

Chapter 19: Retreat

1. As Germany pushed the French back into their own country, what was Joffre's goal? (406)
2. Who joined the French soldiers on their move southward? What was the effect on the French army? (409)
3. What were some general mistakes made by the French as a result of Elan and the offensive fixation? What were their effects? (410-413)
4. What characteristics did Galleini have that would make him stand out as a likely replacement for the position of Military Governor of Paris? (414-415)
5. What factors effected Sir John French's decision to move to extricate the BEF? (421-424)
6. What were the orders of the German troops on the right wing on August 26th? As a believer in the Schlieffen plan, what was Von Kluck trying to accomplish? What was Sir John French surprised to learn when General Smith-Dorrien showed up at headquarters? (426-428)
7. What was the purpose of the meeting at St. Quentin? Who attended? What behavior "shocked" Joffre and what does this say about his leadership style? (429)
8. Joffre ordered General Lanrezac to turn his Fifth Army to the west to counter-attack the Germans who were threatening to break through. Why was Lanrezac so concerned to the point of near refusal to carry out his orders? (434-441)
9. What does it mean to "throw overboard all ammunition" from the wagons and carry men instead? What fact made the commander pull back all forces regardless of the effect? In reality, how "defeated" were the French? (441)