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The most influential plan was that of Germany – the **Schlieffen Plan** – drawn up in 1905 by General Alfred von Schlieffen.



It was an ambitious plan designed to avoid Germany having to fight a **two-front war** against France and Russia.

The plan was to invade France and capture Paris before the Russians could mobilize.

It relied on three things:

- **German speed**
- **slow Russian mobilization (6 weeks?)**
- **Britain staying out of the war.**

