- MAXIM GUN

TABLE 1-EUROPEAN ARMY SIZES

Size of European Armies 1880-1914		
Country	Army Size 1880	Army Size 1914
Germany	1.3 million	5.0 million
France	730,000	4.0 million
Russia	400,000	1.2 million
Britain	124,000	975,000

TABLE 2-NUMBER OF BATTLESHIPS CONSTRUCTED

Dreadnoughts (Modern Warships)	Britain	Germany
1906	1	0
1907	3	0
1908	2	4
1909	2	3
1910	3	1
1911	5	3
1912	3	2
1913	7	3
1914	3	1
Total	29	17

"Our future lies upon the ocean..."

-Kaiser Wilhelm II, German Leader

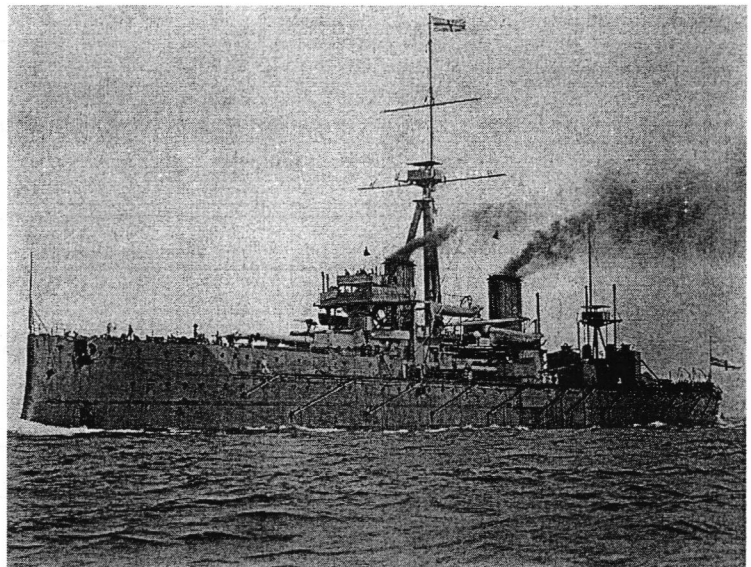


FIGURE 1 - BRITISH DREADNOUGHT