

Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*
Chapter 12: BEF to the Continent

1. Who was appointed as Secretary of State for war in Britain? Explain his attitude toward the role to be played by the British Expeditionary Force in France. (pp. 228-229)
2. What was the reason for Lord Kitchener's hesitancy for sending the BEF to the continent to back the French plan? (pp. 229-230)
3. For what reason to Tuchman state that Kitchener was given control of the war office? (pg. 231)
4. How was Kitchener's image used in England as of early August, 1917? (pg. 232)
5. Why was Lord Kitchener convinced that a large invasion of France through Belgium was imminent? (pg. 232)
6. Explain the orders given by Kitchener to Sir John French regarding the use of the BEF. What was to be the role of the BEF in relation to France and Belgium? What was Kitchener concerned about? (pp. 240-241) What was the ultimate effect of these orders on Anglo-French cooperation in the early part of the war?