

Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*  
Chapter 15: The Cossacks are Coming

1. What fear did the French hold for the actions of the Eastern Front? How did they address those fears and what assurances were they given? (pg. 313)
2. What were some of the organizational difficulties that the Russians faced, despite their promise of rapid mobilization against the Germans? (pp. 314-316)
3. What evidence did General Rennenkampf's invading army witness of German preparations for Russia's attack on East Prussia? (pp. 316-317)
4. What difficulties presented themselves to General Rennenkampf on August 17? (pg. 319-320)
5. Assess the motives of Japan siding with the Allies. How did this help Japan? How did it help the allied cause? (pp. 320-321)
6. What dilemma did the Germans face on the Eastern Front regarding Rennenkampf's army? How did this situation cost Prittwitz his field command? Who was brought in to fill the leadership void? (pp. 324-334) What Russian weakness gave the German command the information it needed to act? (pp. 342-343)