

August von Mackensen

- Born in 1849, August von Mackensen had served with the German Army for over 40 years by the outbreak of WWI
- He had witnessed the founding of Germany in 1871, played an important role in war planning prior to 1914, and even mentored a young Kaiser Wilhelm II
- His service in the Great War would mark him as one of the most successful and capable generals on either side of the conflict
- He primarily served on the Eastern Front, commanding first the XVII Cavalry Corps against the Russians and later the Ninth Army against the Serbs and Romanians, both of which he soundly defeated



Figure 1. *Feldmarschall* August von Mackensen (1849-1945). Photograph, Mar. 16, 1935. Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division. Reproduction Number: LC-USZ62-75451.

